

Flinders Yacht Club WEST HEADINGS



DECEMBER 2016

Editor-

Boats are coming from far and wide to fill our harbour. Well, from Yaringa, a 4 hour float away. Yaringa is on the shore not far from Somerville having lots of marine support industries; chandlery, electronics, mast builders and riggers, sailmaker, upholsterer, boat builder, sand blasting and painting capacities, all framed around the channel dredged into the mud and mangrove to form a marina. Shoreside there are fields of dreams (that sadly sometimes turn to nightmare) full of interesting boats in all stages of decay and restoration. Not a bad cafe either to make a view of a hidden but useful part of our WesternPort.

I picked a perfect windless day to leave on a near high tide so the outgoing gives a free ride all the way to Flinders. The motor ticks away, the view gradually changes; dolphins off Tankerton, Gannets off McCaffie's Reef, then when Cape Schank is seen behind Flinder's West Head it's time to bear off away from the channel to our Kennon Cove. This is when a chirpy 12 knot southerly kicks in and the sails go up. With slightly cracked sheets the wake slips silently away (unlike the Adams where the wake from the abrupt stern bubbles and gurgles happily). A bunny has tied up to my mooring but thankfully John gives permission to tie up on Coromandel's enabling the trespassing mess to get sorted over the next few days before he comes down.

All the preparation combines with the warming air and the beginning of seas breezes to mark the effective start of our season, bring it on!

Just have to get over the Christmas party, hope you have a good one too.

Tedd Warden
Editor

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Alan Soames visits Flinders from Warneet in Malibu, a Mottle 33 he enjoys solo-



Leaving Yaringa



Flinders' Harbour filling as yachts return for summer



SAVE THE DATES!

Discover Sailing this December: 27th -31st December 2016

Registrations for this year's sailing courses are closing soon so if you want to be involved, book NOW as places are limited. There is a course to suit everyone. If you have any questions please call Richard Barker, FYC Club Captain on 0412 310 012

Or click on this link for more information and to register.
www.theboatshed.net.au/find-a-course/school-holiday-courses/flinders/

FYC Golf Day – Thursday 5th January

This is a very popular event that is a must for all golf enthusiasts. Chase a ball around the course and then gather with all your competitors for a dinner at Flinders Golf Club. Please note: You must book for the dinner via TRY BOOKING. See flyer enclosed.

Commodore's Cocktail Party, Saturday 7th January.

Wear white and join in for this very popular event. This year our theme is It's all about the experience, with 20+ unique experiences to be acquired either by Live Auction conducted by Mr Warren Joel, Silent Auction, Raffles and Door Prizes. See flyer with booking details enclosed. Enquiries: Helen Kent – 0408 345 733

"Ladies who Lunch" on Thursday 19th January .

40 of us will gather on the newly renovated Side Deck at Merricks General Wine Store. Book early as we only have space for 40. See flyer with booking details enclosed. Enquiries: Helen Kent – 0408 345 733

Twilights on the Deck

Our keel boat Twilight Races commence Boxing Day and then every Friday evening. Races will be followed by the very popular BYO everything for a bbq dinner back at the club. All FYC members are welcome to join in the laughter, jolly conversation, shared salads and toasts to friends old and new. So make a note in your diary to be there.

Some Ladies practicing for lunch-



Spring Series racing as Linley and Warwick cruise by-



Commodore's Pilot Boat experience?



Experience making the Commodore's Gin?



Welcome to new members

There will be a lot of new faces this season as Flinders Yacht Club membership continues to grow and we take great pleasure in welcoming:

Gary & Yvonne Hutchins

Charles & Chris Reis

Oliver & Margaret Hopkins

Richard Stephens, Sally Bell and sons Tom & Jack

Stan Harris & Luisa Molden

Martin Fry, Nelleke Walker and children; Mietta, Stella,

Hugo & Elliot

It has been great to see new members making use of the club with family and friends for barbecues, after school swims and just hanging out. So if you see a new face, introduce yourself and make even more friends.

FYC Web Site - flindersyc.com.au

Our web site has been upgraded and it is a good idea to visit it regularly.

There you will find the Sailing Calendar, Duty Roster, Hiring Calendar (important if you are wanting to use the club outside Dec/Jan when it may conflict with a booked function) and the Crew Wanted/Crew Available section. Plus all the information about the Sailing School late this month.

