

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

April 2007

Rings & Things

Congratulations are extended to Chad & Kirsty Hair on their recent marriage.

The ceremony was conducted on St. Patrick's Day. (Remember that Chad). While guests waited in the "chapel" for the ceremony to begin, panic was setting in for the groomsmen. One of the wedding rings was lost. Kirsty was told to wait in the car while the search was conducted. Eventually the cry "Eureka" was raised and the rings were tied securely to the ring cushion, a sigh of relief sounded and the ritual could begin. It was funny sitting and waiting as the bridesmaids entered, one by one and the door shut with a bang

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Chad & Kirsty Hair
Married 17/03/07

What's On

May 6th

Working Bee

Off the beach members

Post season clean up of the clubhouse and surrounds.

Bring shovel, yard broom, line trimmer, wheel barrow, ladders, dusting cloths etc.

Winter sailing

Trailerable members

For details contact Ian Blencowe 9789-2976

May 15th

Working Bee

Trailerable members

Further clean up as above

Postponed to July

Car Rally

Annual event

May 26th

Presentation Night

Annual event

Dinner & awards

June 15th

Annual General Meeting

List of positions

Notice of motion form

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Nomination for position

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Bereavement

The members of Carrum Sailing Club were sorrowed to hear of the recent death of Chad's mother especially so soon after his wedding.

Instead of being on a honeymoon on the Gippsland Lakes Chad and Kirsty had to run around organizing flight to and from New Zealand for the funeral. Much of the organizing was done over the net but they had to go via Sydney and the New Zealand consulate to have Chad's passport re-issued.

On behalf of all members of Carrum Sailing Club, I extend our sincere condolences & sympathy to Chad & Kirsty.

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behind each.

After the ceremony guests gathered outside to watch as Chad & Kirsty released a dove each, and then together freed a flock of them from a little dove “chapel”.

We retired to a small bar on the premises while the Wedding Party was further put through the hoops by the photographer.

When we were invited into the reception, we noticed that Chad & Kirsty had decorated the tables with sea themed jelly candles, and thought that they were too good to light, but we told by the reception manager that they must be lit. Chad & Kirsty had intended to collect these after the reception to be used at the sailing club, but every single one had been souvenired.

Later that evening we went looking for the ring cushion as Kathryn had embroidered it with a nautical theme, to give it the once over, but it had mysteriously disappeared. Also missing were the taste buds of the meat eaters at the Carrum Sailing Club table. Only one out of three correctly identified the meat as lamb, (well Chad is a New Zealander) but all enjoyed the meal.

Leonie Cole once again tripped the light fantastic on the dance floor, as she had built her endurance up with practice at Sam & Greg’s wedding. I would imagine she would have been even more match fit for her Granddaughter’s wedding that she and Ray were attending the next weekend.

Monologue

Heat 11 - 25th March

Brisk winds (15-20 knots) were predicted for Sunday and the weather bureau delivered.

Unfortunately on this occasion the monohull fleet was severely depleted to take advantage of the strong winds. Scott Blencowe on BSTLT

was unavailable due to work commitments, Steve Murphy (Red Hot Go) was fresh out of hospital and was helping out in the tower, Jacinta and Narelle were shore bound due to hull damage to Duck Wars, Tim (Sta Sharp) was unavailable due to work commitments, Josh & Janek couldn’t race on the club pacer (again in repairs – be gentle boys!) and Moby Duck could not compete. Lyndon spent the morning trying out his new laser but was not ready to handle the power of his racing sails in a very windy race. New club member James Park also was trying out his pacer in the morning and hopefully we’ll see that boosting the pacer and monohull fleet soon as well!

However Helen and Michael were able to return with Bonus to the water after a month off due to duty, Paper Tiger titles and wedding commitments. The race had enough starters with Ian Park on The Flying Basset and Ross & Serena on Duck Season.

