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# Letter From the Editors:

Esteemed Members,

Back due to popular demand is the season's second WH. This edition observes the formal start to the sailing calendar, with the summer sun showing its head very early this year. Off the beach sailing is underway with the big rigs to commence Boxing Day in a twilight showdown.

The new Status 19 boats are in the yard, with one itching to get into the water and the other to join later in the season. A great intermediate boat which will open the door to develop keel boat racing experience. Interested crew please contact Zee KK Tedd Warden for availability.

We all keenly await to see if the rumours surrounding Ed Wright and his new rocket ship (a foiling waszp) are accurate, or if Houston will have a problem. If anyone has seen these things fly, you will know that they are a sight to see. A great addition to the Club. Watch this space.

A big congratulations to Marcus Cave becoming a Sailing Australia qualified instructor. It's great to see the skills around the club developing, and the future of FYC sailing growing strong. Well done Marcus.

We also warmly congratulate all members of the club who have just finished their VCE exams and look forward to having a party with them over the summer. Top stuff!

Social functions are coming in hot! On the score card we have...

- 1) "Rehearsal BYO Everything After Keel Boat Twilight Race Dinner on the Deck" on December 15 (Details at back).
- 2) The Commodores Cocktail Party Jan 6th 2018 (Flyer at back)
- 3) The Ladies Lunch Jan 12th 2018 (Flyer at back)
- 4) The Eric Lucas Fishing competition on the Jan 13th 2018 (Flyer at back)

As with all events, the earlier bookings are confirmed the easier it is on the committee, so please be cognisant of this.

A reminder that it's not too late to book into the sailing school this season (Dec 27-31). To see the courses available and to book visit [www.flindersyc.com.au/event-2719197](http://www.flindersyc.com.au/event-2719197)

Happening in the digital world is the new look FYC website, so jump on and have a browse. It's also a great source of information on club events and updates.

If you like us have not given a second thought to Christmas shopping as of yet, perhaps pick up a version of the Mathews Flinders book. At \$15 it's a absolute bargain, and funds go direct to help the club. Available via club website [www.flindersyc.com.au/FYC-Fundraising-Book](http://www.flindersyc.com.au/FYC-Fundraising-Book)

Finally, the WH magazine is a contribution by all, so don't forget to send through any juice and photos you have. Till next club event.

Lots of Love,

The 2 Hughs

# Message From The Commodore:

After what seems like a long winter, it's great to get back out on the water!

A sailing clinic kicked off our Opening Day on the 5th November. This is a first for opening weekend and we are planning lots more clinics over January.

Opening Day Lunch followed and was well attended included representatives from our sister clubs, Pt Leo Boat club and Westernport Yacht Club.

After a delicious lunch, we held the 'Salute to the Commodore' sail by followed by the first race of the season. The 12 bottles of wine generously donated by Helen Kent as a prize for members paying their subs by 30 September had more gold medals than Michael Phelps. This extraordinary wine was won by new member, Derek Young who remarked, "if I win the wine, I will re-join every year". All in all it was a very enjoyable season opening.

Our work party held on 22 Oct was well attended with number of members exceeding expectations. I think there was more volunteers than sausages as I noticed a number longingly eyeing off my vegetarian sausages! A lot was achieved including the new expanded Kayak rack in compound that was very popular last season. Thanks to all that took part and our Rear Commodore, Tedd Warden for organising a very productive day.

Im sure you have noticed the new look West headings under the stewardship of our new youthful editors, Hugh Kroker and Hugh Sweeney. If Edition One is any indication we can expect future editions to be crackers – thanks lads.

The boys are looking out for content so if you have any photos, stories or adventures to recount please send them through to [Westheadings@flindersyc.com.au](mailto:Westheadings@flindersyc.com.au).

The newsletter was distributed via our new membership management software which will eventually replace a number of monster spreadsheets currently running the club's database. The new look website has now been linked and has weather information, detailed sailing and events calendars and members forums.

We all know FYC is the place to be and I am pleased to announce the launch of a very exclusive range of sportswear featuring our club logo. Early mock-ups are displayed on notice board. The range will include Rash vests, polos, hoodies and track pants. More details to follow.

It's not all about sailing, some great social activities are coming up including the Kids beach party and progressive dinner, Commodores Cocktail party and Australia day family dinner. Did I mention Movie nights? – After great success of last year's kid's movie night we are planning to hold a number of both kids and adult movie nights over January.

