



# TELLTALES

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

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**BAR - OPEN From 4.30 Wednesday - Sunday**

**SAILS@MYC RESTAURANT - OPEN Wednesday - Sunday From 6pm**

Member bookings will receive preference Ph Rob on 0433 802 530 or 5156 2315

Remember Covid restrictions still apply and numbers are limited.

**YOU MUST SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL - QR Sign in is mandatory**

[CLICK HERE](#) for club requirements

Wednesdays	Next Twilights - 3rd February - NOTE NEW START TIME Sign on from 1615 for <u>1715 start</u>
Sunday 31st January	CWB/Sc Ht 5 - Matalita - Club start 1355
Saturday 6th February	Wattle Point Milsonia Cup - Club start 855
Sunday 7th February	Junior Squad Resumes - 10 am
Sat 13th - Sun 14th	Eastern Region Regatta
Saturday 20th February	Windward/Leeward Sprint Series - Boat start 1355
Sunday 21st February	CWB/Sc Ht 6 - Sorrento - Club start 1355
Saturday 27th February	PB Lawrence Heat 1 - Club start 1355
Sunday 28th February	CWB/Sc Ht 7 - Meg - Club start 1355

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

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I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas/New Year break and is ready to take on new challenges this year. The Club has been busy with our Melbourne members catching up with old friends as well as visitors to Metung coming to the restaurant. Remember members get priority if you book ahead for the restaurant. Sailing has been active with our biggest fleet of 17 boats for the season being registered for the Legacy Regatta around Raymond Island Race held in early January. A significant amount of money was also raised for local Legacy projects.

The Club hosted a 420 Association dinghy event from 4-8 January which had 13 entrants. It was well supported by the Association with the Club providing some rescue vessels and Club facilities. The standard of young sailors was very high and everyone enjoyed the Metung experience.

It was with some relief the Club was finally able to hold the 2019-20 Sailing Season Presentation Night which Covid19 restrictions had previously made untenable. The night was well attended and enjoyable. Congratulations to Tom Moore and his crew who won the prestigious Club Championship in 'Harmony'. The full season results are available on our website.

Metung 11 has been undergoing some serious engine repairs and is back running. It performed well during the Australia Day Regatta.

The Club hosted the Etchells Eastern Region Championship in conjunction with the Dragon Association over the long weekend. Seven races were held in near ideal condition for the 17 boats that entered. Nigel Abbot in 'The Archer' was first followed by Jeff Rose in 'War of the Roses'. Brandon Kibby crewed on the winning boat and his local knowledge proved beneficial. Well done all. Fred Haes in 'Imagination' took the honours in the 3 fleet Dragon Class.

I want to thank all the volunteers who gave up their long weekend to make the Regatta a success. It took some 24 volunteers in all to organise the event and around 13 each day out on the water.

A meeting was held recently with the Shire to discuss the process of renewing the lease for the Club which expires in March 2024. Options are being examined to safeguard our tenure over the site and minimise increases in costs. The process appears lengthy and complex. There is a need to hold working bees around the Club and also on Metung 11. Further details will be provided in our weekly newsletter. Please help share the load among members if you can.

Yours in Sailing

Peter Harvey

(Commodore)

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## CLUB NEWS

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### NEW MEMBERS

Please make welcome our latest new members

Wendy & Peter Cox

Cathy & Albert Cenus

Stephen Dinham & Catherine Scott

Lachlan Mack

### SAFETY WARNING

All owners of boats on the hardstand please check the structural integrity of your jinkers/trailers please.

We had a major failure a few weeks ago that could have resulted easily in death or major damage. A second jinker was also found to be near collapse.



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## VALE GAI CLOUGH

Gai's achievements in life were quite outstanding. After leaving school she became a nurse and met Les at 18 whilst working at The Alfred Hospital. By 26 she was Director of Nursing at a new hospital in Chadstone and at 28 they had set up their own small surgical hospital. At 33 she was running a 40 bed hospital in Essendon.

Gai was a leader in Industrial Relations and was the Private Hospital representative in the Arbitration Commission of Victoria. Her innovations in staff management co-operation are common place today.

She was a member of the Australian College of Health Service

Administration, Aust Institute of Management and had a Masters of Business in Administration.