Only one race was set on the trailerable buoys as it was expected to be quick with the predicted wind strength. The very strong winds and 1m waves made the sailing challenging and the start was a bit ragged with Duck Season crossing the line first followed by Bonus and The Flying Basset.

Bonus kept up with Duck Season for the first leg but had trouble deploying its spinnaker in the rough conditions and soon fell behind. The rough conditions also didn’t suit the Banshee (Flying Basset) and it struggled to keep up. It was pretty much a “hold on tight” race from then on with very strong gusts threatening to tip over the boats at regular occasions.

Halfway through the race and realising that the race was lost unless something out of the ordinary happened, Bonus decided to call in a favour on some of their aquatic friends and convinced a pod of dolphins to distract the lead boat (Duck Season). The strategy worked well for a while with the dolphins surfing on Duck Season’s bow quite happily, meanwhile distracting the crew and slyly leading them off course and towards Frankston. This allowed Bonus to catch up slightly until Ross & Serena realised they had been deceived and

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turned their attention back to the race.

In the end it was no good and Duck Season won convincingly with Bonus second and the Flying Basset hanging on gallantly but not quite finishing the race. With only a few races to go it would be fantastic to get all eleven available monohull boats out on the bay for a days racing.

Ht 11	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Red Hot Go	DUTY				
Bonus	92.58	72.90	1	70.01	1
Sta Sharp	DNC		13		13
Moby Duck	DNC		13		13
Intensity	DNC		13		13
Tad	DNC		13		13
Slasher	DNC		13		13
Louise	DNC		13		13
BSTLT	DNC		13		13
Duck Wars	DNC		13		13
Josh & Janek	DUTY				
Flying Basset	DNF		3		3

Heat 12 - 1st April

As they say in Carrum – beautiful one day, gorgeous the next! Sunday April the first was no different.

The delightful weather brought out people despite the chance of being made a fool of themselves. At first I thought I may have been victim of a joke but no, upon arriving the beach was filled with boats. The National E's were visiting for two races! We also had a couple of other visitors as well including a skiff who came down to practice their starting skills. Approximately a dozen boats crowded the beach!

Ferdinand also made a rare appearance with his Hobie early in the morning and Lyndon was getting some early bird training on his newly acquired laser while rapidly gaining confidence so hopefully he will provide

some competition for Scott. Moby Duck arrived early to get some spinnaker training from Carrum's own top gun sailor Ross Shilton. It is also great to see the fleet getting some variety now with Pacers, Sabres, Lasers, a skiff and a banshee possible starters for races.

The start was going to be a little different due to the influx of National E's. They started first, followed by the trailerables and then the off the beach boats. The visiting skiff decided to start the first two races for practice. The National E's had two small short course races while the trailerables had a long nautical mile race.

Due to school holidays, only two monohulls – Moby Duck and Bonus were present to start the race. Bonus crossed the line first with Moby Duck following closely behind.

Hypnotised by the National E's, Bonus proceeded to head to the wrong buoy until the mistake was realised and they eventually headed off in the right direction. This mistake however had given Moby Duck a handy lead and they passed the first buoy well in front.

Spinnakers soon made an appearance with both boats dropping theirs into the water effectively stopping both boats. Bonus however managed to retrieve theirs and continue the race.

Ht 12	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Red Hot Go	DNC		13		13
Bonus	99.32		1		1
Sta Sharp	DNC		13		13
Moby Duck	DNF		3		3
Intensity	DNC		13		13
Tad	DNC		13		13
Slasher	DNC		13		13
Louise	DNC		13		13
BSTLT	DNC		13		13
Duck Wars	DNC		13		13
Josh & Janek	DNC		13		13
Flying Basset	DNC		13		13

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Moby Duck unfortunately tore their spinnaker and got tangled up and had to retire to shore and couldn't finish the race. Light winds also meant the course was shortened for the Pacers and allowed pleasant conversation between Bushranger on one of the legs.

