

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

January 2005

Pre-Christmas Trophies awarded

Presentation of the Pre-Christmas series of races was held at Carrum Sailing Club on Sunday December 12th.

Prizes were awarded by Commodore Ray Cole and Rear Commodore Ross Shilton.

Ross Shilton said the scoring for the series was very close with a number of boats in contention up to the final heat.

He said that it was

unfortunate that the monohull off the beach class did not have sufficient starters to be awarded a trophy but congratulated those that did compete on their dedication and perseverance. He hoped that more monohulls would compete in the new year. The trailer sailer fleet were awarded 1st prize on Class Basic Handicap and on Personal handicap. The Catamarans

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Change to Sailing Calendar

Carrum Sailing Club advises that there has been a change to the Sailing Calendar for the Post Christmas 2004-05 season.

Rear Commodore Ross Shilton said an error had



Learning to sail aboard MASRM 720 "What A Life"

been made with the date of the Labour Day Weekend.

He advises that the Labour Day weekend is March 12th to 14th. He said "This means that there will be sailing at Carrum on March 6th and not the 13th."

Carrum Sailing Club Impresses Paper Tigers

Carrum Sailing Club has impressed The members of the Paper Tiger Association on their visit to the Club in November. Below is an extract from their newsletter.

"It was a disappointingly small VPTCA group of four boats who joined the Carrum PT fleet several Sundays ago for the Traveller Series visit, but it was an excellent day's sailing and we were made very welcome by the club, who waived our sailing

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The Windward Mark -

The Commodores View

With the first half of the Season completed, we can be seen to have rounded the windward mark and the coming Post Christmas Season as a close reach to the next mark. It is time to consider our tactics and technique for the reach home.

Now all sailors know that the reaching leg is the leg which can be the most rewarding and the most exciting leg of the racing course with the gybe at the next mark the manoeuvre which can reward us with a swim, make us glow with satisfaction if done well, or cover us with embarrassment as the spinnaker pole flies up into the air and the kite wraps itself around the forestay and refuses to behave as our fellow Club members pass us and we surrender the margin won on a carefully thought out windward beat followed by the reach.

At the Start our pre start manoeuvres of a successful Trivia Night and the C Division effort on the balustrading repair and support of the front balcony saw us on the line at gunfire, with Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and Year Book in the hands of members. We crossed nicely at the preferred end with hot water restored to the male showers at last.

On our Pre-Christmas beat, we had the benefit of some substantial lifts, made some strategic tacks and experienced some lucky wind changes. An unexpected lift was a donation of \$1000 from the now defunct Trailable Yacht Club of Victoria. All of these opportunities were seized by the alert and

hard working members on board. The strategic tack to initiate the Cambur Motors Challenge has gained valuable media coverage for us although we were distracted during the beat by a vessel sailing along without the hull in the water!

A huge gain on the beat was the large attendance at our Learn to sail Class which has already resulted in new members and more have indicated they will join for the Post Christmas Season. We weathered a viscous squall or two on the beat too, but kept the boat under the mast by steering an honest course. Almost at the mark we were hit with a storm force gust concerning increased cost of Rescue Boat storage and that will almost certainly force us to sail under reefed sails and adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee of two years ago and remove the boats from the Marina.

As we round the mark and set the kite we must all work together so that sheets are played by hand with all on board considering the way to make the reach an exciting and fulfilling one. The interaction between spinnaker sheet hand and skipper in a well sailed boat is both interesting and instructive to observe and when done well is the reason that some boats make enormous gains on a reach.

Where sheets are cleated and some of the crew relax, then the progress of the boat is inevitably slowed. Let us all resolve to work together with a common objective and play the sheet ceaselessly to gain every bit of sea room we can to make the reach to our next mark as exciting as possible.

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*Week Nine**27-28/11/04*

Carrum Sailing Clubs "Off the Beach" classes held its Week nine race as guests of Chelsea Sailing Club on Saturday 27th November.

The Trailerable Division hosted the first heat of the Long Beach Challenge on Sunday 28th (see page 3 for report)

There were only 3 Carrum Boats that headed to this heat which was a disappointing but not unexpected. Rear Commodore Ross Shilton said. "I am not surprised. We normally sail on Sundays and members find that the most convenient day to sail."

