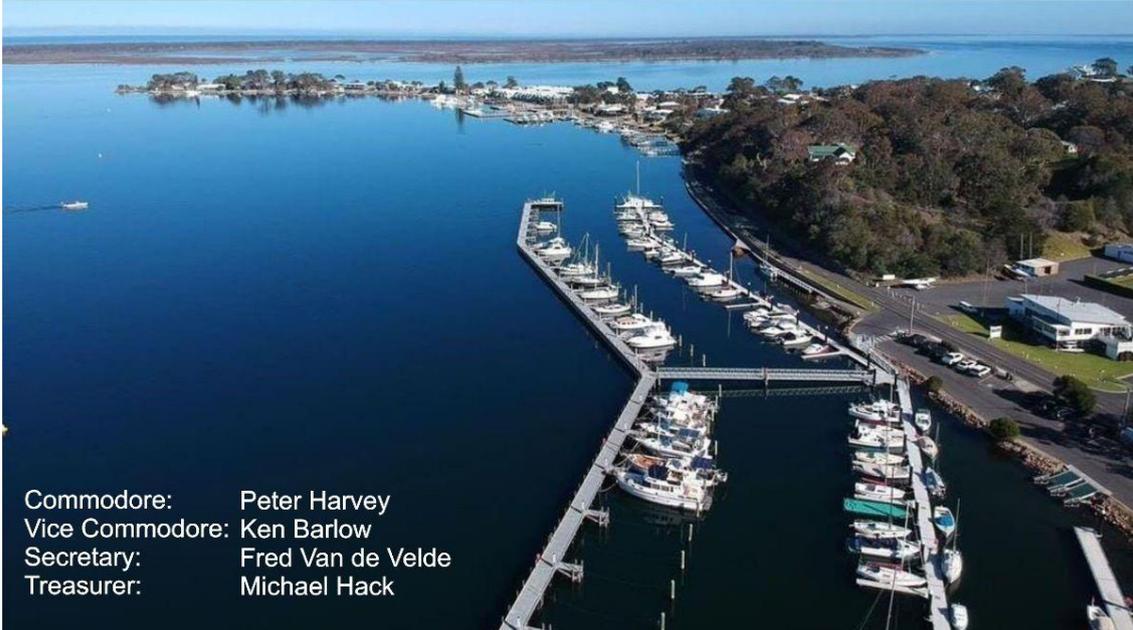




TELLTALES

Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc eIssue #37 April/May 2021



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WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BAR - OPEN From 4.30 Wednesday - Sunday

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

Rob's Pizzas and Jacket Potatoes are back on Wednesdays

Eat in or Takeaway

NEW WINTER MENU From Mid May

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

Remember Covid restrictions still apply and numbers are limited.

**WITH THE SUMMER SAILING SEASON OVER PUT THESE DATES IN
YOUR DIARY FOR SOME FUN EVENTS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS**

Wed 26th May	Trivia Night at MYC Registration 7pm. Start 7.30pm
Saturday 12th June	Junior & Senior Presentation Night 2020/21
Saturday 26th June	Murder Mystery Masquerade 7.00pm
Saturday 10th July	Discover Metung Adventure - Family event
Sunday 25th July	Christmas in July

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Another sailing season has come to an end. While the early part of the season was adversely affected by Covid restrictions the Club was able to hold significant local and State Titles and complete many of our events listed on the Sailing Calendar. It was disappointing to see the drop off in participation after the major events in March.

The Club commits significant volunteer and club resources to running class regattas. Members who benefit from those class events need to reciprocate in kind and help run other Club events. We are always looking for assistance on and off the water.

Efforts continue to find a replacement for our rescue boat with a sub- committee formed to look at various options and to consider fund raising. The recommendations will be considered by the General Committee as a whole before a final decision is made.

Attention is now turning to the Presentation Night on 12 June and organising social and sailing events over winter. Bev Winter is co-ordinating the program which will be circulated and advertised shortly.

As previously advised a new QR sign in code has been introduced at the Club consistent with that mandated by the State Government. Once downloaded it is easy to use and improves attendance record keeping.

A customer evaluation survey was conducted from 15 – 17 April 2021 to get feedback on the Club generally and its food services. 14 questions were asked. The aggregated results indicated that non-

members have a higher satisfaction level than members (4.52 compared to 4.03). The Committee will be addressing the issues raised in an effort to improve its services to members.

I would like to remind members of their obligation to comply with the Club's Code of Behaviour. This includes being respectful to our staff members and behaving in an appropriate manner at all times.