In closing, can I thank our Committee and volunteers for their tireless work behind the scenes in making this club the best it can be. Looking forward to a great summer of sailing and socialising at Flinders Yacht Club.

Best regards  
Rob Cave  
Commodore

# Sailing Action - OTB Spring Series:

Opening day was a one of the better sailing days in recent memory with 13 boats on the water and Lilly and Charlie in Opties sailing a smaller course. The 10-12kt SE breeze made for a fun sail. The next week 10 Boats contested races 2 & 3 of the spring series again in a nice SE sea breeze and 12 at races 4 & 5 (the Captain was blamed for a lack of wind in race 4 but came good in race 5 when the SE Sea breeze came in again. So an 11.4 average fleet so far, considering average fleets over the past 4 seasons varying between 4 and 7 this looks good for the coming season.

The OTB Spring Series is sailed on Yardstick (handicap results are shown also for interest) and the series is finely balanced with the contenders being Will Morgan & Ed Wright (who will come right back when the second drop comes in after race 7). John and Leigh are battling for the minor placing.

See the results at <http://www.mysailingclub.com.au/DisplayResults/DisplayPublicResults?Id=44>

We have welcomed new and returning Sailors, Joanna Morgan, Anna Eggleston and Gavin and Liam Valley.

All KB & OTB Sailors are reminded that a condition of racing is the submission of the race entry and waiver form at <https://www.flindersyc.com.au/Sailing-Program-Information> submission of a scanned copy by email is preferable. Non submission of forms by Sunday Dec 3 for OTB Boats in the Spring Series will result in results being wiped.

Upcoming Racing:

Spring 6&7 Dec 3 1330 warning signal

RO: Andrew Kings

Rescue Boat: Andrew Kings & Volunteer Required

Tower: Geoff & Genevieve Barnett

After that we break for Christmas and the next race is the twilight series on Dec 26 at 1730.

Note on Race Management:

Thanks to all our race management personnel so far, particular welcome to Janice who has helped out in the tower to learn the process. Just a note on setting courses, there are two main factors that will result in happy OTB sailors:

- 1) An accurate up wind leg that needs 3-4 tacks at least. Please do not be worried about the relationship of the buoy to land, the pier or any fixed marks, just look at the wind and drop the buoy down wind of our top mark (in a sea breeze this will usually be A buoy).
- 2) If we set a triangular course the wing mark should be set so as to form a triangle with approx. 60 deg corners, this may put it quite a way out to sea but that is OK, we do not have any real boundaries.

These factors mean the buoys are placed where they are expected to be in relation to the wind, are easy to find and encourage close racing with more tactical options, thus happy sailors. If in doubt, ask me on the water or one of the other experienced sailors. For more information on OTB courses see the sailing instructions at <https://www.flindersyc.com.au/Sailing-Program-Information>

Use of Club Pacers:

Members are reminded that the 5 FYC pacers are available for use by Club members in races on a leave it as you find it basis, please ensure you leave the boat as you find it, in particular:

1. Covered, drain bungs out and tilted so that the hull will not fill, boom and tiller in the boat. The stands for the pacers are there for a reason and are not for private boats, if you want a stand, bring your own.

2. Please ensure the boat is tied onto the dolly using the straps on the cover.
3. Sails rolled and in correct sail bag in the shed.
4. Any issues or damage reported to Rick Barker 0412310012.

I14 & B14 Skiff visit:

November 25 & 26 saw FYC host the Skiff Sailors, this fixture has been happening for many years as a season opener for them, some of the sailors I spoke to have been coming down for over 20 years.

Unfortunately Flinders weather did not oblige and no wind on Saturday saw the racing cancelled. Sunday dawned wet with passing squalls and a 10-12kt NNE breeze, however the Sailors were keen and out we went at 11.15. Two races were sailed, some in very heavy rain making taking down results rather tricky as all we had was a pen and paper! Despite all this, the sailors went home happy and at least the rain stopped while they packed up.

Watching these guys sail is treat, they are controlling a boat with half the beam of a pacer with about twice the sail area and they make it look easy!

Thanks to Brian, John, David, Leigh, Grant, Greg Hugh and Steve for helping out with race management.

Sailing School The boat shed reports 70 registrations already (total registrations last year were 75) so there are only limited places left, please register ASAP if you are intending to at <https://theboatshed.net.au/flinders/>

See you on the water!

