

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

August 2008

Winter Sailing

Editorial

Thanks to all of you who took the people from the Learn to Sail on board. So far we have been lucky with the weather, albeit a bit cold, and we have been able to give them a go in conditions which were almost ideal. It never ceases to amaze your scribe how we manage to attract such pleasant personalities to our Learn to Sail sessions. This makes the task of instructing on the water a happy hour or so for all aboard. There was no on the water session on 3rd August as some of our fleet were ashore attending to necessary repairs and maintenance. On that subject the 08/09 season is looming up and it won't be long before we are all attending to those last minute jobs so as to be fit to face the starting signals for the

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What's On

August 17th

Winter Sailing at Carrum
12:00 start

September 21st

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12:00 start

September 28th

Working Bee 10:00-2:00
BBQ Lunch provided for workers.

October 5th

Start of Season

October 19th

Opening Day

October 25th

Trivia Night See item on right

Planning

Its happening.

The Carrum Sailing Club through Lowe Constructions have submitted plans to Kingston Council for a planning permit on the redevelopment of the club.

A copy of the plans are on the club notice board. Redevelopment sub-committee chair Ray Cole said "These plans are by no means finalized. I urge members to check them out and make suggestions for improvements."

Trivia Night

We are coming up to the clubs major fundraising night of the year, the annual CSC Trivia Night. This will be held on October 25th.

To make the night a success, we are after any donations of prizes.

Unwanted gifts, free giveaways, things



Any opportunity for a drink, even launching Blue Angel in the rain.

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Trivia Night

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scrounged from work, things to be auctioned -
w e ' l l t a k e i t a l l !

We won't be having a car rally this year so please make an extra special effort to invite your friends and family to this great night out. No need to be a rocket scientist, the trivia questions will appeal to all ages and interests.

Please contact Helen on 8711 3027 if you can help out with prizes or with organising the night.

Winter Sailing

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new season.

WINTER RACE 6 at CSC 20/07/08

There was the first sign of the threatened Careel 18 rash at the ramp with Casper, Indulgence, and Blue Angel there as well as Bushranger to take the class members out prior to the race. Some of the class too, sailed with us in the race and thus added to their experience. It seems we will have an interchange bench of people ready to crew for us if the winter ills strike some of our crew.

Chris and Carol were manning the committee boat in a flat sea with the Northerly tending Easterly before finally settling in there and allowing the course to be set with the windward mark off the Club. Mordialloc had three representatives, Mark and gang on Silver Cloud who had the task of finding the marks so the rest of us could follow, the recently renamed Rough Cut, a YW Diamond of course, and Moondancer with Peter and crew doing a lunar dance as usual.

When the course was finally set in a 8-10knot breeze from the NE we got away to a start about an hour late, but the delay was worth it as the breeze had settled in and allowed Chris to set a good course.

Prior to the start the consensus aboard Bushranger was with a 10-12 deg bias favouring the boat end, it would be prudent to start on starboard and shun the boat end but go for clear air down the line a bit and try to start dead on time. Particularly in a mixed fleet you will so often see a crush at the boat end when that end is favoured --- or so we muttered on board and it proved to

be so, as Indulgence and Casper had to give way to the Diamond who laid the boat end nicely on starboard leaving the last two mentioned with nowhere to go and discovering after rifling through the blue book that Rough Cut had both might and right on her side as Rule 18.1 "does not apply at a starting mark --- " and Rule 11 does. Silver Cloud set out and hardened up to leeward of Rough Cut and to windward of Moondancer and Bushranger all on starboard except Commodore Steve and Past Rear Commodore Chad who were together near the start boat and ruefully considering what the rights on the starting line were. Blue Angel with Lyn and Leigh from the class aboard were deep in a discussion on the merits of the Careel 18 class as Helen and Michael sensed a possible new rasher. They failed to bring home the bacon however; as they missed the start by a time span they failed to recover as the race progressed. It is always thus!!! (This I know from sad experience. Ed.)

