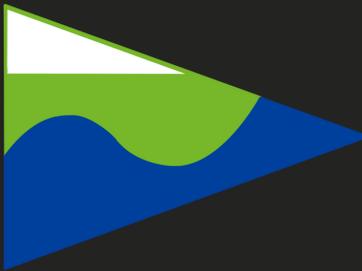


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# Letter From the Editor:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first edition of West Headings for the new 2019/2020 Season!

Now that the worst of winter is finally behind us and the countdown to Summer begins, we look to the club to see how she fared the harsh conditions and the wait with baited breath in anticipation of the events she will yield this season.

Despite only being able to make cameo appearances from Canberra throughout winter, I am pleased to report that the club has been busily preparing for another full on season.

Contained within this edition of West Headings are glimpses into the Winter shenanigans of some members and upcoming activities around the club.

As with every season, if you snap a good photo, hear an outlandish tale, or achieve the unthinkable, make sure you send in your content.

It is with a heavy heart that this season Hugh Sweeney has decided to discontinue as co-editor due to work and other commitments. Accordingly, as his fellow editor for the past 2 seasons, I'd like to thank him for his time.

I look forward to swapping Winter survival stories on the water or in a deck chair with you all soon.

Below is a sunny snap the day after the election results were announced.

Your Editor

Hugh Kroker



# Message from the Commodore:

Dear FYC Members,

Yes, it is still winter and aren't we reminded of it when that sou-wester screams in from the Antarctic. However, we are having a few more days with higher (OK, marginally higher) temperatures. All to welcome thoughts of the coming spring and summer around Flinders.

With that in mind your new committee has been quietly piecing together another great program of both sailing and social events for the coming season which is just around the corner.

John Sweeney and Rick Barker have nussed out a sailing program with quite a few new ideas. A dinghy cruise to Cat Bay on Phillip Island and the keel boats, after many years absence, will enter the teams event for the Western Port Challenge off Hastings. Just a couple of their initiatives to add to their great program.

Ingrid Alexandrovics, our new Social Secretary, has consolidated the lead shown last season by Trish Hurley with a few more outstanding functions. An add to the calendar is a combined Merricks and Flinders yacht clubs' BBQ at FYC in January.

After 35 years of membership I find myself at the helm of a great sailing club in a magic part of Victoria. With our committee, I certainly look forward to maintaining the steady improvement in facilities and operations at FYC.

While they are not new to the club, I welcome a few new faces to the committee. Lucy Barker has stepped up to manage our Events Hire. Mark & Jacqui Kelly (with Meike Fruechti quietly in the background) have taken on the Membership Secretary role. We will all hear from them very soon when our membership dues are needed. Ingrid and Peter Alexandrovics, an enthusiastic pair, have grabbed a couple of batons. Peter with Boats & Buoys, Ingrid with our Social scene.

I wish to thank Rob & Anna Cave, Dino Farronato, Grant Mathews and Trish Hurley who, after many years of tireless support on the committee have left their roles in great shape for the new baton holders. Helen Kent, while handing on the role of Membership Secretary, stays with the committee and while continuing to provide support to all, Helen and will be providing Hugh Kroker, our West Headings editor, with much input.

Now for a few dates for your diaries:

1. Merchandise - order by Sunday 6 October, so you have your FYC garb for Opening Day. Go to our web page for ordering.
2. Working Bee - Sunday 27 October
3. Opening Day - Sunday 3 November - Lunch and sail past
4. Tackers Sailing School - Registrations are now open. Don't forget, parents must volunteer for support duties. Looking forward to a great season,

Link: <https://www.theboatshed.net.au/school-holidays/flinders/>

Alan Farrar,

Commodore



# Winter News August 2019:

Greetings to all FYC Members,

Winter may have set in and our sunny days at the club, on the beach and sailing across the water are now but a distant memory. Despite the inclement weather, there is still a hive of activity happening at your club. We suggest you can also keep in touch with what is happening via our web site and Facebook. In the meantime, the following will bring you up to date:

## **Firstly we have a new Committee:**

Commodore	- Alan Farrar
Rear Commodore	- Tedd Warden
Club Captain	- Rick Barker
Treasurer	- Michael Hollowood
Secretary	- John Derham
Governance	- Stephen Kroker
Keel Boat Captain	- John Sweeney
Membership	- Mark & Jacqui Kelly assisted by Meike Fruechtl
Social Sailing	- Jim Fogarty
Child Safety Officer	- Jim Fogarty
Boats & Bouys	- Peter Alexandrovics
Social Co-ordinator	- Ingrid Alexandrovics
House & Grounds	- Tedd Warden
West Headings Editor	- Hugh Kroker
General Committee	- Helen Kent & Hugh Dolan
Club Hire	- Lucy Barker