Her major sport was sailing and Gai was the first female Commodore of a Royal Yacht Squadron (Royal Melbourne YS). Her considerable contribution to RMYS includes her founding of the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta in 1991. Thirteen boats participated in the first AWKR and it has been conducted every June long weekend since then (except 2020 due to COVID!). In 2019 forty boats entered and 250 sailors attended the regatta dinner. The

30<sup>th</sup> AWKR will be held in 2021 and no doubt many more after that, what a wonderful legacy.



Gai sailed two Sydney Hobarts, the Darwin Ambon Indonesia Race, Melbourne-Hobart and Melbourne-Devonport races, won two Australian J24 Championships and represented Australia in the Worlds in 1996. She sailed in New Zealand, USA, Buenos Aires, Dubai and Japan. Gai's wealth of experience has been an incredible asset to us here in Metung. She has been an integral member of our club for the past ten years and has been Vice Commodore, Committee Member and Race Officer. She was heavily involved in Race Management, tirelessly volunteering and was a great friend to many.

Gai had been fighting cancer for 20 years when she passed away in December. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered

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## CLUB SAILING

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### 2019/20 SEASON PRESENTATION NIGHT

With Covid restrictions easing we were finally able to hold our 2019/20 Season Club presentation on 12th January. With the silver polished (thanks to Jackie Ashworth), and the evening organized by Ken Barlow, many members enjoyed the evening celebrating last year's season. We were also able to present the Life Member Awards to Dave Bull, Peter Bull, Ken Russell and Jenny Russell. Congratulations to all the winners. [Click here for the Season's Results.](#)





## Victorian 420s METUNG SUMMER REGATTA

With fourteen entrants and twelve races, the 420s Regatta held from 4th - 8th January was a big success.

[Click here for results.](#) Thanks to Xavier Vandame for the photos.



## JANUARY RACES



Congratulations to Peter Harvey winning The Graves-Lethlean Trophy on 16th January as well as the AB Perkins on 17th January

Tom Moore in Harmony won the Bowmen of Metung on 30th January

2-Jan	David Borthwick/Legacy Race	MYC Ht 2	Flying High	Peter Harvey
2-Jan	David Borthwick/Legacy Race	CCH Race 1	Southerly Buster	Brian Perkins
9-Jan	David & James Byrne Memorial	MYC Ht 3	War of the Roses	Jeff Rose
9-Jan	David & James Byrne Memorial	Race 3 TOT HC	White Noise	Stuart Loft
10-Jan	Metung Hotel Challenge	CWB	Meg	John Brenan
16-Jan	Graves Lethlean	MYC Ht 4	Flying High	Peter Harvey
17-Jan	AB Perkins	MYC Ht 5	Flying High	Peter Harvey
17-Jan	AB Perkins	CCH Ht 4	Basic Intinct	Mugsy Russell
30-Jan	Bowman of Metung	CCH Ht 5	Harmony	Tom Moore



## ONE DESIGN REGATTA - ETHELLES & DRAGONS

Over the Australia Day weekend the 31st East Gippsland International Etchells Class Championships were held at MYC also incorporating the International Dragon Class Regatta. Many thanks again to all the Volunteers, Keels on Wheels who were principal sponsor, Helen Crossley Arts Studio and Julie-Anne McPherson Photography for all their time, support and sponsorship.

The regatta attracted boats from Tasmania and Melbourne and was seen as a great precursor and warmup for the both the International Etchells, and International Dragons Victorian Championships. Both will be held by Metung Yacht Club over Labor Day weekend in March. If border restrictions are lifted, it is expected some 30 boats are likely to attend including the likes of America's Cup winner John Bertrand. In addition to this, Metung will also be hosting the International Cadet Victorian Championships where many of Metung Yacht Club Juniors will be participating. Race Officer Jacque Crawford was able to get all 17 boats and crews off and complete 3 races in a light South Easterly breeze on the Saturday. Nigel Abbot skippering "The Archer" along with Tom Dwyer and Brandon Kibby won all three races. War of the Roses skippered by Jeff Rose, Excite skippered by Toby Richardson from Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania and Tamm Ha Tamm skippered by Christian Baillot from Royal Brighton Yacht Club finished the day with only 2 points separating all 3.



Helen Crossley has kindly offered anyone a full copy of the photos showing the three days of racing during the Etchells and Dragons regatta placed on a hard drive for only \$60.00.

