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Club News

A warm welcome to our new Club members.



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Club By-Law of the Month

71. Refuelling vessels from cans is prohibited.

Christmas Hours
Dine:
 Closed from
 Mon 23rd December
 re-opening 8th January, 2020
Members Bar:
 Normal trading hours.
 Closed:
 Christmas Day
 Boxing Day
 New Year's Day
Office
 Closed Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3rd Jan

Coming to the RVMYC, February 28th, 2020.
 Lock this date in your diary now.

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,

As I write my report to you I'm brushing off tinsel and removing the wreath from around my neck. What a great night we had at the Lloyd Christmas, Christmas Karaoke Night. Dieter went all out with his absolutely true to the movie outfit and had the crowd up singing, dancing and laughing all night long. Chef Glen outdid himself again with a fantastic grazing table, members and guests in attendance enjoying the festivities, many dressed in their Christmas finery. Thanks again to Dieter who combined with David the Karaoke man kept us thoroughly entertained well into the night.

Last Saturday afternoon the Wine & Beverage Committee organised their first Wine & Cheese Tasting afternoon with nearly 40 members and guests enjoying an informed description of the wines on our list from Andrew Nankervis, all accompanied by superb cheeses and delicacies sourced by Greg Miles. Whilst I had to work and missed the majority of the event, many members I spoke to reported having had a most salubrious time indeed.

The inaugural Williamstown Seaport Festival is being supported by the club along with all the other boat clubs in the area and will occur from the 28th February to 5th March 2020. Seaworks will be the hub of the festival, with all the boat clubs being open to the public and conducting their own activities. So far we have Babba booked for Friday the 28th February, 2020 and have other irons in the fire for the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Stay tuned for more

details on those. Consequently members of the RVMYC have access to an exclusive 5 hour sailing cruise of the famous James Craig Tall Ship on the 3rd March 2020; please contact the office for details and bookings.

Another combined clubs initiative has been the appeal to the State Government to do something about the wave, wash & surge issues that have been impacting all the local clubs and marinas in Williamstown and seemed to have gotten worse in recent times. Many boat owners will have noticed that these mysterious events have been occurring with much more frequency. The finger has been pointed at many and varied causes but I'm pleased to report that the appeals to government have been heeded with Parks Victoria announcing the "Williamstown Maritime Precinct Wave, Wash and Surge Study", which will hopefully pinpoint the actual cause/s and propose measures to fix the problem. Details have been placed on the Notice Board.

New members have been flooding into the club. Our Notice Board has been absolutely full every month for the past few months. At time of writing the number of new members so far in this term stands at 48. This has been a terrific achievement and due to a combination of many factors not least of each being a real team effort. I for one am most heartened that we appear to be attracting local Williamstownians as well as a good number of women. Praises to Kathie Rindfleisch and her Membership Sub Committee who

conducted the most successful Open Day the club has ever had. The place was absolutely buzzing and we signed up 12 new members on that day alone.

As a consequence of our successes in the membership area we're opening the Bar and Bistro from the 8th January 2020. We're doing this as we are mindful of the fact that many of our new members are local and not everybody leaves town for the holidays.

Well that's probably enough from me for now. I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff both in the office and upstairs for their commitment and dedication to the club and not forgetting my committee who put in not just many, many hours but also their hearts and souls for the RVMYC.

So on their behalf it just leaves me to wish you all a most Happy & Joyous Christmas.

Remember, whether on land or on the water, stay safe and have fun.

