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Opening Day ceremony for the 112 season

The first and best day of the boating season went off without a hitch, with around 200 of the clubs stalwarts attending opening day celebrations and sail past, blessed by not just Rev Bill Beagley but also fine weather and gentle breezes.

Inspector Mark Arneil head of the water Police officially opened the 112th boating season, and gave a very interesting speech about Swiss cheese! The Williamstown Pipe Band as usual provided the soundtrack to the start of the day, and the cadets from TS Voyager helped as always adding to the pomp and ceremony of the occasion.



Cocktail Party for the NUSHIP officers

The RVMYC was delighted to host a cocktail party for the officers of the NUSHIP Adelaide.

Club members were able to mingle with and gain an insight into life in the navy, as well as the process of commissioning of a new ship. The occasion was to celebrate the imminent departure of the ship for sea trials, following which the ship will become firstly the property of the commonwealth, and finally transferred to the Navy, as HMAS Adelaide. We wish her and crew calm seas.



Brushing up on basics - Marine Radio

In Victoria when boating more than 2nm offshore, you are required to have a marine radio.

Marine radios are a very useful tool for communicating day to day activities with land bases and between vessels. Their real strength however, arises from the capacity to communicate quickly and accurately with any number of listeners in an emergency.

Marine radios using 27 MHz (megaHertz), VHF (very high frequency) or HF (high frequency) are available for general use on board vessels.

Information about different radio frequencies and who uses them

27 MHz

27 MHz Recreational boaters use this frequency mainly for general use. It has a range of up to 20 kilometres. It is monitored by volunteer organisations. It does not have 24 hour coverage. The frequency can be noisy, unreliable and can suffer from interference from the engine

VHF

VHF is used by recreational boaters and most commercial operators. It has a range of up to 50 kilometres. Coast Radio Melbourne provides monitoring on VHF Channel 16 with general coverage of Port Phillip and Western Port 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteer services may provide regional or local coverage.

HF

HF is used by anyone making a major trip and commercial operators not covered by VHF. Its range depends on frequencies, it is worldwide. It is monitored by national coast radio network, which includes Coast Radio Melbourne and volunteers. Distress monitoring on HF is on 4125 kHz, 6215 kHz and 8291 kHz. Note that MF (medium frequency) 2182 kHz can only be used for ship-to-ship communications, as the national coast radio network does not monitor MF frequencies.

Equipment licences and operator certification

This table

Radio type	Equipment Licence	Operators Certificate
27 MHz	Not required, however there is a legal obligation to observe the conditions specified in the class licence.	Not required.
VHF	Not required, however there is a legal obligation to observe the conditions specified in the class licence.	Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVCP) or its equivalent.
MF/HF	Radio equipment is required to be licensed. An individual licence can be obtained by application to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).	Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) or its equivalent. This qualification also covers VHF operations.
Inmarsat	Not required.	Operators of Inmarsat satellite equipment require a Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement (Satcom) of their Certificate of Proficiency.

Coast Radio Melbourne

Coast Radio Melbourne, located at Point Lonsdale, provides 24/7 distress and safety monitoring on HF up to 200 nautical miles off shore and on VHF, with general coverage of Port Phillip, Western Port, up to 20 nautical miles off shore.

Limited coast stations and volunteer services

These services provide marine radio distress and safety services on HF, VHF and 27 MHz across the Victorian coast, however they are not monitored

continuously. The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association has established a number of VHF repeaters, covering up to 25 nautical miles off shore. All distress calls are referred to Victoria Police to coordinate search and rescue or other assistance, as required.

Marine radio services

Weather services

This table provides information about the weather service that each radio type delivers.

Navigation warnings

Coast radio stations broadcast navigation warnings on HF 8176 kHz, with Victorian warnings at 0757 and 1257 EST (consistent with HF characteristics, not

all transmissions will be received in all Victorian waters). Coast Radio Melbourne broadcasts navigation warnings for waters in and around Port Phillip and Western Port on VHF Channel 67. Warnings are rebroadcast after the full Victorian coastal weather at 0648, and 1848 EST, and repeated at 12 minutes before the odd hour day and night. Some limited coast stations broadcast local navigation warnings on MF/HF and VHF.

