

# ◆ Round the Buoys ◆

October 2007

## What I Did Wrong

Carrum Sailing Club will shortly commence its "What I did wrong" session.

At the end of the days racing a member will be requested, preferably after volunteering, to stand in front of the group and explain what they did wrong during the race, what the effect was of that error, what should have been done and why.

These sessions are designed to self assess performance, recognize errors and learn from them.

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## What's On

### October 28th

Trailerable Day Ht 2

National E Day Ht 1 &

Pre Christmas Ht 4

**Cambur Motors Challenge**

### November 10th

Trivia/Games night

See notice on page 2

### November 11th

Monohull Day Hts 1+2 &

Pre Christmas Ht 5

**Cambur Motors Challenge**

**Training morning**

### November 14th

Learn to Sail Classes commence

**Cambur Motors Challenge**

### November 18th

Trailerable Long Beach

Challenge Ht 1

*Midday start*

Multihull Day Hts 2+3 &

Pre Christmas Ht 6

**On water session for**

**Learn to Sail class**

**Cambur Motors Challenge**

### November 24th

Mordialloc Sailing Club

Laser Titles

## RSA Course

The Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course has been set for December 10th

The course is required to be able to work serving liquor and is industry recognized.

Members are urged to enroll so they can assist behind the club bar.

The course is at the club from 7-10  
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## Opening Day

Carrum Sailing Club's 2007-08 season was officially opened by the speaker of the Legislative Assembly Jenny Lindell on Sunday 21st October 07.

A large number of members attended and by bringing a plate provided a large amount and variety of food for the pre opening refreshments. Commodore Dean thanks to all for contributing.

A very nervous Commodore welcomed guests, Jenny Lindell, Cr Justin McKeegan, Pat & Joy King (Patterson River Village Committee) and Tim Caldwell (Quarterdeck Marine), called on Jenny Lindell to open the season and then Justin McKeegan to say a few words.

Both wished the club well for the season, noting that the opening day weather was better than last season on which there was a blow out. The both mentioned the redevelopment of the club premises and their hopes to be in new premises at this time next season but stressed that it the members that make a club and not the premises.

Unlike last season racing an open day regatta was conducted with boats ranging from 14ft skiff to Sabot and Trailerables. Courses of 7.2nm and 4.5nm were sailed. The results are below.

|              | Time          | Yardstick    | Corrected      | Place     |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| GRUNT        |               |              | 14ft Skiff     |           |
|              | <b>78.84</b>  | <b>86.5</b>  | <b>11.39</b>   | <b>1</b>  |
| BUSHRANGER   |               |              | Bushranger     |           |
|              | <b>123.55</b> | <b>114.7</b> | <b>13.46</b>   | <b>2</b>  |
| ESKIMO       |               |              | Careel 22      |           |
|              | <b>131.63</b> | <b>118.1</b> | <b>13.93</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
| FULL BOAR    |               |              | Sabot          |           |
|              | <b>130.17</b> | <b>160.5</b> | <b>16.22</b>   | <b>4</b>  |
| BITTER SWEET |               |              | Ultimate 18 DK |           |
|              | <b>112.65</b> | <b>133.8</b> | <b>16.83</b>   | <b>5</b>  |
| CASPER       |               |              | Careel 18      |           |
|              | <b>122.86</b> | <b>136.1</b> | <b>18.05</b>   | <b>6</b>  |
| MOBY DUCK    |               |              | Pacer          |           |
|              | <b>DNF</b>    | <b>127.0</b> |                | <b>10</b> |
| RED HOT GO   |               |              | Sabre          |           |
|              | <b>DNF</b>    | <b>126.5</b> |                | <b>10</b> |
| BONUS        |               |              | Pacer          |           |
|              | <b>DNF</b>    | <b>127.0</b> |                | <b>10</b> |

## Off the Beach

### Heat 1 Pre Christmas Series - 7/10/07

An overcast day and moderate winds was predicted for the small monohull fleet that arrived for the first race of the season. Duty crews reduced the number of possible participants. All was going to plan except at the boat ramp Carrum 1 decided to break its steering gears when leaving the jetty. Like the ill fated Bismarck it was reduced to turning in circles in only one direction and was skillfully brought back into the jetty without mishap. With only one duty boat in action and strong winds preventing use of the Tinnie, it was a mad scramble to transfer buoys and starting gear from Carrum 1 to Carrum 2 before the race. Due to safety reasons the off the beach race was cancelled. Luckily the new self inflating buoys had arrived and this meant a easy transfer from the boat was achieved.

