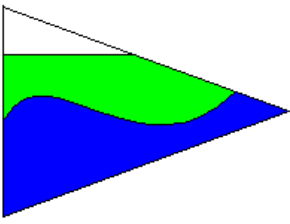


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FYC Commodore's Report – Spring 2015

Well, Spring is finally here, or at least we hope that it is, and preparations are well and truly underway for what we hope will be an outstanding season of sailing and social activities at Flinders Yacht Club.

First and foremost is the **Club Working Bee planned for Sunday 11th October at 10am**. If you can make it down to the Club on Sunday, then your help will be most welcome. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find some more details on the working bee, including the tasks to be tackled, who to speak to when you arrive at the Club (which will depend on where you would like to help), and the types of gardening tools you might consider coming armed with. You should also come prepared to eat sausages in bread after the working bee, as we are planning a sausage sizzle on completion of the work.

Although the Club does not 'sail' over the winter months, that is not to say that we have not been busy, and some members have been especially busy, I would like to thank them personally for the enormous effort that they have been making on behalf of all members.

Firstly, our Vice Commodore Grant Mathews who has been instrumental in the purchase of the new Club rescue boat, a lovely new inflatable (RIB) that is now sitting in the shed alongside the Zodiac. The only real difference between the two, is that the new boat is white, apart from that they are pretty much the same. The new boat will ensure that we are providing as much safety on the water as we can. Rick Barker our Club Captain will of course be looking for volunteers to crew the boats on race days over the sailing season. Don't be shy about volunteering.

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FYC Commodore's Report – Spring 2015 continued:

Secondly, I would also like to recognise the enormous, on-going contribution of one of our longest standing members Ken Lacey. Ken and his able assistant Ted Warden (Committee Member and Captain of the Keel Boat fleet) have been down at the Club virtually weekly undertaking both major and minor works in the yard. It is Ken, and Mornington Shire that we have to thank for the lovely new road into the Club.

Please drive slowly – speeding fines apply!

Others have been working very hard too...as always, the inimitable Mary Iles, keeping you well informed via West Headings, and Russell Kenery for handling the Clubhouse bookings, which he does so well and with such great charm. And of course Rick Barker and Sue Slater for all the planning that goes into the year ahead. And of course Helen Kent for all of her tireless work in relation to membership and its management.

Having started this piece by commenting on the Club not sailing over winter, I should say that that is not entirely true, your very enthusiastic and active Club Captain, aside from his Club duties, has been venturing further up the Bay to sail on a laser together with Leigh Glover. I understand that they have also been down to the 'warm' pond at Hazelwood to compete in a regatta. Well done gents!! Your Social Secretary Sue Slater has also been skippering 'Foxy Lady' in a winter series at Royal Brighton with the very able assistance of the Commodore, and from time to time, our Treasurer Rob Cave, Anna Cave, Clay Manners and Peter Dawson. The competition is strong, but Foxy Lady, despite a crippling handicap has discharged herself very well, with one win and a number of good finishes. She is sitting in the middle of the fleet over the series.

So, if you are currently preparing your boat for the new season, let's get it finished and ready to 'kick' off in November, it promises to be a great summer of sailing. See you at Opening weekend. The Opening Eve Dinner is on Saturday 31st October, and Opening Day, Sunday 1st November.

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Thoughts from the Vice-Commodore

After serious consideration by the committee it was decided to move the John Barrett on for a patrol boat more 'fit for purpose'. We have taken delivery of our new patrol boat today (14/09/15) from Wes Frost Marine and as usual Wes has provided excellent service. The new boat trailer has a beach launching wheel which will hopefully solve some of the difficulties we have launching and recovering patrol boats. The photo accompanying this article will indicate that the new boat is very similar to our existing Zodiac which has provided excellent service over the past few years. While the new boat goes under the brand name Mercury, Wes assures me it comes from the same factory and is constructed from the same excellent quality fabric and to the same high standards as the Zodiac.

Could I remind eligible patrol boat drivers that the first ten hours of the new motor should not exceed half throttle and the RPM should be varied no later than every fifteen minutes.

Our new sailing season will be a time to renew old acquaintances and to establish friendships with new members. Your committee has a number of things under consideration to improve the amenities and the fellowship of the club. I shall leave those things for others to elaborate on in this newsletter. Please feel free to invite your family and friends (and well-behaved dogs that are kept under control) to the club. Hopefully we can convert them from guests into members.

Our working-bee in October will be an opportunity for all of us to contribute our little bit to what makes FYC a great club. There is no job too small that your input won't be welcome.

