

WEST HEADINGS



The Newsletter of the
FLINDERS YACHT CLUB

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Commodores Report

Your Commodore and his good lady spent September in Europe enjoying the European sunshine, some bad weather and excellent Italian wine.

The yachts we saw around the Mediterranean were generally bigger than what we have around Flinders, more plentiful, and seem to have a high proportion of attractive females on-board. "Oh to be a Mediterranean Skipper". So this is the reason for my missing the Club's last Newsletter.

The Flinders Yacht Club season opened on Saturday 20 October and we had a low key sail past and a pleasant afternoon tea. Some of the juniors sailors carried water missiles on the sail past but mercifully they were very poor shots. This year the club decided to do its own thing and we intend to invite all the nearer Western Port Commodores to our cocktail party in January.

The fleet took to the water on Sunday 3 November and it was great to see our junior and off-the-beach sailors well represented. Only two keel boats sailed and SuperGoof were soundly thrashed - well done Alan!!

I regret that we have not yet started the new Club shed as we are awaiting a decision on a Commonwealth Government grant which would obviously help the Club's finances. If we are successful we might be able to do a few special things over and above what we had originally planned.

For those of you who have not yet had your first sail for the season I would encourage you to start as early as possible as we should have some pleasant sailing days up to Christmas. The weather has been so dreadful that something good should be assured from now on.

I look forward to seeing you on the water or at the club house in the near future.

Regards

Darcy Smith.

Stop Press:

Race Results Continued:

Handicappers comments on race results

Racing was very close in the first heat of the Vice Commodore's trophy. Junior elapsed times converted to the equivalent of three laps, 7 boats (4 seniors and 3 juniors) finished within 6:30 minutes corrected time yardstick, and within just over two minutes on club handicap. We should have everyone over the same course more often.

Brian Coleman

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Captain's Corner

Hello to you all and welcome to the 1996-7 season. Well haven't we all been busy over the winter months. Green boats, white boats, blue boats and even that red and blue boat has had a face lift but if there was to be a prize for originality it must go to Kylie Slater for her floating seaside scene.

The 96-97 season was off to a great start with the opening day and sail past. Weather conditions were perfect and the sail past began in an orderly manner with Bill Thomas and Tulak leading the fleet of off-the-beach boats past our Commodore. The orderly conduct soon ceased when water bombs, secretly supplied (by our Vice Commodore) to all junior boats, were targeted at our commodore. With nowhere to run Darcy soon found the meaning of "sitting duck!" All in all great day was had by all who participated.

Our first race for the season was sailed in what started to be ideal conditions. As the day progressed the forecast showers soon took hold of the situation and dampen the spirits of the patrol boat crews more so than of those sailing. Except for the boat crew who enjoyed the afternoon under the shelter of the Patrol Boat sipping hot tea and demolishing a whole pack of choc mint biscuits.

With the sailing program set for P.M races this season

we should see a lot more activity both on the water and at the BBQ lunches. So on those sunny Sundays grab a snag or two and come down and make a full day of it at the Club.

Any member not currently rostered on race day should give me a call. I will definitely find a place for you.

Also would patrol boat skippers and crews please keep the speed of the patrol boat to less than 5 knots in the vicinity of those participating in races. This will not only stop the frustration of competitors bashing through wakes, but it is also a boating regulation. (A 5 knot speed limit applies to boats within 30 metres of another vessel.).

Due to the spring tides and the large swell throughout October the sand we placed on the sea wall has been lost So if you are down at the club and have a spare 5 minutes, bring a shovel and throw some sand, to fill the holes and feed the marron grass. This is our only hope of defeating the erosion problem.

Well that's about it for me this month, so see you on the water

Doug Thorne

Don't forget sailing declarations and safety certificates must be completed no later than Saturday 14th of December, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

"NO TICKET, NO START."

