



TELLTALES
Newsletter of the Metung Yacht Club
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OFFICE BEARERS:

Commodore – Jeff Rose
Rear Commodore – Mary Rowe
Treasurer – Michael Hack

Vice Commodore – Peter Kanat
Secretary – Andrew Lethlean

BAR – Open 4.30pm Wednesday to Sunday

Non-members and Guests must be signed in on arrival

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Every Wednesday: BBQ dinner at the clubrooms, combined with Twilight sailing; \$10 each
November 6: Pre-Cup Day gathering at the clubrooms, with drinks and nibbles
November 7: Flemington comes to Metung. Melbourne Cup Day Picnic. Book by trybooking
November 17: Members night with happy hour and the members draw
November 26: Cruise on Metung II to Barrier Landing for a BBQ. Leave 10.45am
December 2: Commodore's Cup. Cruise on Metung II to Johnsonville
December 9: Indian banquet. Bookings essential and open soon
December 10: Cruise on Metung II to Paynesville for lunch. Leave 11am
December 15: Commodore's Christmas drinks
December 26: Sydney to Hobart race start – see it on the big screen
December 28 & 29: Prawn feast. Bookings essential and open soon
January 1: Commodore's sail past & BBQ lunch at the clubhouse
January 2: Cruise on Metung II to Paynesville for the Raymond Island race. Leave 10.30am
January 4: Sunset cruise on Metung II to Box's Creek for a sausage sizzle. Leave 7.30pm
January 9: Sunset cruise on Metung II around Bancroft Bay, with a roast dinner onboard. Leave 7.30pm
January 20: Cruise on Metung II to Swan Reach for lunch. Leave 10.45am
January 22: Welcome party for the 2024 Australian International Dragon Class Championship competitors
January 22-28: 2024 Australian International Dragon Class Championship Regatta/Prince Philip Cup
January 25-28: Victorian Etchells Class State Championship Regatta
February 3: Cruise on Metung II to Wattle Point for the race. BYO lunch. Leave 9.30am

CLUB NEWS:

Welcome to the General Committee members elected at the AGM in August: Jeff Rose (Commodore), Peter Kanat (Vice Commodore), Mary Rowe (Rear Commodore), Andrew Lethlean (Secretary), Michael Hack (Treasurer), Stephen Bull, Les Clough, Bill Newcomen, Andrew Perkins and Andrew Russell.

Thank you to the outgoing committee members for your service: Peter Bull, Damien Daniel, Fred van de Velde, Peter Wilkinson and Brandon Kibby.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

SENIOR MEMBERS

Chris Gates

Clare Ridgway

Ruth Mills

Wendy Elizabeth Bull

Andrea Norton

Jacqui Sawyer

Robert Mills

Catherine Putnam

Kristian Smythe

Marie Gibson

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Daisy Beacham

Fynn Daniel

Maggie Henger

VALE:

Peter Bury, Peter Foster, Bev Pinnow, Neil Murray, Peter Cox.

It is with much sadness that Metung Yacht Club notes the passing of club members, Peter Bury, Peter Foster, Bev Pinnow, Neil Murray and Peter Cox. Our condolences and sympathies are extended to their families.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the new sailing season.

The General Committee is focussed on a number of issues:

Renewal of the lease, which is due to be signed in March 2024. The General Committee is negotiating with East Gippsland Shire Council toward a 21 year lease, with continuity beyond that period. We are still working through all the terms and conditions of the lease, and agreement of the property's valuation.

Securing the lease will provide Metung Yacht Club with security for planning and use of the facility well into the future.

Built into this discussion and the final arrangement, the General Committee is conscious of setting up the club for the future beyond the next 21 years.

Since the last lease was signed, the Council has changed the wording for how the land is classified. MYC's General Committee is working through the legal understanding of that classification.

Structure of junior sailing. The visit from the board of Australian Sailing has created a positive outcome for MYC, with support for the junior sailing program. This is enabling us to formalise the structure and garner assistance for learn to sail and all abilities sailing for youth children and adults.

This means MYC is adopting Australian Sailing's formal learn to sail programs. We are also organising specialised visiting accredited coaches to hold sessions at Metung, specifically for the Laser and Optis classes.

The Dragons and Etchells Championships in 2024.

Metung is gathering a reputation for good sailing and that is attracting more championships for MYC to host. There is significant pre-planning occurring for these high profile class events.

