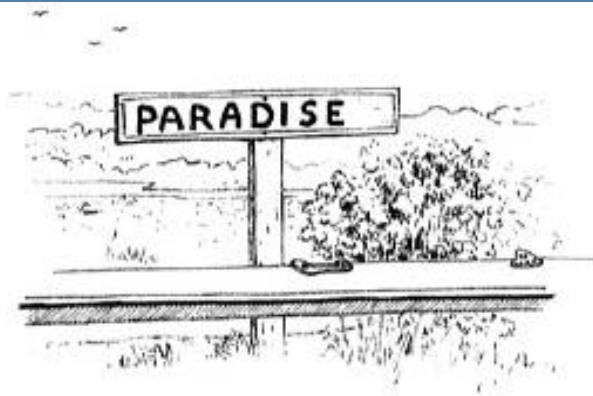




A MESSAGE FROM PARADISE



THE 87TH NEWSLETTER FROM THE QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB DECEMBER 2013

Dear Members

November has been a very busy month at the Club. We have had many visiting yachts, our 51st Opening Day was held, the Goorangai Cup was raced and won and the “Renovation Delight” continues.

Visiting Yachts

QCYC hosted the visitors from Blairgowrie, Brighton and Sandringham. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old ones, while the bar till ran hot and the tales of the sea were shared.

It was fabulous to see everyone

pitch and do what they could to



prepare their food around the disruption of the renovation and a marvelous time was had by all and we look forward to seeing you back again over Summer.

Our 51st Opening Day

Thank you to all who attended and who brought food to feed our hungry 150 sailors, shore crew and special guests. It was such a lovely day and it gave all who attended a chance to view the works completed to date and really created some excitement about the future.

We were very fortunate to have many distinguished present including the MP Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, The Hon. Ryan Smith, who acknowledged our commitment to building greater community engagement over many years.

Our patron Captain Kath Richards opened the season and Reverend Martin blessed the fleet and our gunner Les Dusting fired the cannon to open the Season, much to the delight of the crowd. We were also pleased to have Sarah Henderson, Federal Member for Corangamite and the Mayor of Queenscliffe, Cr. Helene Cameron join us to celebrate the culmination of our 50th year celebrations and recognizing our youngest members through the placement of the Time Capsule.

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Rear Commodore Lee Renfree was accompanied by 5 of our future Flag Officers to seal the beautifully crafted time capsule donated to us by Noel Essex and we thank him for this generous gift to QCYC and the future of our Club. Our Junior Members Nick and Matilda Lee, Katherine, Evelyn and Arthur Lesser all took part in this ceremony and were presented with certificates to commemorate the occasion and were invited back in 2063 to reopen the Time Capsule for us. We know they will!



The Goorangai Cup

The lead in event to Opening Day the HMAS Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race.

On 16th November 2013 in a stiff but steady south south easterly Alegria, Barlovento, Feral, Happy Hour, Kingurra, Marni, Maatsukyer, Sundance, Twitch, Tradition, Tilting in Windmills and Ventura sailed from Brighton to the West Channel Pile.

Tilting at Windmills, Skipper Thorry Gunnensen, took out line honours and won on corrected time, closely followed by Kingurra, Skipper Ian MacFarlane, with Tradition, Skipper Murray Mackay taking third place on corrected time.



We are now in December which signals the start of summer and the busiest time of the year for the club.

Over the next few months we expect a large number of members will make the most of the club and spend some lazy summer days enjoying everything the club, Queenscliff and the region has to offer.

Christmas is fast approaching and hopefully we will have a full wharf over the Christmas period so, if you are planning a trip down we look forward to seeing you. Don't forget the Prawn and Oyster Luncheon on New Year's Day. The booking form is on the website and a copy is on the back of this page.

This summer we have a number of exciting events planned to ensure we offer a range of activities for everyone to enjoy. Take a quick peek at the web site to catch up on "What's On, you'll find jazz on the deck, Games Day on Sunday and early in the New Year there'll be a Wine Tour and a James Bond Night, just to mention a few things. Keep an eye on the website: www.qcyc.org.au.

Finally, if you received this newsletter in the mail, please consider providing an email address – it makes communication much easier for us but if you would rather not we are happy to keep posting to you. All you need to do is send an email to secretary@qcyc.org.au.

Regards

Roger

Roger Bennett

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QCYC Booking Form

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Contact Email : _____

New Year's Day Prawn & Oyster Luncheon

Wednesday 1st January 2014 at 12:00

Plates of Prawns or Oysters will be on sale on the day.

**Please indicate numbers attending to ensure we
purchase sufficient supplies**

Number Attending: _____

Please respond by December 24th 2013

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