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## From the Commodore:



Happy New Year to you all.... as we enter 2012 having been through the Christmas period and launched ourselves into another busy year!

At our last newsletter in November we were reviewing the up and coming "end of year" functions and the visits of many yachts and boats to our club house.



Yes...Christmas came, and it was as usual, with many families coming a few days before, but most waiting until family festivities at home were complete before taking the journey to QCYC.

The week in the interim between celebrations was quiet with a number of families enjoying a great day on the water on the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to join the fleets



from Portsea racing to Launceston and Hobart via the East and West coast. It was an enjoyable and pleasant sailing day and the opportunity took many locals as well out to through the heads for a short distance before heading back for a late lunch.



The lead up to New Year was getting busier and this year we decided on some special celebration meals to



bring in the New Year as well as the usual Prawn and Oysters New Years Day luncheon.



## New Years Eve Paella Night!!

Phil and Steve Lack, together with the Stubbs', committee persons and friends around the club took on the role of organizing a "Paella Night" for New Years Eve and made the event a big inclusive party with lots of fun and a dinner party to die for ....as those who sat around tables in the dining room, enjoying not only the food, but lots of laughter and



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fun, taking the evening toward the witching hour!!

Phil, Bill and Crew took on the task by dressing appropriately and even had special T-Shirts designed for the night!! Thanks to all who worked hard and made this night one to remember!



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And to top it off, one of our new members, Patrick Roberts of Lionheart, was encouraged to bring out his guitar and had the upstairs lounge enthralled with some of his own ballads and other well known songs to round off the old year, before we all took to the downstairs BBQ area and wished each other a big and bounteous New Year as the clock ticked over at Midnight!! Good work Patrick and do it again sometime!

Les Dusing kindly gave around a dozen people a ride across the Cut in his ferry to the locals who made it for the night's celebration....thanks Les!!



## New Years Day – Prawns and Oysters

New Years day had a bright and early festive atmosphere as many arrived early including committee and friends, to prepare the venue for a big day of seafood and fun.

The tables were set and the food prepared by an industrious band of committee and members under the guidance of Lady Commodore Jill and Pam Bennett our Vice Commodore's 2IC.



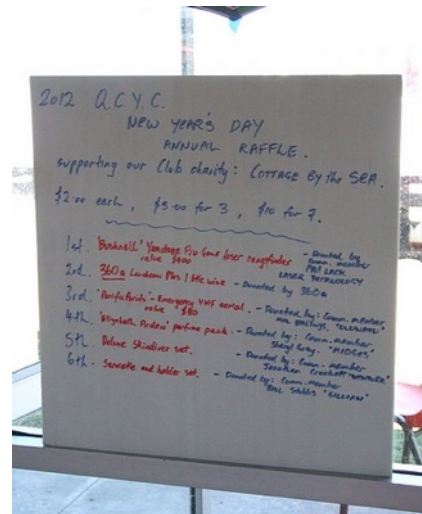
A fabulous spread and efficient service was enjoyed by all including many past Commodores, previous committee, plus family and friends celebrating a fabulous day with very pleasant weather.



John Gleeson assisted by Committee tended the bar early and provided the entrée to our main event downstairs.



It was surprising how quickly our members and friends consumed a large quantity of seafood then came looking for dessert ..... in addition to the extraordinary Bill Stubbs and his ability to manage



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With the cleanup completed late in the day all the resident visitors settled back to enjoy a well earned break for a week or so before heading home to work and other interests.

*Our thanks to the many people, too many to name individually, who took time out to buy, prepare, serve and cleanup on the day....fabulous work and a big pat on the back to you all!*

to extract the excitement of people to purchase raffle tickets for the great cause which we all care for in "Cottage by the Sea" ....over \$500 was donated on the day with a number of big and exciting give a ways courtesy of a number of our members and local organisations..



## Opening Day – Nov 20

Opening Day this year proved to be a real success with the weather fitting like a glove except for a little wind our club was turned out magnificently due to our working bee mentioned previously.

Unfortunately we missed out on having our Patron Capt Mark Hill RAN available but he was duly represented by his Chaplain Barry Porter who did a superb job. Thanks Barry.