Finally, I want to thank Dick Whitaker and Andrew Stuart-Murray for their contribution to the Club after resigning from the General Committee. I wish them well for the future.

Yours in Sailing

Peter Harvey

(Commodore)

CLUB NEWS

METUNG YACHT CLUB

2020/2021 Sailing Season
PRESENTATION NIGHT
Saturday 12th June
Come along and support your club

JUNIORS
Presentation
5.30
\$15/head

SENIORS
Presentation
6.30
\$40/head

Bookings Essential
Phone Rob 5156 2315/0433 802 530

COMMUNITY

VALE MARGARET BULL

Our sincere condolences to Peter Bull and family on the passing of Margaret. Marg and Peter met many years ago when Marg moved from Tasmania to Sydney's Crown Street Women's Hospital with some of her nursing companions to become a midwife.



With Marg's brother Richard in the Navy and stationed in Sydney, it didn't take long for his mates on HMAS Supply to find out a whole lot of nurses had moved up from Hobart. The girls met a number of the sailors and Marg and Peter soon became a couple. They were married for 49 years.

Marg had a distinctive caring nature. She was a talented artist, an avid gardener, and her biggest passion was a mother to Jacqueline and Peta and nana to Lucy, Chloe and Jack. Vale Marg

ANZAC DAY



Metung Yacht Club laid two wreaths at the 11am service on Anzac Day. Thank you to Les Clough as well as Lillian Edwards and Wayne Smith who laid the Junior Squad wreath. Lest We Forget.

CLUB SAILING

Congratulations to winners of the last races held for the 2020/21 season

17th April - Norman Strange Cup - Peter Harvey in Flying High

18th April - Endeavour Trophy - Peter Harvey in Endeavour

24th April - JC Bull Heat 2 - Simon Bazeley in Brogan's Way

We are currently preparing a Winter Sailing calendar - details will be available soon.

Many thanks to all the Volunteers who helped during the sailing season. We could not hold our races without you.

Our Junior and Senior Presentation Night for the 2020/21 season will be held on Saturday 12th June.



Jason Bird, Brett Donnelly and Derek Russell enjoying the final Twilight of the Season with Tony Owens on Moontide. No wind and no other competitors - an easy win for Moontide.

SOCIAL

With the Summer Sailing Season over it's time to focus on some Social Events.
Add the dates to your calendar and make sure you book early as numbers will be limited.

Wednesday 26th May - Trivia Night.

Come for a pizza or pasta dinner then it's just \$10 to enter our Trivia competition. Phone 5156 2315 to book.

METUNG YACHT CLUB

Trivia
Night

WEDNESDAY
26th MAY 7.30pm
\$10. registration 7pm

PIZZA & PASTA

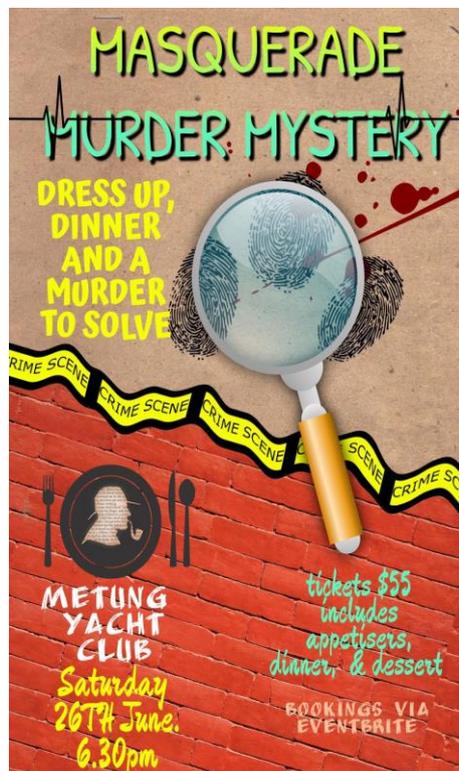
So you bring the brains and we will bring the booze.
Get the gang together and book a table for some friendly brainiac banter.

BOOK EARLY - LIMITED TABLES **ph: 5156 2315**

The Gippsland Winter Festival is being held from 19th June to 11th July. MYC are holding the following two events as part of the Festival.

Saturday 26th June - Masquerade Murder Mystery

Can you solve the murder? Dress in character for a night of laughs and mystery. [Click here to book your tickets](#)



Saturday 10th July

Discover Metung Adventure - An event for all the family.

Click here to book tickets.

