



TELLTALES

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WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BAR - OPEN [From 4.30 Wednesday - Sunday](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - October/November 2022

WEDNESDAY evenings - Twilights Sternchaser with a 1715 hrs Club Start. Sign on [from 1600 hrs.](#) After Race BBQ

[Saturday 22nd October](#) - **Bowmen of Metung** race with a 1400 hrs Club Start and sign-on at the Club [from 1230 hrs.](#)

SUNDAY Mornings - Our **Junior Squad** is in session - 0900 start

Saturday 29th October - **The Sou Wester Heat 1** with a 1400 hrs Club Start and sign-on at the Club from 1230 hrs.

29th & 30th October - Melbourne Cup Long Weekend, **14ft Skiff and VX Regattas**.

Tuesday 1st November - Melbourne Cup Day – “**When Flemington comes to Metung**”.

Sunday 6th November 10am - **Women in Sailing's** season commencement at the Club.

Friday 11th November - **The Return of The Goon Show** at MYC

Full Social Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Full Sailing Calendar: [Click Here](#)

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

VALE Carl Ryves 13 October 2022

Carl Ryves was a fierce competitor in many forms of sailing including competing in Fying Dutchman at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico with Dick Sargeant. They finished 4th Overall (just 0.7 points out of medal contention). Carl was involved with several Americas Cup campaigns and named Australian Sailing Yachtsman of the Year in 1968–69. Many in the Dragon fraternity know Carl from his time competing in Dragons on Sydney Harbour, most recently on ‘Sidewinder’, which is now sailing on in Metung.

COMMODORE'S CUP 1st October 2022

6 boats contested in the gusty conditions on Lake King in the race to the Tambo River. Bill Newcommen (Mimosa) took home the prized bottle of rum as victor. There was a great crowd who enjoyed a barbeque at Johnsonville to kick off the 2022/23 sailing calendar.

With kindest regards

Jeff Rose

(Commodore)

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members.

Full Members

Anna & Alexander Marriot-Smith

Bill Downie & Rachel Needoba

Patrick Derksen

Andrew Seedsman

Robert Conn

Judy Trenberth

Hamish McKendrick

Junior Members

Florence Marriot-Smith

Alfred Marriot-Smith

Wilbur Marriot-Smith

Martha Downie

Emerson Downie

Quentin Downie

What kind of 1st Aid are Pirates best at??? C. P. Arrrrr!!!

A Level Two First Aid course for volunteers was run by Gippsland Tafe's Fiona McColley on the 2nd and 9th of October, as part of MYC's push to improve our safety capacity and compliance, esp in relation to on-water incidents for regattas, junior and women's sailing as well as the senior club races. Fiona was an excellent raconteur, illustrating her points with a wealth of stories from her practical background as a paramedic.

The PCR and defibrillator practical sessions greatly increased our confidence in responding to cardiac problems. I was certainly surprised by how First Aid advice had changed since I last did a First Aid course (during the last ice-age) and how much more focus was placed on shock, diabetes and asthma. The Club would hope that this would be just the first of these courses and that skippers and crew might want to be part of a future course.

Attendees were: Peter Wilkinson, Peter Bull, Ann Waller, Ian Crooke, Amanda Hack, Jan McChesney, Nathan Moresi and Rod Edwards, with Hugh Howard and Derek Russell as the club safety officers. The general first aid course material should be updated with a refresher every three years but the PCR part every year and Tim Brown took advantage of the course to do that update.



FRIENDS OF METUNG II

At the last General Committee meeting it was decided to establish a group of members to look after the Flag Ship of the Club, Metung II. The Group will be called "Friends of Metung II". I will head up this group along with Max Young.

The aim of the group will be to:-

- a. Organise social functions for the boat;
- b. Fund raise for the upkeep of the boat;
- c. Organise working bees to keep it clean and painted etc;
- d. Train members to be competent crew, skippers and safety officers for the boat; and

- e. Train Members to participate as part of the starting crew for yacht races.

Non Sailing members have in the past have fulfilled these roles on an irregular basis. Hopefully this group will formalise the above functions and increase the use of the boat especially with social functions.

All members a welcome, and if you are not a sailor, this is one area you can greatly contribute to the club and have a bit of fun.

Please contact me on [0414510737](tel:0414510737) if you are interested (please make sure you leave a message if I do not answer or text me).

Fred Van de Velde



CLUB SAILING

TWILIGHT

Not only has the club championship sailing schedule commenced, Wednesday twilight sailing is back! All boats and sailors are welcome to join this social, mixed fleet sailing format, please call Bill Newcommen on [0407 521 236](tel:0407521236) for more information. Sternchaser race starting 1715 with sign-on from 1600. Eight boats enjoyed sailing in a nice breeze this week. But even better yet.... **Rain, hail or shine** - twilight sailing or not - we are having a BBQ at the club every Wednesday night. Starting 1800 (6pm) for \$10-00 per head. Everyone welcome, bring the youngsters! To help with catering, please tell us you are coming -www.trybooking.com

SAILING



MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SAILING

With the sailing season off to a flying start please ensure your membership fees have been paid.

