



# PROPELLER

ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB ESTABLISHED 1904

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## Our own Lone Pine



Lloyd Group, has completed the removal of the old clubhouse and are ready to start work on the foundations of the new building.

Mixed feelings were tempered with enthusiasm for the temporary clubhouse which opened for business on Friday the 16th of August.

The demise of the clubhouse caused several members a little sadness, and office manager, Jarmila's heart sank when the jaws of the digger chewed through the rotted timber of her office.

It's not hard to look at the pile of rubble with fond memories and past glories. The removal of the asbestos roof went fairly smoothly, until more sheets were found between the roof and ceiling, this became the first variation, but was kept to a few hundred dollars due to the good management of Len Dockrill and Darren Keast.

The Norfolk pine was one of the last items still standing, we have always despaired at the dropping of branches and needles over our boats when in the yard, yet it stood as a defiant sentinel till the last, when it finally was felled and revealed the largest colony of white ant in Williamstown.



## Bar up in Willy

Dry rot and mould greeted the team who dismantled the old bar.

For most members, we thought that the old bar was a old but stable workhorse, the reality was very different. Just underneath the polished timber was a labyrinth of dry rot and very wet moldy chipboard resting on more decayed vinyl tiles.

Although it served well, the old bar and club house was very near its use by date. The temporary bar seems to work a little better, having a smaller bar

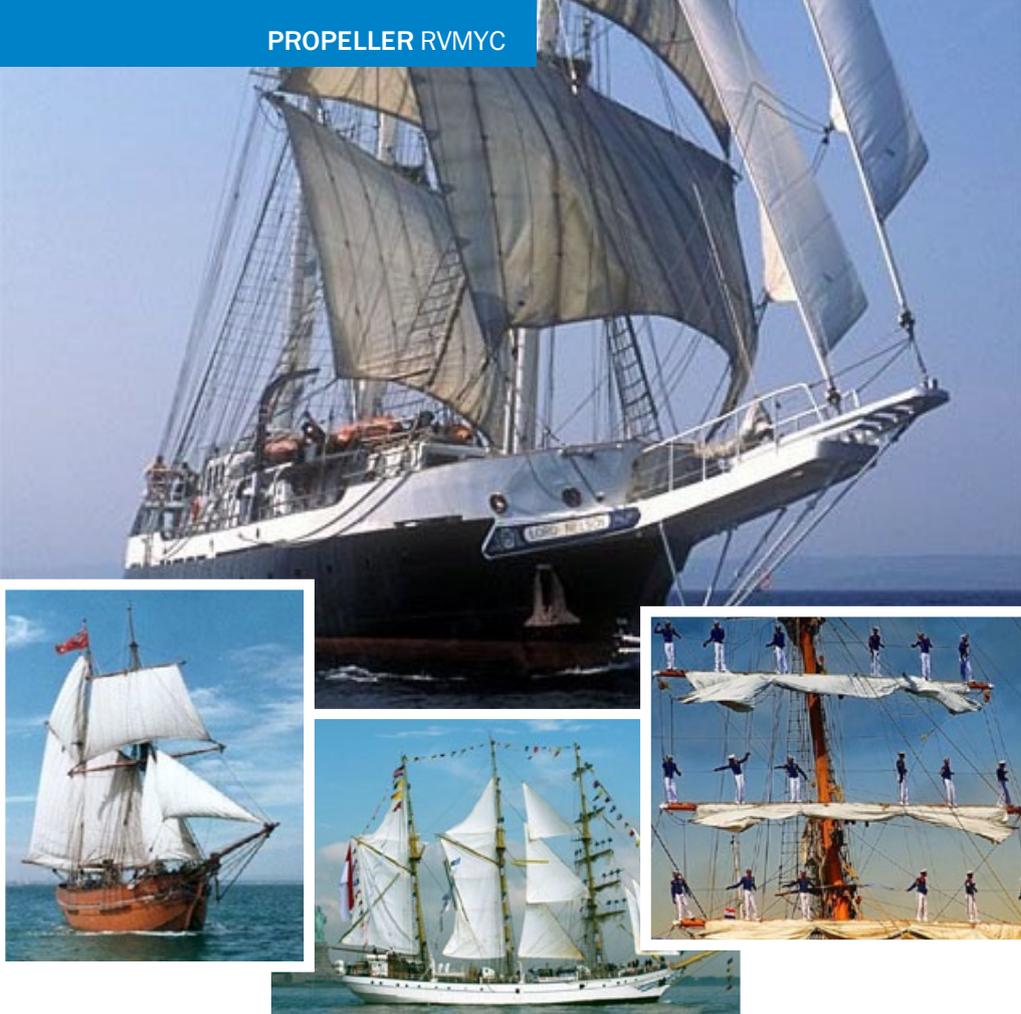
Bar opening hours:  
Wednesday 5pm - 9pm  
Friday 5pm - 10pm  
Saturday 12pm - 10pm  
Sunday 12pm - 7pm

area and more room for members to congregate, the satellite bar at the far end of the room is also well positioned to view the expansive vista now open with the removal of the BBQ area and wall.

