

WEST HEADINGS

FLINDERS YACHT CLUB

Editor's Note

SPRING 2021

Welcome to West Headings Spring 2021. The promise of warmer weather is upon us and hopefully we can relax the rules to enjoy a sail and socialise on the deck. Inside is an updated COVID guide to what is allowed, but as we can attest, things can change rapidly.

Times have been tough but what has given joy is our community of family and friends. So this issue is really all about the people who are part of FYC and create the wonderful ambience that we all delight in.

We have stories from: An updated report from (former Commodore) Rob and Anna Cave's building their new home, a high tech, huge, ocean going catamaran. Also Lucy Joel tells us how sailing has opened doors to new challenges and friendships in the US. We do a snap chat of who managed to escape the cold Flinders blast and who stayed for various lockdowns in Vic. We give thanks to two members who received awards for their contributions to the club: John Derham – Lifetime Achievement Award and Warren Joel – The Penny Nilsen Trophy.

Sadly, we have lost some of our sailing greats: Tony Barnes, Angus Fletcher and Darcy Smith. We pay tribute to these fine gentlemen inside.

FYC have a new committee now headed by Commodore Michael Hollowood. Despite the lockdown, a lot of activity has been taking place and you will read about this in the various office holder's reports.

I look forward to your stories.

Helen Kent

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The **Tackers Program** is one of the highlights of the sailing season and the The Boatshed Flinders program will be held 27th -31st December 2021. Information and bookings can be found at their web site: <https://theboatshed.net.au/flinders/>



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Dear FYC Members,

I hope that this message finds you and your family safe and well and excited about the positive news from the Premier about the Roadmap out of lockdown.

No doubt we are all missing the ability to catch up with family and friends and the enjoyment that being a member of Flinders Yacht Club affords.

You will be aware that the government Roadmap out of lockdown is framed around the concept of vaccination targets being reached in a phased approach to easing lockdown restrictions. This impacts us all in various ways, including who can and cannot visit the Club for sailing, hospitality, or social interaction.

While the clubhouse remains closed, we do expect, within a few weeks to provide greater clarity regarding use of the clubhouse and upcoming social activities. To stay abreast of how you may use the club's facilities, I direct you to the home page of our website which provides more specific details.
<https://www.flindersyc.com.au/>

Sailing Australia has provided details of how the roadmap out of lockdown affects sailing which you can read within this issue of West Headings.

Captain Ric is in the final stages of planning the upcoming sailing season and given that restrictions will be eased as the vaccination targets are met, we expect a full sailing calendar.

I advise that FYC has submitted an Expression of Interest to host the State titles for the 125 and Pacer Associations over the Labour Day long weekend 12-14 March 2022, the host club will be selected by end of October. Between 40-50 boats are expected

Between 40-50 boats are expected to participate in this event, and it affords FYC the opportunity to showcase our hospitality, friendliness and competitiveness and I encourage our Pacer sailors to put forward a strong showing on our home waters if we are selected as the host club.

The plans for renovations to the Tower incorporating a staircase for better access were lodged with Mornington Peninsula Shire some months ago however as with most councils the wheels turn slowly and we are still awaiting approval before we can proceed.

I wish you and your families well and look forward to the seeing you at the club when restrictions allow.

Sincerely,

Michael Hollowood
Commodore



LIFE MEMBER - John Derham



always very obliging and nothing was too much trouble in meeting prospective hirers.” He also oversaw so many of the general maintenance issues and for years did a twice daily security check on the club. Members remember him managing the bar at most of the FYC functions with cheer and a welcoming smile. Suzie Guthrie remembers that John was just always there, ready to do anything to help. Mary Iles has also worked closely with John and notes, “In the early days of club hire, John used to check out the club, watching from the golf club cliff, to make sure everything was OK!”

John’s contribution to FYC over the decades is immeasurable and giving him a Life Membership for outstanding service, is a small token of our appreciation to this very humble man.