Jeff Rose, Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S MESSAGE:

With the 2023 – 2024 sailing season underway, we are working very hard behind the scenes on our new wine list and re-vamped merchandise, and catering arrangements. Special nights are being organised, and some of them are a copy of some of last year's most popular events. Look out for our Melbourne Cup Day Picnic – When Flemington comes to Metung. We are also organizing an Indian banquet, buckets of prawns, paella feast and a special guest chef dinner, among other events.

Our Members' Nights will continue each month, with happy hour, and our members draw giving members the chance to win \$50.00 on your card to be spent over the bar.

Metung II is going to be out and about on the Lakes system with about 15 social events being organised across the sailing season. These events include lunches at

Paynesville and Swan Reach, a sausage sizzle at Box's Creek, and dinner on board Metung II, just to name a few. These social events are a great opportunity for MYC members who are not sailors to enjoy an on-the-water experience and more involvement with the Club.

January 2024 is going to be extremely busy, with Metung Yacht Club hosting the Prince Philip Cup, which is the Australian National Championship for the International Dragon class yachts. This national championship was last held in Metung in 2018.

In the same week, MYC will host the Victorian State Championship for the Etchell class.

Of course, every week we hold our club sailing races on the weekend and mid-week twilight racing.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to join our team with catering and/or behind the scenes kitchen or bar duties. We have a hard working team, and the more people available to help, the easier the catering task is for everyone.

Our Social Calendar is on our web page,

<https://metungyachtclub.com.au/> There is an 'MYC Social Activities' tab on the home page where you will find the current month's activities and details of upcoming events. Notices are also forwarded to all members via our weekly email 'This Week and Beyond', through our social media platforms, and promotional posters are displayed in the clubrooms.

Look out for the dates and details and book early if you want to attend functions that require booking, as numbers for all functions are limited. We look forward to seeing you over the summer months for a sail, a drink, a prawn, a picnic, or all of the above.

Please note: Under Victoria's Food Act 1984 and Victoria's Food Standards Code, dogs are not permitted in any indoor area of a premises where food or drink of any kind is handled or served, and they are only allowed in outdoor areas which are not enclosed. This means people must not bring/allow their dogs into Metung Yacht Club's clubrooms. Dogs need to be supervised and may stay on the lawn area or on the upstairs balcony at the front of the clubrooms. Only assistance dogs, with adequate certification, are allowed inside the venue.
Mary Rowe, Rear Commodore

LONG TERM PARKING:

Members are reminded that the south side of the car park, between the amenities block and the road, is for the storage of boats on trailers that have been approved by the General Committee, and the applicable fee has been paid.
Availability is limited.



Members should note they are not entitled to leave empty boat trailers (sometimes with cars attached) in the car park for extended periods. This has been a particular issue during long weekends and regattas.

None of the above limits members' use of the car park for their cars when they are visiting the clubrooms.

SAILING:

AMBULANCE PICK-UP POINT:

As part of the push to make our safety procedures more effective, discussion with Ambulance Victoria has identified the PUBLIC (low) JETTY just south of the hard stand as the preferred pick-up point in case of a medical emergency (see diagram). This gives easy access for ambulances with minimum patient handling. This should be the preferred meeting point to bring a patient.

Skippers (including of rescue boats) should notify the Race Officer as soon as possible of the nature of the emergency and the intended pick-up point for transferring the patient to an ambulance. The Race Officer will relay the pick-up point and the status of the patient to the ambulance service.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SKIPPERS CHECKLIST:

The forms that owners/skippers of boats need to fill in have been reviewed and updated before the sailing season started and are available online. Metung Yacht Club's sailing committee has a strong message to owners/skippers of boats – please ensure you follow the guidelines stated in the Skippers Checklist, and lodge the required racing documents prior to your boat's first race.

Some of the basic information required includes a boat's race entry declaration, Cat 7, a copy of the relevant insurance policy ... and skippers must ensure their crew members have paid their relevant sailing fee (where applicable) or are registered for a SailPass before racing.

Make sure you register your sails – there are a few new boat and owner combinations in the club this year, and some new sails floating around.

Any non-compliance with the guidelines stated in the Skippers Checklist will incur a penalty, as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

It is your responsibility to refer to the sailing documents and ensure your compliance is up-to-date.

Online reference is metungyachtclub.com.au/sailing-documents



DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know there are many sailors at Metung Yacht Club who have sailed the Sydney to Hobart race?

Steve Bull

Les Clough

Tuna Smith

Jeff Rose

Damien Daniel

Brandon Kibby

Kevan Pearce

Tony Doolan started the Sydney to Hobart race twice on boats that have pulled out before the finish line.