If you haven't visited our bar and clubhouse please do, there is a great selection of wine and beer and light snacks. Prices have also been kept low with beers at \$4.00 - \$5.50, light beer \$3.00, wine at \$5.00/glass and \$15/bottle and a limited snacks menu, party pies and steamed Dim Sims at \$1 each.

In our first operating week we are not only paying for it but have made a small profit.





# Tall ships on their way

Williamstown's Maritime district is set to come alive with the visit of several international tall ships from Thursday 5 September to Sunday 15th September.

RVMYC will have a stall at Seaworks on the weekend of September 7 and 8 promoting the clubs development and membership drive. So why not drop by and say hello?

Members are encouraged to visit the website below to keep up to date on the arrival times of the ships.

<http://www.melbournetallships2013.yachting.org.au>

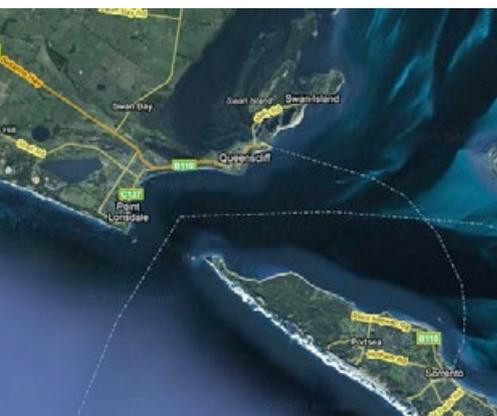
As the ships are arriving at different times (yet to be confirmed) it is difficult to organise a welcoming flotilla. But keep free the morning of Saturday 14th September.

The ships will be departing at 1000 hours and will make a spectacular sight as they make their way in a Parade of Sail to Capel Sound anchorage in preparation for their departure through the heads the following day.

Non boat owners are most welcome. Please contact Jarmila in the office if you'd like to come along and we'll team you up with a club boat that is going out.

# HMAS Canberra tour

The tour date has been confirmed for Sunday 29 September. Due to overwhelming interest, it will be held in two groups, so please register by 9.30am.



# Rip Tour - Book now

A reminder to members that the Rip Tour on Sunday 13 October organised by the ORCV is filling up early.

The tour will provide a well planned and executed transit of Port Phillip's Heads, with an emphasis on doing so in low-powered vessels and provide information to participants on the numerous navigational aids and strict procedures required for safe passages through.

- Knowledge of safety procedures
- Identification of navigational aids
- Familiarisation of the leads and use of safe water channels
- Understanding radio protocols
- Awareness of expected inbound and outbound traffic and obligations
- Confidence in traversing The Rip either during day or night with identification of leads and tidal flow
- Weather conditions and their effect on tidal streams.

Boarding location	Board Time	Return Time	Duration
Sorrento Pier	1.20pm	4.40pm	3hr 20min
Queenscliff Marina	2.20pm	4.00pm	1hr 40min

**Cost:** Tickets are \$85.00 per person for ORCV members and \$95.00 per person for non-members.

## EDITOR'S NOTE



We welcome contributions from members, Propeller will endeavour to publish articles as soon as possible, space permitting.

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# From the Commodore's Deck

in the process of either renovating, extending or re-building, the overall impression is that boating activity around the bay is on the increase, the

somewhat tremendous moment committing the club to that level of investment and it was not done lightly. I assure the club that I will endeavour to commit wholly to this period and I am buoyed by the level of support shown by members recently.

Dear Members,

**Wow! What a huge month this has been. Everyone should be proud of what they have achieved. It's ridiculous thanking everyone, because, this month proves that the club IS its members. Everyone has put in! it's our club - our efforts, our time, our commitment that has transformed us into a cohesive, passionate, committed family.**

I am overwhelmed by the support, I saw numerous examples of generosity, in both time and materials. What we have created is not a bar or clubhouse, we have strengthened bonds and friendships, we have created a unique atmosphere where disparate opinions or ideas are accepted and harmonised. What we have created is a club built out of trust and passion. I feel honoured to be leading this club during this period. Thank you all.

This transition period has certainly started well, on a recent Commodore's meeting at Royal Geelong Yacht Club, discussion centered around many improvement projects around the Bay. Hobsons Bay Yacht Squadron, Royals and RGYC are all

popularity of sailing and the increase in boat ownership has impacted directly on numbers in other yacht clubs. We will be well placed to take advantage of this resurgence in popularity, our new facility can capitalise on this trend. The committee are constantly looking to the future, I have my eyes firmly on the sea ahead while the committee are doing a fine job of getting us there.