PLEASE READ THE ARTICLES ON SAFETY I HAVE INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
November 17	Vice Commodore's Trophy Heat II (all classes)
November 23&24	14 Foot Skiff Visit
December 7	Dinner and Guest Speaker- <i>Mark Willet</i> 7:00pm
December 8	Junior Coaching Clinic 11:00am
December 8	Vice Commodore's Trophy Heat III (all classes)
December 15	Aggregate I (all classes)

1996 Sailing School

It's that time again,
the FYC's Sailing School is
wanting students now!

If you or one of your friends are interested
contact Sue Slater on (03) 9598 3924

Letters to the Editor

Apology

The last edition of West Headings included a letter supposedly written by Mrs Ima Perve. The editor has subsequently been contacted by Mrs Perve. It seems the letter in the last edition was not written by her. We were all the victim of a cruel hoax. She did not travel to Mallacoota as claimed. She, and Husband Bert, were in Flinders all winter. West Headings Editorial staff extend a sincere apology to Mrs Perve and deeply regret any embarrassment. In future all letters to the editor must include the full name, address and telephone number of the writer for confirmation of the authenticity of authorship.

Editor

Dear Sir

While FYC members are eagerly anticipating the coming summer your neighbours are living in fear of what the summer may bring.

My cousin Peter has recently been the father of septuplets.

Little bundles of happiness have also arrived for several other couples in our extended family.



Club members appear to have a callous disregard for their neighbours. They try to run us down in their cars and they release dogs to chase us. Thank goodness they are old fat and slow!

I am led to believe at the opening eve dinner some members dined on Lapin Chasseur. Their insensitivity is beyond comprehension. Your dinner could have even been great uncle Harry who disappeared a month or so ago.

The other day I overheard the old grey haired fellow telling the club captain the Rabbit Claicivirus would be released on the Peninsular at the end of November. He seemed very pleased at this dreadful prospect.

While enjoying your summer spare a thought for your neighbours who may not be here this time next year.

Your neighbour.
Flopsie.

Safety Requirements

Important for all Off-the-beach sailors

Flinders Yacht Club sailing instruction require all yachts to comply with safety requirements prescribed by the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF) and the relevant class associations. The AYF 1993-97 Yacht racing handbook specifies safety regulations for off-the-beach yachts. Owners and skippers should make themselves familiar with these regulations to ensure they do not, however unwittingly, make themselves ineligible to sail with the club. In the interests of everyone, the club must enforce the regulations. The sea is far too unforgiving to treat such matters lightly. Race entries will therefore not be accepted from OB yachts which have not completed a safety check in the current season. Snap checks will also be held to ensure that safety compliance is maintained.

Safety checks completed in recent seasons indicate that particular attention needs to be paid to the following aspects:-

- 1) **Towing Fairlead:** AYF Regulations cover towing requirements in considerable detail, but in general the minimum requirement is for a 38 mm diameter stainless steel ring to be mounted at the bow so that a tow line can be led through it and thence back to a strongpoint further aft.
- 2) **Mainsail Fastening:** Regulation 5 requires that a mainsail be capable of being easily lowered by hand with the boat at sea in both the upright and capsized positions. (Some specific class dispensations exist which the safety officer will apply.)
- 3) **Centreboards:** Regulation 6 requires that centreboards be positively secured to the hull, by lanyard, bolt, pin, or other effective means, so that they remain in the centreboard case when the hull is inverted. In a Mirror, for instance, the common shock cord arrangement for holding the board down is not, by itself, enough as it will not secure a partially raised board.
- 4) **Bailers:** Regulation 8 requires yachts, other than those with substantially self-draining hulls, to carry an adequate bailer in addition to any automatic type of bailer. The bailer must be attached to the hull with a light lanyard which permits it to be effectively used without releasing the lanyard.

