



## Welcome to Paradise

The Newsletter of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club  
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*Probably "The World's Most Unique Yacht Club"*

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*This newsletter has an emphasis on wharfage. On line payment has been an option for several months and has been used by a significant number of members. If you haven't yet paid online, please see the link below to a guide on the use of TryBooking. Cash payment will no longer be possible after November 30th 2015. A simpler fee structure was also announced at the AGM and is further described below.*

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### Opening Day

Over 100 members and invited guests attended the 53rd Opening Day on Sunday, 15th November. The season was opened by our Patron, Captain Stephen Bowater, and the Blessing of the Fleet was conducted by the Reverend Peter Martin. The clubhouse and surrounds looked in great shape after the recent working bee, and the weather also contributed to a great day.

See the [QCYC website](#) for further photographs.

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### The Goorangai Memorial trophy Race

There were 10 entrants for this year's Goorangai Race from Brighton to QCYC on Saturday 14th November. However, the southerly kept a few at home and, of the six starters, Kingurra was victorious in a close finish. The fleet enjoyed an evening of hospitality at the clubhouse, with most staying on for Opening Day on Sunday.

More details are available on the [QCYC website](#).

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## On line payment

On-line payment of QCYC wharfage through TryBooking was introduced at the AGM in October 2015, and has functioned well for several months. Over 60 members have already paid their wharfage fees or event entry online.

Although a significant change, this method has considerable advantages to you, as well as to the Club. There is no need to carry the right amount of cash, you can pay before, during or after your stay at QCYC, and it's an easy process. The TryBooking website can be accessed via [qcyc.org.au](http://qcyc.org.au) from a PC, iPad or mobile phone. Full instructions are given below for those that may not be familiar with the process. The Club is also considering the purchase of a dedicated iPad securely fastened to the wall in the foyer for those that may not have access to other devices.

From a Committee perspective, the time that used to be involved in collecting, collating and handling cash is dramatically reduced, wharfage statistics will be more accurate and easy to review, and funds will be immediately available for the Club to use in other areas. Perhaps more importantly, booking in advance for events and peak periods has the potential to give the Club a clearer picture of anticipated activity.

Following the Rule change at the 2015 AGM, credit is no longer available for boats on the register.

**With effect from December 1st 2015**, payment of wharfage fees will be solely through TryBooking. The cash safe on the wall in the foyer will remain for voluntary donations to the Club, but will not be available for wharfage fees.

### Procedure

**A guide on how to use TryBooking is available [here](#).**

If you experience problems, or have any suggestions, please email [secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au)

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## Wharfage Fees for 2015-16

Over the past few years the General Committee has been trying to make improvements to the wharfage fee structure, which had perhaps become unnecessarily complex. Contributing to this was a charge per non-member visitor or crew on board. This has now been removed, although a voluntary donation is encouraged. You now only have to select which category you belong to and pay per night your boat is at the wharf.

- 1. Members with boat on Club Register:** \$15 per boat/night
- 2. Members with boat not on Club Register:** \$35 per boat/night
- 3. Non-members:** \$55 per boat/night
- 4. Group visits:** Non-member boats from other Clubs participating in group visits arranged with and approved by QCYC will be charged the full non-member rate of \$55 per boat/night
- 5. Non-member crew:** a voluntary donation of \$5 per non-member crew or visitors on any boat is encouraged.

Wharfage fees should be paid online prior to departure, and certainly within 48 hours. There is no longer provision for credit to members with boats on the Register.

Full details are available on the [QCYC website](#).

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## Non-payment of Wharfage Fees

The Flag Officers and Committee of Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club must protect the interests of our Club and its members and, as such, will have zero tolerance for the non-payment of fees.

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