

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

May 2008

Annual General Meeting

Carrum Sailing Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Friday 13th June 2008.

Club secretary Ian Blencowe requests all members to attend by 7:30 for a prompt 8:00 pm start.

Ian says that the meeting should not take long as no notice of motion has been received,. This leaves only the receiving of reports from the current committee and the election of a new committee for 2008-09 season.

There is little time left to nominate for committee positions and the form is on page 5 of this newsletter.

We need a active committee to keep the club moving forward.

What's On

June 1st Winter Racing

1st Sunday each month at Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club. 11:00 start

June 13th Annual General Meeting

Starts 8:00 pm. Please be early. There are no special motions to be put to the meeting so it should not be long

Nomination forms are at page five

June 15th Winter Racing

3rd Sunday each month at Carrum Sailing Club. 11:00 Start. Post Race Soup & Snags

Harvest Festival

At 9am we set up the stand with the Cambur Motors marquee flanked by two of our most presentable yachts Steve Murphy's Indulgence, a Careel 18 Mk 3 and Lyndon David's Maree Maybelle with Ian's Laser emblazoned with the Turkish national flag on the sail and Turkey on the transom, strategically placed near the Careel. Both yachts were dressed with our code flags and displayed the Carrum burgee. We had our Ray White Mordialloc Learn to Sail sign and two display boards exhorting passerbys to become interested in sailing. These boards were hastily prepared at short notice by our appropriately

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Some clown came up & asked "Are you selling Subaru's"

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Harvest Festival

named sign writing firm I.M. Incompetent P/L. As the text included a spelling error, in order to attract interest we offered a prize of free sailing lessons to the first person to detect the error. It was a while before the error was discovered by a local resident Debbie Brook who was duly awarded the prize and she will join us at the classes.

A total of 29 families or individuals signed up for our Harvest Festival Special of Learn to Sail courses at \$10 per pop and the timing and other details of these are yet to be finalised. In addition some visitors indicated they were interested in joining the Club.

We have received emails and telephone calls thanking us for our involvement from the Mayor Topsy Petchy, Councillor Justin McKeegan, Andrew Adams, and Catherine Franklin, the Special Events manager from the Council. Catherine and Justin visited us in the marquee and commented how our stand had attracted much attention.

Some interesting Cameos from the day:-

- * A visit from the stall holder who was selling Turkish breads and other foods from his country, who was quite excited and a little choked up as Ian explained the reason behind the existence of the Turkish Laser at the Festival and the Club. Perhaps this is a reminder for us of how expatriates retain a love of their country in another land.
- * An approach from an elderly gentleman who approached the Raver and said as he clutched my hand firmly "I have very happy memories of the only time I have ever been in a sailing boat, when at the previous Harvest Festival you took me for a sail in your boat here --- (pointing to Steve's fine yacht). I see you have changed the name to Indulgence, I thought it was Bushranger". Happy memories certainly but a little inaccurate too.
- * The sight of the cockpit and deck of the Laser, full to overflowing with many young pirates, generally of under school age as they sailed her across imaginary seas with smiles on their faces. (except when struggling for their turn to grab the tiller)

Some emails will be forwarded for the information of all Ravings readers especially those of you who could not attend.

Special thanks are due to Steve, Lyndon and Ian for supplying the yachts and for the helpers on the stand listed below. The Raver was there for all bar a couple of hours and I watched Lyndon at work. He was the star of the day acting as a people magnet and signing them up for the Learn to Sail sessions. It was a long day with many highlights to see and hear apart from our activities.

My personal thanks go to Ian (as always) for pre festival discussions and setting up and dismantling the stand.

Stand staffers were --- Ian, Steve M, Lyndon, Carol, Lloyd, Wendy, Jacinta, Chris, Mark, Helen, Mike, Steve Mc C and family, Chad, Kirsty, Kathryn, and the ever relaxed Nick and his sister.

All of us agreed it was a great success and important as a step to maintain our existing good relations with the council and the local community.

