



# TELLTALES

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

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**CLUB CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 - All events Cancelled**

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## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

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The nights are getting colder, the days shorter, the waters of Bancroft Bay are largely deserted – and we all long to get back out in our boats.

The results for the season have been concluded. Congratulations to Tom Moore and his crew in 'Harmony' for winning the Club Championship. More result details are provided in the ViceCommodore's report.

Work continues around the Club and we continue to explore installing solar panels but recognise that the roof and ceiling electrics need work. Cost savings have been introduced in refrigeration and in waste management around the Club.

The Committee has introduced tighter controls on expenditure across the Club with purchase orders being required prior to any work being carried out.

The takeaway restaurant service continues but patronage is variable. Please support it if you are in town. The Committee continues to meet via Zoom. It is proving effective and popular. At our last meeting a sub-committee presented recommendations for club fees for the next financial year. It was agreed that a once only 25% reduction for Ordinary members who renew before 30 September will be offered for the 20-21 FY. This recognises the Club closures during the past year and our wish to reward membership loyalty.

The Committee has commenced preparing a Master Plan for the Club in an effort to prioritise our needs and expenditure into the future. I will give further details as the work progresses. Things that come to mind include installing solar, replacing the roof, further electrical work, a replacement rescue boat, more efficient use of our downstairs area and an extension to the upstairs veranda.

There has been a pressing need to have a Social Committee within the Club. This will be important when we re-open. I am pleased to announce that Belinda Ridley and Cosette Murphy have agreed to take on this task with help from the Committee and other members as necessary. If you can assist them from time to time please do.

The draft Sailing Calendar is circulating among the Committee and others for comment and refinement. What seems a simple task takes many attempts to finalise among the often competing priorities.

Our appeal against the Shire's 100% rent increase has been lodged this week. We are also conscious that our lease also falls due in around 3 years' time and will need to be renegotiated.

Sailing issues are under discussion among the Committee and a more modern and visible starting light system is being considered.

Yours in sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

# SAILING

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## 2019-2020 SEASON SAILING REPORT - Ken Barlow, Vice Commodore

We have never had a sailing season so disrupted as our past season. As well as the unseasonal and very bad weather, we had the most horrendous fires on record that saw Metung evacuated from late December 2019 to late January 2020. In late February the Covid19 pandemic was with us, eventually seeing the club close for all sailing activities in late March.

MYC has a long and thankfully safe history. Sailing today can thank the many past sailors for the sailing systems and supporting documentation that we continually upgrade in accordance with the guidance from other clubs and Australian Sailing. Thanks to all past committee members and in particular Peter & Dave Bull, Fred Herbert, Rob Trenberth and John Mayman.

Sailing within MYC involves many volunteers for race administration and control, handicappers and starters, junior sailing, presentations and trophies. Numerous meetings ensure all sailing is carried out in a compliant, safe and fun environment.

The 2019 / 2020 sailing season started in June with a “Winter Series” established by “Race Captains” Simon Bazley and Ken Barlow.

Winter races were scheduled every fortnight. However, because of bad weather only 3 races were run out of 8 scheduled. The winter series was organised so that members could meet up on a regular basis after racing, for a beer and a bowl of soup prepared and served by Simon and Ken together with bread supplied from our local bakers. Even if there was no sailing, the beer and bowl of soup was always on, for which 40 odd members and friends would regularly turn-out.

The 2020 season commenced Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a great turn-out for the “Commodores Cup” with racing to the mouth of the Tambo and a BBQ at Johnsonville – winner was “Pearl” Ken Barlow and Fred Van de Velde. The run home was memorable with absolutely foul weather and Dean Smith in his “Flying Fifteen” being rescued by Paul Germano in “Kepper”.

Races scheduled for the 2020 season saw 15 cancelled and 3 re-scheduled. Our sailing policy similar to most clubs demands that we cancel races when winds are consistently above 23 KPH and the last season was definitely not in our favour.

