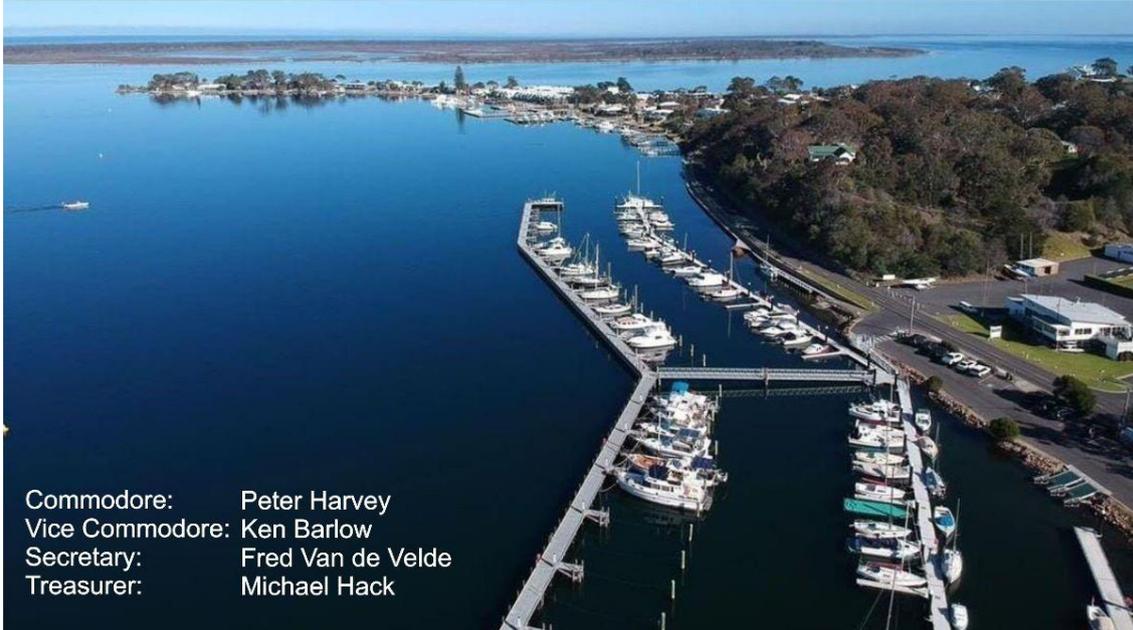




# TELLTALES

Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc eIssue #38 June/July 2021



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## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

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

**SAILS@MYC RESTAURANT - Over winter our Restaurant will be open From 6pm FRIDAY - SUNDAY Unless otherwise advised (eg Open during School Holidays)**

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**

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Saturday 17th July          Winter Sailing - Race Cancelled due to Covid

Sunday 25th July          Christmas in July

Saturday 31st July          Winter Racing - Club Start 1300

Friday 13th August          Member's Night 1700-1900

Saturday 14th August          Winter Racing - Club Start 1300

Saturday 21st August          Annual General Meeting 1100

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## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

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Work continues around the Yacht Club during winter with a new icemaker and glass washer installed in the bar along with cupboards.

Our rescue boat Kepper has had its replacement motor fitted and been tested out on the water. The Sub-Committee looking for a long term replacement for Kepper continues its work. Metung II is due to be slipped in about a week for replacement of hull fittings, antifouling and other work.

The Club has held a number of social events in the last month including a Trivia Night and Mystery Murder evening. Both were well supported and sold out. Our first Member's Night proved popular with about 70 members getting together for a complimentary drink and nibbles. It is not appropriate for members to sign in non-members who are clearly not 'partners' to such functions.

The Presentation Night was rescheduled and took place on 10th July. Congratulations to Stephen Bull and his crew of Dean Smith, Wayne Smith and Sid Bull on their Club Championship win along with the other winners.

The Junior Squad had their award night early in the evening and it was very encouraging to see the numbers who attended and the enthusiasm of the group as a whole. Well done to Rod Edwards and Dean Smith for the effort they have put into the group this year. Unfortunately, there was some confusion over junior parents booking for dinner which is being investigated. Apologies to those parents adversely affected.

We have been in discussions with the Shire since January 2021 about the options available to renew our lease which expires in March 2024.