Trailerables

Editorial

There will be a separate issue of Ravings after the trophy building marathon has disappeared into the mist of Christmas like promises "to get the act together to avoid a last minute rush next time". This issue is devoted to the 1st winter race held at MMYC with a report supplied in the deathless prose of that intrepid multihuller Mark Madler-Edwards.

Race 1 Winter Series at MMYC

Simply Red Event Sunday 4th May 2008

The aptly named event saw all save one CSC Trailable members with red faces due to absence. With a forecast for 10 knots from the NW and smooth seas and 7/8 stratus even the lone starter from CSC had difficulty in getting there on time and then only after David McGregor and Mark Madler-Edwards made a rushed trip to launch at the Mordy ramp and sailed short handed because skipper Eric could not sail. The launching and moving under the seemingly permanent construction work on the bridge over the Nepean Highway was followed by stepping the mast of Bitter Sweet and moving out of the notorious Creek. Mark says "As we made our way

out onto the Bay from the river mouth the action was on, boats were milling around for the pre start rituals and it looked like it was going to be a beautiful day sailing, very flat seas with what looked like 10 knots or so of breeze from the North. Still no Carrum boats- Oh well, let's see what we can do -- the two of us." In fact we started 10 minutes after our scheduled start time in the three stage sternchaser. The first leg was a tight lead to the mussel beds, which some skip-pers in a mysterious manner managed to turn into a beat! Bitter Sweet successfully laid it in one, to be closely followed by Peter Banham in Moon dancer with Geri on the helm and their daughter crewing and offering advice to Peter" Your scribe was on the cliffs above the mussel beds as he waited for some trophy moulds to be properly cured prior to release. There are serious gains to be made by alert crews watching sail trim in the difficult run between the beds and the cardinal mark and it was a wonderful sailing lesson to see gains and losses being made from the vantage spot on the cliff top. Mark's comment "No Carrum boats around, must be out on the water" was the conclusion from onboard Bitter Sweet but our sole entrant was alas, the only CSC representative to be seen from the cliff top. There were two spinnakers only. on the proud run past the beds and the gybe at the western end of the beds followed by another run to the MMYC mark with a windward and return to finish off the Pier.

Mark continues

"Bitter Sweet despite the late start had made good time on Boombah with Rowan Higgon helming her. Approaching the Mussel beds is vastly different from sailing off the beach at Carrum with spectacular views of the cliffs and the buildings on the foreshore and on Beach Rd. In a car you always wonder what is over the edge of the road, I fight my wife to be a passenger and check out the views and I never tire of the sea-scapes and how they change. We picked out a big white mansion from the distance and sailed towards it right on the wind at times and freeing sheets as we picked the lifts trying to get every little wisp of fluky wind that shifted dramatically as we came into the bay closer to the cliffs. Still ahead of Moon dancer and Boombah; but it was getting closer. Could the little Ultimate 18 hold on?. Fishing boats were anchored near the marks right in our way. We threaded the eye of the needle very closely, sailing between them and then

around the mark and then out to the bay for the reaching leg. This is where Moon dancer hit her straps. With a spinnaker and a keen female crew they edged past over the Carrum Ultimate. We kept him in sight but steadily he pulled away. (and so he should) Oh well 'he's a bigger boat' was one of the printable laments.

There was some Carrum pride to maintain as we wanted to keep ahead of Boombah, who we agreed on board should have been a lot faster than us. David poled the headsail out and the GPS increased to 5 knots. I think our highest speed was 6 knots and lots of concentration on the helm by Mark saw us lead Boombah around the mark and it was back to the Pier to complete our first triangle. Boombah passed us and we redoubled our efforts to put her astern of us. David waxed about good helmsman and waned about ordinary efforts and the points were all duly noted.

