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April 2005

Slow Marlay Point Overnight Race

By Ray Cole

If ever the Bureau of Meteorology Boffins get to the stage where they can control the weather; then surely the weather which prevailed in this year's race will be listed as weather never to organise again on the occasion of a yacht race. The race results sheet from Lake Wellington Yacht Club stated that there had been a previous occasion with fog; however it must have been one of the few occasions that your scribe had not participated in the classic.

A fleet of 148 in four divisions faced the starter in 3-5 knots from E x S in clear visibility which was not to last. Those with good

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What's On

April 10
Heat 15 & 15 OTB
Heat 9 Trailable

April 17
Heat 17 & 18 OTB
Heat 10 Trailable

April 24
Heat 19 OTB
Heat 11 Trailable

May 1
Working Bee 10:00-4:00
Sausage sizzle provided.

May 14
Presentation Night
Details to follow

June 17
Annual General Meeting

Local National Champion

Carrum Sailing Club has another National Champion.

Ian & Kathryn Blencowe, Chad Hair and Kirsty Handford took Eskimo to the Careel 22 National Titles on Lake Burley Griffin over Easter and came home with the equal 1st placing.

There were entries from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Australian Capital Territory competing in the 4 heat series of which three results counted.

Eskimo would have been a clear winner had it not been for a pro-

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Some Learn to Sail students enjoyed heavier condition on Sunday March 6th

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Week 6

06/03/05

A poor weather forecast was a contributing factor to a very poor turn out of boats for this heat of Carrum Sailing Clubs Post Christmas Series. With two trailable boats on duty and another two getting ready for Marlay Point Overnight Race the following week there was no racing for the trailables.

The morning wind was of sufficient strength to make it difficult for two adventurous trailable crews to get Pacers out with keen learn to sail course members on board.

Officer of the Day Ray Cole said "As it often happens the weather was not as bad as forecast and by the afternoon wind conditions had abated to a strength that would have enabled reasonably easy sailing".

Week 7

20/03/05

Less than 10 knots from the south meant that only one shortened course was held for the day.

This was most unfortunate for there were a number of boats that arrived early to have a go at the Cambur Motors Challenge. Included were 14ft skiffs and National E's. These sailed in the afternoon with the National E sailing heats of their state titles.

The nine national E's started first followed by three trailables and the 14ft skiff, the remaining boats then followed. The third group included three newcomers to sailing in pacers and five Catamarans.

A rarely used section of the sailing instructions was employed for the off the beach classes where the course was shortened and finished between the official boat and the mark. If this was not implemented boats would not have had time to finish in the usual manner.

As it was six of the nine National E's finished within the time limit and of the other off the beach boats only one Catamaran finish.

Results were

National E (see item on Page 7)
Pacer.

DNF D Richards
Moby Duck
Bonus (Vis)

Catamarans
1st Woody
DNF Green Machine
Le Mog
Kula cat
Ouch

The trailable fleet had an interesting race starting with a light breeze that saw them three parts of the way to the windward mark. From thereby they drifted to the mark with Men at Work rounding first and drifting back. Bushranger VI also drifted to the mark but was closely followed by Eskimo which caught the initial puffs of the sea breeze. With a sporting gesture from Men At Work the course was shortened to a windward leg and return leg. With the spinnaker up and breeze filling in from behind Bushranger & Eskimo were gaining on Men at Work at the same time as wishing her to speed up to get to the line within the time limit. This she did but with only minutes to spare.

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- Ray Cole

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The highlight of the race was that the winning boat had two novices aboard who performed extremely well. The skipper Ian Blencowe said “Marlea Joyce sailed well to windward after being placed on the helm early in the race. Her 8 year old son Reece did an outstanding job trimming the large spinnaker.”

He also said “They are from the learn to sail course and other like them have learnt a great deal from the course and are picking up finer points of sailing rapidly. It may be better to have an inexperienced crew to train up than being short.”

