



Welcome to Paradise

The Newsletter of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club

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Possibly "The World's Most Unique Yacht Club"

It's been a busy summer at QCYC but the holidays are now over, the rain was short-lived and the clubhouse and wharf are quietening down. A great time to visit the Club and to enjoy some solitude before the next rush at Easter. For those keen on a short trip out of the Heads, the Eastern Bass Strait Cruise is not far away, departing February 14th. Don't forget to put the Working Bee in your calendar, on Sunday March 6th.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Ahoy members,

I am pleased to report that QCYC is enjoying another wonderful summer at Paradise.

New Year's Eve was a great night at the clubhouse with the downstairs lounge transformed into a disco hall to count in the New Year. Dancing was fast and furious till the wee hours.

The New Year's Day Prawn and Oyster Day was a wonderful success, and enjoyed by over 125 people. Our thanks to chief organiser and worker Judy Hodgkins and to MC for the day, Bill Stubbs. The auction raised over \$1,200 for Cottage by the Sea - a magnificent effort. The event will be run again next year thanks to the efforts of Judy and others.

The inaugural Queenscliff Cup was run in early January despite the strong easterlies and was won by Vice Commodore Richard Lowe and first mate Ruth Jacobsen. Although the numbers were down this year, many more are expected to participate for the second running in 2017.

The QCYC Bass Strait Cruise is expected to get underway this weekend under the guidance of Club Captain Mike Phelan. We look forward to their safe return and to hearing ripping yarns of their adventures.

Back at the AGM in October 2015 a request was made for more suitable layabout furniture. Some couches and daybeds have been installed and feedback from members indicates that they are a great success. Peter Bland also very kindly contributed to the atmosphere at the Club over the summer by donating a piano which has enjoyed great use by members of all musical capabilities.

Our website at qcy.org.au, under the control of our secretary Peter Stow, has continued to grow and to be a great form of communication between the Committee and QCYC members. Well done Peter.

Our lease negotiations are continuing with Parks Victoria and we look forward to bringing you good news on that front soon.

The Committee is pleased that several members have converted their membership to the revamped and cheaper Family Membership. We encourage more members to do the same.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the Working Bee at the Club on Sunday 6th March. Let's see if we can outdo ourselves and top last year's attendance of over 70 members.

In the meantime, smooth sailing,

John

New Year at QCYC



The Queenscliff Cup



WORKING BEE SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2016



There will be a Working Bee on Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 6th March 2016.

The last Working Bee in October 2015 was attended by in excess of 70 members. Please come and create a new record for participation on this important day in the Club calendar.

It is a great opportunity to contribute to the Club as well as catching up with or meeting other members. Jobs will include, carpentry, painting, gardening, cleaning, window washing, kitchen scrub down and more. You will be welcomed with open arms,

regardless of your skills.

A great morning tea and BBQ lunch will be provided. Please come and make a fun day of it, or just call in for an hour or so.

To allow an idea of numbers, please contact Chris Laker on 0418 521199, or email: chris@lakerengineering.com

2016 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



The photographic competition established last year by Past Commodore Roger Bennett will be run again in 2016. Submissions should encompass some aspect of life at QCYC or cruising sailing. The competition is open to members of the Club and first prize will be a membership subscription for the season 2017-18.

The 2015 competition was won by Giles Lesser for his stunning picture of 'Alice' at Freshwater Point on the Tamar River. Giles' prize was a family subscription for 2016-2017.

Please submit photographs to secretary@qcyc.org.au

SOME WHARFAGE STATS

With effect from December 1st 2015, payment of wharfage fees has been solely through TryBooking. The response from members over the summer has been fantastic with all but a few nights' wharfage being paid online.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this transition happen so smoothly - the days of the little brown envelopes appear to be over.

The figures below are preliminary and include all online payments to date - 4 payments are outstanding and are not included.

December 1st 2015 to January 31st 2016

Overall number of boat visits	84*
Nights at wharf	459
Average boats at wharf per night	7.4
Average stay per boat	5.5 nights
Median stay	3 nights

*A few boats have visited 2 or 3 times over the summer. Most have visited once.

Boat visits according to Club

Sandringham YC: 19
Royal Brighton YC: 15
Royal YC Victoria: 14
Royal Geelong YC: 12
QCYC: 8
Others: 16

Timing of payment

Most visitors and some members have paid in advance of their visit whilst the majority have paid on the day of departure. A few have taken a little longer. The range of payment dates has been from 61 days before arrival, to 12 days after departure.

FOR SALE

1 KVA Kipor petrol generator.

In very good condition. Approximately 25 hours use - used only at QCYC for battery charging.

Asking price \$395.00

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