Paul F Doherty
 RVMYC Commodore



RVMYC Waste Disposal Update, 2019

Written by John Marks

There has been some improvement in the way members deal with waste at RVMYC, but we still have a way to go. The club generates very large amounts of waste, which is mostly the result of eating, drinking and entertaining. Boat maintenance produces a very small percentage of our weekly collection. Adding to the problem is the colour coding of waste bins. Members from other municipalities may be confused if the recycle bins (green) and general waste (blue), have a different colour than their bins at home. But generally, members are asked to accept more responsibility for the way they deal with waste. The word is out in 2019, if we

don't deal with waste correctly, the streets, rivers, public space and the oceans will be overloaded with waste. RVMYC membership infers privilege, and with privilege comes responsibility. Plus correct recycling and waste management saves money at the club. Recycle waste has a value, but this cannot be realized unless it is correctly presented at the disposal point. Specialist organizations such as Tangaroa Blue assert that recycle is a resource, and should be referred to as such. Part of the solution could be for consumers to recognize and accept this concept. RVMYC members are asked to take the next step: Please

separate waste and recycle in the most convenient way for you. Then choose the correct bin. Recycle is not satisfactory if it is tied in a plastic bag. Part filled or dirty containers should go to general waste. Large metal pieces and E waste are neither recycle nor general waste. Your ash tray or vacuum cleaner should not be emptied into the green bin. The club provides facility to deal with waste oil and batteries, but other items may have to be removed by members. E waste and larger metal items should be taken off-site. Let's make 2020 our year of improved waste management.

Community Open Day

Sunday 24th November



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John Zammit

Navigator:

Fiona Zammit

3rd Place: **Boat:** Pookanah

Skipper: Owen Smart

Navigator: Sandy Ellul

Journey to Lord Howe Island in 'Pelican'. The Final Act: Pelican returns from Lord Howe Island

Getting away from Lord Howe in marginal weather highlights the quandary: which route will best conduct us over the long voyage to the mainland, and our next staging harbor, Bermagui? Choosing a good weather window is vital, but winter is closing in, and our options are few. Pelican is 1000 odd nm from home, and the job is ahead of us. What a great idea, to wave a magic wand, or sling Pelican onto the deck of a freighter, instead?



Bermagui Harbour

Staff at the BOM weather lab on LHI, gave valuable insight into conditions over the next seven days: light breezes for 36 hours, with the swells dropping, followed by some west and north wind, then calm seas for the rest. The current? Conditions and forecasting seem more of a toss-up? The crew of Bonito, a 60' Riviera sport fisher, veto our suggestion, to make a bee line for Bermagui, as the shortest and most practical route. They have voyaged from Coffs Harbor a few times, and insist that a direct course to the mainland, just off Port Macquarie, is the best and safest option. Blake and Alan have long departed by air, so it's up to the three old buccaneers. Our departure is regulated by tide and weather. It's time to go, but a five metre swell is running outside the lagoon. We line up the channel, and wrap on. The narrow entrance is just manageable, with green water coming through the hawse holes, 3 metres above the water line. We defer to experience, and set a course due west. The current is almost neutral, and the westerly is pushing, as we turn

to port after two days, with the NSW coast in sight. The run is easy for 12 hours, but then we struggle to make decent way against the uncooperative current. By day, we fish, nap, eat, read, play Ron's games, and relax. At night, we alternate 90 minutes on watch, with three hours off. The current picks up in our favor, and a blustery northerly is pushing Pelican along as well. On a midnight watch, I'm trying to keep close

to a line on the Lowrance, with just black in the helm window. Pelican is surfing down the waves, the sensation is riding a roller coaster blind fold. Past Newcastle, then Sydney, and Botany Bay is abeam at dawn on day three. The hydraulic steering is playing up, with leaking oil and a flat spot, requiring much

more concentration to keep a straight course, even more so in rough weather. We top up the oil. Next night, I have a similar watch. The back of the marathon is broken, and I'm counting the light house sequence for Montagu Island. I finish the shift, and retire. Back on deck at 6.00 am, and Monty is well astern. The current is still with us, we're running at 10 knots. Pelican slips into the tight little harbor, and there's plenty of space on the main wharf, as the big tuna boats are busy out on the 30 mile.

