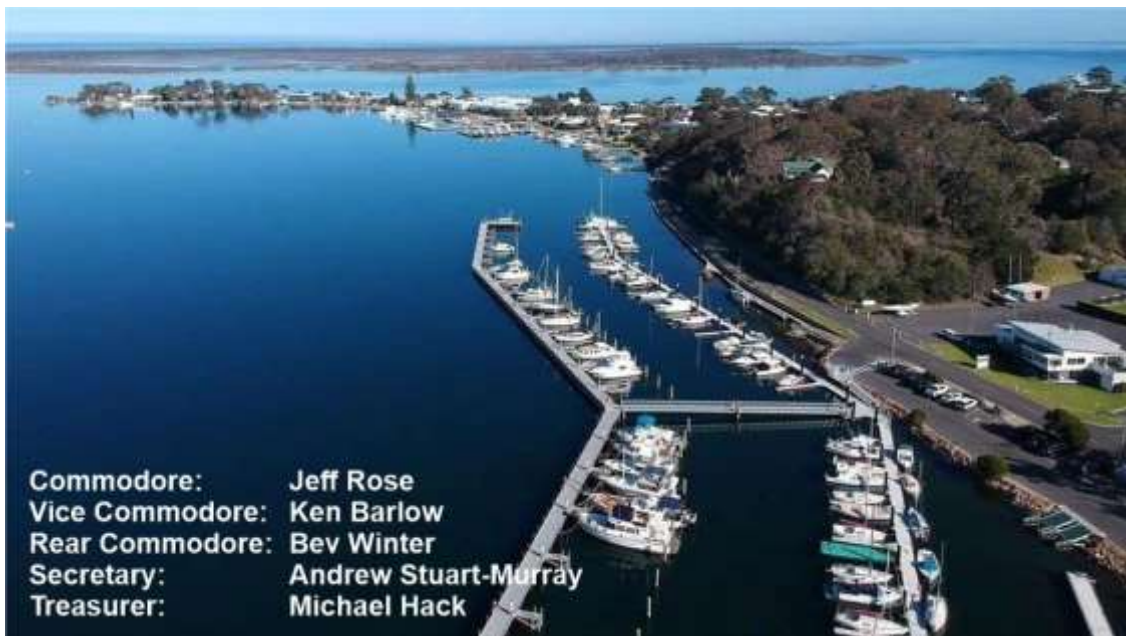




TELLTALES

Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc eIssue #39 August/September 2021



Commodore: Jeff Rose
Vice Commodore: Ken Barlow
Rear Commodore: Bev Winter
Secretary: Andrew Stuart-Murray
Treasurer: Michael Hack

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WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BAR - OPEN From 4.30 Wednesday - Sunday

SAILS@MYC RESTAURANT - Currently closed

While our restaurant is closed we shall be holding regular casual events, bbqs and light meal evenings.

Please adhere to Covid Restrictions and limited numbers

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for club requirements

UPCOMING EVENTS - Subject to Covid Restrictions

Saturday 25th September - AFL GRAND FINAL

BBQ at 6.00pm followed by Grand Final at 7.30pm - limited numbers due to restrictions.

Saturday 2nd October - JC Bull Heat 1 - Warning signal 1355

Wednesday 6th October - Twilights - Stern Chaser - Start time 1715

Friday 8th October - MEMBER'S NIGHT - 1700-1900

Saturday 9th October - JC Bull Heat 2 - Warning signal 1355

Sunday 10th October - Junior Squad - 1000

Sunday 10th October - Ladies Learn to Sail - Information Session - 1000

Sunday 10th October - CWB/Courageous Rex - Warning signal 1355

Wednesday 13th October - Twilights - Stern Chaser - Start time 1715

Saturday 16th October - JC Bull Heat 3 - Warning signal 1355

Sunday 17th October - Juniors & OTB - 1000

Wednesday 20th October - Twilights - Stern Chaser - Start time 1715

Saturday 23rd October - Cantrill Trophy - Warning signal 1355

Sunday 24th October - Juniors & OTB - 1000

Wednesday 27th October - Twilights - Stern Chaser - Start time 1715

Saturday 30th October - Bowmen of Metung - Warning signal 1355

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

AGM 2021

As you would all be aware, we were able to undertake the Annual General Meeting last month. Peter Harvey had stood down as Commodore after three years in what I suggest would have felt more like ten. With the challenging times the Yacht Club faced during the bushfires and ongoing Covid pandemic that consumed nearly that entire period, he leaves the club in a very good position.