Hopefully if the weather is kind, we can get more starters for the last few races from a rather patchy season so far.

Heat 13 - 14th April

The second Sunday of the Easter holidays saw the Carrum beach almost deserted despite perfect weather conditions. Deserted except of course for four monohulls who decided to turn up and take up the advantage of a quiet beach.

It was a welcome return also to the monohull fleet for Steve Murphy in his sabre who has been recuperating after a recent hospital stint.

After some early morning practice, Lyndon also was ready to take part in his first race on his newly acquired laser.

After an interesting starting sequence that illustrated the good advice "stay near the starting line at all times", Duck Season (Ross & Serena) was first to cross the line followed by Red Hot Go (Steve Murphy), Bonus (Helen & Michael) and Lyndon in Light Fingers. The course was the same to be followed as the trailerables, i.e. quite long.

The moderate wind was quite steady at first but steadily dropped out. The fleets' race order didn't change at all for the first triangle which nearly took an hour to complete due to the failing winds with the boats equally spaced about 200m apart.

On the sausage leg the wind dropped out completely, with the all boats fighting the wave action threatening to push them back to the beach. Several trailerables began to float backwards, a scene reminiscent of Mar-

lay Point a couple of years back.

A shortened course flag appeared on the windward buoy and remained tantalising close as all boats struggled to stay in their respective positions, let alone make any ground (or should that be sea).

The light winds allowed Lyndon to get more familiar at handling his new thoroughbred and some passing skills as he was able to pass Bonus several times. However, just as all hope was lost of finishing, the wind picked up and the fleet began to move again.

In what must be a first, all the monohull fleet managed to finish before several trailerables.

Congratulations to Lyndon also starting his first race and almost finishing in very difficult conditions!

Final scores – Duck Season first, Red Hot Go second, Bonus third with Light Fingers a DNF.

Ht 13	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Red Hot Go	133.35	105.4	1	106.6	1
Bonus	138.08	108.7	2	108.1	2
Sta Sharp	DNC		13		13
Moby Duck	DNC		13		13
Intensity	DNC		13		13
Tad	DNC		13		13
Slasher	DNC		13		13
Louise	DNC		13		13
BSTLT	DNC		13		13
Duck Wars	DNC		13		13
Josh & Janek	DNC		13		13
Flying Basset	DNC		13		13

Catalogue

Heat 11 - 25th March

This heat was notable only for Scott Shears being able to complete the course for the first time. There were only two cats sailing and Steve

McClelland was doing duty again.

Ht 11	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
The Mac's	DUTY				
Green Machine	62.48	68.28	1	63.34	1
Take 2	DNC		12		12
Out of the Blue	DNC		12		12
Cheetah Two	DNC		12		12
Ferdinand	DNC		12		12
David Richards	DNC		12		12
Chris Rae	DNC		12		12
Duck Dive	76.53	86.47	2	78.39	2
Matthias	DNC		12		12
Le Mog	DNC		12		12

Heat 12 - 1st April

David Burnett and Ferdinand Serrano were the only starters with Ferdinand unable to emulate the feat of Scott the previous week, DNF'd.

Ht 12	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
The Mac's	DNC		12		12
Green Machine	110.10	120.33	1	117.22	1
Take 2	DNC		12		12
Out of the Blue	DNC		12		12
Cheetah Two	DNC		12		12
Ferdinand	DNF		3		3
David Richards	DNC		12		12
Chris Rae	DNC		12		12
Duck Dive	DNC		12		12
Matthias	DNC		12		12
Le Mog	DNC		12		12

Heat 13 - 15th April

There was no racing in this division.