Helen can be contacted on 0417 124 775

Light winds on Sunday delayed the start until a nice South Easterly wind settled and held. Again three races were able to be held. The dominance of The Archer crew from the first day was broken with Excite winning the 4th race and War of the Roses winning the 5th race. However, The Archer again made its presence felt by winning the last race of the day. At the end of Sunday's racing bar, a major incident The Archer had all but wrapped up the series, but leaving 3 boats, War of the Roses, Excite and Tamm Ha Tamm separated by only 2 points.

This meant that Race 7 on Monday was basically a shootout for the minor places. By the first mark Tamm Ha Tamm by had 2 boats between themselves and War of the Roses, with Excite a further 2 places back and looked strong at the time to take 2nd place overall. By the 2nd Mark, War of the Roses had narrowed that lead to just 1, and by the



finish had worked their way back to be right behind Tamm Ha Tamm who ended up winning race 7. By virtue of a count back War of the Roses finished 2nd overall, With Tamm Ta Tamm 3rd and Excite 4th overall.



Final Standings for top 4 boats where:

1st The Archer skippered by Nigel Abbott with Tom Dwyer and Brandon Kibby (above)

2nd War of the Roses skippered by Jeff Rose with Craig Rainey and Craig McCallum

3rd Tamm Ha Tamm skippered by Christian Boillot

4th Excite skippered by Toby Richardson with Buster Hooper and Wayne (Moose) Johnson. In the

International Dragon Class, held over Saturday and Sunday was won by Fred Haes winning 5 Races and a

2nd. Clive Bury was 2nd and Hugh Howard 3rd.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article on the Regatta published in Sail-World

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## SAILING TIPS - Small things can have a big impact in a race

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

1. Make all your lines as short as possible, this reduces weight and minimizes the number of tangles you'll get. Use a magic marker or piece of tape to mark important settings on each sheet.
2. Minimize twists in the spinnaker halyard tail by tying the end to a fixed point. All your halyards, especially the main, will stretch, so you may have to tighten them occasionally.
3. A rolled sail guarantees it will last longer, take your time and do it right to prevent kinks and bends. If under postponement on the water, roll them up and keep them out of the sun and if you have to leave them up, prevent them from flogging.
4. Use shock cord to hold hiking straps as close to normal hiking position as possible, this will ensure that you won't have to reach into the bilge searching for the strap with your toes after every tack.
5. Wrapping tape around parts of the rigging is really important to stop inadvertent unravelling or pins coming loose. However, seeing little tape ends that have come unstuck and are flapping in the breeze is bad. To prevent this, put silicone sealant over the ends of the tape but make sure you use as little tape as possible.
6. Adjust your mainsheet cam so the jaws are just below the mainsheet when you are trimming it from a hiked-out position. You want the cam low enough so the sheet won't automatically go into the cam but you want the cam high enough so you can use your foot to get the sheet in the cam temporarily.

7. Don't leave lines in a cam cleat as this wears out the springs. Use metal instead of plastic cam cleats because these hold better and last longer plus you can even sharpen them when they begin to wear.
8. Clear the weeds from your centreboard and rudder just before the start. On a keelboat, you'll have to back down to do this. If you have an engine, don't set your prop too early in light air because you may need some help to get to the favoured end of the line before the preparatory signal.
9. Read the Sailing Instructions before getting to the starting area. Concentrate on courses, recall procedure, shortened course, protest requirements and any other sections where the committee may have modified standard procedure. Always encourage your crew to read the instructions as well.
10. Use magnetic tape or yarn for sail telltales and sail repair tape is the best way to stick telltales to the sail. Make it easy to tell which telltale is on which side by using red yarn on port and green on starboard with the starboard telltales a little higher.
11. Before and during the race, there are certain things you should record for future reference. These include wind direction, the order of marks, compass course to marks, and heading on each tack. Use a grease pencil to write anywhere on fibreglass because it's easily erasable and still works when the boat is wet.
12. Sailors, like all athletes, need water to keep from getting dehydrated, get a water bottle with a spout and put it in a place where it's easy for the crew to reach. Encourage everyone to drink, both before and during the race.
13. Start the race with your bilge as dry as possible. In windy conditions, if you are planning to sail the race with your thru-hull bailers open, you may have to close them while luffing before the start.
14. Your best source of good ideas is other sailors. Talk to the competitors in your fleet, and spend some time perusing their boats and their setups. You will definitely come away with a few new ideas, tricks and techniques.

