

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

January 2007

First Aid Course

Carrum Sailing Club conducted its Level 1 First Aid Course on Saturday 10th February, 2007.

The was capably delivered by club member Kevin Norton. Club secretary Ian Blencowe said "Kevin was great. I have had first aid training from St Johns through the police Department but Kevin made my understanding much clearer than before. His sense of humour came through and made this an enjoyable Course. Thanks Kevin., much appreciated."

Contact Ian if your would like a Level 2 certificate. If there is sufficient demand a course will be con-



Longbeach trophy being handed over to Commodore Ray Cole

What's On

March 10-12
Paper Tiger State Titles
 Assistance required to run series.
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March
Level 2 First Aid
 Open to those who have a current Level 1 certificate
Contact
Ian Blencowe 9789-2976

March 30
Round 1 AFL Season
 Go Dees...

April 6-9
Easter
 No club racing

Late April
Car Rally
 Annual event
 Good trophies/prizes
 Shorter course than last year.
Contact
Wendy Lewis 9772-6982

May 26th
Presentation Night
 Annual event
 Dinner & awards

June
RSA Course
 Requirement to assist behind the bar.
 More members required.

Longbeach retained

In the close relationship between the clubs, Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club and Carrum Sailing Club have an annual competition for a trophy called the Longbeach trophy.

Three heats are conducted during the sailing season, one in November off Carrum and two in February off Mordialloc. The Carrum race is around marks laid by the club while the Mordialloc races are around fixed marks. One Mordialloc Race is a twilight race on a Saturday. That race is a sternchaser (slowest boats start first) of 22 miles commencing at Mordialloc, crosses the bay to the spoil grounds, and returns to Mor-

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Monologue

Heat 1 - 4th February 2007

With the previous Sunday's sailing cancelled due to excessive wind and the Australia Day celebrations concluded, the first official race of the new season was to be conducted in perfect conditions.

The trailerables having already sailed on Saturday evening against Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club had a further heat of the Longbeach Challenge up north, meaning a reduced Carrum fleet. Due to a lack of breeze only one safety the race was simplified to a single windward return race. This was to give the Pacers "spinnaker practice" and also allowed the rescue boat to start the race and then slip its moorings for more official matters.

Josh & Janek were all fired up to start the new seasons race when unfortunately the club Pacer's tiller broke just before lunch. This meant they couldn't start the race.

The monohull fleet was further reduced as Scott and Rebecca were on duty crewing the tinnie safety boat. Scott used this opportunity to coach the other boats on proper spinnaker etiquette. Duck Wars couldn't find enough crew as Serena had temporarily defected to Duck Season before Ross could sell it.

Only Duck Season and two catamarans actually made the official start time as both Bonus and Moby Duck were still on the beach when the hooter sounded.

As expected Duck Season shot out to an early lead helped by actually starting on time.

In the light winds Bonus led a rapidly gaining Moby Duck to the first mark and then both boats rounded the mark to chase Ross and Serena in their spinnaker flying boat.

After a bit of trouble Bonus had its spinnaker out and Moby Duck had troubles with theirs

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Catalogue

Heat 1 - 4th February 2007

Three catamarans got to the water for the first heat if the post Christmas season. Out of the Blue was the only boat to complete the windward and return course that was set due to light winds. It took Steve two hours to complete the short course.

The other two Ferdinand and Duck Dive could not complete the course. Ferdinand did better than Scott as at least he was able to stay awake. Scott was rudely awoken by frantic screams from the Michael & Helen Ruhsam aboard their pacer and the two got a little close.

Ht 1	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
The Mac's	DNC		12		12
Green Machine	DNC		12		12
Take 2	DNC		12		12
Out of the Blue	121.94	133.27	1	91.50	1
Cheetah Two	DNC		12		12
Ferdinand	DNF		4		4
David Richards	DNC		12		12
Chris Rae	DNC		12		12
Le Mog	DNC		12		12
Duck Dive	DNF		4		4
Matthias	DNC		12		12

Heat 2 - 11th February

Racing was abandoned due to 30+ knot winds.