## **Overall Security**

As previously reported, we have had a couple of breaches of security that resulted in an inflatable tender and a trailer stolen. There have also been occasions when the club house was not secured with door(s) to the deck not locked. We are currently researching different security systems and hope to have a solution very shortly which will include security cameras. In the meantime, please be aware that all boats, tenders, trailers, SUP and kayaks stored on the FYC premises are vulnerable to theft or damage. It is imperative that we each ensure we lock the clubhouse and the compound securely, so as a reminder, please read thoroughly the correct procedures below:

**FYC Front Gate** – FYI, there are two padlocks on the boom gate (ditto the compound); one is for FYC the other is Vic Power Industry Standard padlock (for access by the Utility Meter Readers). If you are first to arrive, unlock the (usually the bottom) padlock, pull up the pin, open the gate, refit the pin, insert the lock AND LOCK IT as the locks have been taken on occasion. When you have gone through the entry, close the gate by resting it between the jaws. Please ensure you always close the gate to prevent non-members being locked in. The reverse procedure applies on your departure.

**Securing FYC Clubhouse and Compound** - The last to leave MUST ensure that the club house is fully “closed down”. That means ALL lights OFF and ALL doors and windows locked. Never assume that some one else may be around. So please do a check, call out and take responsibility of protecting our beautiful facilities. AND Close and Lock the Entry/Exit Gate.

**BoatStorage** - Usable space within the compound has become very tight as more and more boats are stored for the season, over winter or all year round. The Committee has decided all users must apply for space in the yard and those who sail regularly will be given priority. Your renewal invoice will include an Application for Storage, and will be allocated to active boats. Queries to [tedd.warden@gmail.com](mailto:tedd.warden@gmail.com) It is highly likely that the few boats that were not used last year may not be allocated storage space this coming season. All boats stored in the yard (including Kayaks & SUP) MUST be clearly identified with your name and contact details. Failure to comply may see your water craft removed from the compound. Boat Registration, Storage Fees and Race Entry Fees remain the same as last season.

**Control Tower Cladding & Storage** - As part of our renovations done last winter, we planned to clad the tower, thus strengthening it, and allowing us to utilise the space for some much needed storage (the deck chairs, spare fridge, drinks trolley etc). These works are currently out for tender and will hopefully be completed prior to our Open Day Celebrations. We would also like to replace the steps. This staircase option may have to go to the Shire for planning approval and thus take a bit more time to action.

**Compound** - We are proposing to extend the compound approximately 4 meters along the north and west boundaries whilst replacing the fence and gates. The new fence will hopefully add a little more security to the compound perimeter. This small extension should allow us a little more room, particularly for our club boats during the sailing season. See plan across.



### **Our Community Associations**

FYC is committed to supporting the local community and we are happy to report the following activities:

**Mothers Day Classic Walk** – FYC members Lynley Cruise, Denise Kibby and Suzie Hunt worked very hard and their efforts, along with their many volunteers, and were extremely successful with \$23,000 raised for breast cancer research.

**FLAG** – (Flinders Arts Group) recently produced a play TIN WOMAN that was performed at FYC over three nights. It was a “sell out” and we gather will become a regular event for the Flinders Community. A number of FYC members volunteered to setup and bump out making a smooth transition.

**Flinders Kindergarten** – Will once again be holding their major fundraising event at FYC on September 14th. We donate a 12 month FYC Family Membership to be auctioned on the night. FYC members are most welcome to attend and bookings enquiries can be made through FYC Member Anna Bonato 0406 951 343 or via the Flinders Kindergarten.

**Embroiders Group & The local Sewing Group “Stitch & Bitch”** - meet regularly at FYC.

It is pleasing to note that other community groups such as Probis and Flinders Lions Club have also made use of our clubhouse.

Keep cosy and it won't be long before we are all again enjoying the great Flinders Yacht Club ambience and amenities.

# Flinders Yacht Club Sailing Season 2019/20:

FYC is all about participation. Flinders YC is growing, it is always exciting to see new faces and new boats, and passionate voices pushing our club forward and making the sailing more challenging and available to all. The upcoming season gives ample opportunity for every sailor to participate; whether you're looking to learn, to advance, to compete or to go on an adventure, with more boats and new events.

## **The Mobile Boat Shed Sailing School**

Is on again 27 – 31 Dec 2020 and registrations for Kids and Adults are open at <https://www.flindersyc.com.au/Learn-to-sail/>

Open to all ages – don't let the Kids have all the Fun!!

Early Bird registrations close 31 October so get in quick to avoid disappointment, contact Rick Barker if you have any queries 0412310012 please forward the link to anyone interested!