Approaching the mussel beds for the final time their was a certain familiarity Mark's new hat kept falling off, needs some hair possibly, it fell overboard and there was no interest in retrieving the errant sun shelter as we were racing. Now BOOMBAAH was still making good speed out to leeward, but to windward we were also doing well and we reacquainted ourselves with the fisherwoman we'd sped through on the first lap She giggled a broken English greeting to us again as we sliced through the twin fishing boat obstacles right on the mark. On the way in to the mussel beds the wind shifted again, and it was the same mansion as an aiming point. Around the mark and it was nip and tuck with Boombah quite close indeed. Our underdog mentality pulled us through and some healthy threats from David if we didn't get the lifts right saw us pull ahead of Boombah until the reach back to the pier, steadily putting Boombah far and away behind us. It looked like about 3-4 minutes ahead of BOOMBAAH at the finish; in fact where was the finish? The original start mark was no where to be found, we guessed the Mordy boys had picked it up so we passed the pier heading south and tacked back past the pier to record our own finish time of 13.45 which we recorded as we signed off.

Boombah duly crossed the line and with local knowledge, or was it familiarity with the sailing instructions there was no tacking back, just furl the sails and into the bar. Very impressive as we watched this and both agreed we had

learnt some of the local ways as we motored in to a selected mooring, to unstep the mast, secure all the gear and in for a beer as quick as that --- well we wish!!!. Then we made our way in for a g'day with MMYC friends. Peter Banham and the crowd there greeted us warmly, they were just finishing off the days racing presentations. We noted comments that several of the club had sailed with all female crews. As we were introduced, each had his own nibbles and own beers they had brought along. Mordialloc doesn't have a bar license, another of several lessons learned by now. And just as quickly they were all off heading about their business. We promised ourselves a beer on the way home, but with Bitter Sweet to be retrieved at the ramp and returned to the missing skipper it turned out to be a dry old argument."

Thanks Mark for those comments. Thanks

Presentation Night

Carrum Sailing Club's Annual Presentation was held on the 17th May. Approximately 50 people attended, and were treated to a tasty meal cooked by Rustic Catering.

However we were actually lucky to get fed, as there was some confusion over whether the original contact was a quote or order and another job had been booked by the caterers.

Luckily Wendy was efficient in following up preparations for the Presentation Night and there was time to cook for us, and organize some other servers. So thanks Wendy & Tammy.

After the first course had been served and duly demolished, it was time for the Presentation. The trophies were once again skillfully made by Ray Cole (but next season maybe we should tell Ray that the presentation night is a week earlier than it actually is) and award winners were asked to return their trophy for completion at a later date, to be re-awarded at the AGM.

Careel 18 owners were seen comparing their 1/2 models and noting the differences on their respective models. (No short cuts taken by our esteemed 1/2 model builder)

At the end of the meal a little bit of exercise was partaken by some enthusiasts as Carol had brought some play group dance tapes to liven up the night.

A big thank you to all who helped set up on Friday night (Welcome to newcomer Mike) and those who helped clean up afterwards.

Award winners were

Trailerable Post Christmas Series

CBH 1st Eskimo 2nd Bushranger VI

HCP 1st Casper 2nd Indulgence

Championship Series

CBH 1st Eskimo 2nd Bushranger VI

HCP 1st Bitter Sweet 2nd Casper

Monohull Post Christmas Series

YS 1st Duck Season HCP 1st Bonus

Championship Series

YS 1st Duck Season HCP 1st Bonus

Club Member

Steve McClelland & Chris Flanagan (joint)

Ray Cole Perpetual

Ian Blencowe

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Careel Takeover

Carrum Sailing Club's trailerable division is being taken over by careels. For years Eskimo has been the only Careel at the club until a couple of years ago Scott Shears bought another 22 that is still has not got wet. But how things have changed.

Chad & Kirsty bought their 18 Last year then this year Steve Murphy and Rocky Naughtin also got 18's. Now in the week ending 24/5/08 Glenn & Deb have got an 18 called Marindah from Grovedale and Michael & Helen went to the gold coast to buy another (Blue Angel).

There could have been another 18 if only Lyndon's driveway had been a couple of inches wider and able to accommodate one.

Moves are now afoot to rejuvenate the lapsed Careel Yacht Club of Victoria and get more involved in sailing at Carrum. Chad has been press ganged into taking on the secretary role.

Class stalwart Ray Cole has warned the Careel 18 owners not to expect to race as a class of their own. "Leaving Eskimo and the Bushrangers in a separate division cannot be tolerated."