Adults \$15, Kids under 12 \$5, Family \$30

Extras can join in but will not be eligible for prizes

Lunch can be purchased separately for extra participants [Click here to book.](#)



Sunday 25th July

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

A traditional Christmas Dinner



SAILING TIPS

HOW TO WORK OUT THE FAVOURED END WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

Getting a great start in clear air can be the most important part of your race and knowing the favoured end and determining how much it is favoured will help you settle on your starting strategy.

Some of the many considerations to ensure a great start are current, where other boats are congregating, the size of the fleet, wind speed and any anticipated shifts. Of course, there are many other factors to take into account as well so a lot of thought and preparation needs to be given in the lead up to the gun going off.

Instruments to ping the line (if legal in your class) can be of enormous benefit but I believe that you should also be able to use your compass only to work out the line and a couple of methods are set out below.

Going Head to Wind on the Middle of the Line: To carry this out, sail down the line from the boat end about a couple of boat lengths to leeward, when you get to the middle of the line, ease the sails and point directly into the wind. Once you are on the line and at right angles to it, see which end the bow is pointing to, that will be the favoured end.

A variation of this is to carry out the same procedure but a number of lengths below the line. Doing this will make it easier to determine which end the bow is pointing to and will also keep you clear of heavy traffic on the line in large fleets. A disadvantage here is that there may be boats above you feeding back bad air making it harder to get an accurate reading.

Going Head To Wind On the Line But at an End:

The leeward end is probably the easiest end to carry out this check as generally there is less traffic there. Go head to wind beside the pin and use the angle of your transom to the line to determine the favoured end. If the imaginary line at right angles to your heading is above the start boat the pin is favoured and vice versa if the line is behind the start boat.

This will also give you an idea about how favoured one end is from the other and if the bias is not that great you may decide to start a little away from the favoured end where the chances of a clear air start are greater.

Using Your Compass:

Sail accurately down and on the line from the boat end noting the compass heading, then add 90 degrees to that. Compare that number to the course to the first mark displayed at the back of the start boat and the difference if any will show you which end is favoured.

If your number is less then the pin is favoured and conversely if your number is higher the boat end is favoured.

A Method to Use if You Don't Have a Compass:

Often referred to as the Sheet and Cleat method. Once again, sail down the line from the start boat end and set your sails until they just start to luff. Either cleat them or take a note of exactly where the sheet is through the turning block. When you reach the other end of the line, tack or Gybe and head up the line in the opposite direction without adjusting the sheets. If the sails are luffing, the start boat end is favoured and if you need to let the sails out to get the telltales flying, the pin is favoured.

JUNIOR SQUAD

Well, April was certainly a busy month for Junior Squad!

Easter Regatta

First up, hosting the 60th year (but 59th regatta) of the Easter Regatta with Sandringham. The weather was absolutely beautiful (a little more wind would have been good for the Race to the Barrier though!). And the regatta was once again a fantastic long weekend of great sailing, great fun, meeting new sailing families and re-connecting with friends made in previous regattas. This year we really enjoyed watching the reconnecting and making of new friendships between the Juniors of both clubs. Special mention to Chase Britnell, who is new to Junior Squad (but loving it!) and agreed to sail with a Sandringham kid – Kyle - that he had never met, in ‘Adrenalin’. A steep learning curve for Chase, but he gave it a shot and had an absolute ball sailing with him all Easter.

Good Friday’s racing saw 5 Metung Cadets, 1 Pacer and 1 Minnow racing:

Sabrina Murphy & Emma Kerton on Fear This (Cadet)

Wayne Smith & Lillian Edwards on Lil Bandit (Cadet)

Charlie Edwards & Arlo Britten on Moonboots Cadet

Blake Smith & Eric Murphy on Rattle & Hum (Cadet)

Kyle (Sandringham) & Chase Britnell on Adrenalin (Cadet)

Reuben McInnes with dad Andrew (Pacer)

Will Jeffries on Bull Buggy (Minnow)

Fletcher Brownlie & Edward Robinson? (Opti)

Kaden Armistead & Matthew Rossi (Opti)

Out of the Metung Cadets, Sabrina and Emma in ‘Fear This’ and Kyle and Chase in ‘Adrenalin’ won two races each (out of 4)! Great sailing.

On Friday night we all enjoyed dinner and socialising at the Metung CFA Shed.

Saturday was the ‘Race to the Barrier’ which ended up being a race to Bell’s Point, if that! A stunning day, but no wind! So all of the boats were towed to the Barrier, where we had a picnic lunch and the kids loved the opportunity to swim in the surf or lake.