## **Summer Sailing**

To get the most out of your summer holiday sailing, we have scheduled plenty of Summer Sailing! From December 26 to Sunday 14 January we will be holding sailing opportunities almost every other day; another day another activity to try! These will include the Summer Series and Junior Championship Races, the Twilight Series, the Keel Boat Aggregate Series, Sailing Clinics and the FYC Pacer Challenge on Boxing Day and Adventure Sails to Balnarring and Cats Bay on Phillip Island! Sailors experienced and still learning are welcome to any and all of these opportunities, contact Rick Barker if you want more information on how to get involved. The full program will soon be available on the club website at <http://flindersyc.com.au/sailing/> Do some browsing and plan out your sailing experience at Flinders this summer.

**Westernport Teams Racing Championship Sunday 5 January 2020** from 9am at Balnarring – Teams of FYC Sailors Young and Old can compete in teams of 3 identical Pacers, open to all members. We need experienced skippers and no doubt teams will be looking for crew so contact Rick Barker to register your interest.

**Adventure Sails to and from Balnarring** – on 4 January we will sail the FYC pacers to Balnarring for the annual Westernport teams racing the next day - open to 12 adventurous sailors and a rescue boat crew, will take about 90mins to get to Balnarring and we intend leave at 12.30PM Sharp. Sail back is scheduled for Mon 6 Jan at 11.00AM.

## **Boxing Day Pacer**

Challenge 26 Dec 4:30pm – 6 Identical Boats, 12 sailors – who will win? Best of 3 short races.

## **Cats Bay Adventure Sail**

Ever wanted to sail to Phillip Island? This year is your chance Friday 10 January 2020 departing about timing TBA but we will try and sail across and back on slack tide 6 hours apart. A picnic and games at Cat bay in the intervening time. At this stage we will take the 2 Status 19s at least and maybe some pacers.

## **Social Sailing Saturdays**

A new initiative for this summer at FYC is 'Social Sailing Saturdays,' the perfect way to test the water for members who are not yet confident to race or for family members who would like to sail in a relaxed and safe FYC environment. Note this is a self-managed "go for a sail" initiative and not a coaching course.

Further details will be available closer to the time, but Social Sailing is planned to run each Saturday through Jan & Feb 1pm -4pm (excluding during Tackers, Teams Racing & inclement weather). Please note that all participants must be FYC members including children who must be family members. All children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a parent or guardian.

Bring a picnic, relax at the clubhouse and try your hand at sailing. Sharing of all club boats is encouraged, as is mentoring enthusiastic new sailors. I am making myself available to operate the safety boat so that we can have a rescue boat available as per FYC safety rules, but I welcome any assistance from other interested members.

Jim Fogarty, Committee Member

## **Reminder About use of Club Boats**

Club boats are available for use by Club Members for practice, ONLY when a designated rescue boat is on the water for the sole purpose of safety and rescue. FYC have 5 Pacers (2 handed suitable for adults and teenagers), 4 Optimis (single handed suitable for ages 8-12) as well as 2 Status 19 trailer sailer which may be used if available and as long as there is a suitable skipper at hand.

The Optimists and Pacers are reserved at certain times of the season for use in Tackers, Sailing School and Teams Racing events. Otherwise all boats can be allocated to members on a daily basis.

The following mutual obligations apply - there is no charge for usage and we expect members to care for and maintain these boats as they would if it was owned by you (which partially, they are). i.e. please wash down after use and properly store the boat and if you break or misplace any part of the boat, we do expect that you advise the Club Captain and arrange to fix or replace as required to restore the boat to its former state.

## **Club Duty Roster**

The duty roster is in the process of being finalised and the allocations are on the programme at you will receive an email from me regarding your allocated day(s). Please remember that club duty be it safety boat or tower operation is an obligation of ALL club members so please ensure that you put the date(s) in your diary and advise Rick Barker of any issues EARLY. Once the roster is finalised it is each member's responsibility to swap with another member if a change is required but please advise Rick of all changes made

## **Tower Operations:**

We need volunteers to take training in the tower operations, we have a number of experienced and capable personnel but need more! The best way to learn is to sit in with an experienced person and we have allocated "trainee" spots on 4 November and 17 November with experienced operators, max 2 persons per session, please contact Rick Barker to register your interest in taking this on.

### **Rescue Boat Operations:**

Similarly, if you wish to learn more about power boat operations and have your power boat licence Rescue Boat Operations including practice time on the water with experienced operators will be provided on Sunday 1 December 2018 from 9am at FYC. New members can then participate in this important role in our Club operations.

Can't wait to See you on the water!

Rick Barker

FYC Sailing Captain  
0412 310 012  
[sailing@flindersyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@flindersyc.com.au)



# FYC House & Grounds 2019:

Rear Commodore Rob, Andrew, Grant, Tedd and the crew to extend the Youth Room, replaced the rotten windows, painted the rafters and remaining old windows to freshen up the place.