Position reporting

Coast Radio Melbourne will record vessel position information if broadcast, however, a positioning monitoring or follow-up service is not provided. An offshore tracking system is operated by Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association who will follow up on any overdue vessel. This free system requires boat operators to notify the Coast Guard of their starting point and to nominate points along their proposed trip at which they will make reports.

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provides information about the equipment licence and operators certificate that is required for each different radio type.

Further information on courses and licensing is available from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) on 1300 850 115 or Australian Maritime College on 1800 030 277.

27MHz and VHF frequencies are divided into a number of channels for the use of specific groups and organisations.

Radio monitoring

National coast radio network

Nine coast radio stations make up the national coast radio network. They provide distress and safety monitoring on HF frequencies 4125 kHz, 6215 kHz and 8291 kHz.

The network is designed to provide coverage extending to 200 nautical miles off the Australian coast.

EDITOR'S NOTE



We welcome contributions from members. Propeller will endeavour to publish articles as soon as possible, space permitting. Please contact the propeller sub committee for more information.

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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

Our boating season is in full swing now with our second navrally, the Marconi Trophy being run in near perfect conditions recently. With the exception of a certain Commodore with a green boat, the scoring was very respectable from the twelve boats that took part. Our first navrally for the season, the Centenary Trophy was also a great day back in October with a good field of boats. Thank you to the sponsors of these two events, Tony Willis and Andy Baker for the Marconi Trophy and John Holland for the Centenary Trophy, without their generous support these events would not be possible. If the number of fishing boats that have been out on the water in recent weeks is anything to go by then our annual fishing competition this weekend will see some great catches. The boating subcommittee has been working hard to obtain some great prizes for the event.

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Fashion Parade back in October and see what a wonderful job the Mariners did in organizing this event. Profits from the day were donated to the Children's Cancer Foundation to be directed towards children's brain cancer research. Over \$1800 was raised which is great and I hope our club can continue to support worthy charities in the future. Vice Commodore John Zammit and myself recently met with representatives from Western

Health's fundraising department to speak about how our two organizations may be able to work together to help raise money for the Williamstown Hospital refurbishment project. John is continuing to work with Western Health and at this stage we are looking to organize a twilight music event "Twilight on the Quay" on our lawn and fairway. There will be more information on this as the details are finalized.

The first of the Club Marine Kids Rib Programs has been run and the second is now underway. While the organizers of this program will be fine tuning it as it develops, the kids that have taken part have had a great time while learning how to safely handle a power boat. I think it is great to see how enthusiastic the adults that are running the program are in helping the next generation to get involved in boating. There is a huge amount of effort gone into this program, especially from our Vice Commodore John Zammit and he has had great support from a small group of members however he is always looking for more people to help out so if you want to get involved then speak with John or our Rear Commodore Paul Doherty.

Those members who frequent the members bar and bistro will have noticed a new face there in recent times. Helen is our new Venue Manager and will be looking after all things to do with the members area

from now on. Helen brings a wealth of experience from the hospitality industry and has some great ideas to add value and comfort for the members in the clubrooms so make sure you call in to say hello to Helen and her team but don't forget to book if you want to stay for a meal.

We are all, no doubt, beginning to be dragged into the festive season for another year and I wish everyone well for Christmas, the New Year and the holidays wherever you may find yourself and whatever you may find yourself doing. I have no doubt there will be plenty of boating being done as the weather gets better. Please make sure you all keep yourselves and your families safe over this busy time.

Safe boating, see you out on the water.

Chris Ackerman
Commodore

Fate of Williamstown Dockyards

Hundreds of Jobs at BAE systems in Williamstown look to be in jeopardy, following the decision by the Federal Government not to award a \$600 million dollar contract for patrol boats until 2017.