There were a number of races sailed but as there was only one heat counted for Carrum's club results only the first race counted. David Burnett on Green Machine beat the only other Paper Tiger that sailed 20.35 min to 21.12 min.

Warren Doreian had the only Mosquito to sail but did not finish the course.

Steve McClelland valiantly tried to sail to Chelsea but did not arrive in time for the start.

For interest the second heat has Dave Burnett beaten by the Chelsea Paper Tiger and Warren Doreian completing the course Dave would have been the winner on yardstick.

*Week Ten**05/12/04*

The Trailer Sailer and Off The Beach fleets of the Carrum Sailing Clubs returned to racing the same day for week ten of their pre-Christmas series. This was the final heats for the series and some close scoring had a number of boats in contention for trophies.

As usual the Trailer sailers, represented by What a Life, Bushranger VI and Eskimo (Men at Work was on duty) were first away and sailed a longer course than the Off The Beach classes. Catamarans were the only off the beach boats to sail. They had two heats scheduled. Six boats sailed Green Machine, Out Of The Blue, Woody, Ouch. Catamong the Ducks and Catapult. Duck Hunter was on duty. The numbers were increased with three Hobie 18's visiting.

The results with corrected time were:

Trailer Sailers

1st	Bushranger VI	107.91
2nd	Eskimo	113.78
3rd	What a Life	117.10

Catamarans Heat 18

1st	Catapult	74.12
2nd	Out of the Blue	82.67
3rd	Woody	104.27
4th	Catamong...	105.00
5th	Green Machine	107.91
	Ouch	DNA

Catamarans Heat 19

1st	Catapult	40.00
2nd	Catamong...	40.65
3rd	Out of the Blue	47.42
4th	Woody	52.21
5th	Green Machine	54.27
	Ouch	DNS

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- Rear Commodore Ross Shilton

Good start to Longbeach Challenge

The trailable division of Carrum Sailing Club has an annual inter-club trophy event called the Longbeach Challenge.

This event is conducted against the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club with one heat held around the buoys at Carrum and a further two at Mordialloc. The Mordialloc races are held on the one weekend with a twilight race on the Saturday and a race around fixed marks in Carrum Bight the Sunday.

The first heat for season 2004-5 was held at Carrum on Sunday 28th November and doubled as heat 9 of the pre Christmas series. Fifteen boats competed (5 CSC and 10 MMYC) on a fine day with 10-15 knot wind coming from the South West. All boats but one were able to complete the course.

All Carrum boats got off to good starts and pressed that advantage to finish 1st (Men at Work), 2nd (Eskimo), 3rd (Captain Moonlite), 5th (Bushranger VI) and 8th (What a Life) on Class Handicaps. The Club scores were CSC 3.8 pts to MMYC 10.2 pts.

Competing for this trophy over a number of years, sufficient data has been obtained to enable Personal Handicaps to be implemented. On this system Carrum boats came 2nd (What a Life), 3rd (Men at Work), 6th (Captain Moonlite), 7th (Bushranger VI) and 9th (Eskimo). The Club scores were CSC 5.4 pts to MMYC 9.4 pts.

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- Ian Blencowe***

The event handicapper Ian Blencowe warns Carrum sailors Saying “the pressure is on them to perform well at the next two heats. Having performed well last season Carrum are now suffering with high handicaps. Men at Work will be sailing above her Class Handicap in the next heat and Eskimo is only half a percent below hers. Carrum boats are the four highest handicapped boats in the fleet. The other is tenth on ninety percent of Class handicap.”

Carrum Sailing Club impresses Paper Tigers

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fees, set us a long and true course in a light to moderate breeze, entertained us at the bar and barbecue after the race, and provided a trophy for the winner (Mike Wold). For those who haven't sailed Carrum (Sunday sailing), they have an fine sandy beach, easy launching, and a winch to haul your road trailers back up to the car park— but the best part is the warm and friendly welcome from all club members.

From our end, it would be good to go back there and help them tune up their PT's to help increase their competitiveness, and encourage them to travel to some of our events.”

Carrum Commodore Ray Cole

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From the Archives

Continuing our articles from past editions of Round The Buoys.