John Derham joined FYC in the 1993. He became a very active and competitive off the beach sailor initially sailing a borrowed Laser from Ant Grage and Darcy Smith. He later purchased his own first of two Lasers both named Masters Apprentice. John was a formidable opponent on the water as Ed Wright can attest, “John dominated the OTB sailing for years, he was the benchmark each year that we tried to beat. He was also incredibly encouraging of the new sailors until you became a bit of a competitor and then his tips dried up. His ability to tack upwind in a Laser was at an elite level and something that none of us at FYC can emulate. He has always been so gracious in winning and defeat. I think he just enjoyed the competition.”

John became part of the FYC Committee in late 1993 and took up the role of Secretary in March 1994. John epitomises the “quiet achiever”, ever present and just getting jobs done. John also assisted the Treasurers Marianne Johnson & Bill Butcher for eight+ years. For years he played “right hand man” to the Commodore’s wife who managed FYC’s social calendar and hire. Genevieve Barnett recalls, “John was



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PENNY NILSEN TROPHY 2012

– Warren Joel

The PNT is awarded for the Year's Most Valuable Contribution by a FYC Member. Warren more than qualifies for his ever dependable efforts over the years: Always cheerfully able to clear the Beach Gate of seaweed to give access to the OTB sailors, brings in his tough machine to mow the grass when it has turned to jungle, or to raise valuable \$\$ with his enthusiastic auctioneering. Warren's commitment to the FYC community is an inspiration to us all. A hearty thanks to Wazza.



Warren & Kate Joel

SAILING TO WINDWARD – from the Club Captain

Hello Sailors!

Lets stay optimistic that we will get to sail soon! At this stage the programme dates pre Christmas start on Sunday 31st October 2021. In theory, based on the Premiers Roadmap we can conduct social sailing but not racing. Again, based on the roadmap, the racing season can start on Sunday 14 November.

While it is unclear from the announcements so far, it is safe to assume that to participate, sailors will need to be fully vaccinated (ie two doses). It remains to be seen how this pans out in practice so all we can say is to follow the health department guidelines in relation to your vaccination status.

Upcoming Sailing:

Date	Tide	OTB Racing	OTB Start	Other
Sunday, 31 October 2021	L 1308	Social Sailing	1330	
Sunday, 7 November 2021	H 1411	Social Sailing	1330	
Sunday, 14 November 2021	L 1337	Spring 1 & 2	1330	Montalto Masters on Western Port
Sunday, 21 November 2021	H1401	Spring 3 & 4	1330	
Saturday, 27 November 2021	L 1132	Skiff Weekend	1400	To be confirmed
Sunday, 28 November 2021	L 1207	Skiff Weekend	1100	To be confirmed
Sunday, 5 December 2021	H 1244	Spring 5 & 6	1330	
Sunday, 12 December 2021	L 1234	Spring 7 & 8	1330	
Sunday, 26 December 2021	L 1115	Pacer Challenge	1400	
Monday, 27 December 2021	L 1151			Sailing School Day 1 0900 - 1700
Tuesday, 28 December 2021	L 1230			Sailing School Day 2 0900 - 1700
Wednesday, 29 December 2021	L 1315	Summer 1 & 2	1330	Sailing School Day 3 0900 - 1700
Thursday, 30 December 2021	L 1404			Sailing School Day 4 0900 - 1700
Friday, 31 December 2021	L 1500	Summer 3 & 4	1330	Sailing School Day 5 0900 - 1700

For social sailing days, a rescue boat will be on the water from 1330 so come down and get some practice in!

A complete programme and duty roster will be on the website soon.



Great practice for Flinders at the Balnarring Tams Racing.



And where would we be without our Tower Volunteers to monitor the races?

Sailing to Windward:

Most sailing races have an upwind (windward) leg and a down wind (leeward) leg, much of the tactics and position changes occur on the windward legs, in club races at least!