We have entered into preliminary planning on the extension and redevelopment of the marina, which, may not happen for a while, but, we need to remember planning of the clubhouse redevelopment commenced 12 years ago! Hobsons Bay Yacht Club and Royals have started negotiating with Parks and State Government, its imperative that the RVMYC is protecting and lobbying our clubs interests.

One historic moment was the signing of contracts with the builders, Past Commodores Mark Rindfleisch and Darren Keast attended along with Vice Commodore Chris Ackerman, Rear Commodore John Zammit, Hon Secretary Don Healy and Treasurer Paul Doherty. It was a

Lets all try to gather together at the new clubhouse, not only to drink, but to continue to forge relationships and contribute to a healthy club atmosphere. Our club is unique, its in a unique place, with a shared vision. I'm glad we are all on board.

One last plea for our Opening Day, this marks the start of our boating season and I would love to out-do all others, we will pull out all stops to deliver a great event right here in our club, I ask you to join in.

Safe Boating and I hope to see you at the club!

**Simon Mills**  
Commodore

## Local paper gives the Club a plug

The clubs re-development received coverage in the August 7 edition of the local newspaper.

Commodore Simon Mills, Vice Commodore Chris Ackerman and Committee member Greg Miles posed for photographs before actual demolition started, although Simon was driving

the bobcat through the clubhouse days before, and we can now guess his management style by the way he wields that sledgehammer.

*Autographed copies of the photo will not be available.*

## Opening Day 5 October 2013

This year's opening celebration will take place within the club's grounds. We will erect a marquee next to the temporary clubhouse and provide seated 3 course lunch.

This year member Mark Foley has organised for 'Missy B' to be the Flag boat for Opening Day. The Commodore and dignitaries will be aboard her for the Sail Past.



Photos: Mark Rindfleish

# Building a future

So, how many members does it take to build a clubhouse? Many hands and 2 weeks later, the RVMYC has established a new clubroom while the re-development is underway. There were so many members willing to give a hand that its hard to single out any one individual. It's going to be a close race for Club member of the year, there is a 'book' running and some favorites are Sam 'cut a bit of wood' Cutajar, Peter 'every tool in the world' Rodgers, Ronnie 'you see him everywhere' Clark and Darren 'I used to be in charge' Keast.



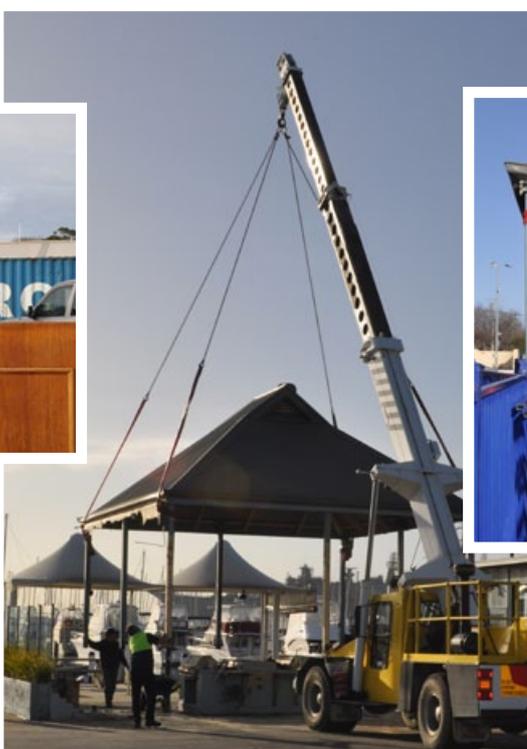
**The building kicked off with the signing of contracts by the Commodore Simon Mills and architect Simon Greenwood.**