Our research has identified that since 2003 Clause 6.1 of our current lease provides that the buildings on the land belong to the Lessee which in this case is defined under Schedule A of the Lease to be the East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC). Consent to this arrangement was given by the then Manager, Land Victoria, Gippsland Region now called Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DWELP).

No compensation was ever paid for the building which was built (paid for and maintained) by club members.

Furthermore, discussions with the Shire indicate that under the Shire's current 'Leasing and Licencing Policy for Council Owned Land and Council – managed Land' 2020 any new lease will have the rent determined by the value of the 'land and building' valuation not just on the 'land' component, as is presently the case. We have been advised that our rent is consequently likely to increase significantly.

I have written to the EGSC Mayor and CEO on behalf of the Committee requesting this and other issues be addressed as it is unfair on 'not for profit' sporting clubs like ours and threatens our future. I am awaiting a reply.

This is a complex issue and further action over the next 2 years will be largely determined by the response received to our representations by the Shire.

Our AGM is to be held on Sat 21 August at 11am at the Club. Further details and committee nomination forms will be available soon.

Members should note that Gippsland Ports is organising an information night at the Yacht Club on Tuesday July 27 at 7pm to discuss its survey results on possible changes to Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules for Bancroft Bay. The results will impact on all users of the Bay.

Yours in Sailing

Peter Harvey

(Commodore)

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## **CLUB NEWS**

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### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Please welcome our new members and introduce them to friends and members when you see them at the club.

Full members: James Bacon, Sharen Cameron, John Crossley, James Trenberth and Junior member Sam Ditchburn

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the AGM will be held at 11am on Saturday 21st August at the Clubhouse. The formal Notice to Members together with the 2020 FY Minutes, Proxy Forms and forms for Nomination to General Committee will be sent to members shortly.

It is expected that the Annual Report will be sent to members around the end of July. NOTE that Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August (please read all the nomination requirements which are listed on the form).

All Candidates, Proposers and Seconders must be Members who are entitled to vote and have paid all moneys then due by them to the Club as at 31st July.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Invoices for renewal of membership were emailed to all members on July 1<sup>st</sup> and are payable by July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not seen your invoice or have any queries regarding payment, please contact Tony Owens on 0418 343 134 or [metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com).

Remember that to vote at the AGM, either in person or by Proxy, you must be financial.

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## CLUB SAILING

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The Junior and Senior Presentation Night for the 2020/21 Season was held on Saturday 10th July. Congratulations to all winners, Club Champion Steve Bull on Quandong and Junior Club Champions Wayne Smith and Lillian Edwards on Lil Bandit

We must extend apologies to a number of Junior parents whose table bookings were misplaced, causing confusion and missing out on the night. This should not have happened. Our Junior Squad is an extremely important part of our club and we will endeavour to make sure this type of thing doesn't happen again.



Jeff Rose wins Line Honours in the Milsonia Trophy on War of the Roses

Simon Baeley, Brogan's Way Winner of the JC Bull Trophy

Tom Moore on Harmony wins the Bowmen of Metung and Norman Strange Trophy



Peter Harvey wins On Endeavour The Sorrento Trophy Endeavour Trophy Scarborough Cup On Flying High Sou-Wester Trophy Milsonia (Handicap) Graves Lethlean Trophy Bill Hope Memorial MYC Trophy

Tuna Smith winner of the Pearl Trophy and Meg Trophy on Calypso

Tom Russell, Basic Instruct accepting the AB Perkins Trophy



Presentation Night 2020/21



Winner of the Ray Dunn Memorial Trophy, PB Lawrence Trophy and CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2020/21 SEASON QUANDONG, STEVE BULL



# JUNIOR SQUAD

Congratulations! to our Junior Club Champions - Wayne Smith & Lillian Edwards (Lil Bandit).

Coaches Award - Fletcher Brownlie

Encouragement Award - Emma Kerton

Most Improved - Chase Britnell



Easter Regatta International Cadet

Handicap Overall Winner - Blake Smith & Eric Murphy (Rattle & Hum) Special mention to Wayne Smith who was also part of the Quandong crew, skippered by Stephen Bull, who won the Senior Club Championship, we are very proud!

Well done to all of our Juniors for the 2020/2021 Season, we hope you love your Medallion, Laminated Junior Squad photos, Junior Squad Hoodies, Ronstan Rashies, East Gippsland Water drink bottles & Metung Plastic Bag free bags!