To take advantage of the tactical advantages though you need to still sail as fast as possible, here are some factors to consider:

- Look for flat water – swell and chop will slow you down;
- In a swell – angle up the front of a wave (away from the wind) rather than straight up;
- Consider the tide – find an angle where the tide is helping you;
- Sail the boat flat – keep the waterline in the water, longer waterline = less resistance;
- Sail the boat flat – this will maximise the “righting moment” - the relationship between crew weight and the power generated by the sails;
- Sail high, but not too high – “any one can sail high and slow” the fastest angle is not closest to the wind, experiment till you hear or see more wash coming off the bow of your boat, this is when you are going fast;
- Don't try and follow other boats angles, this has no relationship to the optimal angle for you.

Keep experimenting, when you find the right angle you'll know it!

See you on the water!

Rick Barker
Club Captain

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- Keelboat Captain's Report

JUNIOR MEMBERS, LILLY FOGARTY & MISCHA ENGLISH REPORT ON LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES.

Online Marine Licence Test

The other week, Mischa English and I sat in an online test to get our Restricted Marine Boat Licence. Before the test, we were sent videos and links to practice tests for study and to learn the rules on the water. The videos had heaps of information on them and the visuals really helped too. We both also did all of the practice tests online to see our score and improve. The final piece of revision for the test was to read the manual on marine rules and safety, bookmarking every important page to use as final revision. When the test day came, we had to be sitting at a desk with it cleared. We also had to make sure that no one came into the space that we were sitting in and have our cameras on. The supervisor also called us before the test to confirm our forms of ID: passport, Medicare card etc. The test was 30 questions and not that hard to complete, as long as the study was done! We both definitely recommend going and getting your marine boat licence because the process was super easy as its all done online and your certificate gets posted to your front doorstep. You then take the certificate into Vic Roads to get the actual licence. It means that Summer will be heaps of fun!

And more happenings during Lockdown

Personally, I have been very busy doing all of my online classes, cooking, catching up with friends to go on walks and overall just getting outside as much and I can.

I have also been participating in many zoom meeting and webinars with the 420 Association for topics such as rules weather, tactics, strategy, fitness session and Q and A's with Olympic sailors and coaches. Theses zooms have kept me super busy as I have, mostly, had 1 per day! I hope to apply these new ideas when we can next get back on the water!



Coaching sessions for Lilly via Zoom including 470 Olympic gold medallists.

A fellow junior, Mischa English, has also been up to lots of cooking, catching up with friends and just overall getting outside as much as possible. Additionally, my sister Rose Fogarty, has been up to pretty much the same thing, except also walking neighbours' dogs!

Hope to see you all on the water soon,

Lilly Fogarty



Flinders Team after the teams racing event at Somers Yacht Club.

FAREWELL –

Angus Fletcher

Angus and Holly Fletcher have been part of the Flinders community for more than three decades and members of FYC for almost as long. Very sadly, Angus died in a car accident driving from Flinders to Melbourne on Friday 22nd January. Angus was a brilliant and innovative mechanical engineer, and enthusiastic collector of classic cars.

He figured in line honours and placings of many events with his yachts, Tevake & Tevake II. He won the FYC Aggregate in 1996 in Trevake. Angus's first Melbourne to Hobart (the Westcoaster) was in 1998 and Melbourne to Vanuatu 2006. After many tries, he won the Melbourne to Davenport in 2021.



Holly, Angus's wife, confidante and partner for 51 years in their life's adventures, was a great supporter, meeting him at Hobart and many other race destinations at the finish line.

ORCV awarded Angus Fletcher with a Life Membership (Posthumously): As an ORCV and HBYC Commodore, committee member, race

director, measurer and such a guiding force in race development, training programs, investments and a mentor, Life Membership is the highest honour the ORCV can award. "Angus the fierce competitor, the stickler for correct and concise detail, who kept us all on our toes to share his passion of ocean racing." He was also Ocean Racer of the Year 2020.

Holly said recently, "I was very touched recently when the Commodore of the Ocean Racing Club rang me to tell me of this award for Angus - and where ever he is sailing now I sure he would be quite chuffed. The T2 crew and I are very proud of The Old Salt."



Darcy Smith

Darcy was a long time member of FYC actively participating in the sailing and social programs over more than 30 years.

Initially he sailed a Laser but upgraded to keel boats when he, Ant Grage and Peter Tozer purchased *Super Goof* from John Barrett. The 3 were known as the "GST Team" as it was about the time GST tax became operational. Darcy hated light winds, "...too boring", he claimed.