On behalf of the Metung Yacht Club members I thank Peter for all his efforts during those trying times. In addition, Annual General Meetings take a great deal of effort and volunteers to run efficiently and with integrity. To that end I would extend a special thanks to Treasurer Michael Hack, and Membership Coordinator Tony Owens along with the volunteer staff for a job well done. The new General Committee has already met for the first time, as has the new sailing committee.

SAILING COMMITTEE

The sailing committee has prepared a final draft of Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and the 2021/22 calendar ready for the General Committee to endorse.

You will note in this year's calendar that several things have been added, and or changed. In part this is to include the juniors and off the beach events, social events such as the Pat Graham Trophy, BBQ at Peter Kanat's family house on the Island, Melbourne lunch dates, Years of Service recognition night, Past Commodore's lunch and a MYC History Night. You will also note that there is an additional Division for Saturday races that allows for the slower boats to start 15 minutes prior to Division 1. The idea is that this helps ease the congestion on the start line and allows all boats to finish closer together as well as being more FUN for all. Fred Haes is putting on Rule Sessions for both basic and advanced sailors. I can say that these have been extremely well received by both MYC sailors and others from Melbourne and interstate. I for one are certainly getting a lot out of it from both a reinforcement point of view, as well as the realization I had the wrong interpretation at times. Interestingly it is noted that some who possibly need it most don't attend.

With kindest regards

Jeff Rose

(Commodore)



GENERAL COMMITTEE 2021/22

JEFF ROSE Commodore



I started as a Junior with Metung Yacht Club in 1970. I have owned multiple boats and enjoyed 50 years of sailing and racing, ranging from International Cadets to America's Cup. I have represented Metung at State, National and World Championship level and at the Australian International Etchell Association. I have previously been Vice Commodore, Sailing Committee member, Sailing Captain, Handicapper & General Committee member at MYC.

KEN BARLOW Vice Commodore

My wife Julianne and I bought our home in Metung over twenty years ago.



It was such a great place for sailing and I wanted to be part of it. Although I have been around boats and sailing boats all my life. I never seemed to have the time to race on a consistent basis, therefore the racing scene at Metung is quite new to me but I try my best.

I have been Vice Commodore at MYC for a few years now. I enjoy people, a beer and the ambience of the Club.

BEV WINTER Rear Commodore

David and I joined Metung Yacht Club in 2009. For many years we travelled to Melbourne every week, working in Melbourne on weekends. I now live here permanently.



I love sailing, discovering the sport around 1990, participating in bay racing and the occasional east coast races. Last year I purchased a 27ft Catalina.

I am editor of Telltales and this year have joined the Tower Club team as a race starter. This is my 2nd year on the Committee.

MICHAEL HACK Hon.Treasurer

I grew up in Bairnsdale. My wife Amanda and I moved permanently to Metung in 2007 with our two children Maddy and Noah. I began at the yacht club with the Juniors, helping out as a rescue boat driver when Maddy began sailing at the club.



I have since taken up sailing myself and recently purchased a Hood 23 'Rob n Hood' which I look forward to sailing out on the lakes

I have been on the Committee for seven years with the last six years as Treasurer.

ANDREW STUART-MURRAY Hon.Secretary

I lived on the Mornington Peninsula while my children grew up.