Completed races during the season included 15 club race events and 4 classic wooden boat races - not enough to gain a result for the “Scarborough Cup”.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MYC club championships for the “Nerana Perpetual Trophy” awarded to the yacht with the highest points scored during the season was won by “Harmony”. The win is a credit to her skipper Tom Moore and crew who sail in every race and always return to the bar for a beer and a chat with the other crews.

Winning the club championship requires persistence and attendance as well as a bit of luck along the way and MYC would be a much better club if we had more skippers and crew like Tom who support the club by getting out sailing.

The MYC “Line Honours Trophy” awarded to the yacht that was first over the line more than any other was won by “Brogans Way” a well- deserved win for Simon Bazley and Danny Wilson and their crew who similar to Harmony sailed in nearly all our club races.



Two of what I would call odd regattas were scheduled as MYC has none of these boats sailing in her fleet. These were the VX 1s Oct 26-27 (by all accounts a successful regatta which also involved our junior sailors for experience) and the Musto Skiffs Jan 3-7 cancelled because of the fires.

The Eastern Region regatta Nov 16-17 was a great success involving 7 clubs from the region with GLYC being the winners thanks mainly to their junior sailors.

The Australia Day weekend Jan 25-27 saw a great turn-out for the One Design Etchells, with Jeff Rose in “War of the Roses” winning the “East Gippsland Etchells Championships” from “Archer” David Strange and “Incite” Toby Richardson from RYCT (Tasmania).

The “Dragon” regatta over the Labour Day weekend in March saw 6 boats with two crews from Sydney and one from Brighton contest the “Charles Stephenson Trophy” – won by Fred Haes in “Imagination” and the John Cuneo Cup – won by Terry Grundy in “Sea Joy”.

I would like to have had time to include a report on the juniors. Eagle Edwards and Dean Smith, with supporting families, have done a sterling job running the junior sailing. This included on-shore training when conditions on the water were not conducive.

For all Club Championship race results [CLICK HERE](#)

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#### CLASSIC WOODEN BOATS SEASON - Fred Van de Velde

The Classic Wooden Boats had a disastrous season. No wind, too much wind, bush fires, Covid 19 – could not get any worse. Two attempted races come to mind. The Sorrento Cup which Dick Whittaker was determined to win was interesting as the wind came up just before the start. Pearl and Endeavour fought it out at the start line with Sorrento nowhere in sight. The wind got stronger and stronger in the first 500 meters of the race, to the point that Pearl decided to withdraw for safety reasons and notified the Tower, Endeavour quickly followed by withdrawing also – both boats heading for the safety of

Chinaman's creek. Blow and behold who should be coming out of Chinaman's creek, but a reefed down Sorrento who then sailed out to the start and sailed on alone to win the Sorrento cup. Typically, the wind dropped off and they had a lonely but invigorating race.



The last CWB race of the season was also notable and will be remembered by all who attempted it. At the briefing, the wind was 15-20 Knots with a later strong wind warning – what the hell we were only going around Bancroft Bay and everyone was keen as we had missed so many races over the season. Four gaffers entered, Calypso (Tuna), Endeavour (Peter), Sorrento (Dick) and Pearl (Ken) signed on. The weather being marginal Pearl put up the no2 jib and reefed the main before heading out. As Pearl came out of Chinaman's Creek the wind had picked up alarmingly and by McMillans it was blowing in excess of 30 knots and increasing. It was decided to pull the plug then and there. Spilling as much wind as possible and pointing high the safest route was to go straight across to mosquito point. The wind continued to increase and despite spilling wind the boat was pushed right over at one stage with the rudder out of the water and no control, When it came down again we tried to go down wind to keep the boat flat, but the bow started to submarine, so we went up again and luckily were now in the lee of the island and could drop the sails. Sorrento was heading down I think on a broad reach, Dick had gone forward to let the gaff down to spill more wind and apparently the mast start vibrating violently and suddenly snapped into three pieces. No one was injured. Endeavour did not even get the sails up but just coasted down to the shelter of Chinaman's Creek. Calypso had put her sails up but went straight down wind to Chinaman's Creek dropped her sails tied up and had a beer. The race was cancelled, the wind dropped off and we all returned to the club house to lick our wounds.