March 69

THE CRASH BOAT (or the latest chatter in the history of the "African Queen")

On the evening of the 1st March, our esteemed crash boat was "choofing" up the river heavily laden with 4 buoys, 5 passengers and a very skilled helmsman. Because of the distractions on board, or through sheer fatigue due to relentless hours of duty, he misjudged direction and hit a submerged object at full speed. Usually reliable witnesses avow that the boat sunk to its gunwales within two minutes. It was only the five buoyancy tanks (from a life boat) which prevented her going to the bottom like a brick. Incidentally on board were 9 or 10 of those huge masonry bricks weigh about 20 lbs. each. The old diesel proved its reliability once again as it was still going when all but completely submerged. It was finally stopped by the helmsman at the request of the Commodore to prevent damage, or was it because he was getting wet on his hitherto dry position on top of the cabin by the stream of spray thrown up by the flywheel. What happened next is not clear, but the Flag Officer found himself up to his eyeballs in the river clutching his hat and trying to duck a rope thrown at him. The rope was duly swum ashore and the "African Queen" was

hauled to the shore and beached. The damage proved to be a couple of sprung boards and a smashed hole about 12" x 6". Over the next days repairs were carried out and since that eventful weekend our vessel has been "lying in state" on the river. Here's hoping to see the old girl soon.

May 69

Treasurer Neville Hunt, mistook a prospective member and wife who was sent around to him by the Commodore, as members of a religious sect who have been touring the Carrum district. Gave them a cool reception and told them to "Clear out - your not wanted". Fortunately Mr. & Mrs. Bennett have a sense of humour, they still joined together with sons John and Robert—

At our last working bee, Luddy turned up at 10. am instead of 2 p.m. and when the rest of us came at the proper time, found that he had single handed done the work of about 18 men. Thanks Luddy, and the rest who attended.

December 69

"Lazy E News"

New member Ray Cole won the Pre-Christmas aggregate - congratulations Ray - endeavour to see that you don't win the Championship after Christmas.

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were awarded 1st and 2nd on Yard stick and Personal Handicap.

Mr. Shilton said that winners on Yardstick or CBH are ineligible for awards on Personal Handicap.

The results are set out below:
(Trophy winners marked *)

Trailer Sailers held 10 races and the worst two scores discarded.

***Carrum Sailing Club
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said "it's pleasing to get this type of feedback. It's what Carrum is known for, a friendly atmosphere."

CBH	Trailer Sailers	Pts	Discard	Score
1st	Men At Work*	10	5	5
2nd	Bushranger VI	16	8	8
3rd	Eskimo	16	6	10
4th	What A Life	24	9	15
5th	Capt. Moonlite	27	9	19

HCP	Trailer Sailers	Pts	Discard	Score
1st	What A Life*	17	8	9
2nd	Eskimo	17	7	10
3rd	Men At Work	19	9	10
4th	Bushranger VI	19	8	11
5th	Capt. Moonlite	25	8	17

CBH	Catamarans	Pts	Discard	Score
1st	Green Machine*	26	11	15
2nd	Woody*	39	20	19
3rd	Out Of The Blue	46	19	27
4th	Duck Hunter	48	20	28
5th	69	49	20	29
6th	Catapult	51	19	32
7th	Ouch	56	18	38
8th	Catamong the Ducks	64	20	44
9th	Black Label	87	20	67

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1st	Green Machine	25	11	14
2nd	Woody	39	20	19
3rd	Out Of The Blue*	46	19	27
4th	Duck Hunter*	48	20	28
5th	69	51	20	31
6th	Catapult	51	19	32
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Duty Roster Post Christmas 2004-05 Season