**Commodore Simon Mills checking his shaking hand after signing**



**I'll have a beer thanks Bob!**



**OH&S anyone?**

**Sandy gave up the grog for a cleaner life**



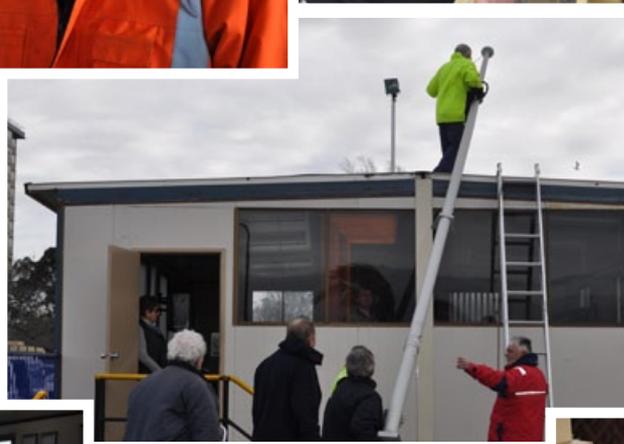
**Separated at birth?**



**We're always watching you know**



**The first bell ring! Thanks Jane!**



**Close friends getting acquainted**

Photos: Mark Rindfleish

# Building a future cont.

**Now where did I leave that bag of cash**



**C'mon boys get out of the way**



**This is probably the first 'A' Greg ever got**



**As usual Mark Rindfleish in front**



**Their last job was at Snowtown**



**Hmmm, do we? Don't we?**



Story and photo: Paul Ringe

# Penguin rescue

On Sunday 23 June we were returning to RVMYC after a really good weekend at RGYC for the inaugural Oslo Cup rally, the result of which is of no interest to the readers!

After a foggy departure we cleared the fog just before noon off Werribee River, I picked up speed and had settled in for the run home when I saw a flock of gulls off the stbd. bow attacking something in the water, I slowed down and altered course to see what was happening. To our consternation we saw a fairy penguin being savagely attacked by the gulls, it was obviously injured and in great distress. Despite his best efforts he could not escape and so I thought we should rescue him. Jude got him in the fishing net first go and he was safe in the cockpit of Sojourn.

While this is nature as per normal, it was not a fair fight so the gulls headed off to the rubbish tip takeaway. The penguin had a badly damaged eye

but otherwise looked ok. I phoned a friend who was a vet in Werribee for advice but she was out of town. The next call was to the zoo who were keen to help and said bring him in which I did.

I was amazed at the concern they had for the welfare of a little bird. He was taken away and I was told they would let us know his fate. Some hours later I had a phone call at home to say he was a sick bird, but he was in hospital and was blind in one eye, badly malnourished and had an abscess around his eye, so it was wait and see.

A couple of days later I phoned to be told he was improving and due to being blind could not be returned to the bay as is the result if they recover. So his fate was to become a one-eyed member of the zoo penguin colony which is a good outcome.

I was going to hold a naming contest, but a colleague unkindly thought that due to the colour of his coat and his being one eyed there would be no contest, so "Collingwood" he is. Well he certainly is a fighter!



Sick, sad but saved.

Thought of the Day:  
Too much of a good thing, is a good thing!

**The Little Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*) is the smallest species of penguin. The penguin, which usually grows to an average of 33 cm (13 in) in height and 43 cm (17 in) in length, is found on the coastlines of southern Australia and New Zealand, with possible records from Chile.**

**Apart from Little Penguins, they have several common names. In Australia, they are also referred to as Fairy Penguins because of their tiny size. In New Zealand, they are also called Little Blue Penguins, or just Blue Penguins, owing to their slate-blue plumage, and they are called Korora in Maori.**



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Story and photo: Paul Ringe

# Ripper of a trip

One of the many highlights of boating at the southern end of the bay is the Queenscliff Harbour. This delightful marina with array of shops and proximity to the city centre is a real favorite of many.



The Marina is also home to the Port Phillip Sea Pilots. RVMYC's Paul Ringe is a past member of this exclusive club and has been happy to organise trips for several members over the past couple of summers.

But things went a bit hay wire this year. On board the Akuna 4 were Paul, his wife Judy and your correspondent's better half Alison.

*Paul takes up the story.....*

"The wind speed at Pt. Lonsdale was 55 knots, seas 6 - 7 metres as the ebb tide met the South

Westerly gale in The Rip. We had to go out to the Pilot Boarding Ground 5 miles off Lonsdale to put a Pilot on an inward ship. The launch speed was 15 knots out to the ship, and on 3 - 4 occasions it was airborne for about 3 seconds until she crashed back into the trough of the next swell with a huge noise, how no damage was done is a tribute to the designer, and builders. Coming back in the same weather but a following sea our speed was 28 knots!

We put the pilot on a mid-sized 264 metre container ship, a few meters longer than the Rialto building is tall. We were supposed to take a pilot off an outward ship but it could only manage 6 knots against the weather and had to go about 6 more miles out so she could safely come around on to a course that would give a lee for smooth water for the pilot to get off, so they brought us back in to the Pilot Jetty, to fill in the hour it needed. A fun way to get to work!"

.....  
Well you might not want to head through the rip (or was that the R.I.P?) but do consider Queenscliff Harbour for a fun boating destination. And who knows Paul might be able to arrange a trip you'll never forget!



# Casual berthing procedure

There is always a right and a wrong way of doing something, sometimes there is just a way. The casual berthing situation at the club may have some issues, but it does work, as a reminder we have summarised the important points.