That's sailing for you.

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#### **CORRECTION TO JC BULL TROPHY WINNER**

April Telldatales incorrectly named Quandong as winner **The JC Bull Trophy was won by Tom Moore on Harmony Apologies for the error Tom.**

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## ANZAC DAY

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With lockdown in place on ANZAC Day the Metung Yacht Club wreath was laid by Commodore Peter Harvey at 1100 followed by the raising of the flag at the club at 1200.

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## WORK CONTINUES IN LOCKDOWN

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Work continues around the Club. Kepper has had its full service and awaits a new coating of corrosion resisting anti-foul and Metung 11 needs a bit of paint work after a new alternator and battery have been fitted. Thanks to Max Young and Damian Coady.

The goods lift is working and the new glycol system is close to being commissioned.



## THE LEGENDS ARE COMING - Jeff Rose

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I have spoken many times about why I think sailing is a great sport, but besides my normal comments about how you can participate as a family, any gender can compete against or with each other, clean air, exercise both mentally and physically and it's a sport you can enter at a mature age, or even do until you're in your 90s.



For those who have a taste for competition and want to test their skill against some of the best in the World well here's your chance. In March 2021, Metung Yacht Club will be hosting the 2021 Victorian Etchells Championships, and this will be a significant lead up regatta to the 2023 World Championship being held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

Metung Yacht Club has long had an association with the Etchells class and has hosted the Gippsland Lakes Etchells Championship for the last 30 years. To find out which big names will be coming and how you can be involved [click here](#) to read the full article by Jeff Rose.

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## OUR MEMBERS - Commodore Peter Harvey

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### EARLY DAYS

Peter's interest in sailing began at 12 years of age when his father was posted to Changi in Singapore. The family joined the Changi Yacht Club and Peter commenced junior sailing in International Cadets, first as a crew and then a skipper. He also crewed on an International Snipe which were the main sailing class in the Club. Two years later the family returned to Canberra. Lake Burley Griffin was under construction but had not filled with water. The first race was held on a partially filled lake and was won by Peter and his father as crew in a Snipe. At 16 years of age Peter's father purchased a wrecked timber 505 and it became the school holiday project to repair. This was done in time to participate in the 505 National and World Titles held in March 1966 in Adelaide. Interestingly, John Cuneo of Dragon fame won the Nationals and Jim Hardy the Worlds. Peter still has a rule book signed by the legendary Paul Elvstrom which he treasures.

### A LIFE OF SAILING

Peter went on to own another four 505's, one of which he built himself with lots of help from the Kyrewoods in Lake Macquarie. It was radical for the early 70's and was built of end grain balsa, one eighth inch ply and was very stiff and light. It also was the first 505 to have a spinnaker shute fitted in Australia having been brought back from the UK.

He won a number of Australian National Titles and represented Australia twice – in Plymouth (1970) England and Hong Kong (1973).

He subsequently went on to sail Olympic 470 dinghies in the hope of competing in the Olympics but marriage, work and a lack of finances made that a difficult goal. In those days there was no assistance given to sports and the Institute of Sports did not exist. He also dabbled for some years with a sailboard, enjoying the freedom it offered. With limited time to sail and a young family, his attention turned to sailing Laser dinghies. They were quick to rig and very competitive. He still has one but it doesn't get much use at present.

### DISCOVERING METUNG

Peter Harvey started visiting Metung in 2000 with Kerrie Scott. They loved the Lake, purchased a holiday home in 2003 and moved permanently to "Clovelly House" in 2007 when they both retired from the Commonwealth Public Service in Canberra. Peter had worked for various departments including Attorney-General's, the Electoral Commission and Defence. Kerrie worked for the Australian National Archives. From around 2000 what followed was a long period of sailing Trailable Yachts. Kerrie, not being one to watch sport, bought a Castle 650 which she sailed with Peter. This was followed by a Noalex 25 and a Magnum 850. A win in the competitive Marlay Point Race with the Castle 650 "Solitaire" was a highlight. Cruising the Gippsland Lakes opened up new opportunities and enjoyable experiences. A stint in Etchells sailing "Second Chance" was a steep learning curve. However, he considers it one of the true thoroughbreds of racing and a beautiful boat to sail. He has owned numerous Flying Fifteens and competed at the national level. His current boat, "Flying High" being his fourth. He also participates in the Club's Classic Boat racing sailing "Endeavour" a 1920's cota boat. This provides a 'back to basics' sailing experience. He has twice been MYC Club Champion with Kerrie as crew on one occasion and Terry Reilly on the other.