For those Juniors that weren't here for Presentation night, we will catch up with you after lockdown or when back from your holidays. Junior Squad has been gifted 2 x full sets of brand new International Cadet 'Bull Sails' including gorgeous spinnakers with the MYC bird flying on each! A massive THANKYOU to the generous benefactor who donated these. The Juniors are very excited to try them out next season. Thankyou also to Tony Bull for making the sails & personally delivering them to us in Metung from Geelong.



As mentioned at Presentation Night, Junior Squad has acquired 3 Pacers from Sandringham Yacht Club. Thank you to Jacqui Ashworth, Rob Innes and Dean & Peta Smith for their kind donations of these boats. Thanks also to Russell (Tugga) Tyson from SYC for organising the availability of the boats which include full sails, and for handing over a host of spare parts & rigging for them. We look forward to introducing these into our training fleet next season, with the idea of holding a Pacer regatta along with participating in Twilight & Winter Sailing.

Off The Beach is gaining momentum, with 4 Lasers, 1 x 29er, 4 Pacers and the Quest giving us a variety of sailing options. For our Women in Sailing this will be a great pathway. We are really excited about our expansion into Off the Beach and Women in Sailing and look forward to holding an information session prior to the season starting.

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## OUR MEMBERS - John Miles

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### FAMILY LIFE

John's family has lived in the area since the 1910s. He was born in Bairnsdale in 1943. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war John's father was moved to Puckapunyal then went to war and was eventually stationed in Adelaide. After the war, when John was 4 or 5 years old his parents moved to Adelaide but they always came back to Metung for holidays. John and Joan met in Adelaide and moved to Metung in 1970. An aunt had contacted him to let him know the Metung General Store was up for sale. They purchased the store and ran it for five years.

They built a house at Chinaman's creek before going into Real Estate in 1978. John was asked to take over the Metung branch of King & Heath and then became a partner in the King and Heath group of Real Estate Agents with two other partners. He has now been involved for about 40 years with the company and still does some consulting for them.

John and Joan later built a new house in Bancroft Bay which won the Country House of the year award in 2010. They have since downsized and moved to a smaller house in the centre of the Village.

Their two children Paul and Susan sailed with the Juniors. Paul lives in Bairnsdale and owns an Etchell. Susan is in Melbourne after spending some years in China, giving John and Joan a good reason to visit and explore the

country. They have five grandchildren who regularly visit Metung with their parents, who both have holiday houses in Metung.

#### METUNG YACHT CLUB

John joined Metung Yacht Club around 1971 and the committee around 1973. He was a member of the committee most years until around 2012 and was Commodore for a total of seven terms – the second longest serving Commodore after Bossie Bull.

John commenced sailing in 1972 in a Star class yacht which he still considers one of the most difficult boats to sail. He then moved on to an Etchell (Brown Sugar), owned by Alex Milledge. This was the first Etchell to sail at Metung. With skipper Dave Bull Jnr, Graeme Aldersea, and Jens Magdeburg he sailed on Spindrift, a Hood 23 class yacht. Spindrift had an unbeaten two year record against other yachts in Metung and won the Club Championship in the 99/00 and 00/01 seasons. John and secretary John Winter negotiated the extension of the MYC lease in 1994 for 21 years. They then negotiated an extension to the size of the land area gaining around about 240 sq metres from 1820 to 2060 sq metres. After the lease renewal in 1994 John Miles and Bill Newcomen and the building committee organised and oversaw the extension of the upstairs bar area of the club house and organised the new Junior area, showers and toilets



Around 1985/86 a full licence for the club was applied for by the committee and after opposition from the local pub the club was granted a full licence

When the clubhouse was extended two MYC members who operated hotels in Melbourne, organised and provided a new bar and cool room cellar at no cost to the club. As everyone can see, the bar is still an important feature of the club house today.

John is now retired apart from some consulting with King & Heath. He, along with Peter Bull, Bill Newcomen and David Bull Jnr. are currently working on creating a History of the Metung Yacht Club.

# SOCIAL

We've had a number of Social events recently. Our next one is Christmas in July on Sunday 25th. Make sure you book in for this one.

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## Wednesday 26th May - Trivia Night.