The order for 20 Pacific Patrol Boats will be awarded in early 2017, with work to begin in 2018, leaving a gap of over 18 months between the current and new projects. BAE have withdrawn their tender to design and build the patrol boats, and with no other contracts on the horizon, things look bleak for the Williamstown shipyard and its 1100 workers.



Farewell to NUSHIP Adelaide

The Australian Navy's newest (and largest) ship, NUSHIP Adelaide slipped quietly out of her dock at BAE systems early on Wednesday morning and there were a couple of RVMYC boats out on the water to bid her farewell.

Bound for Sydney where she'll be officially commissioned into the Australian Navy as HMAS Adelaide, she made a magnificent sight as she cruised towards the heads on a beautiful sunny morning with Melbourne's skyline as the perfect backdrop.

RVMYC boat Blue Tango, with John Zammit, Bob Battye and Paul Doherty on board, was the official photographers boat with a couple of Navy photographers also on board, and was able to get up close and personal for a once in a lifetime view of the ships departure.



The NUSHIP Adelaide leaving Williamstown for Sydney



Officers and guests of the NUSHIP Adelaide at the Club's cocktail event

Nav Rally Roundup!

Hardly one month had passed since Open Day, and the Boating Committee had the Starters lined up for the second nav rally of the seas on.

Already 16 boats have competed in either or both the Centenary Trophy, sponsored by John Holland, and the Marconi Cup, sponsored by Tony Willis and Andy Baker.

October 19th saw eleven boats start the Centenary Trophy Nav Rally. The sea was a little lumpy, but that didn't trouble the crews. Bold Venture made a tactical error (and "meltdown") at the start, which took one of the favorites out of the running and gave the others "half a chance". A couple boats have installed new electronics and are still experimenting (or learning how the "darn things" operate), thus giving others a chance to get in the points. Casa Verde, Rob Roy, and Stingray come to mind. Capitella now has electronics, and once Jeff learns what can be done, we would expect to see some pressure being applied to the scoreboard. No wonder High Tide still uses the "Old Reliable" Navman! (How old is it really?) Maine Road did well for its first nav rally. None of these issues troubled High Tide and once again Bob Battye & crew (and "Old Reliable") got the big points.

Then on November 8th, in very smooth seas, the Marconi Cup got underway with thirteen boats crossing the start (and finish) lines. Apart from three or four irate fisherman in kayaks at the third turn (apparently fish were being thrown!), every crew had an uneventful run and some good results were obtained. Again Bob Battye on High Tide won, loosing only 10 points, followed by Bold Venture

Note: Due to publication deadline, these results have not been confirmed and may change.

and Pookanah. All crews showed good improvements on last year, indicating some fierce competition will ensue this year.

Just because several crews always seem to be at the front of the field, other members should "NOT loose faith". The Alan Crighton trophy for Novice Crews is conducted in parallel with these events. All crews that have NOT won a Nav Rally (at the start of the season) are designated Novice Crews, and automatically in the running for the Alan Crighton Trophy on Presentation Night.

The Results so far are:

Centenary Trophy (Time Points in seconds lost shown)

High Tide 17, Pookanah 47, Mustango (SYC) 75, Casa Verde 96, Nereid (BMYC) 138, Sea Gypsy 468, Maine Road 542, Capitella 629, Raphael 741, Sting Ray 753, & Bold Venture.

Marconi Cup (Time Points in seconds lost shown)

High Tide 10, Bold Venture 16, Pookanah 17, Nereid (BMYC) 40, Cool Change 43, Blue Tango 48, Rob Roy 54, Manu Kai 100, Capricious 114, Raphael 189, Casa Verde 337, Capitella 508.