*This is not meant to be a definitive list.

LEARN TO SAIL/SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

The sailing season began at Metung with dedicated adult and junior learn to sail sessions underway in recent weeks. Metung Yacht Club is fortunate to be able to deliver sailing lessons and skills development for children and adults, because the club owns a large number of dinghies and the supportive membership will loan their keel boats for use.

First off the block was a new adult learn to sail program, which has been followed by the junior sailing program and dedicated women's skills development sessions.

The adult learn-to-sail concept was run over five sessions in September and attracted an average of 13 people, both males and females. It was led by Fred Haes and Dean Smith, with the assistance of Damien Daniel and Tony Doolan.

This has been followed since with the return of junior and youth sailing, led by Rod Eagle Edwards, and a womens learn to sail/skills development program, led by Kirsten Zadow and Sarah McCully.



ADULTS LEARN TO SAIL:

The Metung Yacht Club Adult Learn-to-Sail sessions concept was born following several people chatting with myself and Dean Smith. We agreed to run the sessions in September. Candidates would hopefully have the skills and enthusiasm to join the sailing season commencing in October.

Our aim was to provide unisex adult training sessions that would equip the candidates with some generic and transferable skills to assist them crewing any position on a keel boat, including helming.

Our group of 13 students varied in sailing experience levels from beginners to some experience, including performing a single role and not been trained in any of the other roles aboard a yacht.

With only five two-hour sessions, we set realistically achievable knowledge and skills targets. The first two sessions were shared

between classroom and white board theory, interspersed with rigging and boat familiarisation sessions on club dinghies.

The final three sessions were on-water training aboard three Hood 23 yachts generously donated for the sessions by MYC members Michael Hack and Amanda Hack, Andrew Lethlean and



Eagle Edwards. We had four instructors who shared the three groups required on each of the sailing days: Dean Smith, Damien Daniel, Tony Doolan and Fred Haes.

The Hood 23 is simple to rig and sail. It is stable, with a heavy keel under the water to help keep the yacht upright. In summary: a perfect platform for these sessions.

Three groups were randomly selected each day to jump aboard each Hood 23. A candidate usually sailed aboard a different yacht each day to prevent 'rote learning'. They had to step aboard and identify the relevant sheets that controlled the sails, rig the sails, and ready the yacht for sailing on Bancroft Bay. The candidates rotated through each crew position, including helming.

The initial two on-water sessions covered the basic points of sailing with the yachts travelling back and forth along a line at a particular angle to the wind. The crew learned to tack and gybe, trim the sails based on the yacht's angle to the wind, and, most importantly, work together as a team, providing back-up to their crewmates when required.

The third on-the-water session was sailing the yacht around a course set up in the bay in front of the yacht club.

Graduation refreshments and celebrations followed in the clubhouse!

Thanks to everyone who participated. It was your enthusiasm that inspired and motivated the instructor group. We hope to see you consolidate your recently acquired skills out on the water.

“Starboard”!

Fred Haes



JUNIOR & YOUTH SAILING:

The MYC junior sailing program is a learning pathway to gain the skills for recreational or professional sailing. MYC owns a large number of dinghy classes to enable skills development.

The junior sailing program relies on parents to volunteer their time to help develop participants' skills, drive rescue and support boats, bring first aid skills, and provide general assistance each Sunday morning. This year that support includes Dean Smith (as race officer), Erin and Ramsay Beacham, Andrew Bailey, Tim Brown, Michael Hack and Vicki Henger.

Rod (Eagle) Edwards has again stepped up to lead the program and said his focus is growing the juniors group, helping sailors to build on skills established last year, and welcome new students.

He said a number of junior sailors had themselves stepped up to take on more responsibility in the boats.



Scarlett Bailey has become a skipper in the cadet dinghy, Adrenaline.

Jimmy Henger has also become a new skipper, and is joined by Amity Bailey as crew in Little Bandit.

Jaden Brown and Kaden Armistead have



been promoted to the skiff class, and will train and sail in Quest. Metung Yacht Club has struck a new trophy, in the name of Cameron Stewart, a stalwart of the club, sponsor, and supporter of the junior program. The trophy will be awarded to the aggregate junior champions chosen from a series of races, held over three separate days.

Supporters of the junior sailing program recently donated the funds to purchase a new set of sails for the 420 dinghy. These funds were received by MYC with much appreciation.



