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WHATS ON AT THE CLUB

Wednesdays to Sundays - Bar opens at 4.30 pm

Thursday 26th September - Sails@MYC Restaurant re-opens for dinner (6pm to 8pm)

Friday 27th September - Sails@MYC Restaurant open for dinner (6pm to 8pm)

Saturday 28th September - Football Grand Final Carvery Lunch

Watch the match on the big screen

Saturday 28th September - Sails@MYC Restaurant open for dinner (6pm to 8pm)

Sunday 29th September - Sails@MYC Restaurant open for dinner (6pm to 8pm)

Saturday 5th October - Commodore's Cup, Sailing season's opener

Race followed by picnic lunch on the Tambo at Johnsonville

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

The Commodore's Report presented to the Club's August AGM is shown below:

The last year has been one of consolidation.

Our adult membership has increased and our finances are strong. The sailing fleet expanded and use of the clubhouse and bar has been good. We did not close the clubhouse over winter. We finished the financial year with a small profit and were able to fund some club improvements. Much effort has gone into reviewing the club's systems and ensuring efficiencies are introduced where ever possible to reduce costs and improve services to members. This included:

- managing costs.
- improving the ordering systems.
- rationalising our stock.
- upgrading the beer delivery system to reduce waste.
- reviewing our suppliers to lower costs.
- conducting a rent review with the shire.

The rent review resulted in the rent determination reducing our annual rent from \$16,000 pa to \$5,500 – a saving of some \$10,500. This will not be realised until the 2019-20 financial year. Today i received confirmation from the council that following the conference of valuers meeting the rent would be backdated to 2016. The net effect is that the club will receive a refund of \$34,650 in the coming weeks. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been elected to the Club as Full Members since our last newsletter: Ron Asling, Tish & Frank Asling and Peter Kane, In addition Ed Guinness has transferred from Junior membership to the new Intermediate Member category.

Please make them all feel welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Club's Annual General meeting for the 2019 financial year was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday August 31st. It was well attended with 60 financial members present and 42 proxy's provided. Reports were presented by the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Treasurer are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

A Special Resolution to adopt new Club Rules and By-Laws was passed by the meeting after it heard a presentation on the changes involved and the need for them. This included changes to the Club's Membership categories which are also discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Copies of the documents are available in the Useful Links section.

The existing committee was re-elected unopposed with the exception of Jeff Rose. Jeff withdrew his nomination as work commitments outside Victoria meant he would not have sufficient time in Metung to continue his role as Vice-Commodore. Ken Barlow has taken up the Vice-Commodore's role. For committee contact details see the Useful Links below.

The AGM was followed by a delicious 3 course Vietnamese dinner provided by the Metung Bakery. Many thanks to Lan and her crew.

OUR SAILS@MYC RESTAURANT RE-OPENS

Our Chef, Rob McPherson, is re-opening the Sails Restaurant on Thursday 26th September for dinner between 6pm and 8pm. Reservations should be phoned through to Rob on 0433 802 530. Numbers are limited to 40

MYC DINNER MENU

ENTREE / STARTERS

- > Freshly grated parmesan toast (on sour dough) \$7.50
- > Pan roasted Quail Breast \$7.50
- > Empan. Maple Sals & Prosciutto Squid \$14.95
- > Spinach & Ricotta Stuffed in a Thai Pumpkin sauce \$12.50
- > Chilli. Macsals \$12.00

MAIN COURSE

- > Roast Chicken w/ Succulent Potatoes in a yellow curry infused with Mango & coconut , served on a bed of rice with seasonal vegetables \$26.00
- > Empan. Maple crisp w/ Abn Salmon, served with zucchini fennel, garlic asparagus, squash & chat potatoes \$28.00
- > Steak Chimichuri - 10 hours slow cooked, coriander fillet, served with a Chimichuri head salad & fries, swimming succulent baby potatoes & seasonal vegetables \$32.00
- > Handmade toasts with chips & salad \$27.00

SIDE DISHES

- > Garden Salad \$5.00
- > Crispy potato chips \$5.00
- > Sweet potato chips \$5.00
- > Onas Onas \$5.00

DESSERTS

- > Creme Brulee \$14.00
- > Home-made Pannaotta with cream & Strawberries \$12.00
- > Empan. Marquise Fruit \$12.95
- > Seasonal fruit salad served with Chantilly cream \$7.50

people. A sample of the proposed A-La carte menu is shown opposite..

In the first week he will be opening the restaurant from Thursday to Sunday for meals. Sunday is likely to be a family roast. In subsequent weeks the Club will be open from Wednesday to Sunday for meals subject to demand.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SAMPLE MENU](#)

The bar will continue to operate from 4.30pm to 8.30pm as usual Wednesday to Sunday with extended hours for special events.

AFL GRAND FINAL LUNCH / WATCH THE MATCH

For Grand Final day the restaurant will be offering a **special lunch for \$30** consisting of carvery roast with vegetables & salads and an arrangement of desserts. Get a group together and **book for lunch and watch the game**. Call Rob on 0433 802 530 to book.

Numbers limited to 60 people. Alternatively, pay \$5 entry to watch the game and have snacks. The bar will be open.

SAILING NOTES

THE WINTER SERIES

The new Winter Series was considered a success by the participants, even though only three races were completed with the others blown out.

6 boats competed. 3 Etchells; a Flying Fifteen; an Adams 10; and Saracen.

The winner was Kevan Pearce and Steve Richardson in New Wave on 6 points. 2nd was a tie between Dean Smith in Maybe ffiji and Fred Van de Velde in Elusive on 14 points. 2nd went to Dean Smith on a count back. This was followed by Tuna Smith, Simon Bazeley and Tom Russel. The after race soup and beers went down very well.