If you have lost your invoice, please contact Tony Owens on [0418 343 134](tel:0418343134) or Pip Moore on [0439 105 099](tel:0439105099) or email metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com

Remember that you need to be financial to sail!

SA Womens' Keelboat Regatta 2022

Sarah Clough and her crew smashed it at the SAWKR at the CYCSA in Adelaide last month, finishing 2nd overall. A strange turn of coincidence revealed that the boat leased to Sarah at Adelaide, was her Mum's (Gai's) first J24 previously known as 'Cookie Monster'. Fantastic job ladies!



JUNIOR SQUAD | SHE SAILS



JUNIOR SQUAD program

We are now two weeks in to our Junior Sailing program for Season 2022/2023, with our first session welcoming new participants, outlining the program and introducing our new Handbook for new junior & youth sailing families. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD.](#)

For our second session, this Sunday just gone, it was great to get back out on the water. Eagle was very happy with how the kids sailed and how his plan for the year started off well. Skippers & crews managed to launch & successfully sail to the course and complete their laps. It was pleasing to see skippers & crews sailing all the legs in the right direction, even coping with the boom for the jibe. New/young kids were swapped in to the cadets as crew towards the end of the session which gives them the chance to sail with an experienced skipper who can teach them a few more things (instead of floating about in an Opti!). Sara helmed the 420 for the first time, giving Charlie & herself a great sail (on Hurricane....a force to be reckoned with!).

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out. Just a reminder to any senior members who said they would help launch & retrieve rescue boats before & after the Junior Squad session – we still want your help – please contact Eagle or Dean to arrange.

We had a special delivery at the club on Sunday! Our 2 brand new Hansa all-ability boats. Thankyou to David from [Bairnsdale & District Towing](#) for getting them to us safely & unloading them carefully (with Murray Bond's bobcat, thanks Murray). Noah is very very excited and can't wait to go sailing again with his mates during our Junior Squad sessions. Metung Yacht Club was delighted to receive a grant from [VicHealth](#) via the Jumpstart program to fund these two new Hansa 'all ability' boats to make our club more inclusive and help young people to feel connected, included and invigorated. Big thanks to Michael & Amanda Hack for submitting this grant.

A reminder that there will be no Junior Squad Session on the Sunday of the long weekend. The VX one/14ft skiff regatta will be taking place and if any of the older juniors are keen to go for a ride on these cool boats, please get in touch with Jeff Rose on to arrange.

Our season will 'break' for holidays after our Christmas Break-up Sail & Lunch on the 11th December and recommence in February after school goes back.

Eagle & Dean

We need your help to make this season a success.



Women

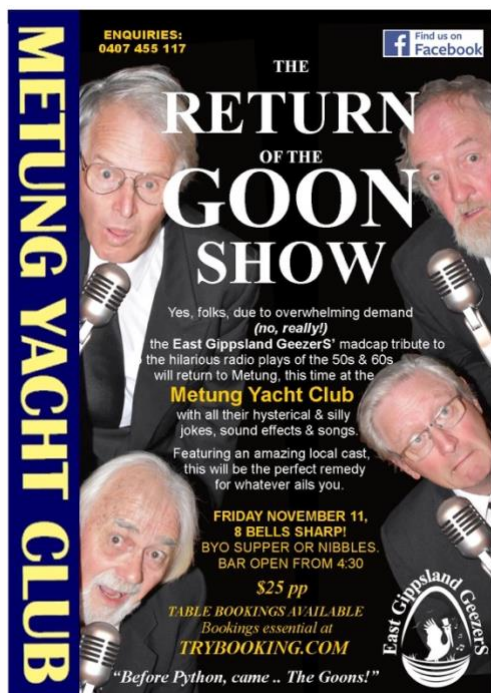
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Sailing!

We had a wonderful night at the club for the SheSails National Conference/Webinar being inspired by the likes of Jessica Watson, Nina Curtis, girls from Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club and also one of our own MYC members, the Commodore of Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, Lee Renfree – who is most inspiring! She won the Victorian SheSails Award for 2022. Lee, with support from the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) and She Sails Victoria, QCYC launched the KISS (*Keelboat Introduction for Sailing Savvy*) program to provide a supportive learning environment for female sailors and inspire them to take the opportunity to create their own sailing dreams. It was lovely to meet Lee and chat with her & husband Stephen at our club on Thursday & Friday nights.