With the recent additions the Trailerable Division next season will have at least eleven starters

Bushranger VI Captain Moonlite Eskimo

Bitter Sweet Brittany @ Maree Maybelle

Frodo Casper Indulgence

Magic Bus Blue Angel & Marindah

and more owners expressing interest in joining.

CARRUM SAILING CLUB INC.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

The Secretary,

Carrum Sailing Club Inc.

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I hereby give notice that on Friday June 13th, 2008, at the Annual General Meeting, I intend to nominate:-

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for the position of

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Minute Secretary
- General Committee

Proposer

Seconded

Dated / /08

I accept the nomination

Nominee

2007-08 Season Results

Post Christmas Series Results

Multihull

	YS Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
The Mac's	28	=5	28	=5
Green Machine	6	1	6	1
David Richards	28	=5	28	=5
Duck Dive	22	4	22	4
Le Mog	16	2	16	2
Mari-Lynne	20	3	20	3

Monohulls

	YS Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
Red Hot Go	70	=8	70	=8
Bonus	12	2	11	2
Moby Duck	70	=8	70	=8
BSTLT	61	7	61	7
Turkey	70	=8	70	=8
Bugs	70	=8	70	=8
Slasher	43	5	43	5
The Flying Basset	70	=8	70	=8
Emmi	70	=8	70	=8
Paul	44	6	44	6
Louise	70	=8	70	=8
Parks	33	4	33	4
Duck Season	6	1	6	1*
Club Pacer	17	3	17	3

Trailerables

	CBH Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
Eskimo	5	1	9	2*
Bushranger VI	5	2	10	3*
Casper	11	3	5	1
Bitter Sweet	22	7	18	5
Indulgence	16	4	12	4
Frodo	21	6	21	7
Magic Bus	19	5	19	6
Captain Moonlite	50	=8	50	=8
Scherwinski	50	=8	50	=8

Club Champion Series Results

Multihull

	YS Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
The Mac's	11	2	11	2
Green Machine	16	=3	16	=3
David Richards	21	=5	21	=5
Duck Dive	21	=5	21	=5
Le Mog	3	1	3	1
Mari-Lynne	16	=3	16	=3

Monohulls

	YS Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
Red Hot Go	22	4	22	4
Bonus	14	2	13	2
Moby Duck	60	=9	60	=9
BSTLT	26	=5	26	=5
Turkey	60	=9	60	=9
Bugs	60	=9	60	=9
Slasher	26	=5	26	=5
The Flying Basset	60	=9	60	=9
Emmi	60	=9	60	=9
Paul	29	7	29	7
Louise	60	=9	60	=9
Parks	16	3	17	3
Duck Season	5	1	5	1*
Club Pacer	49	8	49	8

Trailerables

	CBH Pts	Pos	Hcp Pts	Pos
Eskimo	3	1	5	3*
Bushranger VI	3	2	4	1*
Casper	10	4	10	4
Bitter Sweet	7	3	4	2
Indulgence	14	6	14	6
Frodo	20	=8	20	=8
Magic Bus	16	7	16	7
Captain Moonlite	13	5	13	5
Scherwinski	20	=8	20	=8

Sponsors Page

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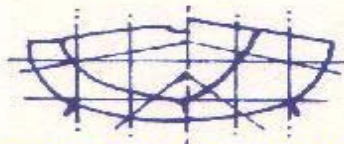


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Effort of the Month



Addiction

The normal drug addict tries the product, become addicted and then tries to get over the addiction one day at a time.

Glenn Faulkner and Debbie however went about their new addiction the other way. The one Day at a time (suggested they look at a careel 18 on 17th at presentation night, sent information of boats for sale on 18th and then bought a boat on the 19th.) followed by the addiction (Careel sailing) and trying the product (yet to sail the boat).

Love on the internet

Just like some childless couples Michael & Helen Ruhsam fell for a beauty they found on the internet. Instantly in love with her they corresponded and impulsively flew interstate (Qld) to meet her. They committed immediately but could not bring her home and must wait for the paperwork to be completed.

She's a big baby, 18 feet of her is to be freighted down in the next few weeks.

Blue Angel is a Careel 18.