Darcy became a member of the FYC Committee and then the 9th Commodore in 1996-1998. He rallied old and new members for social occasions and revelled in the fun. Members enjoyed several Cocktail functions in Jenny's beautiful garden.

For one memorable Club dinner he invited Tory Gunnerson to speak about his experiences surviving the treacherous Sydney Hobart race in 1998. Over 100 were seated in the original clubhouse to hear tales of the wildness and horrors that sailors faced in that race. Naturally the evening had to end with an auction, with Darcy in full glory as the persuasive auctioneer, to boost Club funds (for compound improvements and shed facilities).

After retiring from active sailing Darcy sustained an enjoyment of the Clubs facilities and social events. He was known at AGMs to ask probing questions about the Clubs finances. He continued to enquire about the lives of junior members as they progressed through their education and careers.

Darcy was active in many Flinders groups from pétanque, chatting outside the General Store, enjoying lunches at Julie's (now Flinders Village Cafe), chasing the ball around the golf course or just enjoying a walk with his dog.

Recent FYC members may recognise Darcy as the man behind the mini golf at the St. John's Church Fete and finding homes for left over books from the Fete.

We will miss his cheery face.

Our thoughts are with Jenny and family.

by Joy Manners



The Super Goof "GST" team: Darcy Smith, Peter Tozer and Ant Grage.

Tony Barnes

Tony Barnes was much loved and respected member of the crew of **Foxy Lady**, sailing out of Flinders Yacht Club and The Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

As a former Australian Impulse class sailing champion, and Coxswain of the Flinders Pilot Boat, Tony brought immeasurable experience to the Foxy Lady crew, which he generously shared, from sail setting to racing tactics. Tony was an outstanding mentor for the skipper of Foxy Lady, Sue Slater, and would happily stand at Sue's shoulder as she helmed Foxy Lady to success.

Tony was such a lovely man, and we all enjoyed every minute that we spent with him on the yacht, it was just too short. He will be sorely missed.

By Rod & Sue Slater



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MONTALTO *Masters on Western Port*



13 + 14 November 2021

Westernport Yacht Club is pleased to announce a return to event sailing with the **Montalto Masters on Western Port 2021**. This two day multi-class fleet event is the ideal regatta to get back on the water with fellow 40+ sailors and socialise in the relaxed surrounds of Westernport Yacht Club.



Registrations now open through Try Booking
Early bird discount available until October 13th, 2021.
Numbers may be limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Cancellation/refund system in place due to the uncertain nature of Covid restrictions

Prizes and trophies proudly sponsored by Ronstan for categories:

- Masters (40 – 54 yrs)
- Grand Masters (55 – 64 yrs)
- Great Grand Masters (65 yrs and over)

For further information, go to Event Manager and Vice Commodore Adam Smith on 0404 885 348 or

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WHO ESCAPED AND WHO STAYED TO BRAVE THE HARSH FLINDERS WINTER?

The **Kellys & Lindners** separately headed for sunny QLD. "We bumped into Mark and Jacqui Kelly in Bargara, had a lovely night at the pub," reported Mary. (Remember going to the pub?)