I was a member of the Western Port Sailing Club and Sorrento Sailing & Coota Boat Club. I owned a dive business in Portsea and ran 3 commercial vessels and a retail outlet. After selling the business I joined the Australian Institute of Management as CFO before joining TAFE Qld. In 2017 I retired and moved to Metung with my wife Gayle and immediately joined MYC.

TONY OWENS

General Committee & Membership Co-ordinator
Shelley and I retired to Metung five years ago as an "escape to the country". We own 'Moon tide', an Arends 33 which I sailed from Sydney to Melbourne, around Tasmania and to Metung. I started sailing in Sea Scouts and raced a Rainbow in Adelaide.



I was a member at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club for 20 years and have voyaged to Vanuata providing medical services. I have done several Launceston races. This is my fourth year on the MYC Committee.

LES CLOUGH

General Committee Member

I began sailing at 12yo in a Sabot. I joined the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, purchased a Cole Bounty35 and started offshore and club racing. I then moved to an Adams11.9 'Turbo' and had great success winning two Melbourne to Devonports and many bay races. I did the Sydney to Hobart on her and had the Farr 55 'Cotton Blossom' for the 50th Hobart.



I spent 12 years on the Committee at RMYC, including 2 years as Commodore. Moving to Metung I downsized to our Farr 7.4 'Farrari'

BILL NEWCOMEN General Committee Member

As a forty year resident of Metung I can almost claim to be a local. At MYC I have held positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Junior Co-ordinator, Sailing Committee and General Committee.



Sailing is my passion and I have not missed a season since I joined the club. I have owned and sailed a Top Hat, a Hood 23, Gold Coast 24, a J24, an Elliot 7 and currently a Compass 28. Rejoining the committee gives me a chance to promote sailing and encourage more people to engage in our sport.

KEVAN PEARCE General Committee Member

I started sailing as a teenager in London. Moving to Adelaide I progressed to racing keelboats. I have competed in most regattas and offshore races on the east coast and out of Adelaide including 7 Sydney-Hobarts, 5 in my own yacht.



Rachael & I, Harry and Elsie moved to Metung in 2011 and joined the yacht club. Harry and Elsie joined the juniors and sailed the Cadet Nationals in Sydney, Adelaide & Metung.

I have been a Committee Member for six years and currently own and race the Etchell 'New Wave'.

DEREK RUSSELL General Committee Member

I always knew there must be somewhere more congenial to sail than the North Sea. I am quasi-retired from Melbourne Uni Vet Faculty.



Jean and I joined MYC when we arrived in Metung five years ago. My choice of a small cruising bilge keeler 'Abigail' was 'courageous' being almost unmaneuverable in light winds.

I crew on 'Harmony' with Tom Moore and 'Calypso' with Tuna Smith and am highly appreciative of the handicap system which puts both on the podium so often.

PETA SMITH General Committee Member

I moved to Metung 14 years ago from NSW. I have three school age children and run a local electrical business with my husband Dean. I am an active member of the Metung community and its history. I'm a member of the Metung CFA and involved in the local school where our children are 5th generation. I have been a member of MYC for 2½ years supporting the Junior Squad. I hope to strengthen the relationship between Junior & Senior sailors to enhance the community spirit of the club & support the development of future sailors. I look forward to learning to sail this year in the new ladies Learn to Sail program.



DICK WHITAKER General Committee Member

I began sailing at about 12yo and have sailed Melb-Hobart, Sydney-Hobart and lots of bay racing. I built a Cat 1 Coota boat from scratch which I had to sell when life became too busy to sail or maintain her.



When I retired Christa and I built in Kings Cove and moved to Metung in 2016. I unsuccessfully tried to buy my coota boat back so purchased 'Sorrento' in January 2017. We have had great fun and reasonable success in the wooden boat series at MYC. I have served on the MYC committee for 3 years.

PETER HARVEY Ex Officio

Past Commodore 2018-21



I sail a Flying Fifteen 'Flying High' in club races and own a 1920's gaffer 'Endeavour' to participate in Classic Wooden Boat events

I like anything that floats.