The results were

		Corr Time
1st	Eskimo	118.39
2nd	Bushranger VI	119.45
3rd	Men at Work	126.97

Local National Champion

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test in the last heat. The protest by third against 2nd for barging resulted in disqualification of the 2nd placegetter thereby promoting the other equal winner to 3rd to create the tie. The Careel Cruising Yacht Association had opted not to break ties hence the tie for 1st.

Both boats had final placings of 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th (Discarded). Heat 1 was held in a SSE wind of 2-5 knots in which Eskimo came 2nd behind the other joint winner Blue Bird from Canberra.

Heat 2 was held in the same breeze with Eskimo 3rd, Wild bird 4th.

Heat 3 held in WNW winds of 8-10 knots was won by Eskimo Wild Bird 2nd.

Heat 4 was held in WNW wind of 10-15 knots. Blue Bird was 3rd and Eskimo 4th.

Eskimo had mixed luck in achieving this result.

a In the 2nd heat She missed the start by minutes due to a timing error by the starters. Crossing the line Ian advised the committee that he would be protesting. This race was held in extremely light conditions and Eskimo could not make up ground on the fleet until all ahead become becalmed 100 metres from the finish. Eskimo at this time caught some breeze and under spinnaker caught up to the fleet only to become becalmed herself. Ian said “It was as if someone threw out a line and hooked onto the back of the boat we stopped that quick”. Eskimo drifted over the line in 3rd position. With a 3rd Ian thought it was unwise to continue with the protest.

b One boat did protest the committee however. That protest was subsequently upheld and the redress requested was an apology. This was duly given and the race result was counted.

c Bad luck occurred in the final heat with Eskimo one point ahead of her rival. Eskimo lead to the first mark had trouble with spinnaker and was in second when the spinnaker was dropped. In dropping the spinnaker the halyard tail having been unravelled ran up the mast preventing a spinnaker set for the rest of the

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race. Some quick calculations were made and it was realised that a 4th or worse for Blue Bird would give Eskimo the title. With three other boats contending for the lead positions The crew of Eskimo Luffed Blue Bird as much as possible to allow the others to get further ahead. At the wing mark the second time she continued to sail her course preventing Blue Bird to gybe and forcing the skipper to execute a 270° tack. Still ahead at the leeward mark she showed greater speed to windward extending her lead while covering all the way to windward. On the final downwind leg Eskimo again luffed heavily until her leeward position was lost. Eskimo the goosewinded to shadow Blue Bird as far as possible before she broke clear. This tactic had enabled 3 boats to finish in front of Eskimo's rival. Ian said "the skipper was a bit grumpy at the tactics employed."

The Castle

"Hilariously funny" was the response to the Beaumaris Theatre Production "The Castle".

Twenty members, friends & families of the Carrum Sailing Club attended the performance on Thursday 17th March.

Club member Stephen Morris, had two roles to play carrying them out very well and along with his fellow cast members made the show an excellent success!

Vice Commodore Wendy Lewis said "Thank you to the Beaumaris

Theatre Productions for allowing us to attend and raise funds for our club, once again it was a great night out! We will certainly look forward to the next production."

Easter Regatta at Lake Boga

A whole lot of fun was had at the Easter Regatta at Lake Boga – and some sailing too!!

Lake Boga Sailing Club has an excellent camping ground with beautiful green-grassed areas with camping right down to the lakes edge. They should be highly commended for their wonderful service, friendly atmosphere and fantastic catering of the regatta...especially the Wine Tasting...just ask Mick Osborne & Jacinta Lewis, who were very enthusiastic participants and along with others bought a few of the samplers too!!

The weather was fantastic, though on a couple of mornings more relaxation and fun was had around the campsite than sailing, due to lack of wind. When the afternoon wind blew up, the enthusiastic sailors of Carrum, Mick Osborne, Dave Burnett, Tim Burnett, James Shilton, Ross Shilton & crew Jacinta Lewis, Narelle Lewis & her crew, (& cousin) Chantelle Martin went out and challenged the other 50+ competing boats very well! Thankfully this year we didn't have any "smashed boats, falls, flat tyres or blowing up gas lanterns" to report! Reports from the campsite indicate it will be a definite "must go" again next year.