RVMYC Aggregate and Alan Crighton progressive results:

Boat	Club Aggregate Points			Alan Crighton Trophy Points		
	Centenary	Marconi	Total	Centenary	Marconi	Total
Blue Tango		60	60		90	90
Bold Venture	20	90	110			
Casa Verde	80	9	89	80	40	120
Capitella	50	8	58		70	70
Capricious		30	30		100	100
Cool Change		70	70			
High Tide	100	100	200			90
Maine Road	60		60	90		90
Manu Kai		40	40		80	80
Pookanah	90	80	170			
Raphael	40	20	60	70	60	130
Rob Roy		50	50			
Sea Gypsy	70		70	100		100
Sting Ray	30	10	40	60	50	110

DEAL OR NO DEAL: Pelican Brief continues, with Bass Strait Feb- March 2015

2015 is Wooden Boat Festival year in Hobart. Having been twice, the trawler men decided in favor of variety. Tassie is always good, and relatively accessible.

We were yet to experience King Island and the north coast, and having cruised to South Australia in 2014, a shorter, but spicy run looked inviting. We also wanted to try out the new cabin and accommodation, and the upgraded refrigeration system. Blake Jobson's busy work schedule left only the three old blokes to carry the flag.

February normally heralds calmer days, but this year, all the hard heads we spoke to, couldn't remember a windier year. Monday the 2nd was target day for departure, but a sou'easterly was hammering. Finally away on Wednesday, we then waited in Queenscliff for two nights, checking out the museum, bookshops and a restaurant or two. The friendly skipper of a big

steel trawler "loaned" us a berth on the sheet piling in the creek, including power and water! Friday 3.00pm, the wind dropped a little, and a suitable ebb tide beckoned. The sixteen hour overnight run to Currie on King Island's west coast was only so so, with a persisting easterly on the beam.

Daylight had us approaching Currie, with the neat but rocky harbor in the lee. Harbour master Wickham (you have to be a local with such a name) advised a space on the "small jetty", with no power, but we could see only the main pier. This is lined with truck tyres to suit the 3 meter tide, and has numerous 240v outlets, and water.

We took a vacant berth on outer north, all spaces being first in best accommodated. Power bills are paid by the fisherman's co-op, but they all said OK. Their boats are the best maintained, and some were being painted and repaired, as many had reached quota on crays. Two beautiful Pompei's, a 48ft and a 65ft, are the best looking fishing boats you would ever see.

The rest of Saturday was half decent, so we launched the Zodiac and went diving. I popped into one hole, which was home to four bigish lobsters. I grabbed the largest, and patted the other three, just to remind them of their vulnerability. Next day, the weather closed in, but I tried for some more. Didn't even see one!

We hired a car and drove around to kill time, until we could depart for the Hunter Group, off Tasmania's north west tip. Another very sloppy 10 hour over night run, with the tide on King Island's south adding insult. Relief as we dropped the pick, a new Rocna 40kg, courtesy of crew men Ron and Peter, at 5.00am in Shepherd's Bay. The old 60lb CQR was never a success, even after filling the end with 34lb of lead.

The west coast of the group is the best diving and scenery anywhere, and we planned to spend a day or two exploring, but now a stiff westerly kept on the east side. Remaining in Shepherd's Bay, we set a couple of fishing

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Kids N' RIBS – We're off and running

The Club Marine, RVMYC Youth RIB Program is now well underway with the first series completed and the second series underway. The children involved to date have been aged 8 to 14 years with a good mix of girls and boys from both the RVMYC and TS Voyager Naval Cadets.

By all reports and the feedback from the parents and the kids, they're having fun and learning the art of safe boat handling at the same time. Many of the children involved have never driven a boat before while others already have a boat licence, but what's been surprising is the amazing improvement in confidence and boat handling skills they all develop so quickly from one week to the next.

It's been a steep learning curve for all

concerned as we continue to tweak the program, adapting it from the UK model to better suit our conditions and requirements. And it's not been without its challenges, not the least of which has been the weather. However, with a bit of lateral thinking and a slight modification to the course we've been able to run the program in the Fairway beside the club on those days the weather hasn't been suitable to go over to Sandridge Beach.



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Unfortunately with only one suitable RIB we are restricted with the number of kids we can put through the program at the one time and in an effort to put through as many as possible, we have restricted each series to 5 weeks. However, with the Kid's N' Ribs Raffle which has raised \$5,000 and the generous sponsorship and donations that we are receiving, it hopefully it won't be too long before we can purchase an additional RIB and expand the participation rate.

