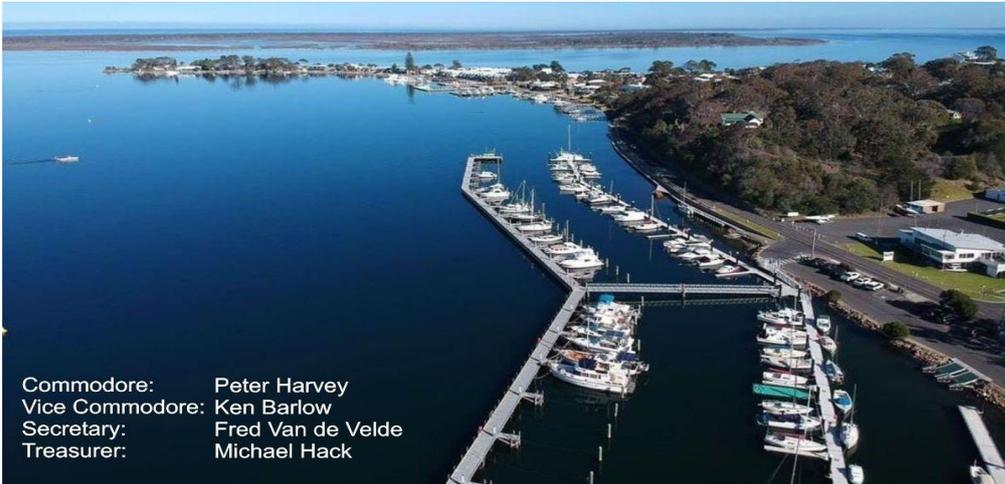




# TELLTALES

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

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**OUR BAR** - Open from 4.30pm Thursday to Sunday.

COVID restrictions apply (see [Useful Links](#) for details)

### **SAILS RESTAURANT** -

Thursday - Sunday 5.30 - 8.30 (please order by 7.30)

Open for Takeaway Only until Covid restrictions ease

[Sunday 1st November 10am](#) - Junior Squad Information Session

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

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### AGM

Our AGM was held on Saturday 17 October, further details are included later in this issue.

### CLUB HOUSE

The Club House continues to see improvements. Two new efficient air-conditioners have been installed, an upgraded bar fridge has been purchased along with an industrial grade microwave oven and a compound built behind the Club to enclose our waste bins. We have completed a COVID SAFE Plan and installed a hand sanitiser at the front door.

### SAILING

Club sanctioned sailing is still not possible as Australian Sailing and the Committee believe it is difficult to satisfy the social distancing and mask wearing requirements without possibly exposing the Club to a \$10,000 fine. We hope the easing of COVID requirements will allow Club sailing to commence shortly. In the meantime Metung 2 is having an engine and gear box service along with repairing some cooling and exhaust leaks. Kepper has had a new antifoul coating applied which it is hoped will reduce the problem of corrosion it has been experiencing in recent times.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Club currently has 256 financial members (90% renewal rate). This is a good result given the restrictions the Club has faced over the last 12 months. Many thanks to those loyal members who have already paid their membership fees. 30 have yet to renew with 10 of those having left the area and unlikely to renew.

The Committee recognizes the need to boost membership and is looking at ways to do this. As a first step the Committee plans to develop a 'show bag' of information to give to new residents through local estate agents which will encourage newcomers to visit the Club and experience what it has to offer.



We plan to place an emphasis on social sailing, re-invigorate our powerboat base and encourage other aquatic sports like paddle boarding and kayaking which may also help broaden our membership base.

Yours in sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

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## CLUB NEWS

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Our AGM was held on Saturday 17 October and all business requirements were completed including awarding Life Memberships to Jenny and Ken Russell, Peter Bull and David Bull. It is proposed that the Club will have a formal award presentation when larger numbers are allowed in the Club. A new category of membership was also approved namely a ‘Day Member’ which will help monitor non-members participating in Club events and minimise risk to the Club. Around 60 members participated in the AGM either personally or by having completed a proxy form. The process was completed effectively and within the COVID restrictions. We hope to make some changes to our Rules and By-Laws to reflect the lessons learnt from the AGM process this year in the COVID environment. Bev Winter and Andrew Stuart-Murray joined the General Committee. Rod (Eagle) Edwards did not re-nominate but he remains committed to organising the junior sailing program.