	Date	30/01/05	6/02/05	12/02/05	13/02/05	20/02/05	27/02/05	6/03/05	13/03/05
	OTB Heat	1 & 2	3 & 4		5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12	Labour Day W/E
	TS Heat	1 (1200 Start)	2 (1200 Start)	MMYC Twilight	3 (MMYC)	4	5	6	Marlay Point
						Chelsea visit		Nat E Champs	
Officer of the Day		Ian Blencowe	Denise Jones		Nick Murphy	Alison Mowbray	Chris Jackson	Ray Cole	
Carrum 1 Driver		Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell		Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell	
	Assistant	Kirsty Handford	Glen Jones		Anne Hansford	David Richards	Denise Forrester	Luddy Tschrisch onig	
	Swimmer	Warren Doreian	Leigh Jones		Gary Campain	Ross Shilton	David Burnett	Sam Reynolds	
Carrum 2 Driver		Kathryn Blencowe	Dave Burnett		Steve McClelland	Wayne Mowbray	Ian Forrester	Greg Scherwin-ski	
	Assistant	Steve Morris	Brian Jones		Peter Hansford	Michael Richards	Phoebe Hansford	Alan Walker	
	Swimmer	Chad Hair	Tim Burnett		Bill Hansford	Jacinta Lewis	Lou Monteret	Scott Blencowe	
Tower Assistant		Judy Doreian	Sarah Jones		Kerry McClelland	Louise Richards	Emily Hansford	Jodie Campain	
Duty Committee		Ian Blencowe	Dave Burnett		Steve McClelland	Wendy Lewis	Dave Burnett	Ray Cole	

Duty Roster Post Christmas 2004-05 Season

Date	19/03/05	20/03/05	27/03/05	3/04/05	10/04/05	17/04/05	24/04/05
OTB Heat	Frankston	13 & 14	Easter	15 & 16	17 & 18	19 & 20	21 & 22
TS Heat	Regatta	7		8	9	10	11
Officer of the Day		Carol Flanagan		Kathy Shilton	Wendy Lewis	Alison Mowbray	Ian Blencowe
Carrum 1	Driver	Ken Farrell		Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell	Ken Farrell
	Assistant	Len Dickman		Chris Reynolds	Fluer Johnston	Tad Misiewicz	Len Dickman
	Swimmer	Brian Reynolds		Steve McClelland	Narelle Lewis	Wayne Mowbray	Carol Flanagan
Carrum 2	Driver	Rebecca Flanagan		Ross Shilton	John Johnston	Sam Reynolds	Kathryn Blencowe
	Assistant	Libby Davey		Geoff Lewis	Peta Johnston	Scott Blencowe	Kirsty Handford
	Swimmer	Chris Flanagan		Jacinta Lewis		Greg Scherwin- ski	Chris Flanagan
Tower	Assistant	Charlene Davey		Michael Richards	Heather Johnston	Paula Misiewicz	Chad Hair
Duty Committee		Chris Flanagan		Ross Shilton	John Johnston	Ian Blencowe	Chad Hair

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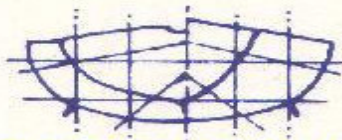
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long. Eskimo came second in the race.

While with Eskimo, Ian & Kathryn Blencowe took Chad Hair & Kirsty Handford on an evening sail to Olivers Hill to check the Christmas lights from the water.

After loading the boat at the Hair/

Handford residence Ian drove toward the Patterson River ramp. as he did so the trailer began to sway and Ian blamed the heavy esky placed at the transom to be the cause of the unsteady trailer.

Having got to the ramp Ian began to reverse the boat trailer to launch the boat and one of the wheels fell off the trailer. The axle was broken. Fortunately Eskimo is on a tandem trailer and was able to be towed home.



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Effort of the Month



Top result from Duty
Wayne Mowbray knows how to get results. Sail well early and then do duty.

Carrum Sailing Club awards points (average previous starts) for duty Wayne was on duty a couple of times and cashed in on the early result. The results was 2nd place in the handicap series pre-Christmas. He did not sail every week, he claims due to white ants at his house. Catamaran sailors at Carrum may suggest this was white anting

Honourable mentions to

Stephen McClelland attempted to sail to Chelsea and compete in the interclub event. In the prevailing sea Steve had trouble tacking and could not get there.

Ian Blencowe on board Eskimo competing in Heat 1 of the Long Beach Challenge had trouble with headsail. On the first tack the sail caught on the spreaders causing a small tear on the leach. Determined to do his best he refused to go to a secondary and smaller sail and on each tack after that extended the tear. By the end of the race the tear was over two metres

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