Wendy Lewis said "Celebrity Heads at the campsite was ver popular...it's nice to know that they think of me as

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a celebrity! Though I don't think my Mum agreed when she had to do the guessing!

Marlay Point Overnight Race

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memories, tactical skill and perhaps a smidgen of local knowledge, started towards the pin end, even though there was a bias to the boat end of the start line as the flares lit up the night the fleet got away and settled down to the punch across Lake Wellington to the distant fog shrouded red flasher at Plover Pt. It was clear as the slow foggy beat developed that those at the pin end had stolen a march on those towards the middle or the boat end, and the Straits were reached with little congestion. This was due to the wisdom of the race organisers as the single start meant that the sports yachts and other overdraft burden carriers had left the poorer cousins to a relatively peaceful transit of the Straits, after negotiating the thin waters at the entrance where the bottom is close to the top.

Hollands Landing was logged and the spectacle of a yacht impaled on one of the unlit beacons in the thin water at the other end was seen with a thankful sigh that it wasn't us. Then a long slow beat with a grounding or two to pass the marks of the course to end up becalmed in the cold light of dawn off Point Turner. All the Carrum Sailing Club boats were led to Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club to note the expected shortened course signal was not displayed. Ah woe is

me!!

Bushranger at this stage displayed tactical cunning, after sitting idle and sometimes going backwards for an interminable period between Point Turner and the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club. This was done by cleverly contriving to be the last yacht from Carrum Sailing Club to pass the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club and being welcomed by a raucous cheer from the earlier arrivals to anticipate some breeze after the clear morning and deciding not to retire. She was encouraged in this by Men at Work, who had as Bushranger passed the Club for the first time passed it for the second time and told us she had taken over 5hrs to round the island. In the event she took just over three hours to round and had some fun with a geriatric forward hand setting and gybing spinnakers and overtaking Magnum 28s Noelex 25s and a Masram in the process despite being shoved on to the jetty at Raymond Island by a once a year racer as we drifted towards the McMillan Straits beacon.

On board Bushranger we concluded we were lucky to get another medallion and be recorded as the 2nd Carrum Sailing Club boat as we really deserved a sixth!!!

The stats showed Men at Work 4th to finish in our Division and 9th on CBH. Well sailed Greg and crew. Bushranger 30th to finish and 25th on CBH.

Overall stats showed there were 148 entries, 9 DNS, 60 retirements, and 79 finishers. Already plans are being made to do better next year.

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-Ray Cole

Frankston Visit for Off The Beach

Five Carrum Sailing Club members ventured to Frankston Yacht Club for the Long Beach Regatta on Saturday 19th March.

The members who attended were Dave Burnett (Black label), Tim Burnett (Stasharp), Mick Osborne (Le Mog) & Mark Madler-Edwards (Kula Cat)

It was Micks intention to sail to Frankston under the eye of the ever vigilant trailable members crewing the rescue boat. The others were intent on towing their boats. That was until a pleasant breeze sprung up and they quickly changed their minds and launched about 12 midday.. Once they got round the no boating post at Carrum the wind dropped out to nothing and all had to be towed to Frankston.

The towing was done in two trips as Mark wanted to sail all the way.

As it turned out there was no rush to tow the boats to Frankston, for when they got there the postponement flag was already up. The work flying could not be used fro there was no wind.

At 2:30 the club announced that there would be a re-assessment of the weather at 3:15 and a decision to sail or abandon would be made then. Carrum members accurately predicted that there would not be any sailing on the day and were tied up for the tow back to Carrum.

It was disappointing that they did not get a sail in for there was a large and varied fleet coming from clubs from Parkdale to Mornington.

The highlight for the day was the a Dolphin that swam between the hulls of Le Mog for some time as the boats approached Frankston.

Maintain your boat at Carrum

Keep your partner happy and avoid having to put your boat in the lounge for winter repairs.

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Committeeman Chad Hair said “We are offering the club facilities for members to repair or maintain their boats with the assistance of experienced boat builders/repairers.”

He said “It is expected that members will assist each other to lighten the load and speed up the process. To ensure the Club facility is shared members will be restricted to a four week window per boat to complete the repairs. The Club is asking for \$20 (\$5 per week) to meet the cost of utilities.