Trailerable

Editorial

Where are you all? If weather like yesterday can't lure you out of premature hibernation then perhaps we have to resort to the lash to get a better rollcall than we have had recently! Again your busy scribe has to combine two issues with an account of Heats 7 and 8. You will have noticed that the e-mailed version of the result sheet for Heat 6 was corrected in the March edition of Round The Buoys. This resulted in a storm of protests on the figures produced. Both the writer and the Handicapper deny that the crazy figures e-mailed were inserted to test if any one reads the Handicapper's figures, or the prose drivel which accompanies them. Taking a lesson from the nation's PM we say to the best of our knowledge, and as far as we can recall, it is probably not so.

There are only a few more chances to race this summer season and we look forward to Men At Work, Bitter Sweet, Casper and Asgard as well as the Converta Tri enjoying the splendid weather which will prevail after EASTER. We have had approaches from the blue Farr 7500 to sail with us and also the Boomaroo 22 which was being sailed single-handed yesterday so we all must make them feel welcome.

Heat 7 - 25th March

With a southerly of 10 -15 knots and a few white-caps in the morning it was a pity that with Captain Moonlite on duty Bushranger was the only boat on the water an hour prior to the start and a hasty review of the sailing instructions was in order to examine the sole starter provisions. However Eskimo our CBH front runner soon appeared and the two boats sailed about in the vicinity of the start boat with Kathryn, Erin Dougherty and two of the Learn to Sail class crewing. Prior to the start Bushranger with the No 2 headsail had pulled a reef in as the breeze was increasing to 18 knots and Eskimo was sporting the same rig. At the start both boats had detected the port end bias and started at the pin end on starboard tack with Eskimo to windward. The first beat turned out to be a harbinger of what was to come with a classic beat between two

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evenly matched boats sailing close together and each tacking to cover or lee bow the other. Bushranger slid around the windward mark first and led to the gybe mark and back to the club but on the second beat Eskimo sailed the better of the two and rounded a couple of boat lengths ahead. Bushranger set a spinnaker, not without a few problems, while the masthead No 2 on Eskimo kept her hull speed up. Bushranger had regained the lead and rounded ahead at the leeward mark and retained a narrow lead at the next windward mark then shook out the reef on the last two reaches to get home first but not sufficiently far in front to cover the CBH factor and the unstoppable Eskimo who was the winner on CBH while places were reversed on Performance Handicap. Despite the lack of numbers it was really a great race. See the table below.

Ht 7	Elapsed	CBH	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Eskimo	76.20	51.82	1	51.82	2
Casper	DNC		11		11
What A Life	DNC		11		11
Capt Moonlite	DUTY		1		1
Converter 21	DNC		11		11
Bushranger	74.73	52.31	2	49.83	1
Men At Work	DNC		11		11
Bitter Sweet	DNC		11		11
Problem Child	DNC		11		11
Asgard	DNC		11		11

Heat 8 - 1st April

Some splendid weather had been organised for this race following an overcast morning and we enjoyed a SW breeze of 8-10 knots and slight seas, which saw again a small fleet of only three starters all with No 1 headsails. At the start Captain Moonlite was caught napping and was last to cross a line which all agreed had a bias to neither end. We followed the National E's in the starting sequence with Bushranger to leeward of the fast moving What A Life and eating the dirty wind rolling off the mainsail of an Interna-

tional 14. When What A Life tacked on to port Bushranger followed and the order at the first mark was What A Life followed by Bushranger and Captain Moonlite. With the pole up Bushranger considered the mast head and elected to save the extra for the next reach following the example of the leader What A Life. Captain Moonlite took the other option and could not carry the shy extra on the course and reverted to a two sail reach. After the gybe spinnakers were able to be carried as we reached back along the beach with the order unchanged. What A Life sailed away from the other two and the order was to remain unchanged to the finish. At the leeward mark during the business of dousing the spinnaker Bushranger managed to hook up the anchor line of the buoy with the rudder and the consensus of opinion was that she may have touched the mark itself. While no one was sure if contact with the mark itself had been made it was decided to play things safe by taking an alternative 360 penalty and while doing this Captain Moonlight's bow wave loomed larger and What A Life sailed even further ahead. After the final beat again it was too tight for the extra on the penultimate reach and all carried the kite on the reach/run along the beach with What A Life taking out Line Honours and the CBH order being Bushranger, Captain Moonlite and What A Life. On Performance Handicap What A Life was 1st, Bushranger 2nd and Captain Moonlite 3rd. The following page contains the details from our ever diligent Handicapper. Examine them for errors there is a prize for detecting them.