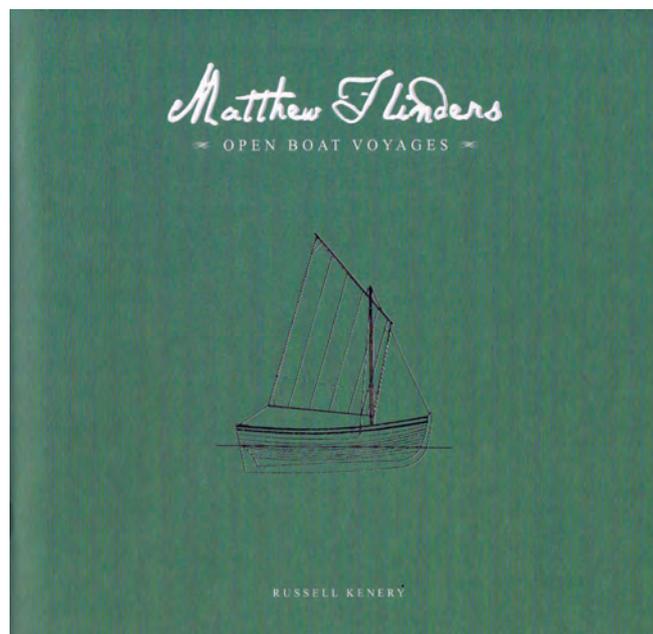
Great Christmas Gift Ideas

1- MATTHEW FLINDERS – OPEN BOAT VOYAGES.

“Little has been written about his remarkable open boat voyages. All sailors and anyone with a love of history will connect with the stories in this monograph.” Russell Kenery, author. Published by Flinders Yacht Club. “...a must read for all yachtsmen.” Simon McKeon AO. “.. as small boat sailors we connect with these remarkable adventures.” John Bertrand AM Price: \$15-00 inc postage. An ideal gift and all sales proceeds support Flinders Yacht Club. Enquiries: rkenery@bigpond.com.au

2- **SAILING SCHOOL VOUCHERS:** Flinders sailing school is on again 27 Dec to 31 Dec 2016 –bookings are open now – just click on the link for more information and to register: [Register Now for the Sailing School](#)

3- **MEMBERSHIP TO FYC:** if you are a friend of FYC and would like to join then email me.



Helen Kent
Membership Secretary

membership@flindersyc.com.au

House & Grounds

Ken's mower got to tidy up Geoff's Paddock (between the clubhouse and Lacey Drive) the other week after the Cairn's boys had mowed the rest including the compound. The place looked really neat. But three weeks later the regrowth prompts another cut before Chrissy. Compared to the last three years this has been a wet spring with lots of grass growth. John at Montalto Estate had been picking 3 weeks earlier but this year is colder and more 'normal'. Perhaps we should plant vines in our protected east and north facing yards? Of the 13 plantings in Geoff's Paddock 3 years ago only one hasn't made it, thanks to all those who have tended to these plants with water and affection during the dry spells.

We've had our last bonfire of weeds, tree droppings and prunings before the fire season is declared, so please don't add your garden's stuff to the club pile! These events are logged at the CFA's Burnoff Register on 1800 668 511.

The Kyak Rack at the south side of the compound is proving popular. If your toy is labelled with name and phone there is no charge. What a deal, so please comply with our modest requirement.

There is a new 12 volt power supply for the radio in the Tower that can be turned off at the power plug under the window. With the new chairs, table top and window tinting The Tower is becoming a comfortable place to enjoy the best view of a yacht race.

The entry gate is locked using a pin. That stainless pin is a work of art by the club's friend the late Nairn Elder of Wood St. Please leave it locked and attached to the gate, even if enabling the gate to open as pictured. With a loose lock the pin could be lost, or the padlock (\$70 for club keyed alike).

Should you notice issues, or empty gas bottles, or have ideas regarding House or Grounds please let me know.

Tedd Warden

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0438 923 392 if urgent

Jungle to 'lawn' a third of a cut at a time-



Kyak's just need to be named and phoned, not a bad idea to bike lock as well?



