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WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

OUR BAR - Open from 4.30pm Wednesday to Sunday.

SAILS@MYC RESTAURANT - now open - Takeaway is no longer available

Open Wednesday - Sunday from 6.00pm - Member bookings will receive preference

CLOSED Friday 11th December due to Commodore's Christmas Drinks

Ph Rob on 0433 802 530 or 5156 2315

Remember Covid restrictions still apply and numbers are limited

WHAT'S ON – CONTINUED

Wednesdays	Twilights - Club start stern chaser
Saturday 5th December	Ray Dunn Memorial
Friday 11th December	Commodore's Drinks for members - Bookings essential
Saturday 12th December	Norm Strange Cup - MYC Trophy Heat 1
Sunday 13th December	CWB/Sc Heat 4 - Pearl
Saturday 19th December	Windward/Leeward Sprint Series x Multiple Races
Saturday 26th December	Sydney to Hobart Race start - watch at the Club House

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

How good it is to see more activity around the Club as we slowly get back to the new 'normal'. While still operating under number restrictions of 50 in the Club and 20 on the veranda, this is much better than when we were restricted to 10 inside. We still ask members to use the hand sanitiser provided when entering via the front door and to record their contact details. The Government has mandated that we must also use QR codes where possible and we are introducing this as soon as practical. Please help us to meet these new obligations with a smile.

The lifting of travel restrictions has seen a significant increase in numbers wanting to use the restaurant with two sittings being required at times. With only one Chef in the kitchen there will be days when some delay will be inevitable. Give your feedback to me (good and bad) and I will pass it on.

Commodore's Christmas drinks will be held on Friday 11th December. Bookings are essential. See below for further details.

We are currently considering expanding our trading hours over the holiday season to 6 days a week as a service to members. Our Christmas trading days will also be announced shortly. Thanks to the work of Bev Winter and Dick Whitaker, the Club has produced a visitor pack for distribution to new residents to Metung. Our hope is to encourage those residents to come to the Club, experience what the Club has to offer and consider joining in the future.

An active sailing program is planned for the holiday period. Further details can be found on the Metung Yacht Club website under Sailing Documents

I look forward to seeing you around the Club in the near future.

Yours in sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

You are invited to
Commodore's Christmas drinks
for members
to be held on
Friday 11th December 6.00-8.00pm.
Bookings are essential given the cap on
numbers allowed in the Club.



CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Please make welcome our latest new members

Gary Bashford

Peter Birch

Gayle Stuart-Murray

Andrew Pritchard

Les Tuckey

And Junior Members: Fletcher Brownlie and Rafferty Mack

CLUB SAILING

It was with great relief Twilight sailing recommenced on 25th November.

A good fleet enjoyed the sail and gathered back at the Club for after sailing snacks. A number of 'newbies' took part.



On Saturday 29th November our first official club race was held post COVID. Seven boats took part on a day where the wind direction could not be anticipated and the strength varied from drifting to 20 knots. Our Vice-Commodore Ken Barlow was Race Officer for both events. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to sail with 'Flying High' taking the win.

We have commenced trialing our Day Pass system to ensure we have the details of those nonmembers out on the water. Eventually this will be fully electronic.

NSW International Dragon Class championships



Imagination, owned by Terry Grundy and sailed by Fred Haes, Jeff Rose and Richard Grimes won the International Dragon Class New South Wales Championships. Richard, a former member of Metung Yacht Club filled in for Damien Daniels who unfortunately could not attend due to injury, but played a pivotal coaching role.

2nd in the Regatta was Richard Franklin in Liquidity with 3rd going to Matt Whitnall.

The proposed 6 race regatta was sailed on Sydney Harbour and hosted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. With a hot gusty 12 -18 knot North Westerly wind coming down the Sydney Harbor, racing got underway on the Saturday with Imagination clocking up a score of 1st, 2nd and 1st over the 3 races sailed. Sunday racing was brought forward to a 9 o'clock start to try and avoid a severe Southerly front forecast for the afternoon.

Racing got underway on time, still in the hot North Westerly that had built to 15 to 20 knots and very fluky caused by all the high-rise buildings. Imagination won the first race (race 4) and by the start of race 5 the wind was gusting up to 20 knots. On the first spinnaker run of race 5 gusts up to 35 knots had been recorded by the Race Committee and they abandoned the race.