## HOW TO USE THE QR CODE

Our Club is required to provide a QR Code to enable COVID Registration at the Club for contact tracing purposes.

You can do this in two ways:

1. Scan the QR with your phone and manually enter your details as a GUEST into the online form that comes up OR
2. Log into our RevSport membership system on your phone and have your details automatically input.

The first option must be used by non-members but can also be used by members who do not know their RevSport login details.

If you want to use Option 2 and don't know your User Name - Send an email to [metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com) requesting it. You will receive an email and link enabling you to set your own password so you can access the system.

**IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS TO REGISTER BEFORE BEING SERVED**

## MAN OVERBOARD DRILL

An incident during a recent Twilight race is a timely reminder to practice your 'man overboard' drill.



It's a good idea to practice your 'man overboard' drill often.

### What to do if someone falls overboard

1. Most importantly, do not jump in after them
2. Shout "man overboard" to alert the start
3. Throw a lifebuoy ring, horseshoe or lifejacket to them
4. Check your bearings relative to prominent landmarks if available. Mark where the event occurred on a map, GPS or chart plotter. This will assist if a search is required
5. Keep them in sight at all times. Ask someone on board to point continuously at the person in the water for the reference of the master and others on board who may be preparing equipment or other head-down activities
6. Turn the boat toward the side they fell from (if the person is close to the propeller, put the motor in neutral or switch off the motor to avoid striking them with a turning propeller).

### How to recover a person overboard

1. Position the vessel to bring the person alongside, preferably into wind
2. Stop engines to avoid striking them with a turning propeller
3. Help the person into the vessel, preferably over the stern, as a small vessel might capsize or take water if you try taking them in over the side. On yachts with overhanging sterns, they should be pulled in at the lowest point of freeboard. Consider installing a boarding ladder on your vessel
4. Ropes, a sail or blanket may be passed under them in the water and used to lift and roll them back into the vessel
5. A person recovered from the water may be hurt, cold or exhausted. Keep them lying down if at all possible. Our [COVID Safety Information Page](#) has information on how to treat the effects of cold shock and hypothermia.

# SOCIAL

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## MYC ANNUAL SAIL PAST

The 20 knot winds on 1st January meant our sail past fleet consisted mainly of power boats, nevertheless we still had the brave among us dressing up and joining in. Back at the club the kids enjoyed lollies and soft drink while the winners were announced.

Best Dressed Boat - Ken Barlow (Pearl)

Most Courageous - John Brenan (Meg)

Best Dressed Crew - Bruce Crombie and Greg Dennett and crew

Best Cheering - The Peter Durham and crew



## JUNIOR SQUAD

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Junior Sailing will re-commence again on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. We hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and are ready to get back into sailing! If anyone has not paid their membership, please ensure you do so prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> or you will not be allowed out on a boat! Special mention of Wayne Smith who has been sailing regularly with Dean & other Senior sailors on Saturdays. Over the long weekend Wayne crewed on the Dragon - Adios 3 skippered by Clive Bury in the One Design regatta. Adios 3 came 2nd. Well done Wayne, we hope you had a great experience.



Coming up we have the 2021 International Cadet Class Victorian Championship, being held over the long weekend in March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Cadets from Victorian Yacht Clubs coming to Metung to compete.

This event will be for our more experienced Cadet sailors to compete in. We would love it if we could have 4 Cadets out on the water. We are thinking: Charlie & Arlo in Moonboots, Sabrina & Eric in Fear This, Wayne & Blake in Lil Bandit, Lil & Kiera in Adrenalin. We will focus on training these teams up for racing in the weeks leading up - as soon as we get back out on the water.

We will be running a canteen for this event ( all money raised goes to Junior Sailing) and will be asking for help with some baking, some making and for some canteen shifts from Junior Sailing parents and any other MYC members/volunteers who would be happy to assist. MYC is also running two other (Senior) regattas over this same weekend, so we may have some extra hungry sailors to cater for aswell. Our usual Junior Squad session will not be running on the Sunday of this long weekend, but Juniors not in Cadets are welcome to come along and watch or help in the canteen.