I love living in Metung and have been a member of Metung Yacht Club since 2003.

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members.

Full Members

Liz Alexander & Glenn Chapman

Michael & Kathrine Ashton

Carolyn & John Bruce

Roger & Anne Claydon

Rachael Pearce

Gaye Quinton

Brian Land

Raelene & Brian Turne

Adrienne Wilkinson

Intermediate Member

Harry Pearce (upgrading from Junior)

MYC BOAT STORAGE

Yacht owners and skippers please take note of the following arrangements that now apply to boats on trailers in the Club car park.

The General Committee has approved the conditions under which a boat may be stored in the Club' car park. The objective is to improve safety and to help reduce the pressure on the hardstand which is at capacity.

Before a boat arrives, an application by the owner must be approved, a copy of the insurance policy provided and the relevant fees paid. The [application form](#) is available under Club Documentation on our website and it details the Conditions of Storage that apply.

Note that the number of boats allowed is limited and a waiting list is likely to be established. Queries and applications should be directed to 0418 343 134 or metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

On a sad note, we lost a good man way before his time by the name of Cam Dale. Cam was a great Sandringham Yacht Club and 14-foot skiff stalwart. He was a major reason that the 14foot skiffs came to Metung for their state titles and regattas. He was also a great supporter of having the Metung Junior Squad go out in the 14-foot skiffs and give them an experience of a lifetime. Our condolences to Cam's family and girlfriend Jess.

Jessica Watson 17h · 🌐

On Monday, 30 August 2021 we lost our Cam – my long-term partner in every aspect of life and planned future.

Cam passed away peacefully nearly six weeks after a catastrophic stroke. We'll be forever grateful for the dedicated care he received at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

Cam and I have been inseparable since 2011, our shared world centred on messing about on boats. Describing what Cam means to me is impossible – everyone who knows us understands how much we simply loved each other.

Even while experiencing indescribable grief, I feel so grateful for the family, friends, and communities Cam has given me and the person I've become with him. I take enormous strength from having been so devotedly loved. The years of treasured memories offer enormous comfort.

Being Cam's "Jess" is the role I'm most proud of.

Cameron Dale 21.12.1991 – 30.08.2021



CLUB SAILING

2023/24 AUSTRALIAN ETCHELLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our new Metung Etchells Fleet Captain Peter Kanat (PK) and Commodore Jeff Rose attended a meeting on the 21st of September where Metung Yacht Club has been selected to hold the 2023/24 Australian Etchells National Championships for the very first time.

The Australian Etchells Nationals are the precursor to the World Championships scheduled to be held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club the same season, therefore that means we have potential to attract a fleet of around 50+ Etchells with some of the best international sailors from around the world coming to Metung.

ETCHELLS FLEET - Peter Kanat

Last month newly elected MYC Commodore Jeff Rose asked if I would take on the role of the MYC Etchells Fleet Captain which I accepted.

The MYC Etchells Fleet to date has enjoyed a casual and relaxed approach with its administration and interaction with the International Etchells Class Association of Australia. The MYC Etchells fleet has now grown to 15 boats and is looking forward to a great 2021/22 sailing season of club racing including

hosting the annual Eastern Region Etchells Regatta in January and another State Titles Regatta and a National Titles Regatta in future seasons.

The MYC Etchells Fleet will hold its inaugural AGM to formalise the administration of the MYC Etchells Fleet including the following

- 1/ Appointment of Fleet Captain - Peter Kanat (PK)
- 2/ Appointment of Treasurer - Michael Hack
- 3/ Appointment of Secretary – Jack Bate TBC

I am keen to make sure that the Etchells fleet continues to be very much part of the wider club sailing program and social component for all MYC members. To make sure this happens we will make available every week a list of Etchells looking for members to fill a crew for a boat that is short so that Etchell sail in the Saturday race which will help get more members on the water with the subsequent benefit of increased patronage of the Clubhouse amenities after the race.