- 5) **Rudder:** Regulation 9 covers rudder security of - the blade to rudder box or stock, the rudder box or stock to hull, and the tiller to rudder stock. In particular, spring fittings commonly used to "secure" rudder boxes to hulls (flat stainless steel or nylon) DO NOT comply. (The writer can vouch from personal experience that they do not always work.). There must be a stainless steel safety pin through the rudder pin or pintle.
- 6) **Hull Identification:** Regulation 10 details the information which must appear on a yacht's hull and the size of the letters used. Required information includes name of yacht, class, sail number, and club. A local example could be:
- 7) **Paddles:** Although the regulations do not

	Letters	
	Height	Width
All Fall Off (name)	50mm	8mm
Fireball (class)	20mm	4mm
9876 (sail number)	50	8
Flinders Y.C	20	4

require paddles the AYF recommends that yachts carry at least one useable paddle. As old Flinders hands have found, a paddle can be very useful if caught away from shore in a failing breeze (particularly if the tide is ebbing), or even for getting to the starting line before the preparatory signal on light days (but remember, it can't be used after the preparatory 5 minute signal).

- 8) **Tow Lines:** A further AYF recommendation is that yachts carry a tow line which enables the yacht to be towed at least two boat lengths behind the towing vessel, and further that junior training classes have their tow lines permanently attached, passing through the regulation towing eye, and stowed ready for use.

Anyone with any safety queries should contact the sailing captain or any member of the sailing committee. See the back of your program for names and numbers.

**Any contributions to West Headings
are welcome.**

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Please Note:
 the deadline for any
 articles, ads, classifieds
 is the first of each Month.

Beach Erosion

Most of us spend a lot of time on the coast, certainly during the summer months, so we all have seen the processes that shape that environment, and marvelled at the ocean's power, ferocity, and lack of forgiveness. This power causes many features of coasts like 12, then 11 and now 10 apostles along the Great Ocean Road, and Cape Schanck. The ocean also relieves us of these landmarks quicker than they were formed.

The same forces which created the Great Ocean Road also affect our beach, depositing sand, then taking

it back. Just like Scrooge withdrawing money if he suspects the bank is about to fold.

Those who have been down to the club recently would have noticed that the beach has partly disappeared over winter. It now several feet below the level at the end of summer.

We all hope this is just part of the natural cycle.

In winter the beach recedes because of the stronger waves generated by the rougher weather. The eroded sand is taken offshore, and deposited as sandbars. As one member put it "the sea floor is now completely different, with sand bars where there were none." Maybe this sand is from



"the same forces which created the Great Ocean Road also affect our beach"

Locally attempts have been made along Beach Road in Melbourne to protect the coast. Earlier this century the coast began to erode, threatening the road, and nearby houses. At Black Rock control measures were undertaken. The sandstone cliff at the back of the beach were excavated, and stabilised using marron grass. A blue stone wall with a walking path was built in front of the dunes to protect the cliff.

This sounded like a good idea at the time but when larger swells arrived the blue stone wall did its job and protected the cliff, but at the same time reflected the waves energy, just like a mirror. These reflected waves then removed the sand from the beautiful beach. Over time the fine white sand was reduced to nothing. This was corrected by trucking in coarser sand from another source that was harder to remove.

According to the US Army's Engineering Corps "the best defence against marine attack is a good beach"

James Manners

Tee-Shirts and Jumpers

Great Christmas Presents!

Tee-Shirts	\$18.50
Sweat Shirts	\$39

Made of High quality cotton and embroidered with the FYC logo.

If you are interested please phone Sue Slater on 03 95983921.

JUNIOR REPORT



Well finally the season has begun, and its good to see that there are so many white boats on the water, not boring colours like Green

and blue. Anyway the first race was interesting with 2 sets of new sails, just so they can have a chance to win! Where was everybody else? Leigh? Morgans? Ramsdens? (just because you live in Sydney is no excuse!!) Congratulations to Kylie, and Michael who are our new captains. They are contactable at any time of the day, even am!! Anyway see you *all* on the water at the next race, on the 17th of November.

Captains & Committee note there is a meeting on Sunday the 17th of November, Be there!!



Junior Captains

Kylie Slater- 95983924. 890703
Michael Newton-97873089. 890371

Junior Committee

Tim Dawson- 95892962. 890551
David Manners- 98273127. 890021
James Manners- 98273127. 890021
Kate Reanie- 890742
Ben Slater- 95983924. 890703
James Thorne- 892754

Contact them at any time!!