Members must advise what work is to be done and be prepared to have other assist or at least watch

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- Chad Hair

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so they can learn what they have to do when it comes to their boat repairs.

Chad Hair will coordinate the attendance of expert assistance e.g.

National E's visit Carrum

The National E Sailing Association of Victoria visited Carrum, Sailing Club on Sunday 20th of March.

The Association used this day as the final two heats of their State Titles. These titles were not limited to Victorians however as a couple of boats came from South Australia.

It was a case of renewing old acquaintances for Ray Cole who used to sail a National E, then known as a Lazy E, in large fleets at Carrum. One person who Ray met was a South Australian who had damaged his boat when attending a National Title at Carrum. Ray, in true Carrum style, took the man and his boat home and worked on the repairs. They have kept in contact over the years.

Carrum Secretary Ian Blencowe said "Ray has a long association with the National E's and we are grateful that he has made trophies for them competing at Carrum."

Nine National E's competed on the day in the one shortened course race. There was little wind all afternoon but the crews were not concerned. Crews were glad to get ashore and into the bar. They are a very sociable group those National E people. Ian Blencowe said "It has

been said that the Sharpie sailors have a thirst but sailing the National E must be hard work also."

Ian Blencowe said "Most importantly they enjoyed the day and have expressed an interest in returning for further races. This includes having a go at the Cambur Motors Challenge."

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ter. He ran to the boat and took over from volunteers who had captured the boat by the time he got to it.

It was observed that our skipper who does running for fitness must be a stayer. He's definitely a sprinter..

Wrong race

A Paper Tiger sailer in March got his courses mixed up and sailed the wrong race.

He must have thought it was a race to the bar and headed that way shortly after the start.

He was so determined to get their first and give Le Mog a drink he even conned the duty crew to tow him in.

No so pedantic

The stereotype German is a pedantic person. Not so at Carrum. The resident German (No, not Luddy. He claims there is a difference between Austrian & German) recently agreed to an unorthodox course shortening to enable a result. The problem was he ended up 3rd. But that better than an abandoned race

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Carrum Sailing Club
Presentation Night
Fancy Dress
Saturday 14th May
7pm

Dress up as something starting with
the letter " P "

Prizes to be won!
So let your imagination run wild!

Door Prize & Raffle Drawn

Presentations for the Past Year's Sailing
throughout the night

Fully Catered Buffet Style Meal
Complete with Staff to Serve & Clean up!

\$25 per Adult

\$12 per Child 4-12 yrs inclusive

(Pay at the door on the night)

Drinks/Alcohol purchased from Bar

(Our license does not permit BYO)

IMPORTANT:

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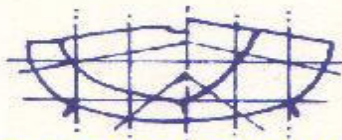


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Damage prevention

A bearded member of the Carrum Sailing Club found a novel way of preventing damage to a boat coming ashore. Lie under it. Our whiskered hero rushed out into the water to help the incoming boat and was knocked over by a wave just as the boat came over him. This is not a recommended

method and fortunately nobody was injured.

Not a sprinter

At Lake Wellington prior to the Overnight Race one of our skippers tied his boat to the Breakwater while waiting for the race briefing.

His socialising time was cut short when he noticed his boat drifting away from the breakwa-

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Effort of the Month



This Month's award goes to...

Persistence

Persistence paid off for the elder highwayman in the Overnight & day race. Having endured hours of being becalmed he was determined to complete the course regardless of it looking unlikely that he would finish within the time limit. While others withdrew the wind increased at he finished with less than half an hour to spare in the 20 hour race limit

Honourable mention to Shown up

Supposedly on duty one Carrum Sailing Club skipper took Learn to Sail students out in the club pacer. He was shortly joined by one of his crew having commandeered another Pacer from the racks. The crew managed to keep the boats upright at all time unlike this skipper who capsized his craft twice and damaged the tiller. Maybe he should do more duty to prevent damaging boats. And let the crew take over his trailer sailer.

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