THE VICE COMMODORE'S AGM REPORT

Overall we have had an increase in sailing across the fleet:

The Saturday fleet has been attracting nearly double the number of boats that participated last year in the middle of the season.

Several juniors are now sailing within the senior fleet

On several Twilight races we had up to ten boats.

Winter Racing was organized every fortnight.

We had 45 Metung Yacht Club members and guests attend our visit to Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club for our annual lunch.

We now have 11 Etchells on the Hard stand with at least another to come next season.

8 Etchells contested the One Design Regatta over the Australia Day weekend which was up in numbers from the previous year.

9 Dragons contested the Victorian International Dragon Championships.

Metung Yacht Club hosted the International 14' Skiff Championships that had a fleet of 15 boats.

Metung Yacht Club was represented at both the International Dragon Class and International Etchells World Championships [Click here to read more.](#)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RACING

The sailing season is coming up fast with the calendar currently being finalised. The season opener, the Commodore's Cup, will be on Saturday October 5th.

Remember that Boat Entry Fees and Club Sailing Fees must be paid before participation. Within the next 2 weeks, invoices will be emailed to those who sailed last year.

Remember that it is a skippers obligation to ensure that both his boat and crew comply with the Club's sailing requirements. This includes providing a copy of the boat's insurance policy and a completed Cat 7 form to the Club plus payment of the relevant boat entry fee. They must also ensure all crew are financial club members and have paid their Club Sailing Fee if they sail on more than 3 days in the season. (note the membership and Sailing Fee requirements do not apply to Twilight Sailing).

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

The 2019 FY finished with 307 adult and 43 Junior members, a healthy increase over the prior year. This was due to 3 main factors: sailors joining the club, a steady stream of retirees coming to Metung and the strength of the Junior Squad. The Junior Squad grew from 18 to 28.

Membership Invoices for the 2020 FY were sent out at the beginning of July and were payable by July 31st. This was the first time they have been emailed as formal invoices and there was a noticeable improvement in the speed of payment by members. Thank you for this.

There are still however 27% of members who are un-financial. To be fair to those who have paid on time, we will be suspending the member discount for those who have not paid by the end of September. Note that it may take some time to re-establish a member's discount once fees are paid as this is a time consuming job for our volunteers.

There were a number of changes to Membership Categories introduced at the AGM in the new Rules and By-Laws. These were largely to try and retain more +18 year olds in the Club and to reduce the load on our volunteers by simplifying membership administration. The key changes were:

- Ordinary Membership is now called "Full Membership" to better reflect the category's status.
- Family Membership has been discontinued with adult Family Members becoming "Full Members" but with one in couple being eligible for a "Partner Rate". This keeps the fees the same as in the previous system. Juniors with a "Full Member" parent pay

no subscription fee.

- The closed Social Membership was changed to “Full Member” but with a discounted subscription to keep fees the same.

Membership application forms have been updated to reflect the changes and are available at the Club, on the website and via the Useful Links below. There are separate forms for Adult and Junior applicants.

MEET OUR MEMBERS - Ken Barlow



Opposite - Ken's Couta Boat Pearl

Vice-Commodore, Metung Yacht Club – September 2019

How is one so fortunate to become the Vice Commodore of Metung Yacht Club? I have been in the role for two whole weeks now and on reflection I expect I should look backwards to view how I have ended up here.

I am a Kiwi who grew up on a dairy farm just out of Hamilton – 80 miles South of Auckland, with my parents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. All the boys were expected to work the farm, milking morning and night, fencing, pasture management etc; etc;

Primary school was local, secondary was a 12 mile bus trip and for University I went to Wellington.

My first job was working at Kinleith for New Zealand Forest Products as a trainee industrial chemist in the pulp paper industry, then back to Uni to study Architecture, Structural Engineering, Building Economics and Law. Finally I finished a degree in Quantity Surveying partly by correspondence to the RICS in London.

I left NZ in 1968 on board a 47 foot yawl originally built up the Clyde that had been around the world two and a half times. After great travels I ended up back in Sydney, then Melbourne where I met a lovely young lady who became my wife.

Julianne and I have enjoyed our life rearing our four children and participated in many travels for work and fun around the world. I finally retired in 2013 from the Building Cost Consultancy business I established in the Middle East, however I continue to be involved in a small way back home in Melbourne.

Boating has always been part of our family with my father and his brothers building their own boats and my elder brother being a yacht builder. I was never as skilled as them so I always bought my boats, however they invariably left me in a better condition than when I first received them.

My wife and I bought our home in Metung some twenty years ago. At the time my thoughts were that this was just such a great place for sailing that I wanted to be here and be a part of it all.

Although I have been around boats and sailing boats all my life, I never seemed to have the time to race on a consistent basis. Therefore the racing scene at Metung is really quite new for me, which is why you have all probably noticed that I am not that good at it -- but I try my best.

In conclusion, I have lots of energy, I am thoughtful, I enjoy people, I enjoy a beer and I shall be a great Vice Commodore for all the members of Metung Yacht Club.

BECOMING A MYC MEMBER

Do you know how to help somebody if they ask you how to become a Club member? An explanation of the processes is available through the following link. [Click Here](#). If you have any queries call our Membership Coordinator, Tony Owens on 0418 343 134 or metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com

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Club Fee Schedule [click here](#)
MYC Statement of Rules [click here](#)
MYC By-Laws [click here](#)
Member Briefing – Updating our Rules [click here](#)

Club & Committee contacts [click here](#)
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