The new buoys are a great purchase by the club. Three buoys are easily stored on one boat leaving plenty of room for four crew members as well. They are easily deployed and retrieved with no sore backs afterwards and no crushed fingers. They are very easy to spot in the sea as they stand up well above the horizon. They can even survive collisions as tested by Eskimo on the start line.

Special thanks must go to Steve McClelland who spent the afternoon up to his arms in grease repairing Carrum 1 while the trailerable race was conducted.

### Heat 2 Pre Christmas Series & Heat 1 Multihull Club Champion Series - 14/10/07

Ray Cole was OOD and in accordance with Carrum prophecy, strong winds came in and cancelled both off the beach races and trailerables. This allowed an impromptu clean up of the club for the open day for the following weekend. Thank you to those who were able to help out with this important task. Over lunch the white board came out for an informal lesson on course setting out and use of the GPS was conducted.

### Heat 2 Pre Christmas Series & - 14/10/07

Off the beach boats finally got a start to the seasons racing starting with a good northerly wind that unfortunately weakened during the race.

Red Hot Go and Bonus were racing for the Pre-Christmas series heat and were joined by Moby Duck crewed by Bill & Emily Hansford. Also sailing were two visitors for the open day, a 14ft Skiff and a Sabot. No Multihulls took part

Mayhem was caused at the start when Moby Duck on port tack crossed the fleet resulting in some boats taking evasive action. In the shemozzle that ensued Red Hot Go got away cleanly and was being sailed well until the wind dropped out. Steve eventually had to join Bonus and Moby Duck on the DNF list and was towed back to shore.

The only boats to finish were the visitors, the 14ft skiff that got round while there was good wind and the sabot that sailed a shorter course.

### Pre-Christmas Ht 3 Monohulls

| Name              | YS   | Pts | Hcp  | Time | Pts |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Red Hot Go        | DNF  | 3   | DNF  |      | 3   |
| Bonus             | DNF  | 3   | DNF  |      | 3   |
| Sta Sharp         | DUTY |     | DUTY |      |     |
| Moby Duck         | DUTY |     | DUTY |      |     |
| BSTLT             | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Turkey            | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Bugs              | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Slasher           | DUTY |     | DUTY |      |     |
| The Flying Basset | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Intensity         | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Tad               | DNS  | 3   | DNS  |      | 3   |
| Louise            | DNC  | 9   | DNC  |      | 9   |
| Parks             | DNS  | 3   | DNS  |      | 3   |

## Trailerables

Editorial As evidence of the amount of work that the Sailing Committee and Mr. I. N. Blencowe has been doing while some of us have snored the winter away; as you faithful and conscientious readers of the various CSC epistles will have noted; we have a new set of courses decorated with magnificent and readily visible marks and a lightened load for duty crews. In ad-

dition we have a new race series format--- but vast heaving--- of course you all know about that---Don't you?

Response Yes!! Of course we read them all, and anxiously await the next news item from the club in order to carefully read and memorise the written words...and we regularly open our emails too. So There Mr Editor

### Heat 1 Trailable Championship & Heat 1 Pre Christmas Series 7/10/07

We had five on the line for this 1<sup>st</sup> Heat with Commodore (in absentia) Deano away cruising in the north, and Captain Mitchell and crew feeling they did not want to start in Problem Child as Mitchell has not yet had enough experience in driving the family car to tow that vessel to the ramp. Also we had terminal absences with Men At Work enjoying What A Life in the distant land of sold vessels and upwardly mobile and distant and absent skippers.

At 11.30 with a fleet of motor vessels returning to the river because of the conditions Bushranger anchored in the river mouth rolling badly, with a strong ebb tide and incoming seas from the bar. As the mast was stepped and the mainsail readied the discussion was whether we would use the No 2 or the No 3 headsail, as there was a forecast for 20 knots later and the western horizon sported an ominous cumulo-nimbus front. How wrong we were!!! And not for the last time on the day!!!