Our permit included the boxing in of the control tower in matching weatherboards to provide storage for the new comfortable armchairs, Commodore's fridge, drink trough and etc. It will also enable a bar servery from the doorway to the deck for those big occasions if required. This will hopefully occur over winter.

Sadly there have been two significant thefts from around the compound this season, a quite new inflatable dinghy worth about \$2,000, and a 19' boat trailer. While the club takes no responsibility for your stuff, we are looking at security measures including motion detect lights, security cameras and replacement of the compound fence which will cost about \$20,000. You can help by removing your vessel over winter, labelling it (even a texta marking pen is something), padlocking it, tying it down. Labelling is a condition of storage and while we keep threatening to do something mean like putting non compliant kyaks and boats near the bonfire, we are softies and haven't, but that abuse will not be put up with forever, be warned!

Happily with the increased participation the yard is full during the season. With your next renewal there will be an Application for Storage and space allocated according to usage, if not used we don't want your boat in the yard, dump it somewhere else, to someone who'd enjoy it. Our storage fees are very low to encourage participation, not to be taken as a cheap way out of an eyesore at your home.

We have a paid team to look after our Grounds. Archie and Lindsay Cairns mow and whipper snip the grounds and compound (with help from volunteers to move the boats about). Tim Wood does the embankment mowing which is hard shuffling the trailers, tries to keep on top of weeds (Watsonia, Pampas Grass, Blackberry, Cape Wattle, Box Thorn, Sweet Pittosporum) along Lacey View, and keep the gutters under control.

So the entrance and grounds look as good as ever with a significant bushfire reduction. On top of paid help, there is a gang of helpers who put in as required for special projects like Clay who restored our flagpole, David always handy with a whipper snip or a chain saw, Andrew same, John with his extended pruner, Smokey with a ute or trailer..... Which all goes to make our place a nice one to be in. And others think the same and are happy to pay for it, these hire\$ go towards our capital spend yet keep our fees under control so more of us can join in the spirit at Flinders Yacht Club

Tedd

# Bon Voyage:

Our Captain Rick and former Commodore Rob decided that there is no better to enjoy winter than a hair raising trip to Port Stephens.

Many people fly to Newcastle or get in their car. Not these two. Sneaking thru the Rip at 6am they snuck into Refuge Cove on the lee side of the Prom at night, after a hair raising trip from crest to crest, then hightailed it into Lakes Entrance by 7am the following day.

Below is a shot of a big swell about to poop them and one of them snuggled up at a berth opposite the Central Hotel in the morning.

Reports state by 10:05am they had relieved the bottle shop of their stock of overproof rum. The gent on the right is not Rob's grandfather. They will resume their fun when the weather breaks.

Rick wasn't sure whether he'd be on time for Sunday's committee meeting however a local informant noted the meeting went smoothly.

You can follow Peadillo up the coast via AIS Marine Tracker. Google it and it will appear.



# Laird:

On ANZAC Day 2018 FYC members Ed Wright and Will Morgan along with regular visitor Travis Loton inexplicably answered a Gumtree ad from Adelaide. An old fashioned horder from Sellicks Beach south of Adelaide wanted to offload the rotting timber ski boat taking up space in his backyard. Apparently he needed room for some more rusted old cars. So we did what any sensible person would do and bought it. Days later we were on the Western Highway on our way to collect the hull that would become known as "Laird". Once home in Melbourne after much admiration from fellow boat tragics in the Melbourne traffic, the enormity of the task ahead would quickly become apparent. Following months of sanding the beauty beneath the years of dereliction emerged. The three proud "restorers" quickly fell in love with the new occupier of Kylie's car space. Now would probably be a good time to thank Kylie for putting up with it in the garage!!

With sanding completed the fun could finally begin. The help of a professional was needed, Mike Newton was enlisted and thankfully took a day away from his job as a boat builder to help out. "Wrapping day" came and went and with layers of fibreglass on the hull and five coats of paint inside we had the very heavy shell of a seaworthy boat. Next we would need an engine and Gumtree would deliver for a second time.

Another horder would fulfill our obscure needs, this time from Richmond in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. A classic Chris Craft Hercules Model B engine made in the USA some time around the 1940s popped up in our search and we quickly skipped up the Hume to check it out. The engine ran, that was good enough for us and so after a pub meal in Goulburn, a pie in Gundagai and fifteen hours of real crime podcasts, things were starting to come together.

Winter 2019 has brought much progress with internal carpentry, acquisition of parts and the fitting of the engine. Lots of problems have reared their heads and some of them have been solved. With much work still to do we don't have a launch party date yet but hope to have the social event of the season coming to the FYC soon!

Stay tuned.