Heat 3 - 18th February

Racing was abandoned for the second consecutive week, but what else could be expected with Ray Cole the nominated OOD.

Ray was reluctant to abandon racing with the wind at only 20 knots but he was vindicated with 25+ knots coming through at start time. The inevitable then happened the wind dropped out.

Monologue

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getting caught under the boat. Unfortunately even with some assistance this crippled the boat and it had to retire to the shore for repairs resulting in a DNF.

The wind picked up a little to almost 12 knots with the two cats leading Duck Season with Bonus trying to catch up without success. Then the wind dropped out completely leaving everyone to struggle along.

Scott Shears was so excited by the lack of wind he fell asleep on his Hobie and was awoken only by excited shouting from Bonus when both boats got too close for comfort.

Duck Season was never troubled by Bonus and easily won the race. Grinding to a halt with no wind Bonus decided to practise capsizing in the warm conditions and with Michael practicing first aid for a jelly fish sting. Just a friendly reminder for members that the first aid kit is available for use under the counter downstairs and a large bottle of vinegar is available there also for jelly fish stings.

Ht 1	Elapsed	YS	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Red Hot Go	DNC		13		13
Bonus	DNF		5		5
Sta Sharp	DUTY		5		5
Moby Duck	DNF		5		5
Intensity	DNF		5		5
Tad	DNC		13		13
Slasher	DUTY				
Louise	DNC		13		13
BSTLT	DUTY				
Duck Wars	DNC		13		13
Josh & Janek	DNS		5		5
Flying Basset	DNC		13		13

Being an associate member Ross is ineligible for points.

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Some members were able to bet a sail in during the morning session with the Learn to Sail Group before 20 knot winds came in. This increased to 25+ knots at the scheduled start time.

Trailerable

Editorial

All C Division people, indeed all members of the Club congratulate Mr and Mrs Greg Scherwinski on their wedding and wish them well. Sam and Greg have been loyal and generous members of our Club and we all appreciate their efforts. The wedding was a most spectacular affair with the bride her father and the bridesmaids arriving on and being married aboard one of the largest yachts afloat and no doubt will be well detailed in Round the Buoys.

The second half of the season is under way now with the special event planned for 28th Jan blown out with 25 knot "breezes", while the third heat of the Long Beach Challenge was also sailed as the first Heat of the Post Christmas Series. Thanks mainly to Eskimo who won all three heats we resoundingly won the Challenge thus retaining the trophy. More on this further on in this Ravings edition. Heats 2 and 3 of the Post Christmas were both blown out. A complication is the shallow river mouth which makes getting the rescue and course laying boats to sea, and more importantly in back into the river safely. It so shallow that Eric Clark was able to wade across it and make a phone call standing in the deepest part 1hr 15m after low tide

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Long Beach Challenge

We did well in home waters in Heat 1, with the scoring system which counts the first three boats from each Club. The results for that Heat show Eskimo, Captain Moonlite and Bushranger in that order leading the fleet with the two Noelex 30s from MMYC 4th and 5th and What A Life 6th. So we counted 1,2,3 and MMYC counted 4,5,7.

The second Heat was the stern chaser with Eskimo off at 16.40 and the rest of us off at 17.00 while the hotshot Noelex 30s were off at 17.30. The race was sailed in very big seas, due to wind against a strong ebb tide and winds gusting to 25 knots read at the Fawknor Beacon. What A Life was sailing shorthanded with Lou having been pitched off the deck while preparing to set the headsail on the way north under power. He was recovered in the difficult conditions and Ian put him ashore after returning to the river mouth and continued on with only Lloyd on board. X rays which determined a cracked rib and Lou looks forward to 6 weeks of pain as the crack heals. We all feel for you Lou and hope healing is rapid.