My sincere thanks to all those volunteers who

assist every week and while I don't generally like to name people for fear I'll miss someone, it would be remiss of me not to publicly thank Bob Battye, without whom the program could not possibly run each week and also Paul Doherty, Richard Edwards, Ike Ambrose, Ben Koutakidis, and Jeff Paul from TS Voyager cadets. Thanks also to all those others that come along to watch and support the program from week to week.

If you'd like your child or grandchild to participate, then please ensure you register

them with Jarmila in the RVMYC office as we select participants from those that are registered. The cost is a nominal \$50 per child for the series.

John Zammit
Vice Commodore



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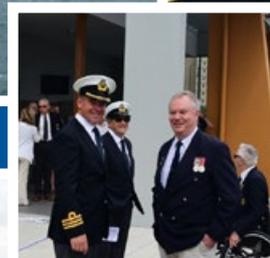
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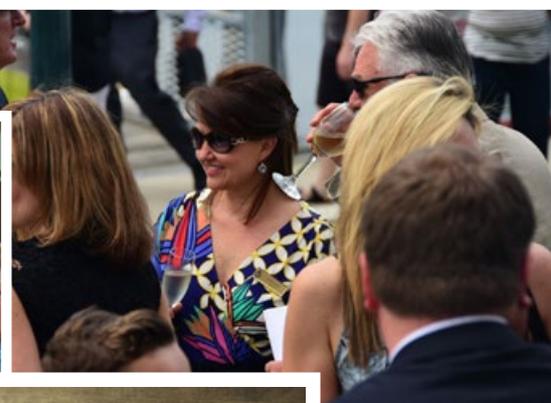
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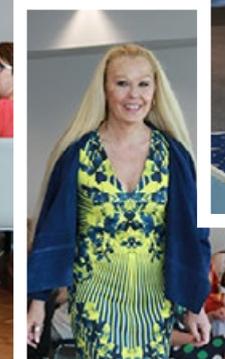


The Paris end of Williamstown

This year's French inspired Fashion Parade was a great success with a little over \$1800 being raised for "Children's Cancer Foundation".

Our models looked absolutely amazing in the latest fashion to hit the streets of Williamstown. We had around 100 guests for the event which included a fashion parade, fashion stylist and many wonderful and very generous raffle prizes. Our male Models did provide some comic relief delivering flowers to un suspecting women and riding a bike with a beautiful basket of cut flowers through our club function room adding yet another layer to our event! The Mariners would like to thank our local shops, our models and of course many of you who donated gifts toward our raffle prizes without this great support such an event would not be possible.





Burial at Sea - A Final Adventure

Southern Cross Sea Burials -Victoria's only agency to offer burials at sea -has just been launched, allowing clients and their families and friends to take part in an ancient and traditional maritime ritual.

Burials at sea are multicultural, multi-ethnic and religiously ecumenical services, and have been practiced for thousands of years throughout the world. However, it is only recently that Victorians have been given the opportunity to choose a marine burial. Burials at sea are popular in the UK and US and China, and most official religions endorse a marine interment as an ethical, environmentally sustainable and practical activity.

Funeral Manager and Commonwealth authorized Civil Celebrant Ian Watts, founder of Southern Cross Sea Burials, says a burial at sea makes a lot of sense in the Australian context: "We are a nation of coast dwellers," Ian says. "50 it is no surprise that many of us have an affinity with the sea and a love of all things to do with water."

Reasons for a burial at sea are varied. For some clients, Ian says, the sea is a place of natural and expansive beauty-the inspiration for much of the world's art and poetry. "For others the sea is a refuge and a place of physical and spiritual cleanSing. Certainly, for many people the sea is a sanctuary, isolated from the day-to-day bustle of the terrestrial world, and graced with a peacefulness that has everlasting from the day-to-day bustle of the terrestrial world, and graced with a peacefulness that has everlasting appeal."