Will Morgan



# FYC OTB 2018/19 CHAMPIONS:

## Club Championship (Yardstick)

1st - Ed Wright, Harrison Wright & Rose

Fogarty

(Pacer - Fairy Ripe)

2nd - Rick Barker ( Laser - Ocean Oddity)

3rd - Leigh Glover (Laser - Rocker)

## Club Aggregate

1st - Ed Wright, Harrison Wright

& Rose Fogarty (Pacer - Fairy Ripe)

2nd - Rob Cave (Nacra 430 - Serious)

3rd - Warwick Mitchell (Weta Tri - Beta  
Weta)

## Spring Series (Yardstick)

1st - Ed Wright, Harrison Wright & Rose

Fogarty (Pacer - Fairy Ripe)

2nd - Rick Barker & Lilly

Fogarty (Pacer Pursuit - Chase)

3rd - Angus Cramond (Laser Radial -  
Mild Thing)

## Spring Series (Handicap)

1st - Angus Cramond (Laser

Radial - Mild Thing)

2nd - Rob Cave (Nacra 430 - Serious)

3rd - Liam Vallely & Gavin

Vallely (Club Pacer)

## Summer Cup (Handicap)

1st - Ed Wright (Laser -

Spindrift)

2nd - Rick Barker ( Laser - Ocean

Oddity)

3rd - Leigh Glover (Laser - Rocket)

## Junior Championship

1st - Lilly Fogarty & Lucy

Barker (Club Pacer)

2nd - Fingal Brammal White & Max

Doak (Club Pacer)

3rd - Liam Vallely & Gavin Vallely

(Club Pacer)

## Pacer Challenge 1

1st - Rick Barker & Charlie Dolan

2nd - Liam Vallely & Gavin

Vallely

3rd - Leigh Glover & Dominic

White

## Pacer Challenge 1

1st - Rick Barker & Charlie Dolan

2nd - Liam Vallely & Gavin

Vallely

3rd - Leigh Glover & Dominic

White

## Brian Coleman Cup (Australia Day)

1st - Ed Wright & Kylie Wright (Club Pacer)

2nd - James Grant (Nacra 14sq - Trim)

3rd - Rick Barker & Lilly Fogarty

(Pacer Pursuit - Chase)

## Labor Day Series (Yardstick)

1st - Ed Wright & Kylie Wright (Club Pacer)

2nd - Leigh Glover (Laser - Rocket)

3rd - John Derham (Laser - Masters

Apprentice)

## Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy OTB

(Easter)

1st - Leigh Glover (Laser -

Rocket)

2nd - James Grant (Nacra 14sq - Trim)

3rd - Will Morgan (Laser - Da Trouble

Maker)

## Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy OTB

(Easter) Yardstick

1st - James Grant (Nacra 14sq - Trim)

2nd - Rick Barker & Lilly Fogarty

(Club Pacer)

3rd - Will Morgan (Laser - Da Trouble

Maker)

# Flinders Yacht Club - Season 2018 - 2019

## Keelboat Winners:

### **“Act Of Faith”**

Tedd Warden, Helen Kent, Brian Hewitt  
& Mark Kelly  
1st Hornidge Trophy Aggregate Series  
1st Line Honours For Season  
1st Labour Day Race  
2nd Ocean Race Series  
3rd Wayne Gannon January Twilight Series

### **“Alto 2”**

Forbes Smith  
2nd = Kent Cellars February Twilight  
Series

### **“Coromandel”**

John, Jennie & Hugh Sweeney  
3rd Hornidge Trophy Aggregate Series  
3rd Peter Tozer Australia Day Series

### **“Flying Cloud”**

Peter Huntsman, Mike Morgan, Chris Low  
1st Ocean Race Series  
2nd Peter Tozer Australia Day Series  
2nd = Kent Cellars February Twilight Series  
3rd = Ian Freeland Easter Series

### **“Foxy Lady”**

Sue & Rod Slater  
3rd Line Honours For Season

### **“Soixante Dix”**

Andrew Kings  
1st Wayne Gannon January Twilight Series  
2nd Hornidge Trophy Aggregate Series  
3rd Ocean Race Series

### **“Tulak”**

Eamonn Cooke  
3rd = Ian Freeland Easter Series

### **“Montalto”**

John Mitchell  
2nd Labour Day Race  
3rd = Wayne Gannon January Twilight  
Series

### **“Scaramouche”**

Alan Farrar  
2nd Ian Freeland Easter Series

### **“Valkyrie”**

Peter Dawson, Clay Manners  
1st Peter Tozer Australia Day Series

### **“Wasabi”**

David Campbell, Alex Mitchell  
1st Ian Freeland Easter Series  
1st Kent Cellars February Twilight Series  
2nd Wayne Gannon January Twilight Series  
2nd Line Honours For Season  
3rd Labour Day Race

# Flinders Yacht Club Season 2018/2019

## Presentation Dinner:

FYC celebrated the triumphs of the 2018/19 sailing season in mid-June. Once again we were lucky to utilise the great facilities of the Flinders Golf Club for our Dinner and Presentation evening. Great location, delicious food and a fun evening was had by all.