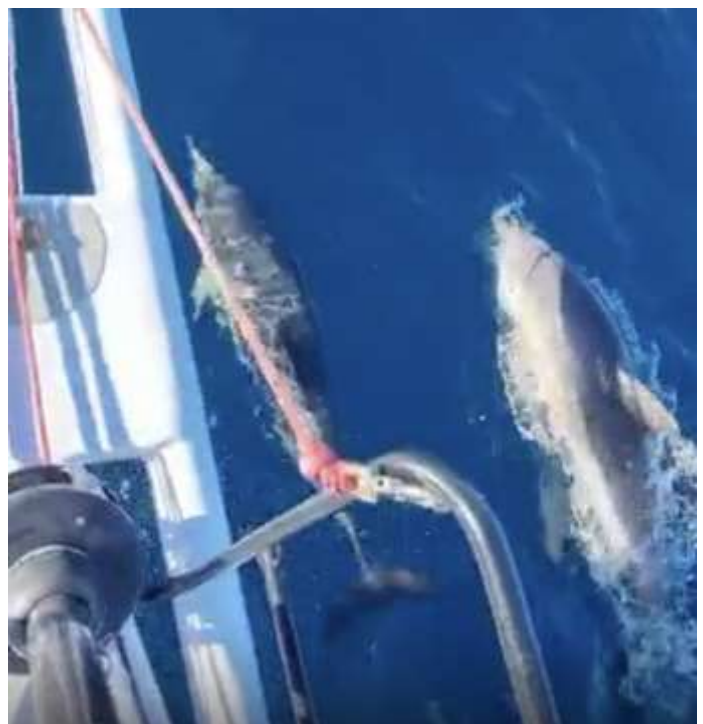
The **Dawsons** went outback & beyond in their mobile mansion. Pete forwarded us a pic and commented, "All that is missing are the players! One of the many off road camp sites and camp oven meal being prepared. Our country is truly beautiful."



The **Kings** went to FNQ to celebrate their little princess's 1st birthday.

Warren Joel got halfway to Hamilton Island, crewing aboard a 46' Sport Boat "Alex" before Covid struck again and he jumped ship at Port

Stephens to head home. He did, however, have some company along the way.



Annie Austin & Leigh Glover headed off for a grand tour of Australia's wild and wonderful outback but were forced into lockdown in SA's Flinders Ranges. Not a bad place to be.



Leigh & Annie at the Flinders Ranges.

The **Krokers** were also keen to get away in their van and did make it to Echuca where they eyed balled the Mighty Murray but were too afraid to cross. Sadly for them their great adventure ended in a fast retreat back to Melbourne as lockdown V5 or was it V6 hit.

Some had hip replacements: **Kate Farrar & Joy Manners**, through sheer luck ended up enjoying the luxurious hospitality of The Avenue Hospital in the same week, They are both in full recovery and beating the pavement around Flinders for the 10,000+ steps per day.



The **McDonald's** went on a gastronomic tour of SA & Vic with plenty to appease their appetite.



David Wilkins sailed Fremantle – Broome.

The truly tough stayed in Flinders, kept the home fires burning to stop us from freezing to death and enjoyed the travel reports from our friends. But the even tougher juggled WFH, home schooling and not being able to get to Flinders for fear of breaching Dan's rules.

BUILDING A 52' OCEAN SAILING CATAMARAN –

The Cave's journey continues ...

Ahoy from Tea Gardens!

(A small township adjacent the northern head of Port Stephens NSW).

A year has passed since our last update and what a year it's been. Covid lockdowns, supply chain issues and labour shortages to name a few challenges. This has been by far the largest project we have ever tackled and its fair to say there have been moments of doubt - however our boat is starting to look like home.

A custom boat build is like a bespoke Savile Row Men's Suit, hand made to measure involving enormous hours of work and extraordinary level of detail. Having said that, it is very rewarding to see her coming together. The blessing is we will know every centimetre of the boat when she's finished.

We have finessed our boat building skills out of necessity since we represent two thirds of our labour force! Laminating, sanding & painting, plumbing & electrical, upholstery & learning the true essence of patience ... each day another job or two completed and next day a couple more ticked off a seemingly never ending list.

Progress is being made:

- 80% exterior boat undercoated and ready for topcoat.
- 85% electrical wiring & plumbing installed.
- Saloon couch and external seating ready for upholstery
- Internal joinery complete and being lined with bamboo veneer
- Galley & head ready for Corian benchtops.
- Ceiling lining panels 90% complete.
- Awaiting NZ carbon mast, boom & rams.
- Sail design complete: two electrical furlers forward, In-boom furling main & asymmetric spinnaker.
- And an exciting week, our tender arrived and the motorised davit system works a treat!

No doubt your leading question – when is launch day? Lets just say the 20th ...

She is a gorgeous looking boat and with fully loaded weight of around 10 tonnes should sail beautifully.