As always, in the coming season, our highest priority has to be safety. Whether in a club boat or your own boat or as a guest on someone else's boat please be aware of the important matter of safety.

May there always be Puff in your luff (but not too much!).

Grant Mathews
Vice-Commodore.



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Help Needed

FYC Big Promotional Gig & Sausage Sizzle

Flinders General Store – Saturday 31st October

FYC is planning to conduct a Yacht Club and Sailing School promotional event in the main street on Saturday 31st October. It will consist of the following:

A display of Optis and possibly a club Pacer

A sausage sizzle

We anticipate that the sausage sizzle will run from 10am through until 3pm, so we will need people to man the BBQ and yacht displays for that period of time. We will also need some people to help set up before then, say from 9am.

If you can help, say for an hour or so, can you please contact either:

Dino Farranato – 0430 373 575

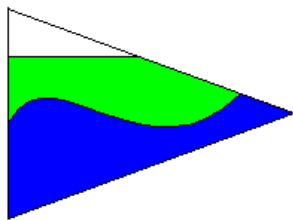
Or

Rod Slater – 0408 550 544

This will be an important event for promoting both our Yacht Club to prospective members, and the Sailing School.

Many Thanks.





WE NEED YOU!!!!

Calling all Club Members.....we have an exciting season of sailing and social activities planned for 2015/2016, but it won't happen without the help of each and every one of you.

I am certain that there isn't a member in our modest Club, who doesn't come down to the Clubhouse at the start of the season and think..."how good is this, this beautiful clubhouse and these lovely grounds, always looking so good"well, it doesn't happen by chance, it is the result of the efforts of your Committee supported by a small band of very dedicated members. If it wasn't for this small group, the Club would not function, and we need your help...please.

I would urge all of you to consider helping, it will make it so much easier for those who are currently carrying the load. Any help would be most welcome, and I am certain that you will enjoy the Club even more than you currently do if you become more active in its activities.

So, consider calling one of the following people and saying "I would like to help", we would love to hear from you....

Social Activities – Call Sue Slater – 0419 598 821

Grounds – Call Ted Warden – 0438 923 392

Sailing Activities – Call Rick Barker – 0412 310 012

Boats – Call Grant Mathews – 0414 695 597



Volunteer today.

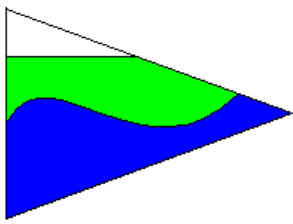
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FLC – WORKING BEE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Sunday 11th October, 10am – 12pm

Calling all members, your help is needed at the forthcoming working bee. Please give up a couple of hours of your time to help prepare the Club for the season ahead.

Help is required in the following areas:

The Clubhouse – Meet in the Clubhouse and speak to either Sue Slater or Russell Kenery. Can someone please bring a step ladder and pliers for staple removal. Window cleaning stuff.

The Gardens - Meet on the deck, and speak to Ken Lacey. Bring gardening tools of all descriptions, including whipper snippers, chain saws, clippers, tree saws, a lawn mower or two, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. All the usual gardening stuff!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

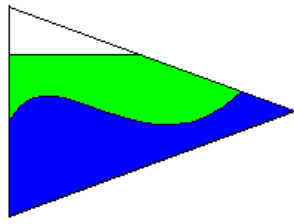
The Compound Gates – Meet at the gate on to the beach and speak to Max Findley. If you have a welder, please bring it.

The Boat Yard – Meet at the shed and speak to Rick Barker

***We will also need a hand with the sausage sizzle...
anyone good with the barby?***

BYO drinks.





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SAILING PROGRAM



FYC SAILING

The program is nearly ready and will be released on the web site very soon along with the notice of race and updated sailing instructions.

Below is the schedule of events up to Christmas

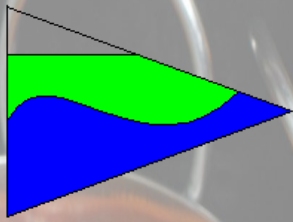
The **Spring OTB Series** of 8 races will start with opening day on 1 November, all sailors are welcome, make the effort to get your boat ready!