Just prior to the race Kevin from the Bushranger crew volunteered to sail with Deano in Problem Child as in those conditions Deano was electing not to sail as he was shorthanded with only the mighty muscles of Mitchell to assist an ageing Dad. The forgetful skipper of Bushranger checked his GPS on the way out of the river to find it would have worked perfectly with batteries but the new ones bought for the race were at home on the untidy drawing board. No worries there were others properly equipped and we would steer a similar course. Right? NO WRONG!!! Eskimo having started 30 min earlier with Kathryn, Scott and Serena on board, sailed directly to the mark; but was so far in front we could not see him to follow him! When the eagle eyed Clint started commenting on the signs of civilization on the western shores of the bay we started to think the whole bunch of us were following the wrong leaders. Finally we observed Moondancer, who with a reefed main had fallen astern of the pack, turn and make a course change to a nearly reciprocal course that the

penny dropped and we all just about simultaneously (all 7 or so yachts) tacked or gybed around and headed for the Spoil Ground mark and beyond that the Fawknor. Being astern of us Moondancer now had a significant lead after the course change and both she and Bushranger set spinnakers to be rewarded with a magnificent ride to the Fawknor Beacon, the beacon this time for once being able to be rounded without having to avoid a bevy of ocean going vessels, for which we were truly grateful. After that it was a long lead to Ricketts Point and the finish line during which Bushranger changed to the No.1 as did Captain Moonlite; but despite that What A Life overtook those ahead and Bushranger finally caught and passed Moondancer after a long hard stern chase, bringing to mind the truism " a stern chase is a long chase".

When the mathematics was done the results showed the benefits of sailing directly to the mark and Eskimo won on CBH with CSC going down to MMYC as their scoring boats were Panacea 2nd Silver Cloud 3rd and Quicksilver 4th while Bushranger and Captain Moonlite were 6th and 8th respectively. It is true to say we were glad to be back after a long race in trying conditions. But what a spinnaker ride we had!!! At one stage a glance at the log showed 12.04 knots. A glance at the times of 6th 7th and 8th, begs the question whether it is reasonable to depend on taking our own times in these races and what we should do

Ht 2	Elapsed	CBH	CSC Pts	MMYC Pts
Eskimo	216.73	147.40	1	
Panacea	207.25	150.26		2
Silver Cloud	188.98	155.91		3
Quicksilver	190.28	156.98		4
Why Knot	201.26	166.05		
Bushranger	257.85	180.50	5	
Moondancer	258.52	180.96		
Capt Moonlite	258.57	180.99	6	
Boom Bah	292.58	181.40		
Problem Child	257.08	185.10		
Diamonds are Forever	266.20	192.99		
What A life	255.40	196.66		
Jester	376.37	244.64		
MM	DNF			

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about it. Perhaps if MMYC can't manage it, should CSC offer to provide a volunteer time-keeper to do duty at the pier end?

Heat 3

This race was Heat 1 of our Post Christmas as well as the Challenge Heat. In contrast to the day before the morning race was sailed in very light conditions with barely a breath of wind at the start. Captain Moonlite and Eskimo started at the pin end and Bushranger and Problem Child were in a bunch of boats at the boat end almost totally becalmed. Eventually we all drifted across and avoided the start boat as we were swept towards the creek by a flood tide. Contact frequently ensued during this period as steerage way was lost and 720 turns were carried out by some of us Bushranger included. It takes a long time in those conditions to get clear and carry out the alternative penalty turns. We managed to get a race in however with Bushranger playing catch up all race, her only moment of satisfaction being a precise lee bow tack on Moondancer which vessel we had infringed earlier and was the cause of us having to do the 720. At this stage we were enjoying a light sailing breeze and spinnaker trimming was important in the shy reach on the final leg.

After the CBH calculations were completed Eskimo was 1st making it three firsts for the

Ht 3	Elapsed	CBH	CSC Pts	MMYC Pts
Eskimo	131.75	89.59	1	
Capt Moonlite	128.58	90.01	2	
Skyebird	158.31	93.41		3
Problem Child	129.83	93.48	4	
Bushranger	134.63	94.23		5
Quicksilver	121.50	100.24		6
Moondancer	144.97	101.48		
Boom Bah	167.67	103.95		
Diamonds are Forever	145.60	105.56		
Jester	186.00	120.90		
Sarah	164.00	135.30		
Stormy Affair	198.84	137.20		
Silver Cloud	182.32	150.41		