Rick Barker  
FYC Captain

## **FYC Membership News:**

Well, ladies & gentlemen, boys & girls; the word is spreading about how fabulous it is to be a member of Flinders Yacht Club. We all enjoy the superb location, great clubhouse with terrific amenities and facilities, action packed sailing calendar, fun filled social events or just hanging out on the deck and the ability to share it all with family and friends.

So with this in mind, I take pleasure in introducing you to our newest members:

- Luke & Anna Bonato and their twin boys
- Brian Hewitt and Faith Fitzgerald
- Gavin Vallely, Nyla Bacon and their sons Liam & Luke
- Simon, Miffy, Phoebe and Barney Fogarty

In the last few weeks I have had many enquires and whilst we are not actively seeking new members, we are very happy to warmly welcome new members who are keen to become active members in all areas of the club. This includes sailors and non-sailors, for which all are catered for. We work on the philosophy of: "As in all things in life, enthusiastic participation is the essence of true enjoyment."

Helen Kent  
FYC M'ship Secretary

# Status Report on the Status 19's

Hot off the press is our daysailer #1 rolled over for preparation and painting of the other side. Thanks Andrew, Clay, Davo, Leigh and Teddo who took a brief break from their coffee date to make it happen, and of course Tokaji wonder dog overseeing.

Since last WH edition we have been busy working on antifouling the hull, restoring the woodwork and sanding the sides in a shadowing technique to ensure the underside is smooth as a babies bum.

We have also been working on the #2 Status, removing the gunk on the hull and beginning to sand the sides.

#1 Status should be in the water early December however #2 Status will be ready and in the water during the season.

If your round and wanting to do some work on the boats, please feel free to contact Tedd Warden as there is still work that needs to be done.



# FYC Gossip Column:

With our cameras constantly rolling and informants everywhere, your editors HughX2 are giving you the inside scoop on the juice going on in and around the club!



The tower pole was kindly renovated by Clay Manners as seen here being assisted to its station by Teddo. Love your work lads!



Linley captured on her daily beach walk. She gathers litter along the way so our beach always looks its best! A true local legend!



Doc Forbes has been hard at Alto with 3000 grit sandpaper and Rolls Royce Paint so she looks especially sharp. Looking forward to seeing another folkboat on the harbour.

# FYC Gossip Column:



Leigh and Grant did a job on the Kayak racks enabling a bit of organisation about the place. Jim and the other Grant cleared the way during the working bee, many hands... Looking good lads!



A few paddle racks have been installed in the green shed at the end of the Kayak rack.



After a busy morning at Georgie Bass, Hugh ponders whether this Maserati for sale out the front of Balin is a worthy car to fit his newly found prestigious role as Co editor of the WH magazine. Sadly he spent his last dollar on a hot chocolate that morning.

# FYC Gossip Column:

Hot off the press from the opening day lunch!



# Hugh's CLuE's:

After a questionable at best performance by the "Overnight Orphans" at a local quiz night this month, we have taken it upon ourselves to enrich the personal lives of our fellow members through the gift of knowledge,

(1): Riddle:

You are on a sail boat at low tide... the boat has four wooden sides, Two sides are 2ft high, One side is 5ft high, and One is 1.5ft high... if the water level rises 3.5 feet, which side of the boat will the water reach the top of first?

(2): Who am I?

Born on 16 March 1774 at Donnington, Lincolnshire, UK. Died 9th July 1814 and buried at St James's, Hampstead Road, England.

On a voyage, I was detained in Mauritius by Governor General De Caen (French), thought to be a spy. (1803- 1809).

I was a naval captain and hydrographer who prepared detailed charts of much of the Australian coastline.

I was the first to discover that Tasmania was an island, and not part of Australian mainland.

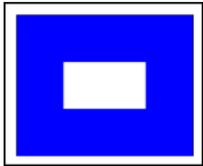
I am ranked second only to James Cook among the explorers of the period.

I was accompanied in 1796 by George Bass, a naval surgeon, and first explored Botany Bay and the coastline south of Sydney in an 8-foot open boat, the Tom Thumb.

My name lives on in Australian history, with a coastal Victorian town named after me.

My initials are MF.

(3): This is the Blue Peter Flag.



What do I mean?

(4): When was Flinders established as a settlement?

(5): What am I Called?