Secure the locking pin with padlocks yet still enabling gate to open when there will be others following-



Vice Commodore -

As we approach our busy summer sailing season many of you will be pleased to know that we have purchased the Flinders Yacht Club launch and recovery vehicle: a 4WD Ford Courier ute. The vehicle has been sign written with the club burgee and website details. This vehicle will be our principal means of launching and recovering the club patrol boats. It will be important that all members who use this vehicle follow good procedure for launching and recovering. For example – if the tide is unsuitable, disconnect the trailer for launch and recovery of the boat. Use the snatch strap to tow the trailer from or lower the trailer into the water. This is far preferable to submerging any part of the vehicle into salt water. When the vehicle is back in the compound please hose it down thoroughly. Pay particular attention to the wheels, wheel arches and the underside of the tray. (Normal procedure really)

The Ant Grage (our newest RIB)'s trailer has been modified to reduce/eliminate the possibility of hull damage. It is important that the trailer is disconnected from the vehicle when recovering the boat. This is an easy procedure and will avoid damage to the inflatable pontoons.

I am sure the 2016/17 season will see some wonderful sailing, great social occasions, socialising on the deck and opportunities for old and new members to acquaint or re-acquaint. I would particularly encourage new members to take advantage of all the facilities and the hospitality that FYC provides.

May there always be puff in your luff (but not too much)

Grant Mathews Vice Commodore

grantm@surf.net.au

Sailing-

Upcoming dates:

Monday 26 December 2016 Twilight 1 1730 for OTB & Keel Boats

See you on the water.

Rick Barker Sailing Captain.

The Club's 'new' recovery vehicle, your sub's at work-



Richard and Andrew oversee the Spring Series



Hugh ran out of wind in the Spring Series and was glad to hitch a ride from a passing tender-



Commodore -

Lots of exciting activities coming up and I am sure we are all looking forward to some sun, socializing and sailing.

Kicking things off is the Flinders yacht club/Yachting Vic sailing school commencing Tuesday 27th December running to 31st December. There are courses for all ages and levels including:

- Junior Tackers programs 1,2 & 3 (Ages 7 to 12).
- Start Sailing for Teens and Adults (No experience required).
- Better Sailing for Teens and Adults (Graduates of Start Sailing or prior experience).
- Start Racing for Teens and Adults (Introduction to racing).
- Better Racings for Teens and Adults (Graduates of Start Racing).

This is a great opportunity to learn to sail or improve your skills in a fun and supervised setting.

Places are filling up so for further information and bookings use the link:
www.theboatshed.net.au/find-a-course/school-holiday-courses/flinders/

On the 5th January we have the Golf masters. On the 7th, the Commodores Cocktail Party which is shaping up to be a great night and experience - Your Invitation below !

Best wishes for a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Rob Cave
Commodore

Commodores Cocktail Party

[TryBooking Link](#)



The graphic features a sunset background with a silhouette of a sailboat on the right and a wooden pier in the foreground. The Flinders Yacht Club logo is in the top left corner.

Commodore's Cocktail Party
"It's all about the experience"
Saturday 7th January 2017 at 6pm

Our Esteemed Commodore, Mr Robert Cave and Mrs Anna Cave look forward to seeing you and extend a special welcome to our new members.

- \$25.00 ph • All drinks supplied • Bring an antipasto platter
- Door prizes • Silent Auction • Raffle Items

"Unique Experiences" auctioned by our renowned Mr. Warren Joel
Book by Jan 3rd to be in the draw for 6 bottles of wine produced by the "Young Guns of Wine" winners.

To Book: www.trybooking.com/OCYU Helen Kent – 0408 345 733 Dress Code: Wear all White

SPONSORS: MONTALTO VINEYARD & OLIVE GROVE, FH, Paradigm Hill, Flinders Yacht Club, Australian Sailing, GREEN OLIVE, Balmarring & District Community Bank* Branch, Bendigo Bank, Hart, Georgia Woods.

COMMODORE'S COCKTAIL PARTY - Saturday 7th January 2017

Experiences on offer - thanks to our generous donors

All items can be acquired by live auction with Mr Warren Joel, silent auction, raffle or door prizes and will be "Experiences" for families, couples or individuals as per the provisional list below. There are also two extraordinary surprise experiences.