### GENERAL MATTERS

To access the Contact details of the 2020/21 MYC General Committee confirmed at the recent [AGM](#) [CLICK HERE](#).

The Club’s By-Laws have been updated to include the new “Day Member” category ratified at the recent AGM. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are at a pleasing 90% to date. To be fair to financial members, the bar discount of members whose payment remains outstanding will be suspended until payment is received.

If skippers or crew have misplaced their invoice for the MYC Sailing Fee or for the Boat Entry Fees, please email [metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com) to request it be re-issued.

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## CLUB SAILING

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### SAILING PREPARATION

With a start to the season hopefully closer, Skippers are reminded to familiarise themselves with the 2020/21 sailing documents available on the MYC website [CLICK HERE](#)

In particular, the Skippers Checklist outlines all the entry requirements required this season. Key aspects are providing Cat 7 Checklists, Insurance Policies and Boat Entry & Declaration Forms plus ensuring crew are eligible to race.

New this season - SMS alerts will be sent to non-complying skippers and crew so they can correct outstanding issues before the next race. They otherwise risk disqualification.

### GUEST CREW SAILPASS - DAY MEMBERSHIP

There is a new requirement this year for Guest Crew (nonmembers) to register for an MYC SailPass. They must complete a paper registration form in the Club before sailing for the first time.

Then for each race they just need to be ticked as a Guest by the Skipper on the Boat Sign On form.

If Guest Crew wish to submit their registration form before race day, they are welcome to download the form by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Once completed it can be emailed to [metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com).

The SailPass system registers them a temporary “Day Member” of the Club for race day and tracks the 3 days the Guest is allowed before needing to be a Full Member. It will also improve the Clubs risk management by better knowing who is on the water and provides the Guest with Australian Sailing’s personal accident insurance for the day.



### ETCHELLS 2021 CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Etchells Eastern Region Championship** will be held 22-25

January 2021. Click the following links for [NOR](#) and [Entry Form](#)

**Victorian Etchells Championships** are being held 6th - 8th

March 2021. Click the following links for the [NOR](#) and [Entry Form](#).

# METUNG MARINA NEWS

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Members may be interested to hear of progress and changes in and around our Metung and Chinaman's Creek marina.

- The long awaited separation lines between the poles and the floating jetty will be happening shortly (now that a decision regarding the type of line and the means by which it will be fixed to the poles has been resolved).
- A number of long awaited upgrades to the hardstand are also underway and these include;
  - \* A security light which is planned for the hardstand. It will be located at the "Brogans" end of the facility. Quotes have been received and hopefully this means a light will be installed shortly.
  - \* The black floating pontoons at the end of the lower walkway are about to be lifted and undergo serious maintenance. When replaced they will be reduced in width and will sit approximately in line with the extension of the walkway. It will also be fitted with a mesh deck and wide white fenders.

This will allow more room for temporary mooring, particularly on race day.



The aim of this project is to make better use of this area until the construction of the attenuating wall [floating jetty] which will project out at approximately 90 degrees from the hardstand.

East Gippsland Shire has had a concept plan drawn up and this will be available for comment by berth holders during 2021. Please note that as a safety measure, temporary lines will be placed across the space created by the removal of the pontoons .

The toilet block next to the MYC has now been completed and whilst public toilets are included and available for general use, the remainder of this facility is primarily for berth holders who will now have access to toilets, showers and a laundry facility.

Entry will be via the same key fob used for marina access.

Please note that I'm always interested in constructive feedback in relation to the marina and am best contacted via [billnewc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:billnewc@yahoo.com.au).

Bill Newcomen , Metung Marina Community Advisory Committee

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## SAILING TACTICS TO BE BETTER THAN THE COMPETITION

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

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Often too much significance is attributed to sailing tactics and tactics only become the most important factor if you are sailing at a very high level.

For most of us, it's better to invest in training time, concentrating on sailing technique and boat tuning. As a word of caution though, you can't manage without tactics altogether.

I have jotted down below, a couple of rules, that if you follow, you'll be better than 80% of the competition unless of course, you are sailing at World Cup level.