Our Women in Sailing season is due to start on the 6th November with a ‘refresher’ theory session and introduction for new women who come along. We have had some great interest and expect at least 4 new women to attend. Come the second session, our ladies from last season will get out on the Pacers again to join the juniors to sail their course. We have ladies at differing levels of confidence and experience, but all are keen to get back out and learn some more. Further into the season when new ladies are ready to get out on a boat, our more experienced women will skipper and take out the new ladies for a sail. There will also be the opportunity for women to learn to progress to sail on the Quest and on Eagle’s Hood23 ‘Compass Rose’. Please contact Sarah McCully on [0418 342235](tel:0418342235) if you are interested in taking part in our Women in Sailing ‘learn to sail’ program.

SOCIAL



MELBOURNE CUP DAY - Tuesday 1st November

We are going to have a Picnic at the Club. Starting 12 noon. Dress up....hats and all. Sweeps...Raffles...door prizes. Glass of bubbles on arrival. Get your friends together, make up a table and bring your own picnic hamper. Races will be on the big screen. Everyone welcome. Tell us you are coming - www.trybooking.com/CCWQG. or tell Alex behind the Bar.

THE GOON SHOW - Tuesday 8th November

Returning to Metung by popular demand!! Show starts at 8pm....but why not join us at the Club for a BBQ dinner \$10.00 per head. Starting at 6. Book the show and BBQ through www.trybooking.com

MEMBERS' CLUB NIGHT - Friday 18th November

Members draw \$50.00 on your card to spend at the bar. Happy Hour 6 - 7pm. Everyone welcome...bring your friends along...show them our magnificent Club. Please tell us you are coming - www.trybooking.com/CDNWK

HERE'S A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

How many of you would have been in Metung for the inaugural issue of the METUNG PELICAN? Do I hear you ask what on earth is the Metung Pelican?? It was a quarterly community newspaper, first published in January 1980, and the first edition retailed for 20c. Thanks to the generosity of a keen archivist, below are a few snippets from that first edition...

AROUND THE CORNER AGA

Years ago, it used to be said that you couldn't be properly regarded as a Metung inhabitant until you have lived in Metung for 10 years; fallen off your own boat at the Main Jetty, outside the Pub in full view; and fallen off your own Jetty, wherever it was and had to swim ashore. Newcomer to the Village just about achieved the lot. Stepped off the Main Jetty onto a foot rail which wasn't there, claspng large box of groceries, and went straight in, missing his yacht by about two feet. Bloke and groceries came ashore a few minutes later. Bloke was O.K. but labels on canned food came off. There were some very curious dishes as a result. Ever tried frying what you thought to be tinned Mushrooms which turned out to be tinned Pears?

The view from the Metung Pub always offers a variety of attractions and amusements. Local cruisers with Mum and Dad on board. Dad at the wheel and Mum untying the mooring lines. Dad yells "Cast Off" and guns the engines as Mum undoes the Bow-line. Mum has either forgotten to untie the Stern line or is wrestling with the horrible knots which Dad has tied and wishing she had a kitchen knife to cut ropes or Dad's throat. Meanwhile, full bore forward Cruiser goes no-where. So Dad comes back, goes to Pub all nonchalantly and buys another 2 doz. cold cans. Goes back to boat pretending that nothing has happened and tries to take off again. Mum has untied Stern line in readiness for Dad's return and Cruiser is now floating three yards off the Main Jetty. Dad throws cans on board, tries to jump on and misses. We wonder how the holiday finished?

Local new trawler and new deck hand entertained us recently in a similar manner. Seven attempts to berth at the Main Jetty. First time, deck hand skilfully looped rope over bollard at main Jetty only to find out that rope wasn't tied to boat. - and, he had already jumped off onto jetty. Boat returned to pick up red-faced deck hand. This time, he forgot to take bow line back with him so, another circle was made by the boat. This time he jumped off and grabbed the bow line but failed to make fast so ran aft and threw the rope over the stern line which was tied to deck rail. Deck rail took a severe lurch to starboard and nearly came adrift. Angry skipper pushed deck-hand onto jetty and was then left with no mooring ropes and no deck-hand. Clever to watch skipper bring boat in again using wind and tide, pick up ropes and make fast. Don't think we'll see deck-hand again in Metung.

SAIL LOCKER

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD ROPE LYING AROUND???

TheArtfulKnot repurposes old rope and turns it into mats and nautical decor items. Please contact Pip ([0439 105 099](tel:0439105099))

Are you interested in connecting with fellow club members for ad-hoc social outings?

Seeking expressions of interest as to whether club members would find a closed FB page useful where you can post their planned activities - kayaking/SUP-ing/cruising/day tripping/road-tripping and invite fellow club members to join them. Access to the page would be restricted to financial members only. If interested, please send a 'thumbs up' to pipmoore1@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](tel:0418343134) or Pip Moore on [0439 105 099](tel:0439105099) or email metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com

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