Ht 8	Elapsed	CBH	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Eskimo	DUTY		1		2
Casper	DNC		11		11
What A Life	108.18	83.30	3	75.18	1
Capt Moonlite	117.05	81.94	2	79.16	3
Converter 21	DNC		11		11
Bushranger	116.45	81.52	1	77.76	2
Men At Work	DNC		11		11
Bitter Sweet	DNC		11		11
Problem Child	DNC		11		11
Asgard	DNC		11		11

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At no expense to the Club your scribe completed just before the start of Heat 9, an intensive course at the Life Theatre of the Absurd, a well credentialed educational establishment, dedicated to turning normal intellects into lunatics, and those who rave as a matter of course into top class, non-numerate and non-literate race officers. The cost of the course was well worth it, and your Raver, having topped the course, has qualified to serve in any position at any level requiring a shambles as a result of attendance at the said establishment.

There were five starters for this heat, with Eric and David getting Bitter Sweet to the line in company with Eskimo, Problem Child, Captain Moonlite, and What A Life. As a forecast of what was to come the recent graduate accompanied by Clint walked down to Carrum 1 without the key and that vessel was then towed to in front of the club by sistership Carrum 2 where a key was brought down to her by Steve McClelland and she proceeded out to lay the onshore marks, and set out the line. At this stage there was 10 knots from the west and seas about half a metre and all yachts were wearing No 1 headsails. The least said about the starter and the starting procedures and the timing the better. Suffice it to say that there were a couple of postponements and maybe there should have been more. The first to start on port was Eskimo close after the starting signal timed at only 36 grains of sand late by the hour glass egg timer in use on the committee boat. At this stage, the breeze while still from the west, was starting to die but remained in the west. It continued to fade and What A Life rounded first and set out on a two sail reach followed by Eskimo and Captain Moonlite both of whom carried spinnakers. They both gybed the kites at the wing mark but failed to carry them shy and went for headsails again. Problem Child, exhausted after a run at the Cambur Motors Challenge in the morning with only Captain Mitchell and Deano aboard followed with Bitter Sweet astern. Worried race officials were pondering

how to shorten effectively as the breeze lightened further and surprisingly large seas accompanied the dying breeze and the patches of calm. Renowned as the Castle 650s are as light weather flyers, Deano had gone where there was a trace of wind and had worked out to a substantial lead which even a longwinded spinnaker set did little to reduce. On the slow beat out to the windward mark What A Life persevered to lead the fleet home to a boat finish, as eventually things were called to a halt with a shorten course at the windward mark; but not before Eskimo had decided to go home to listen to the words of wisdom and explanation from the Demon's coach. Problem Child followed What A Life then Captain Moonlite to that finish line, while Bitter Sweet correctly completed the full course for those with a CBH below 630. Ian worked out the CBH results on a course distance sailed basis to reveal that Captain Moonlite had saved her time on Problem Child ahead of What A Life and Bitter Sweet. On Performance Handicap the places were Problem Child, Bitter Sweet and What A Life then Captain Moonlite. All agreed afterwards that it was not the most exciting race ever sailed at the Club, and the table below gives the details with calculated times in minutes per mile.

Ht 9	Elapsed	CBH	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Eskimo	DNF		6		6
Casper	DNC		11		11
What A Life	131.50	21.09	3	19.07	3
Capt Moonlite	133.70	19.49	1	19.08	4
Converter 21	DNC		11		11
Bushranger	DUTY		2		2
Men At Work	DNC		11		11
Bitter Sweet	145.53	21.83	4	18.88	2
Problem Child	132.11	19.81	2	18.84	1
Asgard	DNC		11		11

@ HOME PLUMBING

I ARRIVE ON TIME!