The winning OTB & Keelboat sailors were suitably applauded for their achievements and the division winners took home the silver trophies. See full results on the following pages. The most memorable acceptance speech was 9yo Rose Fogarty speaking on behalf of herself and 7yo Harrison Wright for their combined win as BEST NEW SAILORS.

Another special moment was when we took the opportunity to thank and acknowledge Rob Cave, his wife Anna and sons Luca & Marcus for going above and beyond during Rob's three year term as Commodore. Tedd Warden presented Rob with a elegant stone plaque made and donated by FYC member Stan Harris from Cameo Memorials. Linda Barker and Janeen Cramond were the winners of the PENNY NEILSON TROPHY for their massive contribution to the club. Linda has almost single handedly managed the training of race day "Tower" volunteers and along with Janeen has been an ever present backup when there was a no-show for those rostered on. Also, Linda & Janeen were ever present in the kitchen, cleaning up after our many social events when the rest of us have scampered home. It is volunteers, like these two, who have historically been there as quiet achievers contributing to the management of our special club.

Our guest speaker was Roellen Gilmore, Women's Sailing Representative Mount Martha Yacht Club and participant in the Race to Alaska R2AK - one of the toughest, most demanding sailing races. Roellen shared her amazing experience in this no motor, no support, 750 cold water mile race from Washington to Ketchikan, Alaska she did with her husband Rohan.



The inside passage to Alaska has been paddled by native canoes since time immemorial, sailing craft for centuries, and after someone found gold in the Klondike the route was jammed with steamboats full of prospectors elbowing each other out of the way for the promise of fortune. It's in the spirit of tradition, exploration, and the lawless self-reliance of the gold rush that Race to Alaska was born. R2AK is the first of its kind and North America's longest human and wind powered race, and currently the largest cash prize for a race of its kind.

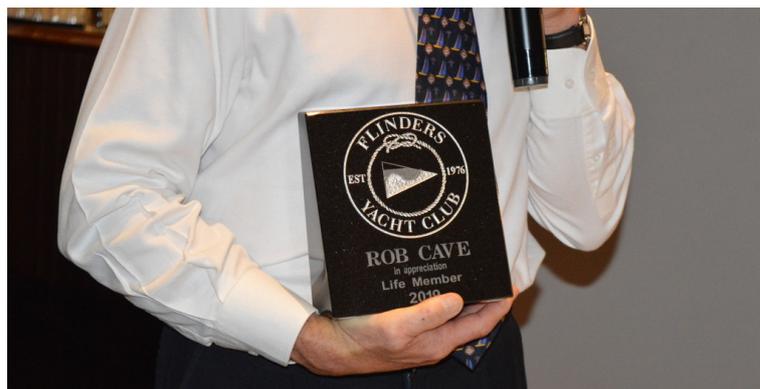
For those who missed Roellen's fascinating talk, you can go to the link below and see a video of their experience through "in the moment dialogue and narration" as they explore the vast emptiness and beauty of the Alaskan coastline.

<https://immersive.video/vr-originals/race-to-alaska/>

In summary, our FYC Presentation Dinner was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with our friends, toast the winners, give thanks to our sponsors, particularly Bendigo Bank and Montalto and show our appreciation to Rob Cave who, with his FYC Committee, added so much value to our club.

Bring on Season 2019/20!





Ted Warden presenting Rob Cave with a plaque acknowledging all his time and effort put into the club during his years as Commadore

# Act of Faith:

Winter. Cold wet and windy like in the old days before the 10 year droughts. Keelboats head north, not far, couple of hours to Hastings, Yaringa or Cannons Creek with the tide.

Boats get hauled out, water blasted and bathed in oxalic acid to remove the grunge, propped in cradles to repair the summer's damage, service the motor replacing oils, impeller and plugs, soak and wash the sheets, same for sails, replace ageing electrics and wiring, install go fasts for next season, antifoul to delay the grunge onset, triage the 'to do' list as relaunch becomes imminent, and generally enjoy the messing about in boats with the free advice on how it could've been done better.

The days already get longer, though are somehow colder. The setting sun after a days tinkering shows the boat at its best, how gorgeous! It has given much joy in my 20 years, with many friends, and a better handling toy hard to imagine.

That sunset will usher tomorrow's sunrise, and the next season a little closer, so we can do it all again, yippee!