Challenge while Captain Moonlite was second and Problem Child 3rd for CSC. For MMYC it was Skybird 3rd Quicksilver 6th and Moondancer 7th as scorers. See the table opposite

The table below shows the results for the same

Ht 1	Elapsed	CBH	Pts	Hcp	Pts
Eskimo	131.75	89.59	1	88.62	3
Casper	DNC		11		11
What A Life	DNC		11		11
Capt Moonlite	128.58	90.01	2	87.34	1
Converter 21	DNC		11		11
Bushranger	134.63	94.23	4	89.74	4
Men At Work	DNC		11		11
Bitter Sweet	DNC		11		11
Problem Child	129.83	93.48	3	87.49	2

Wedding

Sundry trailerable people were invited to witness the celebration of Sam & Greg's "Earth, Wind & Higher" Marriage Celebrations on 9th of February 2007.

Sam arrived resplendent in her beaded, plunge back wedding dress aboard the dinghy Skandia, accompanied by her father and 2 bridesmaids.

They managed to maneuver their way from the cockpit to the foredeck in their high heels, (excluding Sam's dad Peter, at least I didn't notice if he was wearing high heels) where the ceremony was conducted.

The celebrant John appeared to wish he was on terra firma even though the conditions were flat. I don't think he will be taking any invitations to go sailing in the near future. (A suggestion was made that he should have been lowered in a boson's chair for the ceremony)

After the ceremony was concluded, drinks were issued from the barge where Skandia was moored. Some enterprising person used his mobile phone to request drink orders so he could preserve his voice and cut down on the log jam on the barge.

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Further surprises were in store as the "Higher" section of the day appeared. So the wedding would stay in Sam's memory as well as the name of the person she married, Greg had arranged for a plane to fly over with the attached message of "Sam I love you forever Greg"

The reception was held at the Mornington Yacht Club, which had been decorated by Villa & Hut, and was catered by the Rocks restaurant.

The cake was a five level structure of individual sections of white & brown chocolate cake covered by slabs of heavy white chocolate. The night was slightly marred when Sam's magnificent dress was marked by red wine during the farewell circle. The bride and groom left in a BMW but were rumoured to be honeymooning in a Winnebago.

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Longbeach retained

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dialloc via Fawkner beacon. The following day a shorter race is held.

The event is open to trailer-sailors and keel boats from either club

Thirteen boats competed in heat 1, fourteen in heat 2 and thirteen in the last.

The crew ages ranged from 9 years (Mitchell Ciminelli - Carrum member) to 79 years (Ray Cole - Carrum Commodore)

The best three results from each club score points for each heat. Carrum convincingly won the November heat, Mordialloc won the twilight heat and Carrum won the 3rd.

Paper Tiger Titles

Notices of Race has been circulated for the Paper Tiger State Titles at Carrum Sailing Club in March 2007.

Sailing Instructions have been finalised after a meeting with the Paper Tiger Association at which it was estimated that the number of competitors would be in the low 30's

Members are reminded that this is a big opportunity for the club to impress with its conduct of Regattas.

A larger than normal duty crew is required on the water, beach and in the club.

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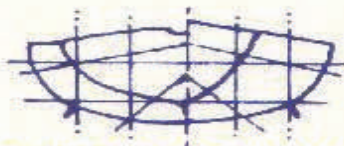


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Effort of the Month



Nervously insecure

Greg Scherwinski was very nervous at his and Sam's wedding . It was a rare occasion that our smooth talking Estate Agent has been short of words. The speech was excellent although short and spaced with an unusual pauses.

This we are told was the result of the wedding day jitters but we know better don't we Greg?

Greg was in the uncomfortable

situation his mobile in his possession. Not bad for a man who normally carries three. The King felt naked.

Compounding his insecurity all his staff were at the wedding. With the office closed where would the money come to pay for the lavish celebrations.

There was no need to worry Greg, the loyal staff were multitasking. While celebrating the wedding they were also wheeling & dealing on the mobiles.