Now in his second term as Commodore of the Metung Yacht Club, he had previously served on the General Committee and as Vice Commodore. He has held the same positions in the Canberra Yacht Club.

At nearly 70 years of age he is not sure what his sailing holds for the future only that he will have to cut down on the five boats he currently has! Perhaps more cruising on the Lake and rivers in his launch might be one option.



# LOOKING BACK

## METUNG REGATTA JANUARY 1992

The Metung Regatta was a huge event with non-stop entertainment.

It was put on by the Lions Club with MYC sponsoring the yacht racing. Thanks to Dave Bull for providing the clippings. - Just love the Raffle First Prize - who wouldn't want to win 384 cans of soft drink

### METUNG REGATTA 1992 PROGRAMME

- 9.45 am Assemble for fun run
- 10.00 am Fun run with Sue and Molly
- 10.10 am Flag raising ceremony (Naval Cadets)
- 10.30 am Boat building competition
- 11.00 am Wood chop, events  
Meet Denise Drysdale and fun run presentations
- 11.15 am Log rolling competition
- 11.30 am - 2.00 pm Power boat racing  
Tug o' war heats
- 12.00 pm 31R Classic Summer Beach Parties  
Star Search  
Miss Tiny Tot  
Mr Tiny Tot  
Monty Magnum  
Classic Summer Ironman  
Classic Summer BeachGirl  
The Kangaroo Creek Gang  
Volleyball
- 1.00 pm Back Beach events:  
Dinghy assembly and race  
Helimed helicopter display  
Wooden boat fun race
- 2.10 pm Launch and race of boats from boat building competition
- 2.20 pm Yacht race - old wooden boats
- 2.30 pm Yacht race - MYC AND GLYC  
Tug o' war final
- 2.40 pm Yacht race - 18' skiffs from Sydney
- 2.45 pm Assemble for fun swim/run
- 3.00 pm Fun swim/run
- 3.30 pm Parachute drop onto barge on Bancroft Bay
- 4.30 pm Prize Presentation and raffle draw with Sue, Molly and Denise Drysdale  
Kids' lolly scramble
- 5.00 pm Parachute drop onto Village Green
- 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Pace Honda Moomba Ski Review
- 7.30 pm Disco for 10 - 17 year olds on the 'Thunderbird' tickets on the day  
Chamber music concert at St John's Church - tickets at the door

**The Metung Regatta**  
- Sunday, 12th January  
The Metung Regatta is all about boats, boats, boats. This year the 18' skiffs have been enticed from Sydney to show their stuff on Bancroft Bay in races on both the Saturday and the Sunday. The Wooden Boat Association has also been attracted to the Regatta and they will sail into Metung on Regatta day and

open their boats to the public. Because of the revived interest in wooden boats, both in Metung and elsewhere, the Regatta committee is hosting a Wooden Boat Seminar, to be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday, 11th January at 7.30 p.m. Guest speakers will discuss the joys of wooden boat ownership: restoration, maintenance, materials and anecdotes. For \$10 a head, including a light supper, this is an evening not to be missed.

The seminar is sponsored by McMillan Holiday Village. The ever-popular boat building competition will be on again, and this time there's some stiff competition coming from Melbourne. And there has been a small modification to the rules - one leg of the sea trial must be under sail! Entry forms for the boat building competition can be collected from Riviera Nautic. Go on - give it a go, it's great fun. The competition is sponsored by Marine Timbers and Bote Cote.