1. Read the Sailing Instructions - How often have you seen it that someone who doesn't know the course, sails to the wrong mark, or doesn't know what a penalty would be when a rule is infringed?
2. Know the Rules - You don't need to know the rules by heart but you should have an understanding of the main ones such as when boats meet. If fellow competitors know you aren't sure of the rules they will make the most of it, often screaming rules that don't exist or have not been in effect for years.
3. Get out to the course early - set your boat up for the conditions, get used to the wind and waves, observe whether it is increasing or softening, are the shifts oscillating or persistent and what current is there across the course.
4. Check the Start line - Look for line end bias and establish transits so you will be right on the line when the gun goes.
5. Starting Strategy - Of course having your own starting strategy is best but if you are not yet confident, observe where the best sailors in your fleet are setting up and head in that direction but of course don't start too close to them otherwise you may become their "marshmallow".
6. Start on the line in Clear Air - For a beginner, it is very difficult to calculate the distance to the line, that's why you should orientate yourself with the boats immediately near you in the last minute before the start. Keep a constant lookout for boats coming in from above and below but above all try to have space to leeward so you can foot off to maintain clear air.
7. Sail the long tack first - From your homework prior to the start you will have noticed whether the first mark is square to the start line. If not, where physically possible, sail the longer tack first, this means that you will have more options to play the shifts before arriving at the layline.
8. Avoid arriving getting to the Layline until as late in the leg as possible - for the reasons mentioned above, once you are at the layline you have lost the ability to play any shifts.
9. Have a plan - From your time on the water prior to the start you will have established a plan for the race. While racing, have your head out of the boat watching your fleet and for changing conditions. Be prepared to change your plan should your observations tell you there is a permanent change occurring.

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## MEET OUR MEMBERS

### Dick Whitaker - MYC Committee Member

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I was raised in Blackburn South and learnt the basics of sailing when I was about 12 on a family friend's plywood Moth. It took about a year of messing about with boats before I could convince my parents I was serious about sailing. My first yacht was a Vacluse Junior, quite a step up from the moth – two crew on hiking boards, a jib to set and a bloody spinnaker. Later, I also sailed a Payne and Mortlock sailing “canoe” for a season (this was like a big VJ).

I then “got the need for speed” and refurbished a Charlie Cunningham designed Quick Cat catamaran which I raced for a season. Sticking with Cunningham boats I purchased a QB2 “B” class catamaran I strangely named “Delta Whisky”. What a great fun boat that was to race.



It flew past Hobie 16's and our only serious competition were the Olympic class Tornados which were slightly quicker but not really suitable for the choppy Port Phillip Bay as they only had two cross members.

My QB2 crew also sailed on deep water yachts at Royal Victorian Yacht Club and I was invited to sail a Melbourne to Devonport race on an old meter boat, no motor and a cotton Ratsey and Lapthorn main. The skipper had the only dry bunk on the boat as narrow beamed meter boats in a good sea sail over one wave and under the next 3! Hell, did that boat leak. He said we weren't driving her hard enough unless we had six inches of water over the cabin sole. The old tyrant had a telltale compass on his quarter berth deck beam and would shout abuse if we momentarily got more than 10 degrees off course. What an introduction to blue water sailing! I went on to do a Melbourne to Hobart and the following year the Sydney to Hobart (NOT on meter boats), with lots of round the bay races and local racing around Williamstown. In 1977 I married my wife Christa.

My other interest was scuba diving and I purchased a Dive School and partnership in a Dive Shop – Melbourne Diving School and Melbourne Diving Services.



In 1987 after 12 years, I sold my share in the businesses and decided to “take a year off” to learn wooden boat building by building a Cat 1 (26.5 feet between perps) Couta Boat from scratch. Some 2500 building hours later, the experience rates as one of my best lifetime challenges accomplished. There is a beauty about wooden boats and their building.

We moved from Melbourne to Port Albert with plans to work for the National Safety Council in their diving and sea survival training division but unfortunately, the liquidators arrived about the same time as I did. Luckily, I was asked to help set up and run Esso’s Sea Survival and HUET (helicopter underwater escape training) centre at West Sale. I also set up a company to service life-saving equipment on the Bass Strait oil and gas production platforms. Life got so busy I had to sell my beloved couta boat as I had no time to sail or maintain her.



The company also expanded into maintaining lifesaving equipment on national and international shipping – we represented many European Lifeboat and davit companies. Christa and I sold the business in 2008 and I stayed on as a consultant for a couple of years as well as running the Offshore lifeboat training centre at Barry Beach. Finally retired, we purchased land in Kings Cove, had a house built and moved to Metung in 2016. I unsuccessfully tried to buy my couta boat back so in January 2017 I purchased another Cat 1 couta boat “Sorrento”. We have had great fun and reasonable success in the wooden boat series at the MYC and I have served on the MYC committee for 3 years.