Enjoy the photos, take care and we look forward to anchoring off Flinders pier this summer.

Anna & Rob

More pics at Facebook – [annaandrobsailing](#).



SAILING WITH LUCY JOEL

Kate and Warren Joel have three very talented daughters; Olivia, Lucy, and Grace. But we are focussing on Lucy for this sailing story. When the Joel family moved to Flinders in 2013, Lucy was studying Computer Science at the University of Melbourne and was also one of the most popular waitresses at the Flinders Village Café. She crewed regularly with Warren and we were thrilled to have her occasionally on board *Act of Faith* for the keel boat races.

With university completed, Lucy started work in Melbourne and eagerly sought a crewing spot on board some of the fast and furious yachts sailing out of Sandringham Yacht Club, starting out doing bow on *Joyride* for the J/24 one-design racing, before moving to *Doesn't Matter*, a MAT 1010.

Lucy's career was also taking off with the wind of her extraordinary talent and last year (2020) she hightailed it to Seattle USA to take up a very challenging role as a software engineer with Uber. Arriving just pre Covid, Lucy used a number of digital platforms to link her into her love of hiking and sailing, including Facebook groups and the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle's 'crew finder' mailing list. It was from the CYC mailing list that she found Steve Travis, the skipper of a TP52 called *Smoke* that was in need of a bow person. As soon as she was vaccinated she started crewing with them for the weekly Seattle Yacht Club and Corinthian Yacht Club races out of Seattle as well as larger regattas around the state. She also began racing on *Reckless* a J/80 and *Spark* a J/24 for regular weekly one-design racing.

Recently (weekend of 24-26th September) the crew of *Smoke* was invited to compete at the US Offshore Championship in Annapolis and Lucy was one of the crew members invited. The regatta is run by US Sailing in conjunction with the US Naval Academy. Crews from all around the country, each with one Midshipman, as well as one boat that is all Navy Midshipman, race Navy 44s around Chesapeake Bay for the weekend. After spending the first day's racing familiarising themselves with the boat and the

area, clean manoeuvres and good tactics allowed the crew to pull off a first and a second, which left them in first overall by a mere quarter of a point, and the 2021 winners of the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy. (Results here: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-Offshore-Results.pdf>)



Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle Team Excels to Win U.S. Offshore Sailing Cha...

Sailing has given Lucy an entrée to meeting loads of interesting people and the opportunity to sail aboard some fabulous yachts, competing with the best.



SPRING 2021 HOUSE & GROUNDS.

While Corona has dampened our sailing and social scenes, the grass has kept growing. We've had above average rain for the last two years for vigorous growth. Our contractors have done whatever lockdown limits would allow, so the place was a bit shabby over August September. With permits in hand we have been able to regain a resemblance of control, though the yard needs boat movements that defy social distancing, we'll get there before opening day, hopefully.

Maintenance may be not be sexy, but its necessity has its own reward. Weed removal targets the spiky Bindii, destructive Cape Weed, and thistles from the grass. Rodent control, touch up painting, and security checks happen about the Clubhouse.

The Swamp Gums we planted in 1996 enclosed by the Yard access track provide shade and protection, but have been prone to dropping large branches. Our Arborist does an annual safety check for overhanging and pendulous, or diseased limbs. Sadly two trees infected with Bracket Fungus were removed after consultation with Bass Park Trust. We will be planting at least 10 indigenous trees along the compound 'to make up'.

The boat yard is becoming nice and full with more activity on the water. A boats location may change according to the Yard Boss' whim so take up any issues with him (0438923392). We can't provide storage or launching for motor boats. Empty trailers may be stored out of compound. All boat not in the racks should have trolleys that work, consider the volunteers who move them for mowing. Off The Beach boats are consolidated for winter to enable easier movement of Keelboats up for their winter work. It is a condition ALL boats should be labelled, especially the kayaks etc whose Texta markings are faded off.

Speaking of signage, the club honour boards were updated for the last two seasons and they look great.