Burials at sea can be conducted with or without an accompanying ceremony. For families wishing to participate in the burial, vessels of different sizes are available to suit individual requirements and budgets. Services can be expanded to include wakes at sea, onboard memorials or other functions involving catering, bar and restaurant services.

"All faiths and customs are respected," Ian says. "We believe clients and their families have the right to customise proceedings as they please."

There are, however, a few rules and regulations governing burials at sea. Only cremated remains can be interred at sea and our lakes and rivers. There are also some rare medical conditions that preclude subsequent marine interment. "But, in most cases the service is open to anyone who chooses it," Ian says. Most burials at sea involve a voyage to a designated marine location. Following the burial, the precise GPS coordinates of the ceremony and a certificate are presented to loved ones.

"A burial at sea is ultimately a special, quiet and private occasion," Ian says. "There is a power in having no one else around -there is just the sky, the water and the ceremony."

Environmental consid erations also add to the innate good sense of a burial at sea, as land becomes an increasingly precious resource. "In that regard, our service is not just for people who love the sea -it's for people who love the earth too," Ian adds.

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rods, and soon a one meter gummy succumbed. The internet was still firing, and the weather sites showed a tight window for the next leg to Stanley, before some really nasty stuff.

Away at 5.00am, with a very breezy sou'westerly on the stern quarter. Five hours later the tiny but secure harbor at Stanley loomed. J. Brettingham Moore's guide says to dock on the north wall, but the locals advised that the forecast big easterly could hammer in through the entrance, and cause havoc there. One generous fisher offered a marina berth for 2 pots (of beer), but needed \$50 to unlock the power point! This space is furthest from the entrance, with super tall fingers to cope with the 3 meter tide, but we still copped the surge when the easterly hit, with spray coming over the rock wall! Lots of lines and springs.

We purchased a tired Cray pot for \$20, and I extended my fishing license on line. The

friendly locals found a key for the shower block. We took in some interesting sights harbor side and in town, and climbed "The Nut", a prominent 150 meter high flat topped granite monolith. Stanley has never been modernized, and is sometimes used for a movie shoot needing a traditional streetscape. Lots of tourism, and most of the interesting buildings have become B and B's.

We rigged a hose, filled the water tanks, and washed a bit of overdue laundry, but drying was a problem, with a few showers scudding through. The Age and The Australian made for light relief, until we could depart for Rocky Cape, two hours away, and our next planned destination.

Burgess Cove is a preferred shelter on the Cape's east. We anchored up for a snug night, and launched the Zodiac for some R and R ashore, then rigged some lines for the local flaties. Peter starred, with 8 of minimum size, and a couple of better ones. These made a delicious meal, with a few veggies added. Next am, the easterly piped up, so we attempted a short run around to the west side, towing the Zodiac. Hey, the Muir winch won't pull in, but will still wind out. Why? Must be the solenoid? We retrieved by hand, and scooted around the corner. The Zodiac came in, (these trailer winches never fail, as long as you can hand wind,) and a seven hour run to Devonport commenced, as the wind dropped again.

I had arranged a swing mooring for Pelican at the Mersey Yacht Club back in October last year. The modest clubhouse and boatyard is situated on the River's east bank, just upstream from the Tasmanian Ferry terminal. The staff and members attending were most generous and friendly, quickly directing us to the visitor's marina, provided a key, hot showers, and a loan dinghy to leave Pelican on the allotted mooring. One member, Peter, ran us uptown in his Ute, to drop off the empty scuba cylinders at the dive shop.

The mooring had been vacant for some time, and was very messy and dirty with mud and

squirters. We hooked on, and backed up to test the tackle twice. The 24 tonne boat came to a sudden stop, and the bow dipped. All OK, but a plastic tub was needed to keep the foredeck clean. We booked a short notice flight home, the price having doubled in a couple of weeks. Even ferry rides were expensive, unless you booked early. We packed up, stripped the solenoid off its mount under the foredeck, locked the boat, and rowed ashore.

