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View of Cape Shank from Mick Tresize's January trip



Kathie & Mark Rindfleish, Chris & Kylie Ackerman and Alison and Greg Miles spent a great day cruising to Safety Beach and Mount Martha

Club Christmas Adventures



Sam, Simon & Greg Floating around the Bay

Bodyography Make-up Experience

10 Club Members had a fabulous day enjoying their make-up experience they bought as an auction item at the Fashion Parade last year. Thanks to instructor, Jodee and the generous donation from Rob at Bodyography. Thanks also to Darren Keast and his deckies for the trip back to the Club on his beautiful new boat Liberty II.





Story by Sandy Ellul

When a plan comes together

During our very enjoyable stay at Queenscliff marina onboard Kewarra, we decided to go to the Club's outing to the Portarlington Mussel Festival.

The plan was to go to Royal Geelong Yacht Club for a couple of nights then on to Portarlington, but as we all know, the weather plays a major role in all our boating activities. It wasn't looking great so Plan B kicked in. We headed to Marina YE and we were lucky enough to get a couple of the last return tickets to the Mussel Festival onboard the brand new Bellarine Express. (This is a very popular Festival.) As we boarded the ferry we were told we were the first paying customers, confirmed by the 'new boat smell' inside, very nice.



The trip took about 90 minutes and was very smooth.

Once we disembarked, we headed up the hill to the Festival. Mussels mussels and more mussels. Cooked every which way. I liked the crumbed mussels washed down with Jack Rabbit Chardonnay, yum. Ange suggested we check out the Mussel cooking class conducted by local identity Marie Vassallo. It was very

entertaining and we learnt a few new tricks. We caught up with Anna, Marco, Dianne and Kevin in one of the wine tents huddling under cover out of the downpour. The bar was at arm's length. We were fine. Great food, music and atmosphere.

We all enjoyed the event and stayed on for the afternoon as our return ferry was leaving at 6pm. Our cruise back to Melbourne was enjoyable even though the swell was nearly 2 meters, the Bellarine Express was quite smooth even at 25 plus knots.

A good time was had by all. We will be back next year.



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,

This is the first Propeller for 2018 and already Christmas seems but a distant memory. Over the holidays it was great to see, and hear, of so many of our club boats cruising far and wide to distant ports. We had members cruising in the Gippsland Lakes, Robe, Western Port and even up as far as Queensland, not to mention the large contingent that went cruising in and around Port Phillip and Corio Bay.

It really is pleasing to see and hear of the large number of members enjoying their boats and the cruising lifestyle and hearing of their exploits and interesting destinations that they visited.

For Fiona and I, this Christmas was our last aboard Blue Tango. After 11 years it was time to say goodbye to a boat that has given us so much pleasure and so many memories that we will long cherish. Sold in January, she is now with her new owners in Sydney. But, while we were sad to see her go, it's time for a new chapter in our boating life and, after spending the last few weeks looking all over the country for a replacement,

we have finalized a deal on a boat that hopefully will

give us as much pleasure as Blue Tango did going forward, so, look out for 'Tango Too' arriving soon at a club near you.

By now members will be aware that part time staff member, Mena, who put the Propeller and the Wednesday Wrap together for the last 12 months, has moved on to greener pastures and we wish her well. We are now actively looking for a replacement and in the interim, Jenny has temporarily increased her hours to fill the void and she's doing an excellent job, thank you Jenny.

The General Committee had its first meeting for the year earlier this month, however, members should rest assured that there has still been a lot going on around the club during the holidays.

Tenders are about to close (end of February) for the fit-out of the Members Library and the Committee Room, we have also now received Planning Approval for the revamp of the north east corner of the yard to incorporate a shelter/bin-storage/bike rack and we are awaiting detailed plans from the Architect so as we can put that out to tender.

It is always so heartening to see the contribution made to the club by so many individual members.

This is something that goes on constantly and just in recent times we've had a new sliding gate installed at the entrance, thanks to members Marco Sampaio

(gate manufacture and installation) and David Boxshall (foundations). All time and materials were donated at no cost to the club.