Peter Kanat

SAILING RULES TRAINING

Fred Haes is running Basic and Advanced Sailing Rules Training on zoom over the next three Sundays. If you would like to join in on these interactive sessions please email fred.haes1@gmail.com.



0900 Sunday 26th September - Basic

0900 Sunday 3rd October - Advanced

0900 Sunday 10th October - Basic

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency on the water CALL 000
You can contact the Coast Guard afterwards and let them know you have already
called 000
THE FIRST CALL SHOULD BE TO 000

BLANKETS AND TOWELS NEEDED

Do you have any spare blankets or towels?
We need some for our Safety Boats in case of a MOB.
Contact Fred Van de Velde on 0414 510 737 if you can help out

JUNIOR SQUAD & OFF THE BEACH

We are looking forward to the 2021-2022 sailing season at MYC.

Junior sailing will begin on Sunday 10th October at 10am with an Introduction & learn to sail session.
Dean and Eagle are looking forward to seeing the Jr squad and some new faces. (Covid permitting)

Remember to bring your hat, sunscreen & drink bottle. No sailing gear needed.

OFF THE BEACH - LADIES LEARN TO SAIL program

We are also excited to launch the Ladies Learn to Sail program on the 10th at 10am as part of our new Off The Beach (OTB) program. This will be an Information and Introduction session and we invite any ladies interested in learning to sailing. Please call Peta Smith 0414562488 for more info or to register your interest.

A lot of work has been happening in the off season and we now have a fleet of Lasers & Pacers that will be used in the OTB program. Three new pacers have been generously donated by locals and will be renamed and presented to the club in the coming weeks. We are grateful for their contribution.

We need your help to make this season a success.

If you can help the Junior Squad with launching & retrieving the rescue boats, getting the kids safely to the ramps or can help with our fundraising lunches please give Peta Smith a call on 0414562488.

Our hope is to have a roster of helpers to share the load.

If you are interested in being part of the Junior Squad call
Eagle 0419122969 or Dean 0400181440 (after 5pm please)

OUR MEMBERS - Max Young

I was born in Canterbury and grew up in Surrey Hills. Leaving school, I completed a Fitter and Turner Apprenticeship with the SEC and specialised in motor mechanics. My wife Joyce passed away about ten years ago. We have four sons and five grandchildren.

We moved to Nicholson in 1974 and I worked at a number of places as motor mechanic and maintenance engineer before being offered a position as maintenance mechanic and sailing instructor at Riviera Nautic (previously Mark Hall Marine). I was with them for twenty years maintaining and preparing boats for charter.

I first began sailing at about 13 years old when I was in Sorrento during the Christmas school holidays. A mate wanted a crew one day so we got on board and took off from Sorrento towards Portsea. Suddenly the rigging failed and the mast and sails fell in the water. We managed to drag them back on board but the tide was going out. We had no life jackets and were heading out the heads on the tide. Thankfully someone in Portsea recognised the boat and sent out a runabout to tow us back in.



In my early 20s I was mainly into power boats and spent about ten years holidaying at Eildon. I was involved building hot rods with friends for a number of years.

I joined GLYC when we moved to Nicholson and built a 125 dinghy which I sailed with the kids. When I started with Mark Hall at Metung I joined MYC but didn't get much sailing in as I was working weekends.

I have done a lot of offshore sailing - Tasmania, Port Lincoln, sailed to NZ to watch the America's Cup in 2000 and have been up and down the coast numerous times. Recently I've been to Kangaroo Island, done deliveries to Hobart from Melbourne and helped skipper, David Bingham bring a Cat from the Whitsundays to Riviera Nautic to go into charter. I sailed the Darwin to Ambon race on a very slow old gaffer, first sailing her from Melbourne to Brisbane.