Race Results

Results - Off-the-Beach Divisions

Race: Vice Commodore's Trophy, Heat 1

Boat name	Elapsed Time	Y/S	Corrected Time	Place	Club Handicap	Corrected Time	Place
Seniors							
Farandole	75.2	117	64.27	1	117.7	63.89	2
Flat Out	75.28	112	67.21	2	116.0	64.90	3
Scamp	75.47	112	67.38	3	120.2	62.78	1
O-D-N-T	86.33	127	67.97	4	132.0	65.40	4
Wahho	93.35	127	75.50	5	*127.0	75.50	5
Sea Shadows	DNF	149					
Juniors							
Oriole	68.15	149	45.74	1	164.4	41.45	1
Moozie Too	69.23	149	46.46	2	164.1	42.19	3
Seayalater	70.57	149	47.36	3	168.0	42.01	2
Shearwater	83.80	149	56.24	4	186.5	44.93	4
Flash	DNF						

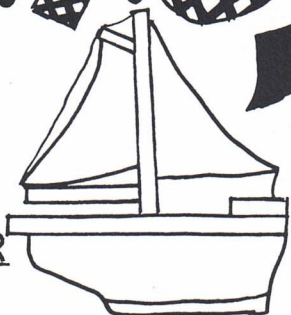
* More races needed to qualify for Club Handicap.

F.Y.C.

Junior

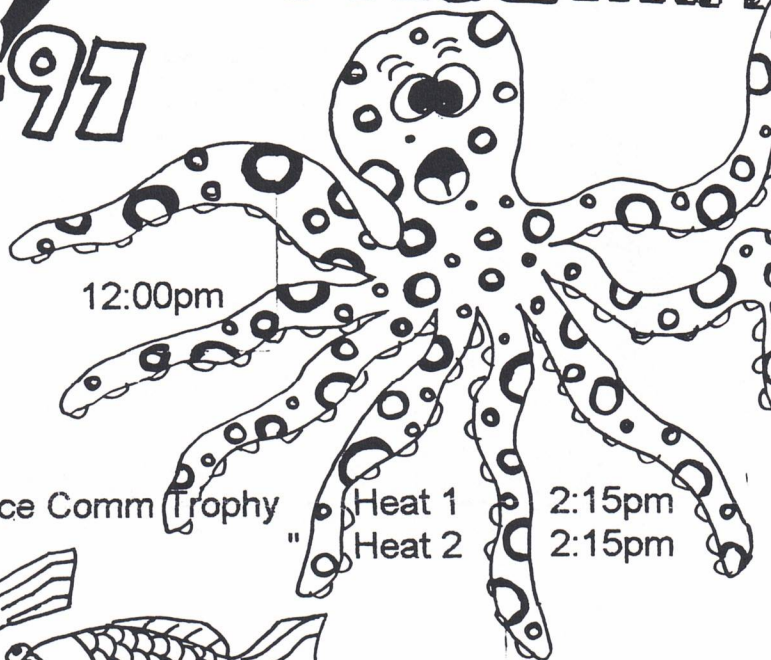
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PROGRAM



OCTOBER

Sun 20 Opening Day and Sail Past



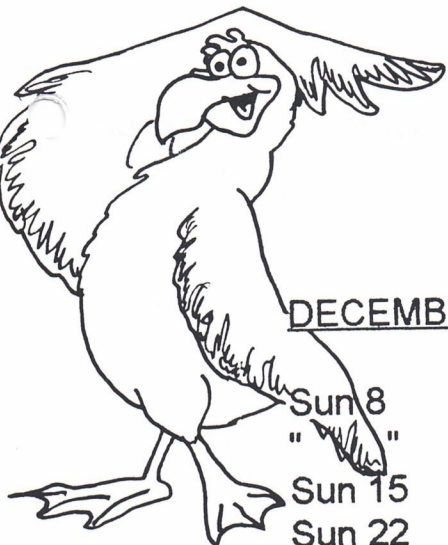
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NOVEMBER