We've also had new trollies made to accommodate a new demountable stage that was purchased for club use and a second trolley to assist with moving the boat stands in the yard, again, at no cost to the club, with thanks to Richard McKay. And that's just the tip of the iceberg, there are so many others too, that constantly put in quietly and unassumingly, which all helps to make our club a better place and my sincere thanks to you all.

Coming up very soon we have the Lonsdale Cup Navrally, a very important event in our club season which includes representatives from the Navy League and the Navy, followed by the Oslo Cup soon after, to be held at Geelong (RGYC) during the Wooden Boat Festival. Please make sure both are in your diary.

That's it from me again till next time

Regards,

John Zammit
Commodore



On Wednesday, 14th March, Abbey Zappa, the daughter of Club Member, Paul Zappa is taking part in the 'World's Greatest Shave' to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The funding will assist vital research helping more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma, while improving their quality of life.

Abbey has made the brave commitment to shave off her beautiful hair hoping to raise \$3,000 for the Foundation. Following the Members' Draw in the Members' Bar, Abbey will have her hair plaited and shaved by a professional hairdresser in front of family, friends and members. You are all invited to support Abbey with her fundraising efforts. Go to the link below

<http://bit.ly/2oBvCzj>

Vale

KATHLEEN, PATRICIA (BILLIE) TYRRELL
1924 - 2018

The club was saddened by the recent passing of RVMYC Honorary Life Member 'Billie' Tyrell who died suddenly, aged 93. Billie was the wife of RVMYC Honorary Life Member Harry Maxwell Tyrell (deceased).

Billie joined the RVMYC in 1994 and was made an Honorary Life Member in 2002. A passionate supporter of the Club, Billie was also the owner of the vessel 'Yarrola'.

Billie's memorial Garden Party in the Fitzroy Gardens was well attended by the Club's Past Commodores, Commodore and Committee representatives.



Lessons Learnt: Oh buoy, I'm in trouble

In a recent incident, the use of a sliding buoy system to retrieve an anchor may have caused the capsize of a recreational boat.

The operator of the 4.8 m boat had set a reef anchor about 500 m from the shore. As the weather deteriorated, the solo boater decided to retrieve the anchor and return to his launching place.

However, the anchor could not be freed and at the same time the propeller on the outboard motor was fouled by a slack portion of the anchor line.

The disabled vessel then began to take waves over the stern. The anchor line became taut and transferred weight on to the transom, which allowed more water to flood into the boat.

The boater tried to cut the line but

was unsuccessful. Manual bailing could not keep up with the entry of water.

The man was able to attract the attention of a nearby vessel by waving an oar just as his boat capsized and he was thrown into the water.

The boat then floated in a 'basic flotation' profile with the stern and motor under water and the bow just projecting above the surface.

Fortunately, the operator of the capsized boat was wearing an automatically inflating lifejacket which supported him in the water. He was soon recovered by other recreational vessels in the area.

The outboard motor showed signs of very heavy corrosion within 24 hours of the incident and is a complete loss.

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Australia day cruising to Mornington

Story by Lauren & David Jones



We started our Australia Day weekend by cruising down to Mornington to meet with friends. It was a beautiful sunny day with lots of boats out on the water.

We tied up alongside two other boats for the night and watched the magnificent glow of the sunset and later the spectacular fireworks that were set up on a barge out from the end of the pier. Luckily the rain cleared in time for the fireworks to go off with a lot of bang. There would have been at least 50 other boats anchored out to watch the fireworks.

After the fireworks we had a lovely night sleep aboard Serenity and woke well after the sun came up. It was another fantastic day, after breakfast we went for a short cruise, spotting a pod

of dolphins swimming by and a very happy seal throwing his fish around before he ate it. Then the lifeguards came out in their inflatable dinghy to check out what all the splashing was and what we had stopped to look at just off the beach, where people were swimming and paddling. We then headed back to Mornington and dropped anchor for another lovely evening relaxing on the water. On Sunday morning we headed off early to avoid the northerly wind change following close to the coastline and stopping in Beaumaris bay for lunch and a swim. There were at least 60 boats all anchored and doing the same thing. We arrived back in Williamstown late in the afternoon, looking forward to our next trip away.