Unfortunately, at about this time a severe gust hit Imagination ([see Video](#)) and the mast broke.

Several issues are in discussion why this happened, such as the driver thinking a horizontal joy stick worked the same as a vertical one (read poor steering by the skipper/ retired pilot) or just that the 4mm rope backstay just didn't appreciate all the load of a spinnaker up in 35 knots of wind.

Not surprising was that with Fred and all his rules advice of recent times, Imagination ended up in the protest room after Race 2, thankfully for all (including him) he won it. What was surprising, was Fred never broke a start.

Many thanks to Terry Grundy for graciously allowing us to sail Imagination and Damien Daniel for the use of his racing sails.

ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN FOR THE NEXT LEG

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

Almost every sailor realizes the importance of making a strategic plan for the first leg before they start the race but how many of those sailors also develop a strategy for every other leg in the race?



It's tough to make a game plan for the second leg before starting the race, but you should do this sometime before you begin that leg. It's much too late if you round the windward mark and then ask your crew, "OK, which way should we go on the run?"

By that time, you have likely missed your best chance to pursue the optimal strategy. Instead of waiting until the last minute, look ahead to the next leg several minutes before you reach the mark.

Talk about what you see (e.g. wind pressure and the angle of other boats) and discuss your tactical and strategic options. It's good to do this early since certain mark-rounding moves (e.g. a jibe set) require some planning before you get to the mark.

Your strategy for the next leg doesn't have to be complex; it could be something simple like,

"We will do a bear-away set and play the right side of the run where there is more wind." Or

"We are going to round the leeward mark and then tack to get the shift on the left." It's critical to do this before you round the mark because it often affects the rounding you make.

Use your next-leg strategy to plan the rounding and an 'exit strategy' is especially key at gates.

There are two important things that you must do every time you round a mark and they are 1) get around that mark as fast as possible, and 2) set yourself up to sail the next leg quickly.

A fast rounding is not helpful if it means you must sail the wrong way at the start of the next leg, so it's key to plan your rounding with the next leg in mind.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Damien Daniel - MYC Committee Member

Damien was born in Melbourne and first came to Metung at around 7 years old when his parents began to visit regularly during the September school holidays. They purchased a place in Mairburn Road and Damien met many locals including Jeff Rose who introduced him to Metung Yacht Club and the International Cadets.

After leaving school Damien began a plumbing apprenticeship in Melbourne but not being happy there, asked Jeff's dad, Ian Rose if he knew of any work in Metung. Ian offered him an apprenticeship and Damien learnt his trade working around East Gippsland including Sale, Omeo, Orbost and Longford.

After completing his apprenticeship he decided to return to Melbourne to undertake extra courses and gain experience that was not available in Gippsland. Becoming locked into some large jobs in Melbourne meant the stay extended to around 7 years before moving back to Metung permanently in his early 30s.

SAILING

One Design racing is Damien's passion, preferring to sail against the same type of boat where skill level makes all the difference. He was lucky to go from International Cadets, to sailing with the Haes family on their Hood 23 'Dorothy 2' as well as with Dave Bull on his Hood 23 'Souwester'.

He has also raced with Bob Dack on his Cavalier 28 and sailed with Alan Sandy for around 20 years on an Etchell. Over the last four years Terry Grundy gave him the opportunity to sail in the Dragon class "I'm very grateful for his generosity for me to sail on one of his Dragons, Imagination and his passion for the class." he said.





Damien competed in Hood 23 National Titles during the 80s which alternated between Sydney and Metung, he competed In the Etchell Worlds in Melbourne in 2009, regularly competed in Sydney and for the past 6 years has travelled to Phuket for Race Week (and warm weather).

Damien has also been involved with the Juniors at MYC taking them to National Titles in Hobart and Geelong, His two sons Tim and Bradley were junior members, with Tim winning Junior Club Championship and sailing with International cadets, qualifying for the Worlds around 2009.



