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From the Commodore:



Well...Easter has seen the last of the extended holidays And we thank everyone for their patronage of our club and facilities as we head into the cooler months!



Anticipation is all about what happens next and we are no different with a number of visits from sister clubs and the Xmas in July just after mid year.

Easter

Easter brought mixed blessing this year and we had the beautiful, pleasant, average and unpleasant!



A number of members and friends came in Thursday and the wharf was full by Friday afternoon....but late on Good Friday the weather turned as predicted and strong westerlies of up to 60 knots savaged the fleet on the wharf for a few hours. All on site turned out in protection mode and braved everything that "Huey" threw at them. To the credit of everyone there was minimal damage with mainly burst fenders plus a few scratches.
(Photo courtesy of Michael Ackland)

great time in and out of the water.

Saturday brought finer weather and the clubhouse was bustling with families and the junior members having a

The Rear Commodore rounded up a good number of boats and people to take on the Peter Timms Cruise to St Leonards on Sunday.

St Leonards Yacht Club had arranged and offered us their facilities of a "tugboat" ride to shore and return with a bar service and BBQ for all members and friends to avail themselves.

The weather was the best for the weekend and a mixed fleet of yachts, motor yachts, and a cuta boat took the trip being rewarded with a very congenial atmosphere of club members with a guided tour of facilities and hospitality.



Committee member Sheryl Gray's parents were one of the original members of the club and assisted with building much of the infrastructure of St Leonards in the early days so it was a delight for her to be welcomed back amongst members.

Our thanks go to the Commodore John Royle and his committee for the fabulous effort and welcome afforded QCYC members and friends on the day.



St. Leonards Yacht Club and Motor Squadron



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Orientation Days

The club recently held an orientation day for new members on Sunday 1st April. Nine members attended and enjoyed a brief introduction to the club followed by a group walk around the premises and surrounds and a fire cart demonstration before a BBQ lunch in the lounge. Amongst the issues discussed were the policies of our club ensuring all members understood the nature of the club culture its voluntary aspect which makes the club so successful.

Working Bee - March

The working bee held in March as part of Clean Up Australia Day was a success although, due to rain in the previous few days, we were unable to have any painting completed. Fortunately essential painting was minor except that deck and outdoor furniture oiling would have been nice.

Outside we were able to clean out more of the northern bush area and a significant pile of branches and broken/dead bush material was extracted from the area including some of the land outside our lease in Parks jurisdiction. BBQ's were also given a once over!

Inside there were the usual window cleaning and general cleanup tasks and electrics were tested and maintained by our now resident electrician.

Morning tea again was supplied by past Commodore Darryl Morrison and Betty and thanks must go to them.

Additionally we were able to plant another 50 saltbush and weed significantly around the roadways and gardens. Brendon Lee donated a window for the Men's Shed and that was installed by a group under Brendon's supervision. We now have a light and airy shed.

Another group spent a couple of hours cleaning up the areas around the club property and along the Cut and bagging lots of plastics and misc. rubbish mostly deposited as a result of the tide.



Everyone enjoyed a good lunch courtesy of the committee members and partners with a cool drink to finish.

Wharf Management Policy

The committee have revised our wharf management policy as discussed at last meeting with amendments to provide maximum length of 15 metres under normal conditions and an absolute maximum length of 17 metres but under request only.

The 12 metre berthing/rafting limit off our wharf and 18 metres of fairway giving a total of 30 metres is consistent with that agreed with and on Parks released documents.

Cruising News – members experiences!

Couple's yacht runs aground off Flinders Island – Feb 2012

QCYC members couple Bruce and Sharon Rodwell in their yacht "Andiamo" activated their EPIRB at 4am on 6th February after their 40 foot vessel dragged its anchor in rough seas and

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blew on to the south side of East Kangaroo Island after they ran aground but "did everything right," said Tasmania Police marine search and rescue Sergeant Josh Peach. He said the pair were experienced and very well equipped. "I wouldn't like to say this was any fault of theirs," he said.



"They activated their EPIRB and tried to correct the situation," he said.

"They then grabbed some things including a satellite phone, jumped into the water. They were wearing the correct thermal gear and waded ashore."

"The conditions were very rough in Bass Strait. It was four to five metre swells, with winds gusting up to 40 and 50 knots," he said.

The couple suffered from mild hypothermia and were transported to Whitemark Medical Centre and returned home within the next week.

Bruce and Sharon have recovered well and are presently in the process of purchasing another yacht and plan to continue cruising. *Such is the pleasure over the pain!*

QCYC's Jeff Dusting's experience when "Inception" sinks – April 2012

(Edited item from the Warrnambool Standard, 7 April 2012)

Jeff and five others - including three from Port Fairy - were onboard the yacht Inception when it began taking on water about seven nautical miles from Port Campbell during an ocean race from Queenscliff to Port Fairy. (Note: photo of Jeff at the last working bee...in better days!)



After spending a cold and terrifying two and a half hours in the water, they were eventually rescued shortly after midnight by the crew of Trybooking.com, another yacht competing in the race.

Jeff, of Sandringham, recalled the ordeal today from his hospital bed in Warrnambool. "When the storm came through we were in survival mode," he said.

