

◆ Round the Buoys ◆

July 2006

Storing it?

Then use it

Boat storage at Carrum Sailing Club is at a premium according to the Club's Storage manager Chris Flanagan.

Chris advises that the availability of open storage will soon be reduced to a couple of boats and therefore the demand on under-cover storage will be increased.

The rules of the Club constitution address the criteria for the allocation of storage. Boats that are raced regularly have priority.

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What's On

July 16th

Winter Sailing

11:00 am Start
Dinghies & Trailerables

July 22nd

Murder Mystery Night

See advert

August 20th

Winter Sailing

11:00 am Start
Dinghies & Trailerables

To be confirmed

Shopping Tour

Possible Dates Aug 26th /
9th / 16th / 23rd Sept.

Winter Sailing

This is a catch up issue of Ravings, as your scribe has been heavily involved in Club, business and personal activities to such an extent that as they say in literature classics, "he doesn't know whether he is Arthur or Martha and hasn't got the time to look and check" Now that the Harvest Festival is over and the Presentation Night put to bed, and the Winter Season is over there is time for Ravings to surface and gulp for air.

Following a blowout in gale conditions for the 1st heat of our combined winter season with MMYC we have had three heats with some common factors. One of these has been that they were all poorly attended by our boats and coincided with AFL matches involving a certain grandiose old flag and the consequent partial absence of the guid-

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Prawn Season.– a Noalex 30 :having difficulty with spinnaker. Immediately behind aboard "Silk Department" were Kathryn & Scott Blencowe

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Storing it? Then use it

Rule 37.1. Says

“Boats shall be entitled to storage within the Club premises subject to space being available. Storage fees are payable in advance and must be paid by the 1st October each year or storage entitlement will be forfeited. Storage allocation shall be based on participation in previous seasons racing schedule, at the discretion of the boat storage officer. Boats that are not regularly sailed in club races cannot reasonably expect continued storage at the Club.”

Chris said “I have planed the bottom of my front door so large brown paper bags will slip under the door.”

Second opinion

Joe was suffering severe headaches and went to his doctor for a cure. After a thorough examination The doctor said, *“Joe, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration. You have a very rare condition, which causes your testicles to press on your spine and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicles.”*

Joe was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for. He had no choice but to go under the knife. When he left the hospital, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself.

As he walked down the street, he realised that he felt like a different person. He

could make a new beginning and live a new life. He saw a men's clothing store and thought, *“That's what I need ... a new suit. That'll make me feel a little better.”*

He entered the shop and told the salesman, *“I'd like a new suit.”*

The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, *“Let's see ... size 44 long.”*

Joe laughed, *“That's right, how did you know?”*

Tailor *“Been in the business 60 years!”*

Joe tried on the suit.. it fit perfectly.

As Joe admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, *“How about a new shirt?”*

Joe thought for a moment and then said, *“Sure.”*

The salesman eyed Joe and said, *“Let's see, 34 sleeves and 16-1/2 neck.”*

Joe was surprised. *“That's right, how did you know?”*

“Been in the business 60 years.”

Joe tried on the shirt and it fit perfectly. Joe walked comfortably around the shop and the salesman asked, *“How about some new underwear?”*

Joe thought for a moment and said, *“Sure.”*

The salesman said, *“Let's see ... size 36.”*

Joe laughed, *“Ah ha! I got you, I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old.”*

The salesman shook his head, *“You can't wear a size 34. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache.”*

Winter Sailing

ing light of Eskimo, although the dulcet tones of her skipper could be heard on the VHF albeit briefly. Another was that the weather has been very light for the last two. In fact during some of the last heat here at the Club it can be truly said that the weather was “non existent”.

RACE RESULTS TO DATE.

7th May HEAT 1. MMYC Blowout

21st May HEAT 2. CSC

Poorly represented in numbers; but superbly in other ways we fielded only CAPTAIN MOONLITE and PROBLEM CHILD. WHAT A LIFE and MEN AT WORK still had the blankets pulled up snugly under the chins and never appeared. BUSHRANGER was absent making trophies, and ESKIMO manned the committee boat to set the course and start the fleet, in what developed into 15 knots from the West. PROBLEM CHILD had a very short race with her rudder splitting in twain and the absence of her starboard toe rail for reasons we won't mention, causing the garrulous Greg on leave from BUSHRANGER to gash his shins as he attempted to jump ship between the sheer and the lower life line. The temperamental outboard in the start vessel necessitated a start line which caused some confusion and the fleet comprising 5 from MMYC and Captain MOONLITE alone eventually set out to the marks with the Noelex 30s showing the way. The final results on CBH showed CAPTAIN MOONLITE, with the peripatetic Eric Clark on board, just shaded by the Noelex 25 from our sister Club; despite the panic departure from the moorings resulting in the race being conducted without the need to bother the spinnaker halyard as both of those extras

had been left behind in the lounge room, where as all yachties know is a warm and dry spot to keep the precious things.