The committee members and their wives did a fabulous job in organising everything with food, decorations, music, name tags, greeting visitors, serving, bar arrangements, cleaning up etc, etc. Our special thanks to Club secretary Jonathan for his preparation, advice and work.



We will keep our contacts with these papers going strongly in the future and ensure we have press associated with our community standing!!

The cannon in the hands of Les Dusting President of the Maritime Museum was a treat and provided something else to talk about (small and very effective!).

It was very humbling to hear good reports from all our visitors and guests and even down to the press who covered the event for the local papers. We managed good reports and pics in both the Rip Rumour and Queenscliffe Herald.



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A number of the larger clubs guests indicated that they could not compete with the food and preparation that we served to them and.... they have paid staff who undertake the work!



## Orientation Days

The club has another day coming up on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January when we will again have some new members attend for a few hours and bring them up to speed on the club mission and objectives with a quick run through the many facilities and policies of our club essentially to ensure that all members understand the nature of the club culture and the voluntary methodology that we follow. As was said in the last newsletter amongst the other issues we cover are security, emergencies, housekeeping, fire prevention, after hours needs, wharf management, family activities, car parking, maintenance, supplies, kitchen and recreational facilities, etc. A fire cart demonstration is included, with a walk around the grounds for familiarity.

## New Stubby Holders on sale at the club:

The Committee have obtained a few hundred stubby holders which are for sale at the bar upstairs...as under: Buy a few for your vessel and enjoy cold cans and display your club visibly on deck!! At \$5 each



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they are a steal and much better quality than others we hear sold around the bay!!

## HMAS Goorangai Trophy Race – Nov 19

Well the Goorangai Race was held on the day prior to our Opening Day and in some of the more atrocious conditions for some years ... from Royal Brighton to Queenscliff.



Two yachts from Queenscliff in Doug Curlewis "Kinsale" and John Barry "Sundance" ventured up the day before in a stiff northerly breeze and as the day opened after heavy rains during the night, the northerly gave everyone a sense this was to be easy....not so... a stiff south easterly can gusting up after an hour plus and put paid to any lighthearted sailing...wet weather gear and squalls met the fleet of some 12 yachts and in the end most retired except Doug Curlewis who took out the trophy in style even with some damage and a depowered rig at the finish. Well done Doug and crew!

## Defibrillator at the club house – now installed.



Recently we obtained a grant through the Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Community Enterprise of \$1250 toward a Defibrillator given our isolation and difficulties of getting urgent medical assistance if needed...this grant comes through the generosity of the local Bendigo Bank and supported by Searoad Ferries, GMHBA and Local Telco in Geelong.

It is a "**Laerdal HeartStart HS1**" and is situated (mounted in a cabinet) beside the medical kit in

the kitchen area.

We plan to have a quick number of introductory sessions with a local professional in its operation in the next few months and we will advise for those who would like to participate.



## Access and security times

Remember with daylight saving now in force .....

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate:

**Sunday-Friday:** 0700 - 2000 hours

**Saturday and Public Holidays:** 0700 - 2100 hours

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

We 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 urgently!!! Space is an issue and others may want to take ownership if you are willing to pass the asset onto another boat owner. **Please!! Please!!**

## Road durability and care

Our roads are built to only withstand vehicles travelling at limited speeds.

The club cannot afford to keep repairing the damage already re-occurring to our causeway access road which is a consequence of exceeding the speed limit of 10 km/h set for our benefit.

The roads near the clubhouse are coping well because people observe slower speed close to the club.

We are continually fixing potholes in the causeway where there is the temptation to exceed the speed limit.

Please observe the speed limit of 10km/h – remember it is your membership fees that get used up unnecessarily on such maintenance.

## Updated Information .....Important 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@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) stating your name, current preferred email address and current phone numbers.

If you received email reminders in December there is no need to respond but we would be happy if you did!!

## 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.

## Enjoying life at QCYC -

Well....it is so special sailing into QCYC.....

And enjoying the ambience and life is just what the doctor ordered...

...as can be seen!

**Please come again and stay longer!!**

## 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. In particular, put the following in your diary or register with our cruising specialist in Mal Billing.....call him!!:

March 3-12: Apollo Bay and King Island Cruise



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**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**