CHAMPIONSHIP			AGGREGATE		
2006-07	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2006-07	"TARPAULT"	B. COLEMAN
2007-08	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2007-08	"TARPAULT"	B. COLEMAN
2008-09	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2008-09	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM
2009-10	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2009-10	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM
2010-11	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2010-11	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM
2011-12	"ORANGE"	H. BARKER	2011-12	"WITH THE BEY"	W. MITCHELL
2012-13	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2012-13	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM
2013-14	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2013-14	"YOUNG CAT"	J. WRIGHT & A. ADAMS
2014-15	"SPINDRIFT"	E. WRIGHT	2014-15	"SPINDRIFT"	E. WRIGHT
2015-16	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2015-16	"WITH THE BEY"	W. MITCHELL
2016-17	"SPARKY"	E. WRIGHT	2016-17	"SPINDRIFT"	E. WRIGHT
2017-18	"MASTERS APPRENTICE"	J. DERHAM	2017-18	"SPINDRIFT"	E. WRIGHT
2018-19	"TARTY INC."	SAM WRIGHT & B. FOGARTY	2018-19	"TARTY INC."	SAM WRIGHT & B. FOGARTY
2019-20	"FARTY INC."	S. WRIGHT & H. WRIGHT	2019-20	"TARTY INC."	SAM WRIGHT & B. FOGARTY
2020-21	"FIVE FLY"	S. WRIGHT & H. WRIGHT	2020-21	"SLUB FACED"	G. BROS. O. MATTHEWS & H. HOLLOWAY & A. N. FRICKATTI

Derek Warner (0417557987 warner-signs.com) made the boards a long time ago and was able to do the mix of Gold Leaf and computer cut lettering promptly, without fuss and fairly priced. Please talk to him, and get labelled, so I don't have to keep banging on about it!

Due to Corona Lockdowns we missed out on a working bee last season, and it is still too indecisive to plan for one this year, but there are lots of little chores to do if we get a chance, so grease up your whipper snipper and rake.

Tedd Warden





MONTALTO



REPORT FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Invoice Season

We are in the middle of our annual invoice season and payments are landing which is positive to see.

In addition to payment of the Invoice amount that is due several members have kindly made donations which are greatly appreciated by the Club.

Payments are scheduled to be received by the due date October 15th, 2021

Yacht Club Data Base

The Membership Team continue to build on the existing member database of key member contacts. This is used for all Yacht Club communications via email, so members are encouraged to advise the Membership Secretary of any changes to contact details so that all members and family members can be kept up to date with Yacht Club events and activities.

The Team has recently requested contact details for our Younger Members Cohort so that Michael Hollowood and Lucy Barker can make direct contact with this group, for age related social and sailing events at the Club. Parents are encouraged to provide contact details of all younger family members so that they can be included in these updates and invitations.

Please confirm these details to the Membership Secretary by email.

New Member Applications

Members are encouraged to make introductions to potential new members for both the Social and Family Membership category. Application forms have been updated for the 2021-2022 season and are available for download from the website.

The Membership Secretary is pleased to confirm general interest from several potential new members who have received application forms, and it is anticipated that as soon as the season opens and improving weather, we will see new member applications for consideration by the committee.

Membership Strategy 2021-2022

We are focussed on adding even more value to our memberships by:

- Increasing the sailing opportunities for all interested parties, utilising the club boats, for regular “social sailing days” for fun on the water followed by gatherings on the deck.
- Giving a stronger voice to our younger members via their greater participation in communication, planning & management of the FYC activities that they want.
- Creating more activity opportunities for social members to be engaged in the club.
- Planning a more diverse range of social formal and relaxed activities to appeal to every age group.
- Continual maintenance and upgrades of existing infrastructure and facilities.

Mark + Jacqui Kelly

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



One of the many activities for the Kids, both big & small, was the Tug of War at the Australia Day Family Gathering.

Last year our social activities were kerbed somewhat but we were lucky to have a handful of social activities none the less: Commodore's Cocktail Party, Golf Twilight Dinner, Ladies Lunch, Australia Day BYO and Easter Saturday BYO. These were very successful and enjoyed by all. While the Club's Annual Presentation Dinner has been postponed until such time we can get together, all purchased tickets are and will remain current.