Damien's main involvement with the Junior Squad now is the Easter Regatta he has been running with Phil Strong from Sandringham Yacht Club for over ten years. "I feel privileged to be able to sail with so many experienced yachting people and to have sailed against such good competition" he said

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 or 0419 533 302

OUR BOATS

Laurie and Sharyn Tagg recently moved to Metung and have now sailed their Challenge 29 yacht Forte from Martha Cove, Safety Beach to Metung. Designed by the ex-partner of Jim Young, Forte is similar in design, however with many modern updates rating her as a 32ft yacht.

Laurie bought the yacht in 2010 and sailed from Auckland to Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in 2011.



MYC MERCHANDISE

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JUNIOR SQUAD

It has been fantastic to get back to Junior Sailing finally! After being cooped up at home with no sport happening this winter due to Covid19 all the kids are super keen to get out on the water.

We have had some excellent interest from new families who have recently moved to the area and friends & family of some current members.



New kids coming along are able to try sailing 3 times, before we require them to become paid up members. We have already signed up four new junior members which is brilliant. Welcome to new MYC Junior Squad members Fletcher Brownlie, Jaden Brown, Kiera Smythe and Rafferty Mack.

Our first Sunday back to Sailing was pretty windy, but the kids were keen to get out on the water. It proved too much for some, but was a great reminder to make the call to head back in. A few opti's filled up with water! Charlie, Mathew & Arlo sailed well in the Pacer and Wayne zipped around in a Cadet single handed as did Blake in an Opti after the new kids bailed out.

Our second Sunday was perfect weather so all kids got to have a turn in a boat. It was great to see Lillian sailing a cadet with Wayne and having a go at skippering it. Lots of new kids got to have a go in an Opti. Blake took Jaden for a sail. Tom took Jett. Fletcher & Reuben sailed an Opti too.

Nice to have Sabrina & Eric along sailing together in Fear This. Charlie, Arlo & Mathew sailed the pacer and then took Leo and Rafferty each for a sail. Over to Mosquito Point for a jump off the jetty & a swim. Then we sailed back to pack up & have lunch.

Our third Sunday was another lovely warm day with Dean instructing and more of the same – with sailing, capsizing and swimming the order of the day! Great bottling practice for the kids!

This Sunday just gone was way too windy for sailing, so we held a session at the clubhouse with theory, knot tying and 'on land' sailing simulation in a cadet in the carpark!

13th December will be our Junior Squad Christmas Breakup.

Stay tuned on our Facebook group for more information.



INTERVIEW WITH JUNIOR SQUAD MEMBER - Sabrina Murphy

While I am entering my twilight years of yacht racing, I like nothing more than see younger people taking up the sport that has given me so much. Even better still is when I see them so keen that they get their boat out and go practicing because they want to, not because they are being made to. Not that a little push, or encouragement as you will see below is a bad thing.



I really should not be surprised of the outcome of the interview given Rod (Eagle) Edwards and Dean Smith's leadership of the Metung Junior Squad that has a basic but important philosophy of making it fun first. If someone desires to compete at a high level of sailing, the pathway is there. If they do not, that is fine too, but have fun while learning to do other life skills such as the nuances around weather forecasting, be comfortable around boats and water etc, and most of all with friends.

While I was working on my boat a few weeks back I noticed one of the Metung Junior Squad get their little sailing dingy ready to go sailing on their own (but under the watchful of dad, Michael Murphy in

his motorboat). I thought now that is a family thing to do, but more so it demonstrated a keenness to learn by going through the effort of getting out there in the first place. This young lady's name is Sabrina Murphy.

After watching Sabrina go through her practice session, I thought it would be interesting to understand how Sabrina was enjoying sailing from a teenager's point of view. So afterwards, along with her mum Cosette, I asked Sabrina some questions, and thanked her for taking the time to answer them. [CLICK HERE](#) to read Sabrina's responses. Jeff Rose

MUST WATCH YACHTING

RELENTLESS - The story of Alex Thomson Racing's journey to the 2016-17 Vendée Globe. [Click here](#)



SAIL LOCKER

We have decided to trial an advertising section in our publications where members can promote boats or boating items they are wanting to sell. To include an item, send a description, photo and contact details to metungyachtclub.telltales@gmail.com

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- * 1 x Electric bilge pump
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Call Jeff Rose on 0498 982 316

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