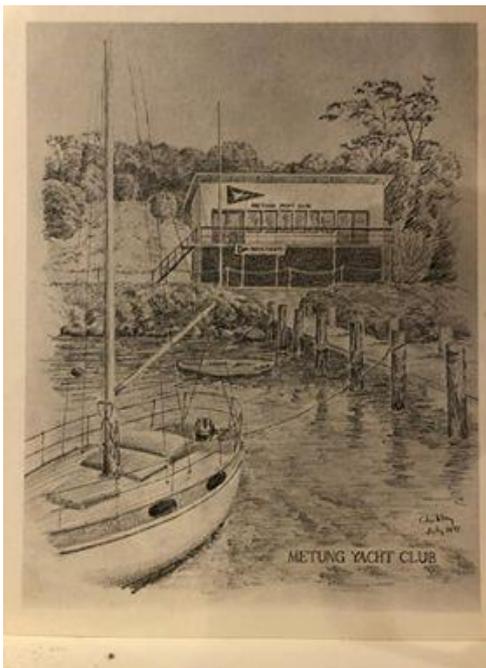


The Boat Building Competition caused a large crowd to gather at Patterson Park, especially when the builders raced their vessels on the water. "This Way That Way" made by Richard Blake and Shaun Johnston won the event.

### METUNG REGATTA RAFFLE

- 1st Prize 384 cans of soft drink from Aygee Gippisland
- 2nd Prize Drytron carpet cleaning for one lounge room and passage
- 3rd and 4th Prizes \$ 25 gift voucher from Metung Butchers

Raffles and Bingo Permits Board Permit No. 1748/91 Issued on 27/12/91 for 30/12/91 to 29/12/92. The winner will be announced on the Village Green on Sunday 12 January at 4.30pm





# METUNG PELICAN

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#### MARLAY MADNESS

- By Paulie

The day that four of us took to sea in a beautiful pale blue boat...

And Bert he was the captain, D.S. and Ann the crew, whilst F.R. did the cooking, and learned some words along...

The event it was the Marlay, where all good yachtsmen try...

To out sail their fast opponents, when the moon is in the sky...

The wind it was quite moderate, as darkness did descend...

The fares go up and off we go, determined to the end...

And halfway cross Lake Wellington the wind had returned out...

The ghostly sights of Spanners could be heard above a din...

And then the moon came up - Oh! What a sight to see the moon spread out for miles across that glassy sea...

But when we finally made the Straits with quite a few behind...

The night we saw in front of us would really blow your mind...

The Straits were packed with glimmering sails, that rustled in the night...

The air was filled with ruses, as for how they they did fight...

As many hours then drifted by Holland's Landing came in view and there in Lake Victoria we got a puff or two...

And as the morning wore on by, the wind increased in strength we moved up to the 'Harley's' and left them by a length...

The Spanner was flying - we passed them one by one...

The sun high in the heaven - our race had just begun?

But when we passed the island, the 'Harley's' turned for home...

We had run to Shaving Point - in Division One - slower!

We finally made the finish line - much shouting 'Starboard' - 'Water'!

Four yachts collided at the end, so no one gave much quarter...

Oh! To be a yachtie - they say the life is great, But when the Marlay madness grips you, you're beyond all help them make!

#### METUNG YACHT CLUB HOOD 23 YACHT ASSOCIATION

A very successful three day regatta was held at Metung on the 11th and 12th January 1983...

The members of the Metung Yacht Club would like to offer warm congratulations to the 23 Yacht Association for their success in the regatta...

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These articles are taken from 1983 issues. Thanks to Sally Rochford



Thanks to Dave Hart for finding this print      Who remembers the Metung Pelican? The from 1976.  
Bull's Cruisers gave out a      publication was issued quarterly with local  
welcoming pack of Metung souvenirs when      articles, ads, photos and columns including you  
chartered a boat.      a regular Metung Yacht Club column

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### **A MARITIME STORY - An Unfortunate Sequence of Events**

A contribution by one of our Committee Members - Obviously written by a ship's master with a good sense of humour [CLICK HERE](#)

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## **SAILS@MYC - TAKE AWAY FOOD SERVICE**

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