- In the event that a member requires a casual berth they must write to the Club stating that requirement.
- If a suitable berth is available at the time the club Administration Manager will advise them accordingly.
- Before placing their boat in the berth they must fill out and sign a casual berthing request form (see attached) and submit a current copy of their boat's insurance certificate in line with the Club's Rules.
- The boat can then be berthed in the allotted space however must be removed from the marina at 24 hours notice.
- If there is no berth available at the time of the written request then that request will become void, i.e. no waiting list for casual berthing will be kept. It is effectively a "first in, best dressed" system.
- Occupation of a berth on a casual basis does not give the casual berth holder any inherent rights over the berth and does not obligate the Club to provide them with a berth on an ongoing basis.
- The committee has full discretion over who can occupy a berth and a vessel must be removed at the direction of the committee with no reason being necessary.

# Education Seminars



**We kick off our Wednesday night Education Seminars on 11 September.**

At great expense the club, in association with Marine Safety Victoria, has brought from across town an experts in navigation, weather and diesel systems, be entertained and learn a thing or two while enjoying the trappings of the temporary clubhouse.

**Wednesday Sept 11th:**

Weather  
Presenter: Ken Alonso

**Wednesday Sept 18th:**

Navigation  
Presenter: Doug King

**Wednesday Oct 16th:**

Marine Diesel Fuel Systems  
Presenter Owen Smart  
Specifically targeting RVMYC type of boats. i.e. NOT trailer boats, NOT yachts, NOT ferries, NOT big ships, and only covers DIESEL fuel systems.

Please register with Jarmila in the office and remember its FREE, so bring a friend.



Due to the increased congestion and traffic, expected during the construction period, we would like all members, to park near the fence. The Building sub-committee is looking at erasing existing lines and painting new carpark lines, but, in the meantime we would ask all members to be conscious of building traffic and access for trucks and park as close to the front fence as possible in the coming months.

## Sunday 22 September Maribrynong River Cruise

Leaving the club at 11am to Canning Reserve where members will have a BBQ if weather turns an alternative will be Anglers Tavern.

# Pelican Brief Pt 3

Here as on the US Pacific west coast, wooden fishing boats are often converted for private use, as fleets are downsized, due to disappearing fish stocks, and the preference for steel hulls.



Available boats are mostly too large, and sometimes the worst boats are those on the market, after existing boats and owners are re shuffled.

Having been around boats all my life, I had a good idea of what I wanted. I was currently fishing from the Tafe-built 14 footer, and I had ambitions to cruise. Four previous boats, ranging from an 18 foot Hartley to a Randall 40, were either too small,



or had no accommodation, or used too much fuel, or all of the above. Certainly none were suitable for ocean running. I watched Trade a Boat for 3 or 4 years, until in late 2005 I spotted the Tasman Sea, for sale by her owner-builder, John Settree. She is now Pelican, seen in berth 31 north on the marina.

She has all the right stuff; 42', heavily built of spotted gum in 1979, with a big sweepy sheer, forward wheelhouse, and a Gardner 6LXB with Twin Disc trans., 23 tons, 15' beam, and 6' draught. Fuel carried is 1200 litres.

Two mates put their hands up for the delivery voyage from Jervis Bay: Mike Sutcliff, who cruises a 44' Ranger, and Gary Sutton, a tug skipper for the Port of Melbourne. We set off in my old Range

Rover, with a trailer load of extra gear, and the provisions. On the first two legs, to Bermagui and then Eden, Mike bought the Rangy along, and the weather was performing on cue. The boat's general condition was just OK, sound but lacking in recent maintenance, and needing a refit. When asked if she would make Melbourne, John replied "Ooh yeah". This became the standard reply to any question of subsequent failure or maintenance need.

Mike and Gary took the 27 hour, long hop to Welshpool, and I moved the Rangy up. We were enjoying a perfect 5 day weather window, flukey as we had bought the trip forward to suit Gary's roster.

Adrian Jobson, then a part owner, came down to participate, and the two guys took the vehicles on to Melbourne. We fuelled up, and departed Welshpool at 3.30 PM. Sea conditions passing the Prom: flat calm, not a hint of white water around the rocky cape. Passing Citadel Isl. as night fell, I gave Adrian a course to steer, and took a nap.

Having forgotten to set a distance, I awoke to find Cape Liptrap just off the bow! A turn to port, and we were on course to Cape Schanck.

The overnight trip to Port Philip was dramatic, first a brightly lit squid boat, then a seemingly abandoned large schooner, with no one on deck or answering our hailing. The night sky blazed brightly, all the stars, planets, milky way, and nebulae showing off; one could read the newspaper without further illumination. Porpoises swam under the bow, in the powerful fluorescence, their bodies outlined like neon signs.