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Sure it's good that our Commodore and Vice Commodore work together for the betterment of the club - but do they REALLY have to dress the same?

RECALL

Safety Alert: Lifejacket batch fails testing

19 January 2018

UPDATE: As a result of this Maritime Safety Victoria (MSV) investigation, the Jarvis Walker company has submitted a voluntary product recall notification to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for a faulty block-style lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD).

MSV tested a single lifejacket batch and model number for a particular design fault. Other lifejackets with the same fault have since been identified.

The recall includes adult lifejackets nationally in the order of 40,000 products sold in single and twin packs. Some of the lifejackets have also been sold in New Zealand.

Affected lifejackets: Adult Block PFD Type 1. Sold under two brands as three separate codes (All have single unit marking of PFD TYPE 1)

- Single unit code 241050 Platinum brand: Sold from Jul 2011 - Dec 2015
- Single unit code 56000 JW Brand: Sold from Jan 2012 - Dec 2015
- Twin pack code 241300 JW Brand: Sold from Aug 2014 - Oct 2017



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80's Trivia and Karaoke



What a night! Many went to great lengths to come attired to have fun. Anita and Phil Taylor, Sandy Ellul and Angela deserved the special mentions.

Our attendees included Police Officer Mahoney, a scary punk rocker, Boy George, Ossie Osbourne, David Hasselhoff, a top gun pilot, Don Johnson and many who found vintage in thier own wardrobes! The trivia wracked our brains and some of us

struggled to even remember the 80's! Who knew that Molly Ringwald had a special talent in the 'Breakfast Club'?

Rochelle Wynne knew and demonstrated her 'lipstick technique' gaining 5 points for the team.

'Uncanny' were the unrivalled winners in the end, who loved their prizes - Mateus Rosé

and Island Coolers!

Many thanks to MC, Vice Commodore Paul, Melinda, Fiona and Anita for their tricky questions. Afterwards we sang and danced the night away with Karaoke tunes of the eighties. A memorable night was had by all.



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NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

Calendar of Events

- Sunday 4 March
RVMYC Lonsdale Cup Navrally
- Sunday 11 March
RVMYC Oslo Cup Navrally
- Sunday 25 March
Isle of Mordialloc Navrally
- Sunday 7 April
RVMYC Commonwealth Games
- Sunday 8 April
Whalley Cup - RVMYC/SYC/
MMYC Navrally
- Sunday 15 April
RVMYC Williamstown Cup Handicap
Navrally
- Sunday 22 April
RVMYC Marconi Cup Navrally
- Saturday 12 May
RVMYC Gala Ball/Presentation Night
- Sunday 20 May
Ricketts Point Regatta Navrally

RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	3 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
4 Lonsdale Cup Navrally	5	6	7 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	8	9 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	10 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
11 Oslo Cup Navrally	12	13	14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	15	16 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	17 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
18 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	19	20	21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	22	23 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	24 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
25 Isle of Mordialloc Navrally	26	27	28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED	31 EASTER SAT BAR OPEN
APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	5	6 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	7 RVMYC Comm Games
8 Whalley Cup	9	10	11 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	12	13 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
15 Williamstown Cup	16	17	18 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	19	20 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
22 Marconi Cup	23	24	25 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	26	27 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
29 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	30					

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- March 2018
- 3-4 K RINDFLEISH
 - 10-11 S WARNER
 - 17-18 D COLLINS
 - 24-25 J ZAMMIT

- April
- 31-1 P DOHERTY
 - 7-8 T LAWLESS
 - 14-15 L LANDOLFATTO
 - 21-22 P SKENE
 - 28-29 G O'CONNELL

- May
- 5-6 K RINDFLEISH
 - 12-13 S WARNER
 - 19-20 D COLLINS
 - 26-27 J ZAMMIT