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Winter Racing/Duty

The Carrum Sailing Club / Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club winter racing program has been released and is as follows

May 6th	MMYC	May 20th	CSC
June 3rd	MMYC	June 17th	CSC
July 1st	MMYC	July 15th	CSC
Aug 5th	MMYC	Aug 19th	CSC
Sept 2nd	MMYC		

Racing is primarily for trailerable yachts but provision has been made for "Off the Beach" boats to compete in the Carrum races.

Contact Ian Blencowe for details of MMYC races.

Carrum races commence at 11:00 and races are followed by drinks, soup and maybe some other hot food.

The soup is provided by the trailerable members who are rostered for soup as follows

May 20 - What a Life

June 17 - Captain Moonlite

July 15 - Casper

August 19 - Eskimo



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YV cause Fee increase

Yachting Victoria has advised that there is to be a change in the manner in which it collects affiliations fees from sailors.

Over the past few years the AYF Silver Card fee was forwarded to Yachting Victoria who took out its affiliation fee and forwarded the insurance component to the AYF.

Although this seems to be a fair way to collect fees, from those who sailed, Yachting Victoria has decided to revert to the old system of billing the Clubs

Despite a comprehensive written objection from the Carrum Sailing Club that compared the club with others in a lesser category, that included confidential information about the membership and the club's financial statistical, Yachting Victoria have refused to budge on its imposition of a \$1200 affiliation fee on the club.

Club Secretary/Treasurer Ian Blencowe said "We presented a very strong argument. Yachting Victoria have again failed to look after clubs like ours. They have granted two clubs a concession in the fees charged and justifiably will not collect fees from several country clubs if drought prevents them from sailing next season. We however are being charged a greater fee than other nearby clubs that have a much greater membership. It simply an inequitable imposition of fees.

Ian went on to say that club membership will have to rise significantly this coming season to meet this impost although the AYF Silver card insurance fee will be reduced considerably as the Yachting Victoria component will be removed.



FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,

(name)

of

(address)

being a member of Carrum Sailing Club Inc.

appoint

(name of proxy holder)

of

(address of proxy holder)

being a member of that Incorporated Club, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the Club to be held on **Friday June 15th, 2007**

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against* the following resolution (insert details of resolution).

Signed

Date

CARRUM SAILING CLUB INC.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

The Secretary,
Carrum Sailing Club Inc.
P.O. Box 137
Chelsea. 3196

I hereby give notice that on Friday June 15th, 2007, at the Annual General Meeting, I intend to nominate:-

for the position of

Proposer

Seconded

Dated _____

I accept the nomination

Nominee

CARRUM SAILING CLUB INC.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Secretary,
Carrum Sailing Club Inc.
P.O. Box 137
Chelsea. 3196

I hereby give notice that on Friday June 15th, 2007, at the Annual General Meeting, I intend to move that:-

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Proposer

Seconded

Dated

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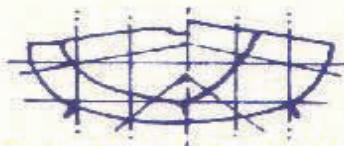


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Effort of the Month



Use your score

A National E skipper tried a novel method a avoiding his boat hitting a rounding buoy at Carrum. You can say he used his head.

Having hooked the anchor rope on the rudder he took some time to realize that he was being chased by the rounding buoy. When he had done so the buoy was very close and he head butted it to keep it off the boat while untangling the line.

All aboard

How crew many is too many?

More than five apparently.

In the last week of the Summer season Steve McClelland took advantage of the ANZAC Day holiday to finally get his boat on the water. Trying to make up for time lost he took family and friends out for a sail aboard the Attunga. At one stage there were two adults and three children aboard, the children laying on the bows.