At dawn, a huge white pointer lazed on the surface nearby, it's dorsal fin a good metre high out of the water. We docked at 5.00 PM, after a slow run up the 'Bay, pushing a fast ebb at the Heads, and a 25 knot northerly, marking the end of the high pressure system. Not a being a club member then, we tied up at Ann St, only to be unceremoniously given the boot by Parks Victoria. Soon we acquired a

swing mooring, but N31 alongside at RVMYC, after shuffling about for 2 years before a permanent berth, is looking and feeling good.

A brief summary of upgrades for those foolish enough to contemplate this: Replace worm-shoe, strip and paint hull externally from bare wood, total re caulk, new anodes, overhaul fuel, pumping, and cooling systems, replace exhaust, replace engine sump, improve electrical, (still a lot to do), 15 sistered frames, rebuild bulwarks and seal around stanchions, patch and seal deck, (lots of holes from removed gear), paint engine, replace cap rail with 32mm nyato, new S/S railing. Good used Muir winch, 120 metres of 10mm chain, new hydraulic steering, used auto pilot by courtesy of Barry Chambers, (still to be fitted), upgrade SatNav and depth sounder, RIB ex Theo, new 15 HP Merc., toilet and vanity (for the girls), new upholstery, new gas stove, table, and fridge. Recently fitted S/S BBQ. Sort out rigging and derrick for RIB. 12 V house system, (boat is 24 V).

Make and fit swim board. Fresh water tanks. I am currently overhauling the prop shaft and bearing, and modifying the engine front oil seal. Half a ton of lead to ballast against machinery removed. 240 V electrical. (I am not contemplating a gen set, solar will do).

New floor in the engine room. All this and annual haul out, anodes, and re paint. Marina fees, fuel, and insurance.

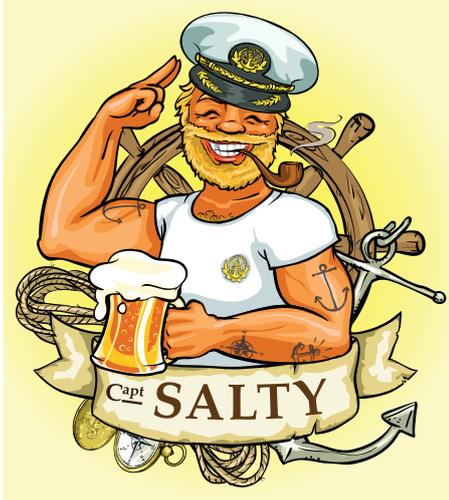
I am building a coach house for the after deck, off site, with 32mm solid amora, 10mm laminated glass, and a sliding hatch.

After that, some fit out below the coach house, and perhaps hot water, to complete the live-aboard concept. On going!!!!!!

I am hoping to cruise to Lord Howe, and Kangaroo island, before being nailed up in a pine box. We shall see...

a huge white pointer lazed on the surface nearby, it's dorsal fin a good metre high out of the water.





So I'm sittin on me boat the other day nursin a cracker of a headache lookin and wonderin how the hell a bottle of Jim Beam could have evaporated overnight. Bang bang bang me heads goin.

Bang bang bang, I hear it again. Bang bang bang. Then I looks outer me port hole and notice half the club house was gone! Hell what a night they had there im thinkin to meself.

Then it just dawns down on me like. The clubhouse was comin down! Capt'n had heard talk of this fer years but surely it wasn't really happenin'?

So I walks down the jetty and see what's brewin. Bang bang bang I hears. And like a mirage there appears another mini-club house right next to where the old one was. Bang bang bang goes me head, and then I sees 'em. Club members. Aye club members on the end of hammers and saws and all manner of electric tools. Bang bang bang they go almost in rhythm with the captain's head.

Twas really quite amazin to see. These club members looked like the little dwarves in Snow

## Ahoy me matey's (members)

White. Hi Ho Hi Ho and off to work they go...

So good was the bangin that Ronnie Clark, Alf Holmes, Sandy Ellul and Max Emmitt had built for 'emselves their own bar!

Sammy Cutcherfingeroff had, a coupla days earlier, driven trucks through the city of Willi with a half a house on the back like a man on the set of Mad Max! I tells yer ...let this man loose with a power tool and it's a frightenin sight. Bit like watchin the Commodore Mills with a mighty saw cuttin' his way through the car park!

Crackerman was runnin around with cameras and wires and supervisin the whole thing which meant Captain Rindfleish must have been outer-a-job cause that's what he does best.

Capt'n Salty was mighty surprised to see John Zammitt, Greg Miles and Daniel Keas workin together on re-doin the letterin on the club. Biggest surprise was it looks like they got the spellin right! Livio was putting up curtains and lights and arguing a lot about where photos should be hangin. David Collins made the phones work, Len Dockrill was busy makin the right calculations so as the bbq roof won't be blown away. And a mighty gust a coupla days later really tested his maths too!

