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## From the Commodore:

Thanks to the speeding calendar we are now heading toward the third quarter and spring/summer again. Probably a good thing considering the current weather over winter!! Things have been quiet at the club with the wettest season for quite a few years.

However, the committee has been very busy with standard requirements, but more with the advent of our 50 year celebrations which are advanced in planning.

Our big event during winter of course is Xmas in July and what a spectacular celebration it was with 105 people turning up and enjoying themselves well into the late afternoon.

These and other items of note are documented below together with some pics as evidence and encourage you all for next year.

Just in the past few weeks we have learned of the passing of two of our committee member's mother's in Phil and Steve Lack and Roger and Pam Bennett in very sad circumstances after some illness and incapacity. I know that I speak on behalf of all the committee when we pass on our sincere condolences and best wishes to both families and convey our heartfelt sympathies in their grief at this time.

### Xmas in July – (on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>)

Wow....what a turn up for everyone involved. Much preparation went into the event with the committee and a number of others volunteering, along with wives and partners, to provide all the necessities of decoration and food and room preparation in the hours before.

Bill and Gill Stubbs were our hosts for the day and had spent many hours cajoling for lots of goodies to be raffled together with the organising around "who does what"!



The start of a good day always starts "upstairs" following the car parking, courtesy of Honorary Life Member John Gleeson who admirably sorted the vehicles.

The Upstairs was packed with as many people as we can remember and the balcony suffering under the weight...sorry!

On returning to the dining room the pace was hectic with tables arranged based on booking numbers....pretty handy to allow parties their space and others sorted centrally around the fire ... not that this was needed...we were all quite warm.

The delicious meal and dessert was from our favourite caterers in Geelong which was interrupted throughout by the booming and witty antics of Bill Stubbs kept in order by Gill in the background!!

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The raffles proved to be the highlight of the afternoon with some indecision over two tickets with the same number....wot!! And the major prize of all that wet weather gear donated by Vice Commodore Roger Bennett out of Four Winds Marine was won by Sue White and redonated and won by Terry Harper (past Hon. Sec.) who was overjoyed by his win! A second major prize of a Spinlock life vest was donated by Jeff Dusting of Adventure Safety and collected by Kathy De Garis (Allegresse).

....A quiz set by Gillian Billings and Gill Stubbs grabbed everyone's attention and provided a

significant degree of mirth around every table with the thought of a prize at the end...Bill milked the audience with good humour and some great lines....

Betty Morrison took to the floor during the event with a short overview of what the club envisages will be a potted history of our club drawn from past Commodores and those who



can remember, in ten year groups, which will be a big part of our celebration this time next year. This will be combined with a number of other surprises during this event to see in the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.



The Commodore took a few minutes to thank all those for both coming and contributing as well as those giving time to make the day! At the end we had past Commodore Darryl Morrison as best dressed for Xmas in July.

As a result of the day the club raised around \$500 for Cottage by the Sea through this enjoyable and thoroughly eventful day. Congratulations to all....well done!

## Port of Melbourne Study

The result of the Risk Management Workshop conducted by a consultant from the University of Tasmania at Port of Melb in Williamstown in March was released in July.

In summary PoM is not changing the Shipping Fairway Zone (SFZ) between the Fawkner and Hovell Piles but they are looking at providing patrol boats to assist and educate users during the peak fishing season in this and other zones. The Steer Clear campaign will be re-run as an education process and there is consideration for further channel markers in the south around the Hovell Pile.





## Mini Working Bee – July



Do not feel disappointed or upset that there was not a general invitation for volunteers... only a small working bee in July organized through Vice Commodore Roger Bennett and Honorary Life Member Rex Prosser with around 15 people taking to the south wharf. Over 3 hours with intermittent rain we were able to fit toe rails to all the edges of this wharf. This provides a visual and physical barrier for safer use of this wharf.

Many thanks to all who gave some time to this effort.

## Meeting with our Patron Capt Kath Richards RAN

On 7<sup>th</sup> Sept the flag officers and Secretary will meet with Capt Kath Richards RAN of HMAS Cerberus, our Patron, for lunch at Royal Brighton YC with the RBYC flag officers as a matter of protocol and to ensure our patron is familiar with both clubs and their officers.

## Cruising News – members experiences!

Last newsletter we featured some interesting experiences of a couple of our members who had recently lost their yachts in racing and cruising....you will be relieved to know that they now have new craft in which to enjoy more exciting experiences and will no doubt be featured in more pleasant circumstances in further newsletter dispatches!!

A few months ago and written up in "Cruising News", Will and Pam Merritt from RBYC Cruising Group, visited the club and whilst awaiting the "right" weather got a snippet that the Victoria Water Police and Air Wing were to exercise to and from the "Queenscliff Ferry" between Queenscliff and Sorrento the next morning. So, equipped with cameras and tickets, they with others, including author John Walker, took the journey and witnessed some dramatic real life paramilitary style exercising to and from the ferry to aircraft and RIB's.

The dramatic exercises and equipment portrayed to the group means that it isn't license checking being pursued here!! .....well done to the RBYC cruising group for letting out the secrets.

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### A VERY EXCITING MORNING ON THE BAY!!

BY JOHN WALKER

Now it's not every annual RBYC event that provides up close and personal viewing of a paramilitary operation. But the intrepid cruisers on this year's cruise were treated to spectacular viewing of activities straight out of a James Bond 007 movie!

This year's group, hardened by four tough days eating and drinking and carousing in the town of Queenscliff while moored up at QCYC, were becoming restless while waiting for the strong Easterly winds to abate in Bass Strait. We decided to challenge ourselves by taking the ferry across to Sorrento for a change of scene, plus to sample some liquid and solid refreshments at lunch. And of course to taste test the infamous supersized Sorrento vanilla slices. There was solid intelligence that there might be an added bit of excitement to be seen on the 11 o'clock Queenscliff ferry departure.

