



The newsletter of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club

## Welcome to Paradise

90th Edition

*"Sail to Paradise - it's closer than you think"*

October 2015



This is the 90th edition of the QCYC newsletter 'Welcome to Paradise'. The format is slightly different from previous editions but the intent is the same - to inform members of news, updates and upcoming events. Member contribution and feedback is very welcome - please send your thoughts to any member of the Committee. The newsletter will be distributed by email, and by post to those members without active email addresses.

The stunning photograph above of a recent QCYC sunset was taken by member Glenda Fowler.

## QCYC 53rd AGM



The 53rd AGM of the Club was held at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club on October 6th 2015, and was attended by over 50 members.

A number of important changes to the **Club Rules** were approved:

**Family membership** will now include voting rights for 2 senior members (was one vote per membership)  
**Family membership** has been reduced to \$260 pa (was \$310)  
**The cap** of 500 members has been removed  
**Credit for wharfage** for boats on the register will no longer be offered

In addition, the Club Rules have been extensively re-formatted to incorporate the 'Model Rules'.

The introduction of on-line payment of wharfage fees was announced at the AGM. Further details will be circulated during November 2015.

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

## Alan Farman: Club Person of the Year 2015



The QCYC 'Club Person of the Year Award' for 2015 was presented at the 53rd AGM to Alan Farman. The award is an opportunity for a member to receive recognition from the General Committee for an outstanding contribution to the Club.

In making the presentation to Alan, Commodore Roger Bennett noted that Alan had devoted many hours to the Club, doing anything from fixing fridges, clearing sewage blockages to digging out capeweed plant by plant. Alan is a 'retired' plumber who can't stop working and was responsible for almost single-handedly re-cladding the clubhouse with Colourbond. Roger also thanked Alan's wife, Margot, a regular helper at the Club as well.

Many congratulations Alan for this well deserved recognition.

## Working Bee: October 18th 2015



Rear Commodore Chris Laker, Grand Organiser of the Working Bee, would like to thank the 70 plus members that came along to the Club on Sunday.

The weather played its part in making this a highly successful and productive day. Members were soon deployed to jobs that included cleaning, painting, gardening and carpentry. With so many people throwing in their hands the work was accomplished quickly and efficiently, leaving plenty of time to socialise and to enjoy the expansive morning tea and plentiful barbecue lunch.

Thank you to everyone that attended, and to those members that supplied and help prepare morning tea and lunch.

## Melbourne Cup Weekend Cruise



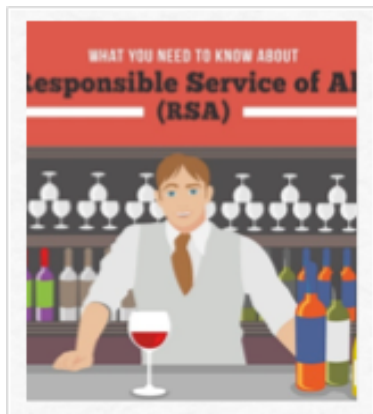
Cruise from your home club to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club on Saturday 31st October 2015 and then on to QCYC the following day, before returning home on Tuesday 3rd November. This promises to be a fun filled and sociable weekend. If the weather cooperates, it will be even better.

**All participating boats should register on-line in advance via TryBooking.**

For all enquiries please contact Mal Billings ☎ 0418 171315 or email: [malbillings@netspace.net.au](mailto:malbillings@netspace.net.au)

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

## Help run the bar!



Running the Club bar depends on a roster of volunteers with their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate. The more members the Club has with RSA, the more attractive the roster.

The Club will be running another course for the RSA certificate on Saturday, 7th November 2015. If you do not have RSA, this is a great opportunity to obtain it. The course itself is interesting, informative and provides the opportunity to learn in the company of other Club members.

There are still places on the course. If you are interested, please contact Vice Commodore Richard Lowe on mobile 0412 175 196 or email [office@rfla.com.au](mailto:office@rfla.com.au)

## Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race



Don't forget to sign up for the Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race from RBYC to QCYC on Saturday 14th November 2015. Then stay over for Opening Day the following day.

Full details, including the Notice of Race and booking arrangements are available on the [QCYC website](#).

## QCYC 53rd Opening Day



Arrangements are well underway for the 53rd QCYC Opening Day on Sunday 15th November 2015. Our Patron, Captain Stephen Bowater, RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus will officially open the new season in a ceremony starting at 13:15. The Reverend Peter Martin, Vicar of St James' Church (Point Lonsdale) and St George's Church (Queenscliff) will conduct the Blessing of the Fleet.

A light lunch, prepared by [Rocksalt Food Company](#), will be served at 14:00.

Please come and support the Club on this important day in our calendar. Even if you're not entering the Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race, try and sail to QCYC. It's always good to have as many boats as possible for the Blessing of the Fleet.

If you have any queries, or would like to contribute in any way, please contact Peter Stow ☎ 0419 315950, or [secretary@qcy.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcy.org.au)

## New Year's Day: Seafood Luncheon



It has been suggested that the New Year's Day Seafood Luncheon should be revitalised. The luncheon has not taken place over the last two years for a number of reasons and several members have expressed disappointment.

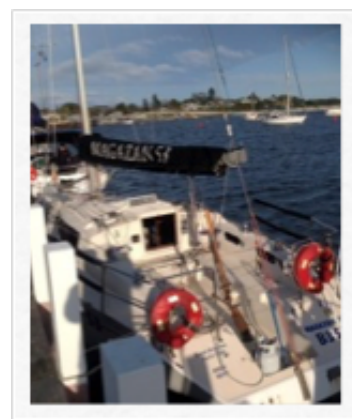
Commodore John Mooney and the General Committee would welcome feedback from members. If there were to be widespread support for holding the luncheon on January 1st 2016, the Committee would consider how it might be organised efficiently and effectively.

If you feel that the luncheon should be reintroduced and you wish to support it in 2016 please email [secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) or write to The Secretary, PO Box 77, Queenscliff, Victoria 3225.

## New Wharfage Fees

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 prior to departure, and certainly within 7 days. **There is no longer provision for credit to members with boats on the Register** (approved at AGM 2015).

These fees take immediate effect - temporary signage is in place at the Club.

Full details are available on the [QCYC website](http://qcyc.org.au).