First to the windward mark was Silver Cloud who reached away on a two sail reach to the wing mark with Rough Cut and Bushranger astern

Again, on the reaches, headsail area was critical and as the breeze dropped and swung Commodore Steve found himself wishing that Peter Green would get around to producing the No 1 he has on order at that sail loft, as Chad was moving ahead with his largest headsail drawing.

Among the leaders sailing the full course, Bushranger and Moondancer had a close race for the first triangle with Bushranger pulling away from Peter and crew over the latter stages. Both of these however saw the leading pair draw away and full course Line Honours went to Mark and his crew on Silver Cloud ahead of Peter and trap hand in Rough Cut. (Strictly speaking for much of the race the trap hand was not in the boat)

The contest in the short course boats was decided on a sail area basis with points deducted for late starting and very late starting and went to Casper from Indulgence and Blue Angel in that order.

The table below shows the results in minutes per course N.M. allowing for the shorter course sailed by the 18footers with Rough Cut winning from Bushranger and Silver Cloud

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Boat	CBH	elapsed	Corrected /distance
Rough Cut	0.750	86.86	8.143
Bushranger	0.700	98.11	8.585
Silver Cloud	0.825	83.35	8.595
Moondancer	0.700	103.68	9.072
Casper	0.590	78.95	9.316
Indulgence	0.590	84.48	9.969
Blue Angel	0.590	104.45	12.325

Editorial

Be warned, be warned!!! Note the verb - to warne!!! The cricket season is almost upon us!!! That means no time for Warney stunts such as text messages etc., etc., etc., as in the few weeks left, we all should have only one thing uppermost in our minds to concentrate upon when not winding up the Winter series. That is of course, getting all those long deferred tasks started to restore our boats once again to pristine condition and the rig and sails set up to be clearly visible evidence that we mean business in the 2008/2009 season. Sadly in the 'concours de elegance' stakes, all the rest of us are already merely also rans, as we gaze in jealous admiration at the perfection of finish on Blue Angel . To this excellence there is admittedly a downside which can be readily observed as we note the worried looks on the faces of Michael and Helen as they festoon the topsides with fenders to preserve that finish.

Winter Race 7 MMYC

We had a magnificent forecast of 10-15kn N-NW with seas below half a metre with 8/8 cloud. Eskimo braved the terrors of the ramp at Mordy and the passage under the bridge works, but the timid Bushranger launched at Carrum and sailed up in an increasing chop to see the fleet assembling for the starts of the stern chaser, and get a call to Kathryn aboard Eskimo to ascertain the course. Bitter Sweet could not start due to Eric suffering neck spasms. He requested that Kim from the Learn to Sail class who was due to sail with him join the Bushranger crew, and she was welcomed aboard. Rocky had Magic Bus safely on the trailer at home as he ventured to Docklands to again spend a few worrying periods before his beloved Saints triumphed - just. Casper, Blue Angel, Indulgence, Frodo and Marindah sought and were granted leave of absence. That left just the two of us to race with eight starters from MMYC. A significant change in the colour

of the flag and an insignificant change in dimensions made the mark off the pier a smidgeon more visible, so that it could now be almost seen; however, so too could several other marks in close proximity laid for the MSC dinghy fleet.

Any rate we started in time with Bushranger at the pin end, probably and unashamedly a second early; but her skipper was always wont to pinch a point or two as the officials on the pier all appeared to be fishing, when they were not throwing sinkers at the yachts near the pier end. Close astern and to windward was Peter and crew in Moondancer and Eskimo sailing three up with Jenny clicking shears at the tiller. Rough Cut was further up the line in just those conditions the Diamonds love. We all settled down on the beat to the Mussel culture chasing the 11.00 starters in a shifting breeze whose strength and direction changed constantly especially as we neared the Parkdale end of the little bay. At first Bushranger had Eskimo safely put away but the bearded tactician aboard the latter elected to stay on a slight knock to sail through it on to a great lift and in a twinkling was to windward of the soup kitchen and led her to and around the culture and set the big blue spinnaker. First to the culture was Rough Cut followed by Simply Red and Boombah, then Eskimo and Bushranger with a big gap to the rest. On the broad reach to the MMYC mark spinnakers were set on most and at the mark the order was Rough Cut who dropped the kite and close reached to finish while Eskimo gybed her spinnaker and Bushranger followed the example of the Diamond.