Thank you to Eagle for hosting our Trivia Night and Belinda for organizing it. There was such a good variety of questions that every one was able to answer some and we all had an amazing night We can't wait till the next one.



Saturday 26th June - Masquerade Murder Mystery

So many amazing costumes and hilarity as the murder was committed and solved.

Bloodwood Falls Mayor White (Teddy Bull) held the event at Bloodwood Castle for the bickering townsfolk.

Victim Ashton Jade (Cosette Murphy) was murdered by Drew Golden (Dawn Brownhill), who then tried to escape, but was chased down and arrested by Detective Fala (Belinda Ridley).

Best costumes went to Pram Peach, Costume Designer (Penny Unsworth) and Micky Mustard the Astronaut (Owen Bristow).

Thanks to everyone who attended.

We were booked out and had a waiting list - a timely reminder to book early.



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**Saturday 10th July**

The discover Metung Adventure had around 30 kids and parents attending.

They all had lots of fun and were laughing and excited to learn the answers and collect their prizes. Even the locals learnt something about their town.

**DID YOU MISS OUT?**

If you would like to do the Discover Metung Adventure [Click Here](#) for a copy of the Questions and [Click Here](#) for the directions - start and finish at MYC.

You will need to delete question 22 as Sands of Metung only had the snowmen in the window during the winter festival.

(Sorry - no prizes, just some fun for the family - kids and adults alike)

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**\* Sunday 25th July**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

A traditional Christmas Dinner

Phone the club to make a booking



Friday 13th August 5.00 - 7.00 pm

## MEMBER'S NIGHT

A reminder to members.

Member's Night is strictly for members and their partner.

In July we had a small number who brought in extra guests which is unfair and could impact what we can provide in the future.

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## SAILING TIPS

### KEY TACTICAL TIPS ON HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR SAILING

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

Key tactical tips on how to improve your sailing both upwind, downwind, and around the course.

1. When sailing downwind, use your masthead wind indicator to show your apparent wind and look at your nearby competitor's indicator to see if they are shadowing you.
  2. If you lose distance after crossing tacks or gybes, have the courage to shift sides of the course.
  3. Always stay on the same side of the course as the majority of the fleet have chosen. 4. When making a maneuver, always work out the new course to steer first. Before you plan to tack or Gybe, look for an object on the shore to aim for, pick another boat or use the compass for a reference.
  5. In most races, you can make a mistake but still do well. Your ultimate goal though should be to sail better in each subsequent race by eliminating little errors.
  6. When approaching another boat, always accelerate for speed. If you are on Port tack, decide early whether to tack, lee bow or dip.
  7. A good Rule of Thumb is, if two-thirds of your boat can cross, usually you can successfully tack to leeward.
  8. When the crossing is close, lee-bowing another boat is risky.
  9. When dipping another boat, start your maneuver three or four boat lengths away. Your goal in dipping is to be close-hauled and sailing the second that your bow passes the other boat's stern.
  10. Do not run directly downwind to the leeward mark, always approach on a reach.
  11. Avoid tacking immediately after rounding a leeward mark, to avoid sailing in disturbed air and choppy water.
  12. If you are going slow, make a change such as easing sails or bearing off a little for speed.
  13. If you are well down in the fleet, don't try to pass every boat in the fleet by taking a flyer, work on passing one boat at a time.
  14. If you are being covered by a boat, the time to get out of phase is when you are faster, never tack when you are slower.
  15. Major Mistakes to avoid:
    - (a) Being over the start line before the gun goes.
    - (b) Staying in disturbed air for long periods of time
    - (c) Sailing on the wrong side of the course after you have lost to the boats on the other side.
    - (d) Getting into a protest.
    - (e) Not communicating the next maneuver with your crew.
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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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Looking to Buy in Metung?  
For all your insurance needs Need  
accounting or consulting advice?  
Need somewhere to store your boat?

Call [Edgewater Terraces](#)  
Call [King & Heath](#)  
Call [Stewart Insurance](#)  
Call [Crowe Horwath](#) in Bairnsdale  
Contact [Metung Marine & Storage](#)

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Our Website [click here](#)  
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Club & Committee contacts [click here](#)  
Membership Application Form [click here](#)  
Sailing Calendar [click here](#)  
Guest Crew Sail Pass [click here](#)

Junior Member Application Form [click here](#)  
Annual Report 2019-20 [click here](#)  
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