The last part of a rope or final link of chain. The end attached to the vessel, as opposed to the "working end" which may be attached to an anchor, cleat, other vessel, etc.

(6): What was the town of Flinders once nicknamed?

(7): As at the 2011 census, what was the official population of Flinders?

(8): Why are boat ropes called sheets?

(9): What is the conversion of 1 knot per hour to a kmph (to 3 decimal places)?

(10): Where did the term knot (measure of speed) come from?

\*Answers on next Page

# Hugh's CLuE's Answers:

(1) It will be the same because the boat floats

(2) Matthew Flinders

(3) All crew to the vessel as I am about to leave port

(4) 1854

(5) The bitter end

(6) Mendi-Moke

(7) 860

(8) Old English sceatline "sheet-line," from sceata "lower part of sail," originally "piece of cloth

(9) 1.852

(10) 17th century. Sailors measured the speed of their ship by using a device called a "common log." A coil of rope with uniformly spaced knots, attached to a piece of wood was lowered from the back of the ship and allowed to float behind it. After a specific amount of time, the line was pulled in and the number of knots on the rope between the ship and the wood were counted.

## Rehearsal BYO Everything After Keel Boat Twilight Race Dinner on the Deck:

Date: Friday 15th December

Time: Any time after 6pmish

Venue: Flinders Yacht Club Deck overlooking the water. (if the weather is inclement, we will adjourn indoors)

What to bring: Food, drink, a warm jumper and a sense of fun. It seems so long since we all gathered on the Deck at sunset to enjoy the company and tall stories so this is the Dress Rehearsal for the social side of our After Twilight Races.

- If you are a keel boat Captain and would like to know where we will be racing this season, then come along and you will be given the new course sheets.
- If you are interested in crewing on the keel boats come along.
- If you are an OTB sailor and would like to register an advance protest to the keel boat fleet for "crashing your course", then come along.
- If you are a non-sailor but enjoy a good chat, a laugh, a wine or two and can throw some protein (I'm being politically correct to include members of the vegan persuasion) on the barbie, then come along.

Please RSVP via [membership@flindersyc.com.au](mailto:membership@flindersyc.com.au)

OR sms to 0408 345 733 by 12/12/17.

The "Keel Boat Kapitan" (KBK) and the "Humble Membership Secretary" (HMS) will provide some nibbles and sweets. Clay Manners has offered to bring some of his home brew, but he might have drunk it all by then.

Look Forward to see all your lovely faces!



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COMMODORE'S  
COCKTAIL  
PARTY

6:00PM JAN 6, 2018

**OUR COMMODORE ROB CAVE AND ANNA CAVE WELCOME MEMBERS  
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# MONTALTO

'Garden Graz'  
(example)

*small*

Spelt & fennel ciabatta / olive oil / marinated olives  
Smoked trout, wild rice, barberry, herb crème fraiche  
BBQ lamb ribs, garlic, za'atar, lemon  
Asparagus, stracciatella, anchovy, preserved lemon

*main*

Spring chicken, harissa  
Nduja, fontina, sauce bianco, egg, parsley pizza

*salad & veggies*

Beetroot, black garlic yogurt, macadamia, dill  
Garden salad, orange dressing, radish

*sweet*

Selection of desserts  
Cheese, preserves, muscatel, lavosh



Flinders Yacht Club  
2018



LADIES  
LUNCH

MONTALTO PIAZZA

FRIDAY: JAN 12TH 2018  
11:00AM: WINE TASTING  
(8 AT A TIME)  
12:30PM: LUNCH  
(1 GLASS OF WINE INC)  
COST: \$65  
MAX #: 60

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# Eric Lucas Fishing Day

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Can you catch him...or will he get away?

High tide is 08:50 and Low 15:09

Fish from 6am – 3pm

Weigh in and assessment at the Clubhouse 4pm

### Awards Sponsored by Montalto



Judging 5pm

### Categories

1. BEST fish

2. Biggest catch...how many did you get?

3. Best kid's fish (under 12)

4. Best 'the one that got away' story

Chief Judge : the talented David Wilkins, retired fisherman , local identity and friend of the late Eric Lucas.

After presentation BYO everything including your catch for casual reflection on the one that got away

**Fish from your yachts, tinnies, pier or beach**

**Register by Thursday 11th January SMS John Mitchell 0412 313 282**

**Note: In event of bad weather this event will be rescheduled to Sat 20th January**