4th June HEAT 3. MMYC

This was a stern chaser with some yachts starting at 11.00, a bunch including our two reps CAPTAIN MOONLITE and BUSHRANGER away in the second lot at 11.15, and the Noelex 30s away at 11.30. The weather was very light with the bay as flat as a table top, with some slowly moving areas evident where sages aboard declared -- “there might be wind over there” etc etc. The earlier starters tended to work the beach side of the course while the last two starts went up the middle tacking hither and thither, as guesswork or wisdom guided the helms. The beat to a distant mark (and those who raced that day will tell you it was a very distant mark although always in the same spot) took an interminable time with the Noelex 30s QUICKSILVER and SILVER CLOUD rounding first and noting that the usual cluster of fishing boats around the mark were absent for once. They were followed by CAPTAIN MOONLITE and the Noelex 25 and further back BUSHRANGER and the rest. Spinnakers were set in a light breeze which still had a trace of W x S with just enough W to keep the trimmers alert. The front runners were thus run down by those astern and the fleet packed a little at the gybe mark with BUSHRANGER last to gybe around astern of the two Noelex 30s, CAPTAIN MOONLITE and the Noelex 25. At the pier the big fellers crossed first and BUSHRANGER was just about to cross in third position when a header caused her to drop the kite and set the headsail. In the conditions prevailing the new wind, at about 3 knots, seemed like a gale. In the ensuing contretemps aboard BUSHRANGER, caused it must be admitted, by skipper stupidity, CAPTAIN MOONLITE crossed ahead of her by 1min 23 secs and took out the CBH from the Noelex 30s. When the results were an-

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nounced a prominent MMYC member expressing surprise that the two Bushrangers had not got 1st and 2nd commented ---“ It looks like they have used the random number generator to work them out again”

18th June HEAT 4 CSC

Again a poor entry from CSC with only three starters; with WHAT A LIFE rubbing the winter sleep from the eyes and emerging from hibernation. Can we expect the skipper of MEN AT WORK to also unhibernate from his inflatable premises at Mordialloc for the next winter race? At your peril, lift your eyes from the northern roundabout at Mordialloc and look west and you will notice that the premises of Ray White have been inflated to over twice the usual size. Blowing up a structure like this takes a lot of wind and perhaps that is why there is none left over for the bay? I dunno.

What can be stated with certainty however; about this race is that the outboard motor on board the committee boat was the star of the performance. Unfortunately it was playing the role of the villain. In any case without much wind the 11.00 start eventually got away in flat seas and cold conditions at 11.27 without it must be admitted a postponement signal being displayed. Prior to the start there were all 11 starters drifting about “as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean” as Coleridge said. When the unexpected starting signal “rent the air” as Shakespeare said, the fleet tried to start. When the tail enders which included BUSHRANGER eventually managed that feat it was nigh on 30 min after the starting signal and the frontrunners had carried their spinnakers to the windward mark, (or rather the first mark) and were meandering along towards the next mark. Those at the rear of the fleet chased the

leaders to subsequent marks. Mayhaps gentle readers, you will realise that the word “chased” which normally has connotations of speed is a poor choice, but is a lot better than “pursued”! There is not much more to say except that the breeze waxed very little, and meandered and waned a lot, until all but two of us did in fact finish. The CBH results saw CAPTAIN MOONLITE again take out the CBH prize from QUICKSILVER with MOONDANCER third. Of the finishers BUSHRANGER was last.

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NEXT RACE 2nd July MMYC

WE REALLY MUST DO BETTER THAN GET 2 OR 3 STARTERS IF POSSIBLE.

Winter Off The Beach

A number of Catamaran sailors from Carum Sailing Club approached Eric Clark requesting a winter series of races at the Club.

Being very keen Eric approached the committee conveying their request. The Committee made some minor alterations to the sailing Instructions for the trailerable winter races to enable the “Off the beach” boats to sail with the presence of rescue boats.

With two heats sailed the response has not been up to expectations. Those who expressed interest in sailing have had second thoughts.

Their enthusiasm has been dampened with the realisation that it gets cold in winter. Free hot showers, free hot soup, cheap beer and good company has come a poor second when the forecast temperature is announced.

Annual General Meeting

The Carrum Sailing Club held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 16th 2006. The meeting was well attended with twenty eight members attending on a cold night.