On October 21, MYC's Charlie Edwards paired with Aidan Hearne (skipper), from Sandringham Yacht Club, to participate in Sail Sandy, sailing in MYC's 420, Hurricane. Their division was a mix of 11 entries, including four Contendors and three RS Aero 7s. After four races Aidan and Charlie (pictured right) finished ninth overall, with a best result of sixth position in race four.

The second day of racing, October 22, was cancelled because of weather and sailing conditions.



Scarlett (12) and Amity (11) Bailey (pictured left) are in their second year of junior sailing and have written about their experiences –

Scarlett:

I joined junior sailing last season. I've never sailed before, so I didn't know what to expect. The squad was welcoming and friendly and taught me everything I needed to know. I was teamed up with a skilled skipper and they taught me

how to crew the boat. I was a bit scared at first but soon grew to love my Sunday mornings on the water with the instructors and parent helpers all on the water with us to help us.

Amity:

I was a complete beginner when I started junior sailing last season. I was a bit scared to begin with, but the instructors let me go at my own pace. The other junior sailors are really friendly, and helped teach me along the way. When I was ready, I got on a boat as a crew member and learned how to crew the boat. My skipper was helpful and taught me what I needed to do.

Although I was a bit scared at first, I soon realised that there wasn't anything to be scared about as the squad look out for each other and we all sail together. I'm excited for the new season to start and look forward to having a go at being skipper of a boat this time.

WOMENS LEARN TO SAIL/SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

This program returned this year, and numbers continue to build each week with new participants joining past participants. The program is being led by Kirsten Zadow and Sarah McCully.

Sessions have been classroom based and practical on MYC's lawn, and have included rigging and de-rigging dinghies, rigging and de-rigging keel boats, knot tying, understanding wind direction, and tacking.

More recently, participants have been able to sail dinghies and keel boats under supervision, building their skills.

Thanks to MYC members Jude and Julian Brennan and Pip Moore who have made their keel boats available for participants during lessons.

Yacht owners within MYC have supported the program by offering participants crew positions on their boats for stern chasing in twilight sailing, held on Wednesday evening, and in the classic wooden boat series, held on Sunday afternoon.





RACE OFFICER & JUDGE ASSESSMENT:

Recently, four MYC members undertook training and accreditations to act as race officers and judges. This included accreditations and re-accreditations. They were Fred Haes, Dean Smith, Fred van de Velde and Hugh Howard.

Race officers are responsible for creating, setting and management of yacht racing courses, the conduct of racing, and processing of results.

The training, held at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club at Paynesville, commenced with a two-day theory course with officials provided by Australian Sailing. The two-day course was followed by an exam.

All four passed with flying colours.

The next stage is to be assessed on-the-job by a highly experienced RO, which may require travelling to a sailing regatta of high enough standing and quality. The 'trainee' RO will conduct the duties of an RO while being assessed as competent in the role.

This also helps the RO, as they receive independent feedback including guidance for future training.

Fred Haes qualified as a Regional Judge and a Club Race Officer. He travelled to Lake Macquarie NSW to complete his race officer assessment, on duty at the NSW State Youth Championships, held over September 30 to October 2.

Fred was part of the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club team that provided race management on the 'Alpha Course' with youth sailing high performance 29ers and Waszp sailing dinghies competing.

Tony Outteridge, patriarch of a well-credentialed sailing family, was the assessor. What a gentleman, and what a wealth of knowledge and experience! The wind conditions proved

challenging for both the sailors and race officials. The nine-race regatta (picture right) was completed, the assessment 'box' was 'ticked' and Fred can now go on to expand his newly acquired skills.

He is grateful to Australian Sailing and the Wangi team for their support.

Fred has now completed the exam and practical assessment to be qualified as a National Race Officer, and is awaiting the qualification from Australian Sailing.

Hugh Howard has re-qualified as a National Judge, Class Measurer and Cat 4-7 equipment auditor.

Fred van de Velde passed the examination for both Judge and Regional Race Officer, and now is awaiting accreditation. Fred van de Velde also completed the full qualification to be on a protest committee.

Dean Smith completed the examination to be a Regional Race Officer and is waiting for an opportunity to complete his practical assessment.

MYC needs more volunteers to be able to back up the usual suspects and we encourage members to take advantage of the many online short courses which can be done from the comfort of your own home. Boosting your skill set can be very rewarding.

Fred Haes and Hugh Howard



RACING:

CLUB SAILING:

The weather and floods affected the start of this sailing season. The Commodore's Cup was cancelled and has been re-scheduled to Saturday, December 2. Then the Cantrill trophy had to be re-scheduled to Saturday, December 16.