Keith from the Lands Dept considers our request for a vacant pen in the marina; the one next to the ex police boat, a smart looking wooden job built by Cec Quilky, could be more easily accessed by the lumbering Pelican? Keith concurs after a bit of head scratching,

and we make fast. Little do we know, that a once-a-century storm will hit the NSW coast, in a matter of days. Ron double ropes Pelican to the marina, in his usual thorough way. We trudge off to the bus stop at 5.30 next morning.

Return to Bermagui:

With home matters pressing, its two weeks before we can contemplate a voyage, and winter is threatening. Then dramatic weather hits the NSW coast, and reports of high winds and serious damage fill the evening news. A quick call to Keith, and he assures me that everything is OK inside the harbor. The storm subsides and it's back on the train to Bairnsdale, and the Vline bus on to Bermagui. It's fun and relaxing on the train. A delicious home-made strawberry cake, which Linda packed in an old style hamper, comes out, to complement the Vline coffee. I'm thinking Red Riding Hood's Goodies Basket. The other passengers in our compartment all enjoy a slice, especially an out-going 10 year old girl, who keeps up a constant stream of conversation all the way to Bairnsdale.

The bus arrives in Bermagui after dark, and the boys find the new Woollies supermarket, while I limber up the boat. A shiny new 45' Symbol cruiser next door is showered with ink black water, which spews from our rain filled exhaust. The owner is aboard, and is not impressed. Peter gets a quick pasta with home-made sauce, onto the stove, while the others clean the two boats.

Queens Birthday Holiday- topping up fuel



Pelican departs at 8.45 am, on the Queen's Birthday holiday, with full tanks. The weather is spot on, and we are enjoying the ride. Around mid-day, a 15 metre Hump Back whale breaches just to port. Pelican gives chase, and we pull up at a respectable distance to watch the show. Then there's a massive swirl under the bow, and two giants pass just inches from the transom, like two Collins Class subs, slick and black as they breathe a misty cloud. Three hours later, a larger pod of ten or so are rolling over and waving their five metre fins sky high. They choose not to pass close by, so we resume course.



After the evening meal, I retire for a nap, as I have a watch at mid night. Thirty minutes later a call comes from the wheel house. Ron says that the boat is "caught on something". I dress and come on deck. A small lit marker buoy is floating alongside the bow, and two thick green ropes lead from under the stern, away into the depths. Pelican is ten miles west of Gabo Island, and a brightly lit fishing vessel stands stationary a mile or so to seaward. At night, a small marker closeby, can be mistaken for a larger one at distance. The solution: a quick dive under the boat, with a sharp knife. I'm dreading the cold as I kit up. The rope is tightly wound, and the filleting knife just bounces off. I surface and call for the ship's hacksaw. In 20 minutes

I'm back on deck, and Ron joins the ropes to the buoy. The fishing boat is apparently oblivious. I bless the warm, 17 degree dive, as I sluice off with a kettle of hot water, and Pelican gets under way.

The wind picks up next morning, and we lose a knot or two to the westerly. After lunch, Ron is accessing a locker in the companionway, and notices water over the floor in the forward bunkroom. We scramble to lift the floor and commence bucketing.

Pelican has never leaked a drop in the area forward of the bulkhead, and no water flows aft to the engine room, which is adequately serviced by two pumps.

We gain on the leak, but it's tiring. A large 24 volt Jabsco is ripped from its mounting under the transmission, and is rigged onto a cable and a hose. The leaking seam is located under the chain locker, after Ron moves 120 metres of chain. Peter drives the boat, and I tear up an old T shirt, and press a strip of cotton into the seam with a screw driver. This slows the ingress, and we pump hourly, while hurrying along to Port Phillip.

The weather moderates, a word with Lonsdale Signal Station, and Pelican transits the Heads, after dodging three out-going ships. A flood tide carries the crew up West Channel in style, and the lights of Melbourne are beckoning. We dock at the RVMYC at midnight. I had phoned club manager Jarmila and Savages the day prior, for emergency accommodation in the yard. We pump a couple of times during the night. Laurie Dilks, a caulking guru, agrees to inspect and help. The travel lift drops Pelican onto the blocks at 11.00 am.