After a postponement due to one rescue boat in trouble, we started in 2-3 knots from the West with a rather short starting line and lumpy seas left over from the now disappeared strong winds of the night and the early morn. Bitter Sweet was on the line at gunfire with Bushranger to leeward of her and Eskimo at the pin end and Casper and Captain Moonlite at the boat end. As the "gun" almost blew the wind away Bushranger picked up the puff exhausting from the mainsail of Bitter Sweet and amazingly ghosted through her to leeward albeit being distracted from concentrating on sail trim by the welcome sight of Eskimo testing both the impact strength of the new buoy at the pin, and the combination of the ever present southerly set pushing her on to it and the new adhesive bond quality discovered when Eskimo and the buoy materials are placed in contact. On board Bushranger it was concluded that

Eskimo would be history today in the light conditions after doing her penalty turn when the bond was broken. Wrong again!! On a little knock Bushranger tacked to port looking for more wind on the right while Captain Moonlite and a distant Eskimo worked the left with Casper with Kirsty and Josh crewing for Chad, and Eric and Ron on Bitter Sweet worked the centre of the course.

The judgement on board Bushranger was again proven in error on two counts, both fundamental. First in a shifting light breeze wait until a knock is well established before you tack off it, and the second, that Eskimo is never history especially with Russell and Max aboard with all the expertise picked up from the Learn to Sail course. At the windward mark with a clear blue day and about 5 knots emerging from the clouds Captain Moonlite was clearly ahead by a very substantial margin from Eskimo followed by Bushranger further back, with Eric in Bitter Sweet romping away from Casper. At this stage Captain Moonlite was close reaching under spinnaker to the wing mark, as was Eskimo with the big blue spinnaker tended by Kathryn doing the job. At the windward mark all agreed we could clearly see the new marks and rejoiced in the decision to purchase them. Bushranger gained on the leaders on the reach and with the Doc on the foredeck executing a no collapse gybe of the kite, she got through Eskimo and just before the leeward mark Captain Moonlite who was having difficulties with the kite which had a bad attack of the ups and downs affliction.

At about this stage Bushranger bolted, and despite the efforts of those on board it proved impossible to slow her down. Eric seemed a real threat on CBH on adjusted CBH, and the Bushranger crew are always worried about the persistent Eskimo. The order remained unchanged then in both Divisions with Captain Moonlite following Bushranger across the line ahead of Eskimo. Eric had been doing so well that it was guessed that Bitter Sweet would take it out on adjusted CBH as she had sailed fast in the conditions due in part to the red, black and white spinnaker --- colours to watch next winter?--- while Casper suffered in the light conditions from having no extra under class rules .

The result calculations, shown in minutes per nautical mile because of the shorter course sailed by yachts in lower CBH Division, courtesy of our faithful handicapper tell it all. Bushranger from Eskimo and Captain Moonlite on CBH, and

Bushranger from Bitter Sweet and Captain Moonlite on Performance Handicap.

The Small Craft Design trophy wine was awarded to Eskimo for feats at the pin end at the start and was formally awarded after racing on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### Heat 2 Pre Christmas Series - 14/10/07

True to form Ray Cole abandoned racing. His dislike for duty continues to be supported by the weather god's who produced strong winds only long enough to call an end to racing.

### **Championship & Pre-Christmas Series' Heat 1**

|                  | CBH    | Pts | Hcp    | Pts |
|------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| CONVERTER 21     | DNC    | 6   | DNC    | 6   |
| CASPER           | 15.411 | 5   | 13.452 | 5   |
| CAPTAIN MOONLITE | 12.475 | 3   | 11.986 | 3   |
| BUSHRANGER       | 11.729 | 1   | 11.498 | 1   |
| ESKIMO           | 12.441 | 2   | 12.226 | 4   |
| BITTER SWEET     | 12.890 | 4   | 11.750 | 2   |
| ASGARD           | DNC    | 6   | DNC    | 6   |
| EXPECTING        | DNC    | 6   | DNC    | 6   |
| PROBLEM CHILD    | DNC    | 6   | DNC    | 6   |

### Heat 3 Pre Christmas Series - 21/10/07

Editorial The formal opening of the season has been carried out and we are again well into the pre Christmas season. We had a great spread from members resources to feed the visitors and members and such was the largesse that the dimensions of Commodore Deano's MSG (Mid Section Girth) measurement was noted by a visitor from the UK as increasing exponentially as the time devoted to raiding the tables was drawing to an end. All present voted the official part of the opening a great success. Our thanks go to Speaker Jenny Lindell, Justin McKeegan our Alderman and to Pat King from the Patterson River Village Committee.