Just a note on our last social gathering - and a reminder of our more recent 'great' club moments - Our Easter FYC social event was a great family and kids event. There were many games enjoyed by all. It was very memorable and we look forward to more events like this.

The (indicative but subject to change) current Victorian Roadmap for social gatherings depends on the majority of people (age 16+) being 80% vaccinated which is estimated at around 5th November. That then, will only allow for up to 30 people gathering outdoors. As the situation unfolds after that date, we will be able to get a better sense of how our social activities for the upcoming season can and will be planned.

The roadmap further states that it will also be dependent on our ability to confirm vaccination status of patrons. The club will be working on a simple plan that is both practical and no fuss.

The Club is looking forward to a better social season for 2021-2022 for members, family, kids and friends.

Ingrid Alexandrovics



Friday evenings on the deck after the Twilight Races are a great way to enjoy the sunset.



FYC Ladies Lunch held in the Garden Room at Montalto.



Food vans: Calamari Bros., Vietnamese, Slider and homemade Ice Creams provided delicious choices and were COVID safe.



FYC Commodore's Cocktail Party Bar Staff: Immy and Alec supported by Aimee & her team.



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VICTORIAN ROAD MAP	80% of 16+ with Single Dose Indicative date 26 September 2021	70% of 16 + Fully Vaccinated Indicative date 26 October 2021	80% of 16 + Fully Vaccinated Indicative date 5 November 2021
Sailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Houses access – Not permitted. This includes toilets and changerooms • Training courses- Not permitted • Club Racing- Not permitted • Coaching: Must be for exercise purposes. max two people (plus the coach), or max of 5 people if everyone attending who is 18 years or older (and the trainer) has received both of their COVID-19 vaccinations • Equipment to be cleaned between uses • Recreational Sailing can occur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Houses access – Not permitted. This includes toilets and change rooms • Club Racing- Not permitted • Training courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Limited to the number required to participate (one parent may stay to supervise)</i> ○ Training should only be open to members of your club (no come and try programs) ○ Must only use outdoor facilities (no indoor training allowed) • Coaching: Must be for exercise purposes. Max two people (plus the coach) or max of 5 people if everyone attending who is 18 years or older (and the trainer) has received both of their COVID-19 vaccinations • Equipment to be cleaned between uses • Recreational Sailing can occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Houses access – Allowed Fully Vaccinated Indoor Density Quota 4m2 150 cap Fully Vaccinated Outdoor Density Quota 2m2 500 cap • Club Racing- Permitted • Training courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Limited to the number required to participate</i> • Coaching: - Permitted

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FAQ

Is Australian Sailing mandating vaccines?

Australian Sailing strongly encourages the sailing community to get vaccinated. State and federal governments are currently determining legislation with respect to vaccination, and we will continue to provide guidance as this is updated. The sooner we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can all get back on the water.

How do we manage group limits for vaccinated/ non vaccinated members?

Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV) has informed us that the government is in the final steps to roll out an app that will link your vaccine status to the QR log in codes. We expect to hear more on how this will work in the coming weeks.

SRV is developing advice for volunteer clubs to adhere to the Government rules. Australian Sailing will share this as it becomes available.

Can I collect a copy of the vaccine certificate?

SRV recommends that clubs do not keep a copy of any medical certificate on file. Instead, they recommend requesting to view the physical certificate or the Medicare vaccine passport displayed on their phone.

Should I put my vaccination certificate on my Australian Sailing profile?

No. Clubs should use the government certificate/ app as the source of truth for proof of vaccination.

Do I need to wear a mask whilst sailing?

Masks should be worn when rigging up and packing up. They can be removed for practical reasons when sailing.

I am planning to run an event; do we need to do anything around event applications?

SRV are waiting for further advice by the health minister. You should however plan you event to mitigate any covid risks and prepare a covid safe plan.

How many people can I have on my boat?

Metro Melbourne – under the current restrictions you are required to meet the public gathering guidelines

There are a lot of questions that have been raised through the introduction of the road map, many do not have answers at this stage.