BOWMEN OF METUNG:

The Bowmen of Metung was the first club race underway, on Saturday, October 21. This trophy was struck in honour of the archers who originally used the land the Metung Yacht Club is built upon, some of whom were also founding members of MYC.

A warm day, with an 8-12 knot east-northeast wind, saw four yachts participate – the Northshore27 class Harmony owned and skippered by Tom Moore, Elusive, an Etchell owned and skippered by Jeff Rose, and two International Dragons -

Wicked II, with owner Fred Haes at the helm, and Tarakona, owned and skippered by Hugh Howard.

Division 2 yachts started at 1400, and Division 1 yachts cleared the starting line from 14:15.

The course left Bancroft Bay and yachts sailed toward Tambo Bluff. By the time they returned to Shaving Point, conditions were humid.

Line honours went to Wicked II, followed by Elusive, then Tarakona, with Harmony fourth across the line. Harmony was



declared the race winner, with Elusive in second place, Wicked II in third place, and Tarakona, sailed by only two crew, in fourth place.

SOU'WESTER HEAT 1:

Sou'wester was a Hood 23 class and is believed to be first owned by Jim Hobson, CEO of Tambo Shire. Her next owner was MYC Commodore Neil O'Donnell, when she was sailed by Dave Bull jnr. The yacht was then purchased by Bill Newcomen, who continued to sail and compete in her. From Bill, it passed into the hands of the Hill family, of Metung. It is now owned by Rod (Eagle) Edwards and known as Compass Rose.

Heat 1 of the Sou'wester trophy was contested on Saturday, October 29, with a fleet of nine yachts, and a steady 7-9 knot breeze. There were four Division 2 and five Division 1 yachts competing. The course left Bancroft Bay around Shaving Point and was laid across Lake King to offshore of the cliffs of Tambo Bluff, traversing the lake three times.

The Flying Fifteen, Flying High, was first across the start line at 1400, followed by the Adams10, Brogan's Way. Flying High maintained its lead rounding Shaving Point followed by Brogan's Way, New Wave II (a Green25 class) and Harmony (a Northshore27).

The remaining five yachts, all Etchells, had to wait until 14:15 to cross the start line.

After passing the top marker, Brogan's Way sailed past Flying High and it soon became obvious that, without mishap, Brogan's Way was going to take out line honours.



On the first run downwind from Shaving Point to the bottom mark, Flying High and the five Etchells – Second Chance, Come Monday, Elusive, Apres La Mer and Southern Pirate – sailed with their spinnakers up.

The race was uneventful until Apres La Mer and Southern Pirate found themselves in a close haul situation just after round the first marker.

By the time Brogan's Way approached the bottom marker the second time, she was well clear and almost a nautical mile ahead of the second-placed Flying High.

Flying High liked the conditions and showed its stern to the remaining competitors until the last turn around the top mark and heading back to



Shaving Point for the finish line.

At the top marker, New Wave II was under pressure from the Etchells as Come Monday and Elusive competed against each other for wind and water. On this leg to the bottom mark, New Wave II hoisted a spinnaker and shadowed the two Etchells. Second Chance steadily reeled in its competitors, sailing a little behind New Wave II. On the final leg to the top mark, it was a close run race between most of the fleet. Second Chance overtook Flying High, with Elusive and Apres La Mer still in contention, as they chased Brogan's Way to the finish.

New Wave II, in a good position to finish the race strongly, incorrectly passed the top mark and, without making correction, was declared DNF.



Brogan's Way took line honours, with Come Monday almost 10 minutes behind, followed two minutes later by Elusive and Apres La Mer in a tight contest.

Harmony, skippered by Tom Moore, was declared the race winner, with Brogan's Way, skippered by Simon Bazeley, in second place.

Second Chance, with James Trenberth at the helm, sailed into third place on the series board, with Flying High, with Peter Harvey at the helm and Terry Flynn as crew, fourth. The remaining boats, in order, are Come Monday, Southern Pirate, Apres La Mer and Elusive.

CLASSIC WOODEN BOATS:

MATALITA TROPHY:

The Matalita trophy was contested on Sunday, October 15, with two Cousta boats competing – Sorrento and Pearl.