	DATE	EVENTS	Racing
Sun	01-Nov	OPENING DAY for everyone	Sausage Sizzle 1200 SAIL PAST to salute the Commodore 1315 Spring Series 1 / Agg/Champ 1 1330
Tues	03-Nov		Westernport Teams Racing - Westernport YC Balnarring
Sat	07-Nov		Sarah Blank Regatta - Westernport YC (day 1)
Sun	08-Nov		Spring Series 2&3 1330 Sarah Blank Regatta - Westernport YC (day 2)
Sun	15-Nov		Spring Series 4 & 5
Sun	22-Nov	Race Management Induction (1) 10.30am at the Club House	Spring Series 6 1330
Sat	28-Nov	I14 & B14 SKIFF WEEKEND	Skiff Races 1400
Sun	29-Nov	I14 & B14 SKIFF WEEKEND	Skiff Races- sprint racing 1100
Sun	06-Dec	Race Management Induction (2) 10.30am at the Club House	Spring Series 7&8 1330
Sat	26-Dec	Twilight 1 1730 (T)	Twilight 1 1730 (T)

BYO BBQ after the race at the Club

BYO BBQ approx 1900 All welcome





FYC Opening Eve Dinner

Curry night

(with an alternative for non-curry eaters)

Saturday 31st October 2015

7pm

BYO drinks

Cost: \$35 per adult \$15 under 18

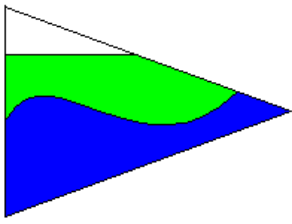
Bookings on Trybookings essential:

Try bookings: click on the link

<http://www.trybooking.com/JFPP>

Event name : FYC Opening Eve Dinner 31st Oct 2015

Contact Sue Slater with any queries!! 0419 598 821



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Social Calendar!

Now is the time to buy your 2016 diary and get these important dates set for the next FYC social season!

OCTOBER

Sat 31/10 Opening Eve Dinner

NOVEMBER

Sun 1/11 Opening Day

JANUARY

Fri 1/1 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Thurs 7/1 Golf Day

Fri 8/1 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Sat 9/1 Commodore's Cocktail Party

Fri 15/1 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Sat 16/1 Fishing Day

Fri 22/1 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Sat 23/ Australia Day Dinner

Fri 29/1 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

FEBRUARY

Fri 5/2 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Fri 12/2 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Fri 19/2 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

Fri 26/2 Twilight BBQ - BYO everything

MARCH

Sat 12/3 Labour Day Dinner

Sat 26/3 Easter Dinner

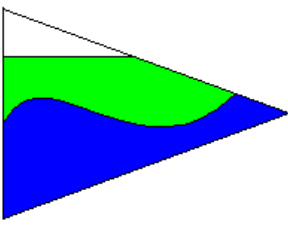
JUNE

Sat 18/6 Presentation Night Dinner



There may be other events coming up ...so watch this space!





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Westernport Teams Racing is on Cup Day, this is a great alternative to the horse race, lots of close yacht racing as a team, we have some takers already so let Rick Barker know ASAP if you would like to be part of the team.

The Single Race Management Training Day has been replaced with 3 **Race Management Induction Sessions** on 22 Nov, 6 Dec & 17 Jan, at these sessions you can familiarize yourself with the operations of the power boats, the tower and learn about race management duties. All members rostered for duty are requested to attend one of the sessions as a refresher or to learn the ropes prior to their duty day(s).

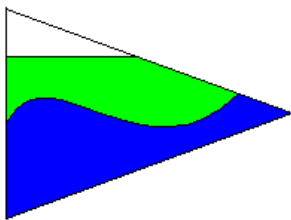
The **Sarah Blanck Regatta** is for women & girls and is a regatta of sailing, racing and coaching with a great line up of female coaches, go to http://www.westernport.yachting.org.au/assoc_page.cgi?client=0-9925-0-0-0&SID=305770&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=35826990

For more information.

Duty Days – helping with race management is an important part of membership of FYC Rick Barker has emailed everyone with their dates and once he has sorted out any anomalies or issues the programme can be finalised, please confirm your availability ASAP.

Winter Training – if you need some refresher sessions the Westernport YC Winter training continues right through to 13 Dec here are the dates: Sundays – 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov, 13 Dec, met at 9am, on the water at 10am, \$30 and training from world class sailor Robbie Lovig. Below are pictures of some club members at the training last week





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SAILING NEWS



Three Medals at Rio Olympic Test Regatta for Australia

The official Test Regatta was run last month, in Rio de Janeiro, as a dress rehearsal of the 2016 Olympic racing format and schedule and on course. Ten Australian sailors were in the field of 339 from 52 nations and we competed in six out of the ten boat classes. Of the six, we qualified in five [*Finn*, *Laser*, *49er*, *Men's 470*, *Nacra 17*] for the final top-ten Medal Race Day.