Commodore Ray Cole said "I am pleased that so many attended. 28 is more than 25% of the membership attending. A further five members sent their apologies. Some years, not that long ago, we were battling to get a quorum. The interest shown augers well for the future. Members volunteered to be part of the committee rather than having to be coerced." "Things are looking up." he said. "I welcome newcomers to the committee Helen Ruhsam and Eric Clark. Both are relatively new to the club but are already very active members."

In his report Ray said that the Club year just concluded has been a year of consolidation following on the extensive restructuring necessary in the preceding year. The hard work done then has enabled the management of Club business to be formalised with budgetary controls and financial reporting established. He went on to say that the club participated in 2 council events, the Australia Day and Harvest Festival celebrations of which the council were grateful and which have increased the clubs profile

Vice Commodore Wendy Lewis said that Fundraising event were well attended and hoped that members enjoyed the different events held during the year. Major events were

Back to School Theme Trivia Night – raised over \$2000

Shopping Tour raised over \$800

Car Rally – raised over \$290

Beaumaris Theatre Production Black Adder – raised over \$200

Vice Commodore Chad Hair told the meeting that the weather prevented sailing on one week during the season. He said that the trailerable and multihull fleets had a high percentage attendance rate but the Monohull numbers was a concern. The "raise your sights" sessions were well received and more are planned. He said there had been some difficulty with rostering and requested members to check when they are on duty, to arrange a swap of duty if unable to attend and for Officers of the day to contact those roster on their day.

Chad thanked Cambur Motors, Ray White Mordialloc and Small craft Design and services for providing the prizemoney for the Cambur Motor Challenge.

He also congratulated the Trailerable fleet on winning the Club trophy in the Marlay Point Overnight Race.

Secretary / Treasurer Ian Blencowe announced a trading surplus of \$4657 which comes after a deficit the previous year. He advised that the Club was now registered for GST.

He said that the funds from the sale of land was in an interest bearing account and that the Club land was now valued at \$1m.

The following Committee was elected:

Commodore	Ray Cole
V/Commodore	Wendy Lewis
R/Commodore	Chad Hair
Sec/Treasurer	Iasn Blencowe
Membership Sec	Chris Flanagan
Minute Sec	Carol Flanagan
General Committee	David Burnett
	Steve McClelland
	Helen Ruhsam
	Eric Clark

A copy of the annual report can be obtained

Name	Class	Sail #	CBH	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
Captain Moolite	Bushranger 7	CS 2	.700	127.36	89.15
Quicksilver	Noelex 30	4575	.825	109.44	90.29
Moondancer	Farr 7500	6189	.700	133.60	93.52
Why Knot	Noelex 30	940	.825	114.30	94.31
What A Life	Masrm 720	720	.770	124.78	96.08
Silver Cloud	Noelex 30	1590	.825	118.51	97.77
Blow Out	Roberts 24	244	.635	185.40	117.73
C Joy	Ultimate 18S	122	.590	206.42	121.79
Bushranger VI	Bushranger 7	CS 1	.700	175.75	123.03
Diamonds are Forever	Noelex 25	966	.725	DNF	
BoomBah	Spacesailer		.620	DNF	

DO ENJOY A GOOD MYSTERY? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THAT MYSTERY? WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! COME JOIN US ...



SATURDAY 22ND JULY
7PM \$20 p/h
 to be held at Carrum Sailing Club



Come along and find out who dunnit?! You can take on a role and have a crucial part in the mystery, be part of the action or just be part of the guests as a detective! Either way you'll have a fun interesting night as you try to solve the case watching, listening, accusing, and working through the clues, props & twists!

Murder mysteries are an interactive clue game, where you become the main suspects in a murder and must figure out who among you has committed the unspeakable crime. Everyone in the game may have a motive or the means but you must use your sleuthing skills to find the real villain!

Mystery parties allow you to dress up if you wish, to wear clothes you wouldn't normally get a chance to wear. For example, you can dress in period wear or as a person from another country or time period. And it is also an opportunity for creativity as you can create your own costume if you prefer rather than hiring a costume. Mystery parties allow you to be dramatic and to accuse your dearest friends of amazing crimes. How often do you get to have that sort of fun? Now is the chance!!

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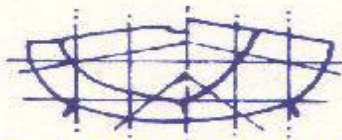


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Effort of the Month



This Month's award goes to...

Ghost ship

Sunday 18th June was scheduled to be the day of launching of Chad Hair & Kirsty Handfords Careel 18.

The boat is aptly named "Casper"

was not seen. Is it a ghost ship that was lurking in the fog of the Patterson River?

Investigations by detectives Mulder & Scully revealed that the true reason was it didn't like the cold and stayed home.