### MEET OUR MEMBERS

Suggestions for members to be included in future Telltales Issues would be greatly appreciated -  
do in a friend/member or yourself - please email or call me if you have  
someone in mind.

Bev Winter: [metungyachtclub.telltales@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.telltales@gmail.com) or 0419 533 302

# LOOKING BACK

Where does the time go - twenty years ago our new Life Member Peter Bull had just become Commodore, Bill Newcomen was Vice Commodore and David Borthwick passed away.

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**THE METUNG YACHT RACING CLUB BAKERY**

Please advise any change of address to the Editor.



Jill and I have decided its time for a change and I have resigned as Club Manager and will finish up on 1 December 2000. We will be still around Metung to enjoy life and annoy people out on the water. We would like to thank all members for their support during our time as Managers and finish off by saying "Thanks for the Memories"

*Bob*

**YACHT RACING**

Don't forget the Wooden Boat Series for gaffed rigged boats starts on Sunday 5th November. This year's program is a 5 race series spread out over summer. Each race has its own individual trophy and all races count towards the championship (Scarborough Cup). See the Sailing Programme for dates. Any enquiries contact Bill Newcomen, Jenny Herbert or Jenny Russell.

**TRIVIA**

**Did you know???**

Debra Winger was the voice of E.T.  
Pearls melt in vinegar.  
The name of all Continents end with the same letter they start with.  
Clans long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down hence the expression "To Get Fired"  
The strongest muscle in the body is the TONGUE.  
If the whole population of China were to walk past you in single file the line would never end due to the rate of reproduction.

**CHEAPEST DRINKS IN TOWN !!!!**

Come into the Yacht Club and check our cheap prices including packaged beer and cigarettes.

See you at the Bar.

*The Sp@rting Group*

Don't forget the Jindabyne trip away. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Ask Robyn, Paul or Bob at the Yacht Club for more details.

Christmas Break up will be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, venue to be decided.

*Robyn Bury*

**MYC FAMILY CRUISING AND POWER BOATS**

Next family cruise was on Sunday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> so a report will appear in the next Newsletter.

I would like to point out that on Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we have changed the venue from Nyerimilang to Barrier Landing.

*John Sedgley*

**MEMORABILIA**

**VALE - David Borthwick**

David was one of the original members of the Metung Sailing Club which was the forerunner of the Metung Yacht Club. He sailed a dinghy called "Foam", then a Sunfire class called "Helen" then a V.S. called "Red Jacket". David then bought a Top Hat called "Chindrina" which he sailed from Hobart and very successfully raced with the Metung Yacht Club right up to the last sailing season. He also helped inaugurate the Marlay Point race which was originally sailed between the Lake Wellington Yacht Club and the Metung Yacht Club. David sailed the first race and never missed a race up until the last year. He also never missed a Legacy race which was started in 1952 and his entry was always accompanied by a \$100 donation.

During the war David enlisted in the RAAF and became a pilot flying Kitti Hawk fighters in the western desert. He shot down a "Messer Schmitt" a german fighter but didn't know another one was following and the second one got him. His plane was badly damaged and going down. David jettisoned his cockpit cover but couldn't get out because his flying boot was jammed. The ground was getting close so he pulled the rip cord on his parachute and it opened and dragged him out of the plane. He was too close to the ground and landed so heavily he received a compound fracture of his leg. The only way he could move was backwards and he inched backwards for three days living on beetles and any insects he could get until he was picked up.

He recovered and when discharged from the RAAF he joined the Australian National Airways and flew DC III and Bristol freighters.

When he left the flying game David successfully ran a property at Gifford in South Gippsland right up to two months before his death. He was a great yachtsman and will be sadly missed.

*David Bull*

# SAILS RESTAURANT



Belinda is looking for a small Jib to create a sign promoting Sails Restaurant and the new menu.

If you have something that could be used for this purpose please give Belinda a call on 0400 488 981.

Have you tried Rob's new menu yet? He is now cooking some amazing Indian dishes and getting great reviews. Takeaway is available Thursday to Sunday 5-30 - 7.30. To order call Rob on 0433 802 530 or 03 5156 2315.