A bus leaves the ferry terminal each morning for a one hour ride to the Launceston airport. (No flights from Devonport on this day). As expected, security didn't like the x ray of the solenoid. Could it be incendiary? A bit of swift talking, and we were on the plane. See next issue of Propeller for the exciting cruise home through the Furneaux Group, and Deal Island.

John, Peter and Ron.

The first snapper of the season for Rhonda and Graham Gibson, weighed in at 5.2 kilos and 76cm caught around the corner from our club. Roll on the fishing competition, looks like being a good season ahead!



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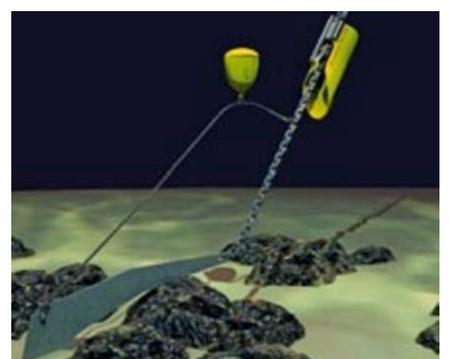
Sportsstuff Sumo

Finally, let's finish with something fun – get an adrenaline rush and have a laugh at the same time by buying this fun inflatable towable. Wear this sumo outfit as you get pulled along at sea. As the boat moves, the rider can roll and steer the suit in a freestyle fashion – after all, the challenge here is to stay holding the grab handle for as long as possible. In terms of bodysurfing, this thrilling gadget is hard to beat.



Anchorwitch for fouled anchors

If you're anchoring on a rocky bottom, your anchor could foul. That's probably OK if you've taken the precaution of deploying a retrieval line, but there's a chance someone will snare it with their rudder or prop, doubling the misery. The Anchorwitch is designed to allow you to exert a vertical pull directly on the anchors crown. It looks complicated anchorwitchcraft? but there's an explanatory video on the website.



Club News

Notice to Members

Following a series of incidents involving visitors to the Club on Saturday 3 October 2015 the Committee met with the Member who introduced the visitors to the Club.

The Member was reminded that when introducing visitors to the Club he was responsible for their signing in, their behavior; and, was required to ensure that the ability of fellow Members to enjoy the facilities of the Club is in no way impaired.

The Committee has reached an agreement with the Member that:

1. The visitors introduced are banned from again entering the Club premises.
2. The Member's membership rights have been suspended for a period of one year from 3rd October 2015, with this penalty being suspended for the period, subject to the Member being of good behaviour and complying with all Club rules and bylaws for that period.
3. The Member is banned from using the Function, Bistro/Members Bar and the BBQ areas for a period of six months dating from 3rd October 2015.
4. The Member is banned from introducing visitors to the Club other than for members of his immediate family for a period of one year from 3rd October 2015. The Committee has however agreed that the Member can advise the Secretary of the names of six professional advisors who with prior knowledge of the Secretary may only visit the vessel of the Member.
5. If there is a further breach of the Rules or Bylaws of the Club that such matters would be forwarded straight to a Disciplinary Committee for assessment and issue of penalty.

The Member has tendered a written apology to the Club.

*Don R Healy
Hon Secretary*

"Kids 'n Ribs" Special Raffle

The Kids n' Ribs special raffle is well and truly underway. The first two draws (last Friday and the Friday before) have already taken place and the cash is flying out the door.

The draw results so far are:

Week 1, 30 October:

1st draw (for \$100) - Len Haynes. In attendance so Len picks up \$100 cash

2nd Draw (\$900) - Pat Mattarazzo. Not in attendance so Pat picks up \$700 cash and \$200 adds to the jackpot prize pool

Week 2, 06 November:

1st draw (for \$100) No. 41 - Peter Skene. Not in attendance so \$100 adds to Jackpot prize pool

2nd Draw (\$900) No. 47 - Tracey Keast. Not in attendance so Tracey picks up \$700 cash and \$200 adds to the jackpot prize pool

After just two weeks, \$1,500 cash has gone out in prizes to the winners and the Jackpot prize pool is now up to \$1,400.