With Captain Moonlite and Problem Child not starting and only a single start for a combined fleet of Off the Beach and Trailable boats it seemed as if there was a possibility of not a little mayhem on the line with a speed

range from a 14foot skiff sorting a pink asymmetric to a Sabot. As well as the speed range a displacement range went from Eskimo/Bushranger at one end down to the sabot which can be lifted by a child and a parent whereas not even Kathryn and Ian can lift Eskimo. At the start we all shared a 15-18 NxW which swung during the race to the NW and then to WxN and gradually dropped out during the race to about 5knots. The usual southerly set was moving at 0.3kt. on the GPS. There was a postponement of substantial duration as lunch was digested on the starting and course laying boats but we all got away with Eskimo and Bushranger sporting No. 2 headsails and Eric and Chad in Bitter Sweet and Casper fully rigged. Bushranger with prospective member Ian Melrose in the absence of (Doc and Clint) seeing how sailors waste their afternoons aboard tacked on to Starboard with 15 secs to go and was confronted by a Pacer with tyro crew aboard on port sailing down the line. Electing not to destroy the Pacer she gybed around to find she was on the verge of imposing a similar fate on those aboard the starter's boat. Having averted this disaster ( because reliable duty crew are hard to get), a couple of gybes later crossed the line and set about overhauling a Sabre with Steve Murphy sitting her up and sailing well in a strong breeze and significant seas. Eskimo had climbed out to weather as Bushranger set about catching her which she did just short of the mark as a call of Starboard caused a quick tack by Eskimo , and another collision was avoided.

During the beat it was instructive to note that the erstwhile speedy 14 was stationary in the water with the asymmetric spinnaker wound in wondrous ways around the rig and beneath the hull and up the other side as the skipper lay in the water bellowing at his faithful forward hand. There has to be a lesson somewhere in this!! Bushranger rounded after the fourteen and did not carry a kite on the reaches and this example was followed by Eskimo, but not by Bitter Sweet.

During the next beat the swinging breeze needed constant attention as it lightened and the drink stewards aboard were kept busy. On the final triangle Eskimo and Bushranger changed up to No 1 headsails and the positions remained unchanged with Bushranger, Eskimo and Bitter Sweet finishing in that order on both CBH and

### Pre-Christmas Series Heat 3

|                  | CBH    | Pts | Hcp    | Pts |
|------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| CONVERTER 21     | DNC    | 5   | DNC    | 5   |
| CASPER           | 16.108 | 4   | 14.060 | 4   |
| CAPTAIN MOONLITE | DNC    | 5   | DNC    | 5   |
| BUSHRANGER       | 12.012 | 1   | 11.775 | 1   |
| ESKIMO           | 12.432 | 2   | 12.217 | 2   |
| BITTER SWEET     | 15.020 | 3   | 13.692 | 3   |
| ASGARD           | DNC    | 5   | DNC    | 5   |
| EXPECTING        | DNC    | 5   | DNC    | 5   |
| PROBLEM CHILD    | DNC    | 5   | DNC    | 5   |

## Missing

Kathryn Blencowe would like to recover her clear 20 X 30cm Tupperware container with red lid that could not be found after Opening Day.

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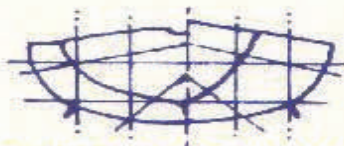
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## Effort of the Month



### Hook, Line & Anchor

There was a fishing contest conducted from the Patterson River on October 20 & 21, the weekend of Carrum Sailing Club's Opening Day.

There were a lot of competitors, the ramps were full, many of whom had spent large amounts on the right rod, reel and tackle. Steve McClelland who was on duty that day put them to shame

Armed with only an anchor and marker buoy, Steve caught a large tailor. It appears that while the Chequered flag was anchored the fish that had been hooked and broke the line got the line tied on the anchor. Steve got a pleasant surprise when retrieving the buoy.



Champagne and fish tonight.