Act of Faith

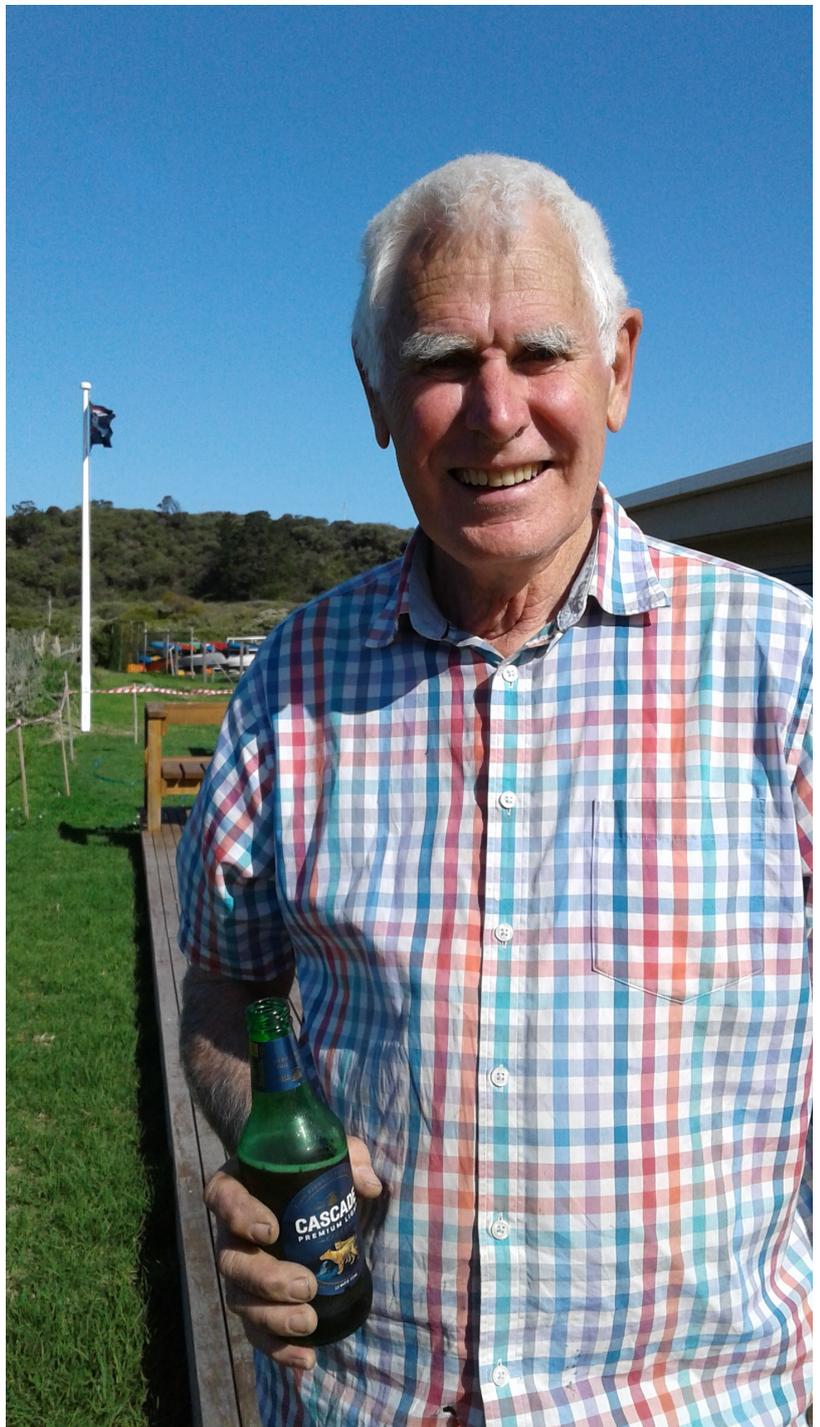
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Flinders &  
Hastings



# Around the Club:





Clay and one of his winter projects: Restoring the flagpole!







Our new Commodore exploring international yacht club connections:

Croatia Sailing 1 August - Sept







# Upcoming Events:

City Sail - Women and Girls Coaching Regatta (See poster below). For more information about the event and how to register please go to the following link. <http://www.apyc.org.au/citysail.html>



**Albert Park  
Yacht Club**  
presents  
**CITYSAIL**

**Women & Girls**  
**Coaching & Racing Regatta**  
**14-15 September**  
**[citysail.com.au](http://citysail.com.au)**





**MONTALTO**  
*Masters  
on Western Port*

Westernport Yacht Club at Balnarring Beach is pleased to announce the launch of the inaugural Western Port Masters Regatta to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

This event aims to:

- Encourage the maintenance of active and healthy lifestyles for people around Western Port who are in the second half of their lives.
- Encourage more experienced sailors to introduce the sport of sailing to a younger generation

**Who can participate?**

The two-day event involving multi-class fleet racing, will also incorporate a specific race on Saturday afternoon that will be open to multi-handed boats with a skipper aged 40 years and over and a crew member less than 16 years and representing different generations of one family.