I've done fourteen Marley Point overnight races with John Mayman. Over ten years ago, John was Race Officer at MYC and was looking for someone to look after Kepper. Ever since, I have been heavily involved in all our on water race starts with both Kepper and then Metung II when it came into the fleet.

SOCIAL

We are planning a Social Event each month as well as our Member's Night when restrictions ease. With the uncertainty of Covid it is hard to plan ahead but as soon as we are able we shall send details of our next event.

BRING YOUR OWN

While the restaurant is closed we are thinking of making a night a week where we have small groups of volunteers bringing a plate to share.

If you are interested in helping out let me know and we will set up a roster so it spreads the load.

Phone or text Bev 0419 533 302

Pre lockdown a few members managed a trip to Barrier Landing on Metung II so Max could give Fred a driving lesson. Perfect weather and sausages cooked on Fred's portable bbq - next time we will remember the tomato sauce..






FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kim Bond,
winner of this year's Footy Tipping Competition
with 131 correct guesses.

Second place went to Peter Baldwin (125)
and third to Damian Coady (124)



OUR NEXT MEMBER'S NIGHT IS PLANNED FOR Friday 8th October 5.00 - 7.00 pm

We had a full house at our August Member's night with restrictions limiting us to 50 inside.

Unfortunately we were forced to cancel September's event with only 10 allowed inside.

We are hoping restrictions will ease to allow us to hold our October Member's Night - keep an

eye on What's On for updates.

Please make sure you book by sending me a text - Bev 0419 533 302

METUNG YACHT CLUB

Member's and partners are invited to our first

Member's Night

FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER
5.00pm -7.00pm

Free drink on arrival. Finger food provided
To be held the 2nd Friday of each Month

Bookings recommended while Covid Restrictions remain due to limited numbers
To book phone or text Bev on 0419 533 302

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Call Kevan on 0400 377 037



SAILING TIPS

HOW TO RECOVER FROM A DISASTROUS START

Article from [SAILING TO WIN](#)

It's important to remember that a bad start is not the end of your day, patience and keeping a cool head will generally save you from a total disaster.

If your start has gone wrong, don't panic and look for a clean exit sooner rather than later.

Be patient though, a hasty change to your pre-determined plan without considering all options may actually place you in an even worse situation.

Two things that are critical to an effective recovery are that the helmsperson must continue to sail the boat as fast as possible all the while deciding where to get clean air.

Depending on your situation though, sheets should be trimmed for footing or pointing, you need to make decisions based on what you are seeing up the track.

If you find yourself in the second row, you need power because there is less wind and more chop. The backstay needs to be eased, Cunningham released and jib leads moved forward to give you a fuller, more powerful headsail.

The most common escape starts with gentle pinching in an attempt to get above the boats to leeward, to do this, move the traveller up and sheet a tick or two tighter than the conditions require.

This cannot be maintained for too long though and the desired result is an escape to clean air with the goal being to find a lane which you can live in for at least two minutes.

If you need to tack for clearer air, make sure there is no one that will tack on your wind, watching the boats around you for crew movement that may indicate a change in their direction which will affect you.

Once you have a clear lane and are now going in the planned direction, look at the fleet to see if that plan is falling in to place and if not be prepared to alter the plan to suit.

If you have a bad start near the weather end it is easy to tack away to clear and then tack back again as soon as there is a lane if you are looking to go left.

A poor start in the middle of the line is more difficult to extricate yourself from and generally occurs when you are late due to line sag or when a port tack boat tacks under you and establishes a lee bow.

Generally it is a mistake to foot off below the boat on your lee bow but conversely do not tack too early because you will then have to dip the boat to weather who then has a chance to tack on your air.

If you have to bail out at the leeward end there are few options as clearing out to the right is rarely an option as you will have the bulk of the fleet on starboard tack to deal with.

If you are at the pin end and your plan was to head left, crack off a little to get speed and get to clear air as soon as possible.

Cracking off for clear air, generally only works if there are a small number of boats below you otherwise it will take an eternity to reach clear air if in fact you ever do.



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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