Pearl was quick across the starting line, but around Shaving Point was overtaken by Sorrento. Sorrento then showed a clean stern to her opposition on the sail to Tambo Bluff and return to Bancroft Bay, and was at Bells Point before Pearl achieved the marker at Mosquito Point. However, Pearl rapidly made up ground on her return from Bells Point and it was only because Sorrento forced her to tack near the finish line that saw Sorrento take line honours and the trophy. Pearl sailed into second place.



CALYPSO TROPHY:

On a blustery afternoon, three yachts contested the Calypso trophy on Sunday, October 29. Calypso, Sorrento and Pearl began the race at 1400, tacking across Bancroft Bay in a 20-25 knot wind, then sailed to Bells Point before traversing back towards Chinamans Creek.



It was as they approached Chinamans Creek that first Pearl, then Calypso, retired from the race. Sorrento, with skipper Dick Whitaker and an experienced crew of Ted Bull, Jeff Rose, Leigh Unsworth, Peter Wilkinson and Tracey Shortland, continued to sail the course, finishing the race and claiming the trophy.

TWILIGHT RACING:

There have been two twilight races so far this season, on Wednesday, October 18 and Wednesday November 1. The twilights are a stern chaser, with staggered start times, and first across the line wins.

Ten boats contested the first race, on October 18, in perfect conditions. Harmony, skippered by owner Tom Moore, was the first yacht to sail across the finish line, followed by Juno, skippered by Julian Brennan. Third place went to New Wave II with Kevan Pearce at the helm.

Captain Mudbank was awarded to Ron Kronkamp in Skandi, for hitting sand at Duck Island.



There is a social meal served after twilights, and 25 people were served. Seven yachts were on the water for twilight racing on November 1, although Skandi didn't start the race, but her crew enjoyed a social sail in the Bay.

A light wind and strong tide challenged competitors, and required some finessed trimming of sails. There was no opportunity to relax during the race, which crossed Bancroft Bay to the marker before Shaving Point, then sailed to Bells Point before a return through the start/finish line to Shaving Point again. The finish line was back to the marker in front of the clubrooms.



New Wave II won the race, first across the line and well clear of the rest of the fleet, with Les Tuckey at the helm, crewed by the experienced Graeme Jamieson and a novice sailor, Nathan Misiurka. Harmony, skippered by Tom Moore, sailed into second place more than 10 minutes later, followed two minutes later by Juno helmed by Sarah Clough; 28 seconds behind them in fourth place was Mimosa, skippered by Bill Newcomen.

Moontide was another six minutes later across the line. Windcharmer did not finish. The clubroom was full of people for the social meal after the race.

SUNDAY STERN CHASER:

This was a new initiative in MYC's sailing calendar last season and attracted a broad range of yachts for a social race in Bancroft Bay.

This has now become part of a series in sailing season 2023/24. The first Sunday stern chaser is planned for early November.

Photographs throughout this newsletter provided by Andrew Bailey, Wendy Bull, Jude Brennan, Jeanette Severs, Fred Haes, Tony Doolan, James Farrell, Rod Edwards

SOCIAL PHOTOS:

Metung Yacht Club has been a hub of social activities, with more planned. It is to the testament of members that you support the club with your attendance.

The monthly Members Night has included a carousel/spinning wheel draw of \$50 for attendees. Winners in recent months have been Sally Rochford and Graeme Jamieson.



The AGM was well attended and members stayed on after the meeting to welcome the new committee.



At the September Members Night, Julian and Jude Brennan celebrated their wedding anniversary and Jude's birthday. An adhoc raffle for Metung Yacht Club's junior sailing program raised \$190, with Les Clough taking home the meat raffle, Ian (Tangles) Crooke winning the bottle of champagne, and Dean Robson winning the esky and donating it back to the junior program.



There was a good attendance of members to watch the AFL Grand Final, where attendees also celebrated Chris Kiel's birthday with a cake.



We also welcomed Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club for their season opening sail across Lake King to Metung and return to Paynesville, and provided them with a BBQ lunch with salads and dessert.



A number of members also congregated at the clubrooms to meet with board members from Australian Sailing.



The Metung 4 Metung group held a display of memorabilia in the clubrooms, that was well attended.



The sailing season kicked off with a BBQ/picnic at the clubrooms, held there instead of Johnsonville when floods prevented the Commodore's Cup from being contested.



Thanks to the many people who've helped with catering for MYC's social events, and the unflappable Gary and Alex.



Have you noticed the new blinds on the clubroom windows? They were manufactured by Southern Blinds and installed by Pointy Blinders, Peter Graham and Andrew Lethlean.

Twilight sailing includes a social BBQ meal shared among participants and guests.



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