<b>SAILS TAKEAWAY</b>			
<b>ENTREE / STARTER</b>			
❖ Pan seared Garlic Bread for 2			<b>\$8.00</b>
❖ Wedges with Sour Cream & Sweet Chilli sauce			<b>\$10.00</b>
❖ <b>Indian</b> : Middle Eastern Kofta with Tzatziki sauce			<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>MAIN COURSES</b>			
❖ Whole <b>Flounder</b> cooked in a burnt butter sauce with shallots and chips & garden salad (GF)			<b>\$32.00</b>
❖ Chicken Parma with Chips & Salad or Veggies			<b>\$25.00</b>
❖ <b>Flathead</b> tails in a crispy beer batter served with chips & salad			<b>\$27.00</b>
❖ Minced Steak Hamburger with side of Chips			
• Plain - Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion			<b>\$16.00</b>
• The Lot - add Bacon, Egg, Beetroot, Cucumber			<b>\$20.00</b>
❖ Veggie Burger with side of Chips			
• Plain - Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion			<b>\$14.00</b>
• The Lot - add Bacon, Egg, Beetroot, Cucumber			<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>INDIAN DISHES - Meat</b>			
❖ Butter Chicken (GF)			<b>\$18.00</b>
❖ Rogan Josh Pork Ribs	½ - \$15.00	Full -	<b>\$20.00</b>
❖ Beef Saag (Spinach) (GF)			<b>\$20.00</b>
❖ Tandoori Chicken (GF)			<b>\$18.00</b>
❖ Succulent Prawns in a Yellow curry infused with Mango & coconut (GF)			<b>\$21.00</b>
<b>INDIAN DISHES - Vegetarian</b>			
❖ <b>Chana Masala</b> - Chickpea Stew (GF)			<b>\$15.00</b>
❖ <b>Aloo Gobi</b> : Potato & Cauliflower (GF)			<b>\$15.00</b>
❖ <b>Yellow Curry Vegetables</b> - infused with Mango and coconut (GF)			<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>SIDE DISHES</b>			
❖ Garden, Greek or Indian Salad (GF)			<b>\$6.00</b>
❖ Thick Cut crunchy Fries			<b>\$6.00</b>
❖ Saffron Rice with peas & corn	(S)		<b>\$5.00</b>
	(GF)	(L)	<b>\$8.00</b>
❖ Boiled White Rice (GF)	(S)	(L)	<b>\$3.00</b>
			<b>\$5.00</b>
❖ Roti			<b>\$4.00</b>
❖ Naan Bread			<b>\$4.00</b>
❖ Coconut Banana (GF)			<b>\$3.00</b>
❖ Cucumber Yoghurt (GF)			<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>DESSERTS</b>			
❖ Creme Brulee - with Cream			<b>\$10.00</b>
❖ Individual Pavlova with cream & Strawberries (GF)			<b>\$8.00</b>
❖ Apple Pie with Cream			<b>\$8.00</b>
<p>PHONE the Metung Yacht Club On 5156 2315 TO ORDER Thursday to Saturday 5:30 to 8:30pm Sunday remains our Takeaway Roast Carvery Night</p>			

## JUNIOR SQUAD

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Junior Sailing info session - Sunday 1st Nov

@ 10am (approx 1 hr)

Hi Junior Squad! We are wanting to get back sailing and would like to start with an info session for Coaches Eagle & Dean to talk to the kids. We are looking forward to seeing our sailors and any new kids are welcome to come along and find out what Junior Sailing is all about!



Kids 12 & over & adults must wear masks. Parents welcome but must adhere to 1.5m social distancing & group gathering limits. Please don't attend if unwell or have any symptoms. If you will be away or can't attend but still want to be part of MYC Junior Squad, please comment or message me. Actually please also message me if you will be attending so we know numbers. Sorry, no catering will be available. For more details on Regional Victoria's Junior current outdoor sport regs specific to junior sailing & to familiarise yourself with guidelines please read the info on this link & scroll down to the Sailing Specific Summary 18 yrs old or under.

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/covid-19/vic/>

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## MUST WATCH YACHTING

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Brandon's recommendation of a great yachting story - every sailor should watch this incredible story of Tracy Edwards as she leads the first all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the trailer. Full movie is available on Netflix.



## BECOMING A MYC MEMBER

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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](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com)

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[Metung Marine & Storage](#)

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## Useful Links

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Sailing Calendar [click here](#)

Guest Crew Sail Pass [click here](#)

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