Next draw is on this Friday at 7:30pm

Lock it or lose it

Just a short reminder to all members using the clubhouse out of hours about the need to make sure they lock up if they're last to leave after the bar had closed.

Vale: John Henry

John had been a member for four years, and passed away

A Memorial Service celebrating the Life of John Richard Chooka Henry was held at the Aberfeldie Community Club on Thursday Oct. 29.

Sub-committee

Following the election of the committee, the following sub committees have been formed

Finance and administration:
Livio Andolfatto (chair)
Greg O'Connell
Jane McAloon
Owen Smart
Susan Mills
Jarmila Dakic

Boating:
Paul Doherty (chair)
Lee Joyner
Bob Battye
Owen Smart
Graeme Furlonger

Membership:
Chris Ackerman (chair)
Sam Cutajar
Simon Mills
Mark Rindfleish
Melinda Taylor
Matt Wynn

Marina:
Greg O'Connell (chair)
John Zammit
Sam Cutajar
Frank Wilks
Mark Folley
Theo Rau
John Marks
Joe Borg

Hospitality:
Greg Miles (chair)
John Zammit

Don Healy
Terry Lawless
Kylie Ackerman

Works:
John Zammit (chair)
Peter Rodger
Ronnie Clark
Sam Cutajar

Governance:
Jane McAloon (chair)
James Moreno
Mark Freudenstein
Owen Smart
Ben Koutoukidis
Don Healy

Communications:
David Collins (chair)
Livio Andolfatto
Lorraine McKenzie
Frank Wilkes

Mariners:
Kylie Ackerman (chair)
Fiona Zammit
Allison Miles
Nola Battye
Sue Mills
Kathy Rindfleish
Maureen Clark
Tracy Keast
Judy Ringe
Wilma Healy
Melinda Taylor
Deneille Cutajar





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Diary update & classifieds

Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 yrs - \$66; 1 yr - \$24.50; 28 days - \$12; 48 hrs - \$6. Please see Terri at the bar. **Members can use their accounts to pay.**

NOTE: Seniors card holders do not require a fishing licence

Members Draw!

Wednesday nights - 7.30pm.

DRAW RESULTS:

Wednesday 21 October
 'WINNER' \$600 Don Healy

Wednesday 4 November
 \$300 Gary Rigby Win!

Wednesday 11 November
 \$250 L.Andolfatto 'NIA'

Wednesday 18 November
 \$300 Doug Gray 'NIA'

Friday Music

Our Friday music nights are gathering a good following...stay on after lunch!



MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Our normal trading hours are;

Wednesday - Bar open 5pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Thursday - Bar open 5pm. Basic snacks.

Friday - Lunch 12-2pm, Bar open from 12pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Saturday - Lunch and dinner 12.00 till 9.00 bar snacks available all day until closing (approx 10.00pm)

Sunday - Lunch 12.00pm to 2.30 pm, Bar open till 7.30pm

RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	REMINDER: Christmas BBQ, From 5 pm onward, professional caterers are doing the cooking. Adults \$30 and Children \$15 Fun and games for the whole family, including Tender races, Bauble and spoon races, throwing a Christmas wreath over the bollard, Boules competition etc	4	5	6	7	
8		11	12	14		
15		18	19	21		
22		25	26	28		
29	30					

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	REMINDER: Friday Live Music Every Friday at Friday at 7.00pm just after the Raffle Friday 'Kids and Ribs' raffle draws Christmas Business Lunch December 4th 2015 Beer and wine included, a great way to say thanks to your clients. Bookings essential. \$100pp	2	3	4	5	
6		9	10	11	12	
13		16	17	18	19	
20		23	24	25	26	
27		28	29	30	31	

Raft up at the progressive dinner

November 28.

All members are welcome, please contact the office or Kylie Ackerman if you want to be involved, be it just eating, doing some cooking or one of the participating boats.

This has been one of the best evenings of the year in the past, so get involved.