The ladies was workin overtime too. Cleanin up and polishin everything in sight. Judy Ringe, Alison Miles, Kathie Rindfleish, Fiona Zammitt, Susan Mills, Jane McAloon all worked fingers bare. Almost everywhere yer Cap'n looked he saw workers workin. Like Darren Keast, Peter Rodgers, Theo Rau, Rob Barnes, Harry Varelas, Len Hayes, David Collins and Brian Woodward. Can you believe all these members was all pullin' together? There was JoeBorg, Bob Battye, Ed Keane and Alan Crighton...sounds like a good school of

drinkers but they was all workin! Twas getting all too much fer yer capt'n so I was back on me boat for a nap soon after. After pushin up a few zzzzs the capt'n was right again. So off to the club fer a quick snort. Well the club house looks terrific. All carpeted and the bar lookin real good. Amazin what can happen when you work harmoniously! Well done members. Makes the captain real proud to be a non-financial member of a great club!

*PS: Salty says real sorry for leavin' out the names of those who worked damn hard. He tried rememberin but his head was just goin bang bang bang..*

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## Farewell to Broadway



This month brings the sad news that Andrew Broadway resigned as a club member following his partner Sunny and after selling his boat 'UELYA'. Andrew and Sunny have been stalwarts in the club serving on most sub committees, on committee as Hon. Secretary and, of course, running our Nav Rallies for many years through many stormy and 'sunny' days. Thank you for your years of involvement.

Our reporter caught up with Andrew for his take on life...

**How did you get involved in boating, what was the magic spark?** As a keen fisherman I realised that I would catch more fish from a boat rather than the land. This proved to be true when I purchased my first dinghy (9 ft.) in 1974. The boats kept getting bigger and bigger, 10 ft., 12.6 ft., 15 ft., 25 ft. and finally Uelya at 38 ft. I am pleased to say that Sunny enjoyed being on the water as much as I did, the fishing became irrelevant.

**How long have you been at the club and who introduced you?** I was introduced to the club in 2005

by Adrian Ames, with whom we had enjoyed some boating over the years following our meeting at Pier 35. He introduced us to Rob and Cherie Mitchell and Rob put my name up for membership.

**What has been your favorite boating destination?** Our favorite boating destination is probably Queenscliff - we have had some wonderful times there.

**Do you have a favourite club story?** There are so many stories, most of which should not be published, however, observing the antics of those participating in Nav. Rallies provided many good laughs, the Regatta races last year are not to be forgotten, the commaraderie of fellow members in places like Beaumaris Bay, Point Cook, Apollo Bay, Owen's mussel feast at Portarlington, learning so much on our first 'trip around the bay' with Rantui, etc.

**If you don't already own it...what is your dream boat?** I would like a 'Mocci 44' - still thinking about it.

**Do you have any "advice" that you'd like to share with other members?** The best advice I could offer is to try to get along with everybody, don't align yourself with a 'faction' - the club is too small and there are so many different people with different ideas.

**What is one thing people don't know about you?** No nothing...what you see is what you get with me!

# Club News

## social/mariner

The year is beginning to gather pace with a few up coming events, a casual trip to SYC on Fathers Day on Sunday 1st of September.

Opening Day is now decided to be at the Club, ideas were to have it at neighboring venues, but we think we can create the proper environment within the Club's premises.

The Fashion Parade is organised for Friday October 18th, bring your 'A' game to the RYCV, we have great prizes, great wine and a fabulous show.

## works/marina

Quite a busy period in the last months with the re-development, most items are catalogued and stored, the two containers are jammed with all club goods the kitchen items alone occupy one container.

The marina sub committee is still continuing its drive to maximise the boats within pen sizes, there are currently a few pens that are coming up and a decision on which boat fit, will be made shortly.

Mark Micic has been allocated N34 and little 'Tess' will be moved in due course.

Pile repairs have been started by East West, this is Stage 2 repairs and should be completed shortly.

## boating

The boating sub committee reminds members of the Tall Ships Festival, as many RVMYC boats possible are encouraged to be on the water to escort then out into the bay and onwards out of the heads on Saturday September 14th at 10am. Please register your interest with Jarmila.

Our NavRallys will be commencing soon and we would like to encourage all members to participate.

The Maribyrnong River Cruise on 22 of September will be held at Canning Reserve where members will have a BBQ if weather turns an alternative will be Anglers Tavern.

## Membership

The club will be hosting a stall at the Tall Ships Victoria Festival and we require volunteers to man the membership drive desk.