A dinner will also be held on the Saturday evening open to sailors, their families and Westernport Yacht club members and friends.

This regatta will not only provide opportunities for fitness, fun and social inclusion across generations, but will encourage younger family members to become more active in all levels of club life.

**Entry cost are:**

\$50 per single-handed boat (\*early bird entry \$40)

\$75 per multi-crewed boat (\*early bird entry \$60)

\$15 intergenerational race

\*Early bird entries will be accepted up to midnight on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Entry will include a regatta cap for each sailor.

A late fee of \$20 per boat will be incurred for entries after mid night on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**Dinner:**      Adults \$40                  Children (5-12) \$20                  Children (<5) Free

**Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each of the following categories:**

Masters (40 – 54 years)

Grand Masters (55 – 64 years)

Great Grand Masters (65 years and over)

Intergenerational family

Individual divisions

For more information, go to [www.westernport.org.au](http://www.westernport.org.au) or contact Event Manager and Vice Commodore Adam Smith on 0404 885 348 or [vicecommodore@westernport.org.au](mailto:vicecommodore@westernport.org.au)

**So, save the date and come and join us!**



**MONTALTO**  
*Masters  
 on Western Port*



19 + 20 October 2019

Hosted by Westernport Yacht Club and open to off-the-beach dinghy sailors aged 40 years and over, this multi-class event provides racing over 2 days plus an intergenerational race for a Master sailor and a junior (related) crew less than 16 years.

All are welcome to attend dinner on Saturday evening.

***An event for sailors in the second half of their lives***



**ENTRIES OPEN:** August 19th

**COST:**

- \$50 – single handed boat
- \$75 – multi handed boat
- \$15 – intergenerational race

**DISCOUNTS:**

Early bird discounts are available for registrations up to midnight on September 19th

Entry includes regatta cap

**DINNER:** Saturday - 7pm

- Adults \$40
- Child (5-12) \$20
- Child (<5) no charge

**FURTHER INFORMATION  
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**WESTERNPORT YACHT CLUB  
 FORESHORE RD  
 BALNARRING BEACH**

# FYC Gallipoli Study Tour:



Most of you know Hugh, struggling in a Pacer at the back of the pack. Some of our members have read his book, "36 Days" on the role of spies, submarines, aircraft and military intelligence at Gallipoli. Under the long red hair and floppy demeanour lies a former Intelligence Officer with both the British Army and the RAAF. Hugh will be in Gallipoli for June 2020. He is inviting FYC to a unique experience (10 members only) to join him on an in-depth military tour. We are guests of Gallipoli Houses just behind the cove, and we'll walk the trenches with military orders and original maps to hand. If you have a relative who served here - then you will stand in the same trench and advance towards the Chessboard or German Officers Trench as he did in 1915. Hugh is hiring a launch so that we will row ashore at dawn and breakfast on Plugge's Plateau. We will also moor at Cape Helles and Suvla. Hugh took Old Melburnians to ANZAC battlefields in France & Belgium last month; most survived the experience!

Here's a link to Hugh's ABC documentary on the landing-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aRpOWyxPKI>

Hugh Dolan

# Other Notes

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE ANT GRAGE FLINDERS PATROL BOAT

When launching but more importantly recovering the Ant Grage onto its trailer, the trailer must be disconnected from the vehicle. Failure to disconnect the trailer while recovering the boat can result in damage to the hull of the boat (potentially both rigid and inflatable sections) necessitating costly repairs. The trailer should tilt as the boat is being winched on. Snatch straps are provided in the back of the FYC towing vehicle for pulling the boat and trailer from the beach to the compound.

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## Safety Around vehicles At The Club:

In the relaxed environment around the Club, it is easy to overlook basic points to ensure safety around vehicles. Members are reminded of the following:

1. Drivers using the car parking area should confine their speed to a safe limit, especially when pedestrians are within the vicinity of moving vehicles. They should also exercise extreme care when reversing out of car parking areas, ensuring that there are no pedestrians, including young children, in the vicinity before reversing.
2. Drivers within the boat compound and using the ramp to access the beach should exercise extreme care and confine their speed to 5 kph or a walking pace.
3. Pedestrians should minimise their use of the car park; there are better and safer places around the Club to chat and for children to play. Parents and carers of young children using the car park are obviously responsible for their safety while in the car park.
4. All pedestrians using the car park should be on the look out for cars reversing out of car parking areas.

Your cooperation will help ensure safety around vehicles at the Club, especially at this time of the year when the Club is being enjoyed by so many members.

Stephen Kroker  
Chair, Safety Subcommittee

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