Sun 3 Vice Comm Trophy Heat 1 2:15pm
Sun 17 " Heat 2 2:15pm

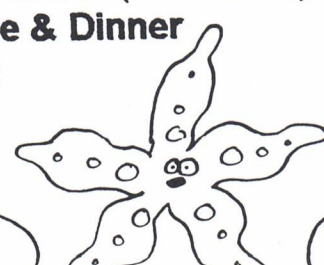
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Sun 8	Coaching Clinic	11:00am
" "	Vice Comm Trophy Heat 3	2:15pm
Sun 15	Aggregate 1	2:30pm
Sun 22	Xmas Cup	2:30pm
Fri 27	Sailing School	9:30 - 2:00pm
Sat 28	" "	" "
" "	Beach Party	6:30pm - late
Sun 29	Summer Series Heat 1	2:30pm
" "	BBQ Lunch	12:00pm
Mon 30	Summer Series Heat 2	2:15pm



JANUARY

Thur 2	Twilight 1 & BBQ	4:00pm
Sat 4	Kids on Keel Boats (short race)	2:00pm
" "	Disco/Dance & Dinner	8:00pm
Sun 5	Aggregate 2	2:30pm
Tue 7	Twilight 2	4.00pm



SOCIAL
EVENTS:

We invite the Sailing School participants to the following events.

1. **Junior Beach Party!** - Obviously for the juniors 5-18yrs.
BBQ dinner, beach games, lots of fun. Cost \$5.00 each.
This is for members, sailing school participants & friends.
When: Sat. 28th Dec. 6.30 to 9.00pm
2. **Sausage Sizzles**- These are for participants and their families ,
instructors and helpers. Sausages, cakes and drinks provided.
Cost: \$2.00 each (instructors free).
When: Fri. & Sat. lunchtimes (or you can bring your own lunch)

ENQUIRIES: Mrs Sue Slater -03-95983924
-059-890703

Mr Russel Barrett -03-95294183

F.Y.C. Any person wishing to continue sailing with the Flinders Yacht Club after the
MEMBERSHIP: Sailing School would be welcome to do so. Our Junior events are suited to
to new sailors (young and old) with short courses close to shore, supervision
and ongoing training. Family, Senior and Junior membership is available.
For membership enquiries contact:

The Secretary,
Flinders Yacht Club Inc.,
P.O.Box 58,
Flinders, 3929.

SAILING SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: Send completed Application form with payment to:

Mrs Sue Slater,
Vice-Commodore,
Flinders Yacht Club,
P.O.Box 58,
Flinders, 3929.

FLINDERS YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

SURNAME

DATE

FIRST NAME

AGE

PARENTS' NAMES

MAILING ADDRESS

PH. NO.

HOLIDAY ADDRESS

PH.NO.

RELEVANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

F.Y.C. MEMBER YES/NO

CAN YOU SUPPLY A BOAT? YES/NO TYPE

CHOSEN GROUP BEGINNER/ADVANCED

DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE JUNIOR BEACH PARTY? YES/NO
Pay at the door, brothers, sisters & friends welcome ! NUMBER ATTENDING?

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN IN THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE EACH DAY? YES/NO
Pay at the time, everyone welcome! \$2 per person. NUMBER ATTENDING?

ADULTS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST WITH.....

PATROL BOATS	YES/NO	NAME
BEACH PARTY	YES/NO	NAME
SAUSAGE SIZZLES Fri/Sat	YES/NO	NAME

DISCLAIMER

(FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE)

I.....being parent/guardian of the participant named on the application form consent to the participation of that child in the activities of the Sailing School at the Flinders Yacht Club Inc. I hereby agree that the Flinders Yacht Club Inc. or anyone connected with it, whether a member or a non-member, is not liable or responsible for any damage or injury to the child or to the boats used by him/her. In case of an emergency, if I cannot be contacted, I consent to a member of the Flinders Yacht Club Inc obtaining and consenting to medical or surgical treatment by a qualified medical practitioner for the child named on the form.

SIGNED.....DATE.....

FORWARD APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

Mrs Sue Slater, Vice-Commodore, Flinders Yacht Club Inc.,
P.O.Box 58, Flinders, 3929