The club has been offered a booth for the duration of the Festival, kindly negotiated by Committee member Greg Miles. Dean Rule (Chair of the membership committee) is organising a manned stall for the weekend of the festival 6-8 September. Please register with either Dean or Jarmila if you can help.

We wont have much to display, but we can talk about the club's rich heritage, vibrant atmosphere and bright future!

## catering

The catering sub committee has been frantic setting up and establishing the temporary bar and Guidelines for the new premises.

Guidelines for the Temporary bar is in line with the old clubhouse, BYO cannot be consumed during bar opening hours, drinks need to be purchased over the bar.

Due to the constricted space of the new BBQ area, we would like members to advise the office if any large groups are planned, and at this time no bookings are allowed.

Non member events are not permitted until further notice.

## general meeting

The Quarterly General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 4 in the clubhouse.

## building

Our issue with our electricity supply to the new clubhouse and marina has been resolved with Jemena agreeing to construct and maintain the electrical node off site. Members might have noticed power disruptions to the marina, and contrary to popular belief, it wasn't deliberate (sorry southern arm). The builders mistakenly disconnected a power supply that serviced only the end berths of the southern arm.

A few power outages will continue initially, all will be resolved by the end of the week.

Many thanks to all who contributed time and materials to the Club, we are astounded by members generosity and would specially like to thank all of you who helped.

## website

The website is being finalised and will be operational by 3rd September. This will be a paired back version that will be built on as content is revised and improved.

As part of the revamped communications sub committee (*formally Propeller*) a revised purpose and mission statement is in progress. We envision a streamlined process where members receive information in a simple effective format that is easily updated and enhanced.

New privacy guidelines are also being developed to protect members private information.



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## OPENING DAY

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2013

*Commodore Simon Mills and the Flag Officers, are pleased to invite all members to the 110th Season Opening Day on*

*Saturday  
5 October, 2013*

*Commencing at 11.30am*

### PROGRAM

*11.30 Members and guests arrive*

*12.00 Official Opening Ceremony*

*12.30 Depart for Fleet Sail Past*

*13.30 Return to RVMYC for official lunch and entertainment*

## Quarterly General Meeting

Members are reminded to attend our September Quarterly Meeting on **Wednesday 4 September at 7.30pm** in the Clubhouse. Its important that, at this juncture, the members voice their support or concern and also be updated on the building progress.

# Diary update & classifieds

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## SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL... ... a HUGE week of MARITIME EVENTS

**Saturday, Sept 7, 9am-5pm; Sunday, Sept 8, 10am-5pm**  
**Best chance to board a tall ship.**  
 Piers open every day from 10am to 10pm.

**Three Dutch tall ships arriving at 10.30am on Saturday.**  
**Avoid gate queues, buy entry tickets through [www.seaworks.com.au](http://www.seaworks.com.au)**

**Special events (You must book through [www.seaworks.com.au](http://www.seaworks.com.au) )**

- Sunday, Sept 8, 7pm:** Sea Shepherd talk on saving the whales. Book quickly!
- Monday, Sept 9, 7pm:** Talks by Lord Nelson captain plus Paralympian sailor Michael McLean. Book quickly!
- Wednesday, Sept 11, 1.30pm:** National Trust maritime book and photo library opening.
- Wednesday, Sept 11, 7pm (TBC):** Tales from the high seas with the Oosterschelde captain.
- Thursday, Sept 12, at 7pm:** Maritime literary event. Not to be missed!
- Friday, Sept 13, from 6pm:** A Cultural Farewell, featuring Indonesian, Dutch and Aussie entertainment. Free event. Food and drinks available for purchase. Fireworks at 8.30pm!

**Entry fee Saturday and Sunday, \$10 adults, \$7 concession, kids under 15 free**  
**Other days \$7 adults, \$5 concession, kids under 15 free**

**Some tall ships may ask for a gold coin donation to board.**

**For regular updates, log onto [www.seaworks.com.au](http://www.seaworks.com.au)**  
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## RVMYC SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLUB BAR OPEN FATHERS DAY TRIP TO SYC	2	3	4 BAR OPEN AND MEMBERS DRAW	5	6 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	7 SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL CLUB BAR OPEN
8 SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL CLUB BAR OPEN	9	10	11 BAR OPEN AND MEMBERS DRAW EDUCATION SEMINAR	12	13 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	14 CLUB BAR OPEN
15 CLUB BAR OPEN	16	17	18 BAR OPEN AND MEMBERS DRAW EDUCATION SEMINAR	19	20 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	21 CLUB BAR OPEN
22 CLUB BAR OPEN MARIBRYNONG RIVER CRUISE	23	24	25 BAR OPEN AND MEMBERS DRAW	26	27 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	28 CLUB BAR OPEN
29 CLUB BAR OPEN	30					