The ‘Teams Race’ back from the Barrier was more successful, although the race was shortened, with all boats finishing extremely close. It was lovely to see the kids coaching and helping each other to get their boats over the line together. Congratulations to Chase Britnell who was in the winning Team!

On Saturday night we had a ‘Bonfire’ & bbq on Smiths farm which was a lovely relaxing night.

Sunday again there was NO WIND! The boats all drifted around Bancroft Bay towards Shaving Point, but had to be towed to the finish line at the Back Beach, where they were thrown an easter bunny easter egg by the ‘Easter Bunny’!

BBQ & Picnic lunch and time to swim, sail and muck about on boats in Lake King. The kids love this part!

Unexpectedly the wind picked up in time for the Crews race back to the club.

Presentation followed with some great results:

Cadet Barrier Handicap

1st: Blake Smith & Eric Murphy in Rattle & Hum 3rd:

Charlie Edwards & Arlo Britten – Moonboots Barrier

Teams Race:

1st Rattle & Hum – Blake Smith & Eric Murphy and Adrenalin – Kyle Hearne & Chase Britnell (along with SYC boat Spitfire skippered by Mishca Suda who coached her team boats the whole way) Optimist Overall:

3rd: Kaden Armistead

Overall Cadet Handicap:

1st: Rattle & Hum – Blake Smith & Eric Murphy

2nd – Moonboots – Charlie Edwards & Arlo Britten

3rd: Adrenalin – Kyle Hearne & Chase Britnell

Encouragement Awards: Metung CFA –

Firestorm Trophy Most consistent competitor:

1st Sabrina Murphy (Fear This) 3rd

Wayne Smith (Lil Bandit)

Alistair Murray – Ronstan Award – went to Will Jeffries for his sportsmanship & happy helpful attitude!

On the Monday the Mums & Dads battled it out on the water –

Congratulations to Mel and Will winning the Mothers Race in ‘Flying Ant’

A HUGE thankyou to all of the parents, helpers and volunteers over the Easter Regatta. It is a massive weekend, but is so worth it. In particular some special thankyou’s go out to:

Damien Daniel who year after year steps up to be ‘RO’ alongside his mate Phil Strong.

International Cadet Class 59th Australian Championship

On Thursday of the Cadet Nationals, Eagle, Dean & Michael attended Sandringham Yacht Club along with Juniors Wayne, Blake, Charlie, Lillian, Arlo, Sabrina & Eric in order to support their fellow SYC sailors competing in the Nationals. 37 boats competed in very trying conditions – huge swell & waves! SYC allowed Eagle to take out a rib so they could get a close up look at sailing in the bay under heavy conditions. It was great to see the kids catching up with sailors from other clubs that they met at Metung during the State Titles or at Easter.

One of Junior Squads goals is to be in Largs Bay, SA with our Cadet sailors competing in the 2022 National Titles!



MYC Junior Squad Club Championship Series – Sun 18 April

With the four races from the Good Friday racing making up part of our ‘Club Championship Series’ we ran a further four races on Sunday 18th April in great weather conditions perfect for our sailors.

With Charlie Edwards & Arlo Britten in Moonboots winning one race, and Wayne Smith & Lillian Edwards winning the other 3!!! Some excellent close racing, fantastic lining up for starts despite the difficult tide at the start/finish making it very challenging to cross the line!

Thank you to Dave Bowers for his time and use of his boat Laurel as the start boat and to Peter Kane – master flag putter up & downer!

Club Championship results will be announced at MYC Presentation night.

SYC OTB Camp out

At Easter Regatta, Sandringham invited our junior squad to attend their camp out. Kids that went along were Charlie, Arlo, Sabrina & Eric. They had lots of fun with their Sandringham friends. Charlie went out sailing on a few different boats including a 29er.

SAILING LOCKER

For Sale

BRAND NEW

DOYLE ETCHELL

MAIN SAIL

\$2600

Call Ian Rainey on 0457 500 886

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON - "St George"

St George is a fibreglass Borresen Dragon built in 1978 by Jimmy Sims in Geelong and is a sister boat to "The Witch" (previously Canewdon Witch).



She is pictured on Sydney Harbour for a 1980's Prince Phillip Cup, skippered by Tony Bull.

She is available for inspection at Metung Yacht Club.

For further information and inventory please contact Fred Herbert on 0417 391 959

To include an item for sale in our Sailing Locker send a description, photo and contact details to metungyachtclub.telldales@gmail.com

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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