ITEM, DONATED BY

Hart Marine tour of boatyard and "sea trial" trip on a new Pilot Boat
Hart Marine

"Wine Maker for a day" for 2 during vintage - tour and lunch
Paradigm Hill

Cooking class and lunch for 2
Georgie Bass

Romantic Valentines - dinner and wine for 2
Montalto Estate

FYC Tackers Sailing School Dec 2017 for 2
FYC/Sailing Australia

Trip for 2 on Flinders Pilot Boat to greet a ship
WesternPort Pilots

"No Cook Fridays" for family of 4. Meal delivered x 4weeks
Helen Kent

Cider Making and Lunch at Harts Farm – Shoreham
Harts Farm

Round of Golf for 4 at The National Golf Club
The National Golf Club

FYC "Twilight Race" aboard Act of Faith & Dinner on the FYC Deck
Tedd Warden

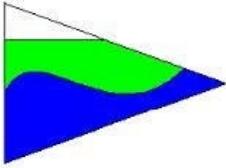
Signed Nick Brandt book & Fine Art Photography Experience
Photographica

Day return foot passenger on Q/S Ferry & Maritime Museum
Sea Road & Maritime Museum

Peninsula Summer Music Festival Family Tickets (x2)
PSMF

Masterclass in Gin Making for 2 at Bass & Flinders Distillery
Bass & Flinders Distillery

Family pass to the "Enchanted Adventure Garden"EAG



FLINDERS YACHT CLUB Golf Masters

5th January 2017

The annual twilight Ambrose Golf Tournament
Tee off 3.28pm – 4. 45pm – 12 tee offs maximum
Self Cook BBQ Dinner at Golf Club 6.45pm – 9pm

**To avoid disappointment and possible starvation on the night
BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL for DINNER
PRICES**

Golf and Dinner payments must be made separately

Golf – Non Member fees apply - \$25 adults and \$17.50 juniors Under 15 yrs

GOLF – Pay direct to Pro shop when registering on arrival

DINNER – \$ 30per head for Adults (book on www.trybooking.com.au.)

Children under 12 yrs can purchase from children's menu on the night

Dinner booking \$30 and prepayment essential by 2nd January!

Use this TryBooking link-

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=249323>

NO ticket = NO dinner!!

COMPETITION RULES AMBROSE

- select best ball after tee shot
- 13 holes from White markers – Men/Boys, Red Markers, Women/Girls
- Each player is required to register 2 drives, please mark respective initials on the card.
- For a group of 4 no-one player can have more than 7 drives, for a group of 3, no one player can have more than 9 drives.
- In a group of 3, one player can have an extra putt.
- Choose 'best' tee-shot, other players to hit from same position (within one club length, no nearer the hole. If any choose to play a stroke from the bunker, all must play within the bunker.

Play on official Golf Handicaps OR if you do not have one:

Men (over 15 yrs) :-27

Boys (under 16 yrs) :-36

Women (over 17 yrs) :- 36

Girls (under 18 yrs) :-45

To determine group handicap, add the total handicaps of the paying group. For a group of 4, divide total by 8. In a group of 3, divide total by 6.

PRIZES will be awarded to :

- Longest Drive on the 10th Hole - Men & Women
- Nearest to the pin on the 12th hole
- Best team net score, adjusted for handicap
- Best Golf Tall Story

Further enquires – Forbes Smith, mobile 0408 100 215 or landline 03 59896234

Email forbessmith@pac.com.au

Ladies Luncheon-



“Ladies do lunch”

FLINDERS YACHT CLUB LADIES LUNCH

Date: Thursday 19th January 2017
Time: 12 noon
Venue: “Side Deck” – Merricks General Wine Store
3460 Frankston-Flinders Road, Merricks 3919
Cost: \$50 per head
Lunch Includes: Glass of Wine on arrival, Main & Dessert.
Must Book By: Monday 16th January 2017
Max Nos: 40 (So book early to avoid disappointment)

TRY BOOKING LINK:

<https://www.trybooking.com/OCYX> <https://www.trybooking.com/248063>

Dining on the recently renovated Side-Deck at MGWS will be a beautiful backdrop to catching up with your FYC friends, enjoying lively conversation and a delicious lunch.

Queries: Helen Kent – 0408 345 733

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FULL RIG, RADIAL and 4.7s

POINT LEO BOAT CLUB

All Laser Sailors Welcome

Sunday 5th February 2017

Please note change of dates



Gold medallists may or may not be participants. No representations are being made.