Jason Waterhouse and Lisa Darmanin kicked-off the final Medal Race Day with a Gold Medal in the *Nacra 17* catamaran class, which will premier on the 2016 Olympic program. The pair put together a complete performance across the 12 race series. The Australians finished every race within the top eight and their consistency proved to be invaluable as they won over the current World Champions Billy Besson and Marie Riou from France into second place.

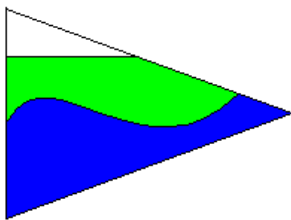
In the *Men's 470* dinghy class there was a lot of pressure on current Olympic gold medallist Mathew Belcher and World Champion Will Ryan going into the final Medal Race. The top nine boats were all in reach of a gold medal, but the Aussies claimed gold after finishing second which secured them the win by two points. It was challenging week for the pair with up and down results, including a disqualification in a race at the beginning of the regatta.

Tom Burton won the bronze medal for Australia in the *Laser*. It was a nail-biting result which saw Burton move in and out of the medal ranks throughout the final race.

It was a very good regatta for Australia, not only on the results but also what the team learned about the tricky courses, currents and winds. Stay tuned in 2016.

Russel Kenery





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SAILING SCHOOL



Flinders Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program

On behalf of the Flinders Yacht Club Committee, I am delighted to let you know that we will again be running the extremely popular and successful Juniors/Tackers and Adult training program between Dec 27-31st 2015 inclusive.

The coaching and development for the programs will again be coordinated through the fantastic team at The Mobile Boatshed ...Don't forget when you register you will also be invited to the famous Flinders Beach Party held on one of the evenings. In 2015 the programs for FYC Members and friends will be:

Tackers 1 9:00am – 1:00pm (24 places only) For those new to Sailing. Conducted in Optis. Ideal age 7- 12 yrs

Tackers 2 1:30pm – 5:30pm (10 places only) For those graduating from Tackers 1 or who have limited sailing experience. Conducted in Optis.

Tackers 3 1:30pm – 5:30pm (8 places only) For those graduating from Tackers 2 and are ready to start to grow their skills to sail fast. Conducted in Optis

Teenage and Adult Start Sailing 9:00am – 1:00pm (12 places only) For teenagers and adults wanting to learn to Sail who have no previous experience. Conducted in Pacers. There was great interest in this program last year

Better Sailing 9:00am – 1:00pm (12 places only). For Graduates of Tackers 3 and for Teenagers and Adults who have done Start sailing 1 + 2 or have had some **Sailing experience**.

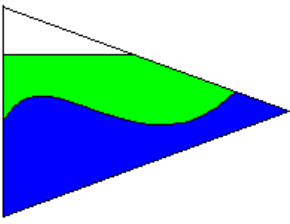
Flinders sailing school is on again 27 Dec to 31 Dec 2015 –bookings are open now – just click on the kink

http://www.theboatshed.net.au/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-9923-0-0-0&slD=305579

get the early bird discount available till 31 October 2015.

Queries can be directed to Dino Farronato on 0433 161 787 or Rick Barker 0412 310 012





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WINTER WORKS

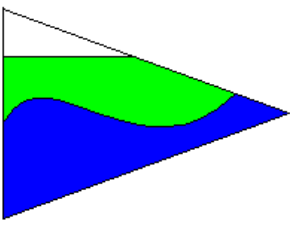
Engineer Kevin Miles from Hussey's Shed in Flinders checks alignment of motor to the winch gearbox. The winch mounting and coupling 'blew up' bringing up a Couta Boat when the 25 yr old rusted mounting frame finally gave way. Kevin supplied a new mounting frame and checked welding, bolts, and coupling were done right.



Couta Boaters Ian and Gerrard took the chance to 'end for end' the winch cable and grease it to 'double' its life. Ant Grage installed the winch a few decades ago and after fairly minor repairs hopefully it will go for a few more! The wiring was also 'fixed' again so In goes in and Out goes out.

Tedd Warden





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WINTER WORKS

Gardeners assistant Tedd, and Groundsman Ken enjoy lunch in the winter sun on the dune after clearing weeds around the control tower. They recommend the picnic setting for its outlook over the bay while getting ready for the new season.



Over winter there have been a few gardening chores that have generated a fair bit of matter for the bonfire. When we have a burn-off it is registered with CFA (1800 668 511 FREE) and if there is some volume the Flinders brigade attend to ensure safe fire management. Many thanks to member Warren Joel and fire crew who give their time and knowledge.

Please don't add to the pile by bringing your garden matter and adding to the heap.

Old sailors never die, they just get a little dinghy



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MEMBERSHIP

YOUR CLUB



ARE YOU A PAID-UP-&-PROUD FYC MEMBER?