After this weekend sailing sessions will proceed as normal, with all boats training for the SYC & MYC 60<sup>th</sup> Easter Regatta. This year is the 60th anniversary of Sandringham Yacht Club's pilgrimage to Metung for the Easter Regatta. A fantastic family friendly regatta, lots of fun and a great opportunity for all of our Juniors (Opti and Cadet sailors!) to participate in a regatta and make new friends with the Sandringham kids. The regatta begins on Good Friday with races in Bancroft Bay. SYC ladies organise a wonderful cruise for the SYC & MYC Junior's mums (and any littlies not sailing)– with champagne and hot cross buns on board a gorgeous boat cruising around the lake watching the racing. Always a fun day so make sure you set time aside for this! Friday night tradition is a BBQ dinner at the Metung Fire Station. On Saturday – a race to The Barrier (family welcome & encouraged to tag along with a picnic lunch) and then a teams race back to MYC where MYC & SYC boats are teamed up in 3's to help each



other along the way. Saturday night is free to do what you please. On Easter Sunday – it is a race around Shaving Point to the Back Beach – at the end of the race the kids get to sail past a boat with Easter Bunny handing out Easter Eggs! A picnic/bbq at the Back Beach for lunch, then a sail back to the club. Presentations (lots of prizes!) are held in the afternoon/evening before dinner at MYC Sails Restaurant. The fun isn't over yet.

Easter Monday can be fun.... Or not?!?!? The Mother/Child race with mum skippering the boat! And the 'Thunderbowl' – the Father/child race which always seems to be very competitive!!!

The Easter Regatta really is a fun weekend and can be the start of some wonderful friendships! Just ask Senior Damien Daniel – he volunteers as Race Officer along with a long time friend from Sandringham (they sailed Easter Regatta's together back when they were kids!).

So we have a lot to look forward to, particularly after missing out on holding the Easter Regatta last year. Lets make it the best one yet!

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## SAIL LOCKER

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To include an item for sale in our Sailing Locker send a description, photo and contact details to [metungyachtclub.telldatales@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.telldatales@gmail.com)

### **ETCHELL - AUS862 - FOR SALE**

1990 Pamcraft Hull in very good condition.  
Fast boat.

Complete with 2 mains, 3 jibs & 2 spinnakers  
Broga tumbuckles & electric bilge pump  
Comes with yard dolly.

Located at Metung Yacht Club

**\$7500 ONO**  
10% Discount for members

Contact Richard Smith on 0423 632 331

### **ETCHELL PARTS FOR SALE**

- \* 1 set of 2-year old spreaders & spreader base
- \* 1 set of 2-year old dye form (low stretch) standard rigging including Cap shroud and lowers with quick adjustment Broiga Turn buckles and adjustable forestay.
- \* 1 x Electric bilge pump
- \* 1 x Boom (as currently on my boat)
- \* 1 x Fibreglass spinnaker box
- \* 1 x Main halyard
- \* 1 x Jib halyard

Call Jeff Rose on 0498 982 316

# MYC MERCHANDISE

Support your club and grab a shirt or hat to wear when you're sailing

## Dubarry Freshford LS Sailing Shirt



LIGHTWEIGHT  
60% COTTON, 40% POLYESTER  
QUICK DRY, MOISTURE WICKING  
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\$140

Colour: Platinum

Sizes: XS S M L XL 2XL

Member Discount Applies

## QMC Quick Dry Cap

\$35

Colour: Navy

Member Discount Applies



ADJUSTABLE, LIGHTWEIGHT, HAT RETAINER CLIP

## Metung Yacht Club T-shirt



\$45

Colour: Grey

Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Member Discount Applies

## MYC Merchandise



We also have limited stock of existing Club Merchandise including

Belts,  
Polo Shirts  
Rugby Tops  
Jackets  
Vests  
Burgees  
Ties

Member Discount Applies

## MUST WATCH YACHTING

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AMERICA'S CUP is only a month away - [Click Here](#) For the latest highlights of the PRADA Cup Semi Final Day1



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## 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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## OUR NEWEST SPONSOR

Welcome and thank you to our newest sponsor Stewart Insurance. Make sure you contact them for a quote if you are looking for Marine Insurance, Personal, Property, Business or Public Liability Insurance. Ph Cameron Stewart on 03 8599 3888

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