Racing commences at 1pm. Entries close at 11.45am

More information: Meg Price 0417 883 870
Stephen Roach 0431 180 205

Post race refreshments, food & entertainment for participants and their families after the presentations - on the deck at PLBC.

FYC History-

Excerpt from a 1992 West Headings by Kath McClean

THE WAY WE WERE: A SHORT HISTORY OF FLINDERS YACHT CLUB (PART 1)

The first written evidence of the Yacht Club's existence that I've so far come across is a letter to the then Secretary, Don Stephens, from the Flinders Shire Engineer confirming an arrangement to meet "at the eastern end of the car park on the Flinders foreshore at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th January 1977." I wonder if early members of the Club have records going back even further than this. At that time the task was to find a site for the Club, where boats could be stored and where presumably there would be a focus for some social activities as well. In March 1977 the Bass Park Trust wrote to the Minister for Defence, Parliament House, Canberra, to advise that "the Trust agrees, in principle, to a Yacht Club being established on the Flinders foreshore of Westernport Bay."

Looking at the Club site now, and accustomed as we are to the facilities we have there, it's easy to forget the magnitude of the arrangements that then had to take place. Not only was there endless negotiating to do with the Department of Defence, Department of Administrative Services (shades of Sir Humphrey!) and the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, but there were also the myriad of items of work to be done to prepare an unused strip of land for Yacht Club use: fencing, the making of the access track, drainage, installation of water and power, and of course sewerage (the records even contain a careful drawing by Club member Chris Barnes of a proposed pan-serviced toilet block!).

Luckily the very first Flinders Yacht Club Newsletter has survived: it was called *The Flinders Fair Log*, the first issue is numbered 1/78, and its editor was Dick Menzies. As all Newsletters do, it started optimistically: "We hope this will be the first of many, but to start with our aim is to publish your club's newsletter once each quarter. Our club is not yet two years old but perhaps, as we grow in strength, we shall be able to publish more frequently." I'm sure every part-time newsletter editor hopes the same, but I have to admit that even 13 years on we don't manage to publish much more frequently than once per quarter! Another paragraph also struck a chord with your present editor: "Pity your poor editor toiling alone and late into the night ever hopeful of an editorial assistant or even a humble stamp licker. Any volunteers?" If there is a recurrent theme in the newsletters of the Flinders Yacht Club over the past 13 years, it is the appeal for members to write material!!! I live in hope of

that, while being satisfied at having solved the stamp licking problem (I keep telling Michael it's a vital part of the secretary's job...).

The first Newsletter was full of information which is useful to us now in reconstructing a picture of what the Yacht Club was like in those days. The well-known green, blue and white burgee had already been designed (I think by Keith Hando — is this right?). Members numbered 41 (each is named!), and the Committee looked like this:

Commodore: Graham Pittard
Vice-Commodore: Tom Delaney
Rear-Commodore: vacant
Secretary: Roy Day
Treasurer: Roslyn Hosa
Committee: Don Stephens
Dick Menzies

Sailing Committee:
Michael Barnes
Rodger Wallis
Ted Warden
Thomas Delaney

To finish off this brief look at the Club's early days, here's an article by Shirley Delaney that appeared in that first issue of the FYC Newsletter:



You are sitting quietly watching television one night when your husband announces that he thinks he will get a boat, because he knows where he can get a nice little packet for practically nothing. Only needs a bit of fixing. He adds that it will be wonderful in the summer. You can go down the coast... go fishing... take out the friends... When this announcement is made in your home, run to the nearest solicitor, to the marriage guidance bureau,

home to mother... run somewhere... anywhere out of it.

If you visualise yourself on the boat on hot summer days while your husband sails the boat and you laze gloriously in smart sailing clothing... that's the nearest you'll ever get to being on the boat. The main purpose in buying the boat is not to sail it, but to fix it up. "It only needs a bit of fixing..." But how much is a bit? All his spare time, and a lot that isn't spare too, goes into getting the boat "fixed up". The moment the boat is his property, your husband will get into his oldest clothes pack the tool kit in the overnight bag, and ask for lunch and a thermos of coffee. "Think I'll start fixing up the boat and get her ready for the summer..."