It was a lovely sunny day but still quite windy with 25-30Kt gusty Easterlies (these were the reason why we were not out in Bass Strait) giving a decent 1.5 metre chop on the bay complete with white caps.

## Our Club Cupboards are cleaning out!

As previously mentioned the cupboards in the Recreational Room were in need of some cleaning and TLC and these and some others around the club have been actively cleaned out by members

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since our last communique. Many thanks to those who have been diligent. This program will ensure that others can use them in the interim over winter and spring.

## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is 2013 and begins this October!

We have a strong sub-committee under the guidance of Vice Commodore Roger Bennett who are working hard on this very important year coming up. A flyer on these celebrations was distributed with the annual issue of invoices recently to all members and we ask that you put this in a prominent spot for reference...it has all dates and events listed for your calendars.

Amongst the celebrations is the Goorangai Race from Royal Brighton on the day before Opening Day 2012 and we would implore as many entrants as possible to sail down on the day. More information and announcements will continue through our website as they develop.

## Access and security times

Remember as with current normal times .....  
Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate:

**Sunday-Friday:** 0700 - 1800 hours

**Saturday and Public Holidays:** 0700 - 1900 hours

## Orphaned Dinghies at the Club! ..... we still need help!!

Thank you to all members who have assisted us with dinghy location and management but we "still" have a number of dinghies for which we believe we have no owner.... We need these to be marked or if you cannot we suggest you contact the Secretary Jonathan Crockett who will take details and ensure yours is well marked etc.

As previously indicated, we have labeled all unknown dinghies with "QCYC" on the stern and other places and will maintain them as available for members to use as an interim.....but if you are willing to pass the asset onto another boat owner. **Let's know!! Please!!**

## Road durability and care

In the last two months we have made a small upgrade of the causeway with topping, grading a slope and rolling, organised and assisted by John Gleeson. The concept of making a distinct sloping level to the west is to strengthen and drain the eastern edge against tidal flows in winter.

This difference this has made is evident between the photos before - to the right..... and after - left. ....BUT, again I must emphasize the road is built to only withstand vehicles



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travelling at limited speeds. We really need people to NOT exceed the speed limit of 10 to 15 km/h set for our benefit.

The roads nearest the clubhouse are coping well because people observe slower speed close to the club. Please observe the speed limit of 10 to 15 km/h – remember it is your membership fees that are used unnecessarily on such maintenance.

## Updated Information .....Important Notice:

We prefer to communicate with members by email where possible with notices about events. This saves considerable time and cost. Thanks to the response so far from members we now have current email addresses for around 80% of our members but would like to increase this percentage.

Therefore, particularly if you have recently changed your email address or obtained a new email address could you please send a short email to [secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) stating your name, current preferred email address and current phone numbers.

## Welcome to new members....

Since our last newsletter the following new members have joined us and we say a big and warm welcome to them and look forward to many great days at the club in the future:

Ashley Baxter (transfer from family)  
Tom & Janet Fricke  
Philip Callwell  
Elizabeth Johnston (transfer from family)  
John Wilbraham (transfer from family)

Michael & Sarah Randall  
Gary Harris & Sally Friend  
Christopher McLean  
John Purcell

## Yachting Victoria and some confusion!

Most of you will have received a second "Silver Card" from YV a few months ago. Our apologies for this but, as part of our interaction with YV, they inadvertently sent out cards even though almost all of you are primary members of other yacht clubs both here and interstate. They have apologized but I do take our members point that this was unnecessary and costly!

## Newsflash – YV - Motor Yachtsperson of the year Award

Recently in June, at Yachting Victoria's Awards Night at Sandringham YC our Committee person, Bill Stubbs received the award for Motor Yachtsperson of the Year ... Congratulations Bill from all at QCYC on a job well done!! (Special congrats from Gill!!)

## The Club Website -

The Club Website is regularly updated and used as the main notice board for reminders of coming events.

Please check the home page and the notice board on the QCYC Website regularly. [www.qcyc.org.au](http://www.qcyc.org.au)





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## Up and Coming Events

Coming Events are listed below. Please check the Coming Events Calendar on our site and make sure that you send in the relevant booking/application details as soon as possible for all events. In particular, we would like early registration of boats for the Ross Farrow Memorial Cruise to Blairgowrie, St. Leonards and QCYC on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January as we need to know numbers early in order to arrange berthing at Blairgowrie which BYS has kindly agreed to provide.

- Sun 9 Sept – New Members Orientation Day at the Club
- Tues 2 Oct – AGM at RYCV at 7.30pm
- Sun 21 Oct – Working Bee at the Club at 9am...(BBQ lunch provided)
- Sat 3 Nov to 5 Nov – Melbourne Cup Weekend Cruise
- Sat 17 Nov – HMAS Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race from RBYC
- Sun 18 Nov – 2012-2013 Opening Day
- Sun 9 Dec – New Members Orientation Day

## Tranquility base... at QCYC.

The newsletter tries to give an overall perspective around the club .....

And looking around at the peace and tranquility it has the feel of our home away from home!!...  
...Please enjoy!

**Welcome anytime and even if you drive down the atmosphere will do you good!!**



**and watch out for special events to celebrate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2012 /2013**

## Club Address

Please note that the Club's address for general correspondence is:

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Please also make sure that you notify the Hon. Secretary of any change in email or mailing address. Remember, if we have your email address it makes communication much easier.

Fair winds and smooth seas to you all,

*Brian*

**Brian Golland  
Commodore**