The course proving too tight for the big blue extra allowed Bushranger to gain the ascendancy over Eskimo and lead her towards the finish after Rough Cut and Quiksilver. About .4 NM from the finish a few bullets over powered the fleet and broaches were encountered as well as violently flogging mains as main sheets were eased. The previously mentioned MSC marks came into the picture then as the finish area around the little mark was suddenly populated with a Laser, two 420s, a B15 and an International 14 . Somehow we missed them all, and poked the bow across to finish in accord with the official definition in the RRS (which by the way-- being a definition, can not be changed). Some seconds later we crossed the line to formalise our finish after Eskimo, who of course

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had soundly licked Bushranger on CBH. The curious and illegal definition of finishing in the S.Is of MMYC has always intrigued your scribe; but (as they said in the wind jammers when the yard was at the mast head), “vast heaving”, enough of that. It was a great race, good company and a wonderful sail home in a strong breeze with Kim playing the spinnaker sheet as Bushranger raced downwind with “the bone in her teeth” to use another wind jammer phrase. Places on CBH as in the table below. Sadly I have to say the Bushranger galley is still at time of going to press, an indescribable mess as in the puffs which hit the fleet towards the end, the large tureen of soup lost much of its contents as she heeled. Adrian of Small Change says the great day of sailing has strengthened his resolve to make sure his yacht is ready for the coming season, and we all look forward to him joining us on the starting line with her.

Yacht	Elapsed	CBH	Corrected
Rough Cut	71.844	0.750	53.883
Quick Silver	73.111	0.825	60.317
Eskimo	90.172	0.680	61.317
Bushranger	90.119	0.700	63.083
Silver Cloud	78.909	0.825	65.100
Moondancer	95.429	0.700	66.800
Boombah	111.290	0.620	69.000
Simply Red	113.513	0.650	73.783
Winnie	128.674	0.651	83.767
Stormy Affair	137.029	0.690	94.550

Careel Corner

Chad Hair and Ian Blencowe are organising a meeting of the Careel Yacht Club of Victoria. This meeting is to be held at Carrum Sailing Club after racing on September 21st.

The CYCV will be fired up again with Ian volunteering for the Commodore role and Chad volunteering for secretary.

To make a day of it Victorian Careel owners will be invited to race with the Carrum fleet, cruise on the bay or motor through the canals at Patterson Lakes.

Chad hair is urging all Carrum trailerable owners to be out in force to impress the potential members. “We have the basis of a good fleet and could become the club for Careel’s to compete” Chad said.

Later, after sailing and before the meeting, the CYCV will be put on a meal at Carrum Sail-

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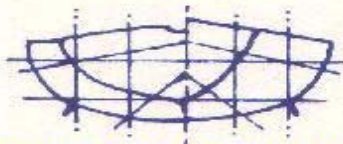
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Effort of the Month



Dogs

Life member Ken Broadbent visited the club this month and the subject of dogs, water and boats was raised. Ken said that he has had a number of Collies that didn't like the water.

He amused those present with the story of his dog when he had a Boomerang 20. Launching at Westernport the dog ate a toadfish. He called the vet fed it salt to induce vomiting and got it an injection. Exhausted the dog slept for some time. Urgently needing to relieve itself the

dog woke and ran around the cockpit until it could hold on no longer. That mess was cleaned and the family moored at Tooradin. The dog was put ashore but did not want to get back on the boat. While waiting for the tide the dog was left tied ashore. In that time the dog was taken by a local who thought it was abandoned. Ken had to go and claim it back before sailing away.

The dog never got on the boat again and passed the message to two more of Kens dogs