"We just had a small sail up and we were waiting for the storm to pass. When the wind died down I thought I'd take the chance to take a little nap and when I woke up 30 minutes later I noticed the bow was low in the water. I looked around and realised we were taking on water. About 20 or 30 minutes later the boat had sunk.

The men tied themselves together and tried to huddle together for warmth in the freezing seas, but the swell and waves battered them into each other and pushed them under.

"Everyone started retreating into themselves. One of the guys was really struggling. He was (saying) things like 'I'm ready to give up'. I kept talking to him.

"By then we could see the light of the rescue boat and that got our spirits up, but the boat seemed to be going around and around us because they couldn't find us.

On board Inception with Jeff were his father Ken, Doug Abbott and Chris Morris, all of Port Fairy, along with Glenn Armistead and Greg Cameron of Melbourne. The crew of Trybooking.com brought them to Port Fairy and the six men were taken to Warrnambool Base Hospital.

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He had competed in last year's Queenscliff-Port Fairy race and endured rough weather then. "Before we started, someone said 'let's hope it's not as bad as last year'," he laughed.

Jeff said he was still processing the events but added that he would definitely continue sailing - as soon as he could get another boat.

Our cupboards need cleaning out!

The cupboards in the Recreational Room and some others around the club are in many cases collecting spiders and cobwebs....and when we looked some cans of food were "use by date 1993" ???

The committee employs people to look in these cupboards on the next visit and clean or clear them out so that others could use them in the interim over winter and spring.

A container that would fit into the cupboard which items could be stored in would allow a better management of cupboards when storage is short. Obviously names, boat names and info on containers can allow the committee to reestablish these after each visit. Just a thought!

Can you help? Please contact the Rear Commodore, Naomi Wilbraham.

Port of Melbourne Study

I attended the Risk Management Workshop conducted by a consultant from the University of Tasmania at Port of Melb. in Williamstown in March with regard to commercial shipping and recreational boating in Port Philip Bay.

The basis of the workshop was about the channel between the "Fawkner" and "Hovell" beacons/piles and what likelihood there was, under different scenarios, of collisions and incidents and associated costs and other outcomes involving injury and pollution etc.

Further info. will be available in coming months and the committee will assist in informing members.

New Stubby Holders on sale at the club:

The Committee has been very successful with selling the stubby holders from the bar at the clubhouse ...

Many members have bought a few for their vessel and enjoy cold cans and display your club visibly on deck!!

At \$5 each they are a steal and much better quality than others we hear sold around the bay!!



50th Anniversary of our Club is 2013 and this will begin this October!

We have a strong committee and sub committees who are dealing with this very important year coming up.

Amongst the celebrations coming up will be the Goorangai Race from Royal Brighton on the day before Opening Day 2012 and we would like to have as many entrants as possible to sail down on the day.

More information and announcements will come in our next few newsletters.

Access and security times

Remember with the approach of winter:

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 need help!!

We "still" have a number of dinghies for which we have no owner.... If you have a dinghy at the club and don't want it or have not taken care of it recently...we want you to contact the Secretary. In the interim 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. **Please!! Please!!**

Road durability and care

Post Easter, we have committed to a further small upgrade of the causeway and John Gleeson and a few others have put in some labour to assist. The concept is to strengthen the eastern edge against tidal flows in winter. This has been done with a kind donation (again) of ex-wharf timbers from Elstone Diving and this combined with some additional planting will stabilize the gravel for minimal future works. Planting of vegetation along this roadway will commence shortly. BUT I must emphasize the road is built to only withstand vehicles travelling at limited speeds. We really need people to NOT TO exceeding the speed limit of 10 to 15 km/h set for our benefit. As I said last newsletter the roads near 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 InformationImportant Notice:

We prefer to communicate with members by email where possible, both for annual invoices and with notices about events. This saves considerable time and cost. We only have current email addresses for around 75% of our members and would like to increase this percentage if possible.

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@qcy.org.au stating your name, current preferred email address and current phone numbers.

The Club Website -

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

Please check the home page of the QCYC Website regularly.

New Members (since December 2011)

Welcome to the following recent new members:

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James and Katherine Richardson	Paul MacBain	Bernard and Sarah Allard and family
Will and Sally Baillieu and family	Paul Ingham	Ruth Jacobson
Jai Smith	Ian Curtis	Darcy McCarthy
Ian Graham	James Andrews	Lloyd Hetrick
Sarah Patterson	David and Kate Pascoe	Danny Connor and Gayle Evans and family
Peter Chalkley	Richard Lowe	
Steve and Astrid Mathews and family		Capt. Kath Richards RAN, Commander of HMAS Cerberus who has agreed to be our Patron (Honorary Member)

Taking it all in at QCYC -

Well....have you been recently to QCYC.....

And taking in the charm and peacefulness of our home away from home!!...
...Oh yes!!

Please come soon and enjoy your piece of heaven!!

Up and Coming Events

Coming Events is included 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.

9 and 10 June: RBYC Alan Robinson Trophy Race
Sunday 15 July: Christmas in July luncheon
9 September: next orientation day for new members



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

Club Address

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

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Fair winds and smooth seas to you all,

Brian

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Commodore