60 of you have yet to pay your membership renewal.

Help us to help you have the best summer ever.

Pay up now and enjoy later...Ha!

Valid excuse for tardy payment:

If you haven't received your renewal notice, contact Membership Secretary, Helen Kent: 0408 345 7330408 345 733 or hdkent@bigpond.com

Our membership secretary, Helen Kent, recently did a "snail-mail" notification for the membership renewals.

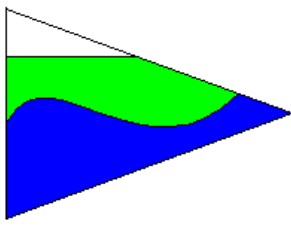
These are due to be paid by 30th September. If Australia Post has failed in their mission to deliver to your door the required paperwork, please contact Helen either by phone: 0408 345 733 or email: hdkent@bigpond.com.

So, post haste, join the ranks of the "paid-up-and-proud" FYC members so you can fully embrace the 15/16 season ahead of a great sailing programme devised by Rick Barker or catching up with old and new friends at the many and varied social events created by Sue Slater. We look forward to seeing you "on the deck".



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MEMBER NEWS - The Keelers



Sophistique wintered at Brighton with the odd cruise to Docklands for the weekend fireworks. Marian and Richard hosted a course of a progressive dinner there where thrill seekers leap tfrom boat to boat between courses, and black tie too! Their vines have been pruned and budding nicely hinting at a nice vintage coming up. Richard stole Marian's Porsche for a lap day on the race track and even handed it back in one piece with a big smile on the dial. They are looking forward to warmer weather and hosting coffee breaks from their on-board espresso machine, so are we!

In Due Course is looking a treat, with new electrics, paint in and out, engine all shiny, and a mirror finish on the hull that you could groom your hair in ! It will be on sale at Hastings but if not will join us in January,. Either way a win win for Geoff Max Genevive and co.

Foxy Lady perfected the Wednesday Pursuit races with a big wIn over winter. Slaters combined with the Caves, Manners, and Grage to get Foxy sorted and going. Then the Slaters took off out the back of Bourke to cruise on the banks of the Darling in the LandCruiser.

Clay went for a walk, over 500 km, across Europe. Despite the heat he had so much fun 800,000 others followed him a few weeks later.

Dawsons too had a peek about Europe but of course the highlight was a boat trip- the ferry from Gibraltar to Tangiers.

Grages and Morgans got sick of waiting for our season to start so choofed off to Greece for a sail on the Ionian to follow Ulysses. Wonderful weather great food and a well found yacht, sounds a bit like Flinders? Poor Morgans had to ride a bike 1000kays from Paris or somewhere to catch the boat so should be right on top of fitness for the ever sharp performing Flying Cloud.

Peter and Colleen have been sighted in Flinders creating a base from which to mount their season campaign in the Cloud too.

So the vibe in Keelers seems to 'bring on summer' so we can get out there and enjoy our little bay.

***In ancient times, seagoing vessels were much more fuel efficient.
They got thousands of miles to the galleon***



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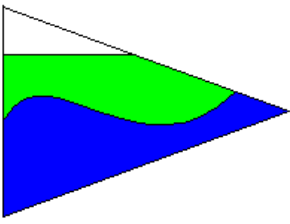


ARE YOU UP FOR SOME FUN as crew on one of our keel boats

FYC Twilight Races need crew so come on board Genevieve, Joy, Ray, Sarah, Jane, Wendy, Kate, Sophie, Neville, Jonathan, Helen, Mary, John, Jeremy, Sue, Tony, Elizabeth, Phillip, Annie, Leigh . . . and the rest of you social or sailing FYC Members. These races are exempt from our 3 race participation rule.

Imagine a balmy Friday evening, you pop your steak, salad & drinks in the eski for dinner later and leave at the club. Don some comfy clothes & sandals and saunter down to the end of Flinders jetty by 5pm. You hop on board your host keel boat and chase, or preferably, lead the keel boats round the course for an hour of laughter, excitement and preferably no splashes. Race over, congrats to the winner, then back to the FYC Clubhouse for a barbecue with your sailing buddies for some more laughs and intelligent conversation (OK, I've stretched the point here).

Fun start after Christmas. Expression of interest for a seat onboard one of our keel boats can be lodged with Helen Kent: or hdkent@bigpond.com



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MEMBER NEWS - The Keelers



John Iles, Helen Kent, Tedd Warden and your editor were uninvited guests on Foxy Lady after they has cruised with their r cruising group to Martha Cove.

Looking forward to seeing the lady back in Flinders Cove soon!