Ron Ellis - Navigator extraordinaire



It's amazing how quickly water comes in, through a few centimetres of missing caulking. There's no rest for the wicked, as the annual refit and paint job is now on our hands, just when a nice rest is more deserving. Next year, we'll probably take the easy option, just a short hop to Hobart, for the Wooden Boat Festival.

That's boating!!

Thanks to Ron, Blake, Peter & Alan.



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With Danny Brigham

What is your connection to RVMYC and Williamstown?

I do not have any direct connection to the RVMYC or Williamstown, however I bought a boat from the Anchorage in Williamstown 11 years ago when I sold my business.

What do you like most about the club?

The thing I like most about the club is the blend of different and interesting people. It really doesn't matter if you are a multi-millionaire or a battler. At the club everyone gets treated the same. It works well.

How and why did you become involved in boating?

I was looking for a new interest to fill in a bit of time. That's why I got involved in boating. It seemed like the perfect hobby to be involved in.

What's been your most unusual/unique experience?

My most unique experience since joining the club was a trip to Fraser Island in Queensland with club members Len Dockrill and John Holland. We had several nights lighting bon fires on white, sandy,



Best Chinese food in Melbourne. I have been going there for a while now.



Tell me something about yourself that people would not be aware of?

Something people wouldn't know about me is I was a professional triathlete for 10 years. I still love keeping fit, and doing a bit of running.

Favourite holiday destination? My favourite holiday spot is Bribie Island

in Queensland. We had a place on the island for 13 years when the kids were younger. Fantastic family holiday spot.

What motivates you?

I love keeping fit and have a fitness routine that I do weekly. This motivates me to get out of bed early and get going with the day ahead.

deserted beaches. Drinking red wine by the bucket load and watching the magnificent sunsets. Great memories.

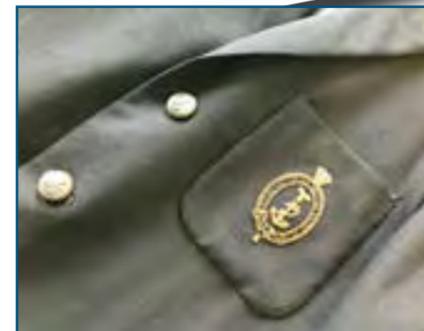
Favourite restaurant? My favourite restaurant is Eastern Court Chinese in James street Templestowe.

Dear Jarmila,
On Saturday 12th October we visited the Club to donate my Grandfathers Club jacket, cap and trophies he won at the club. We spoke to Simon Mills, and Mark the Historian and they were very pleased to receive all, as I was told you are starting to put together a room of memorabilia. The trophies were a last minute decision and I am very happy that you were so enthusiastic about them and that they have found the right home.

I have some photos of Henry Brewer holding the Whalley Cup so I will send them in due course.

Thank you all for our complimentary lunch enjoyed outside on a perfect Spring day.

Regards
Suzanne and Pete. (Granddaughter of H.C. Brewer)



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Dear Commodore Katherine,

It was good to meet with you and the present Commodore, Paul Doherty and enjoy the pleasant lunch at your new premises. Both of you were very helpful and informative and are a credit to the Club. We appreciated the time with you .

You requested copies of the photos that we took that I will send separately and a history of the boat, Mon Pere Emile that won the 1973 trophy in record time and the skipper during that race, Dr Stan Sahhar, and the family involved and their history.

The boat was built in our backyard by our cousin Nickolas who came from Athens, Greece in 1969. He was a boat builder in Greece and it took about 2 years to build part time. It was named in honour of our father Emile .

The parents, Anastasia and Emile, of Greek origin, gave up so much to migrate to Australia in 1952 so that their children could have a good education and a happy future. They had 7 children, some born overseas and some in Australia, who were encouraged to study hard and embrace the Australian culture.

The Sahhar family lived in Williamstown and achieved the following professions and positions: Anthony - accountant and in charge of data processing at the State Insurance Office. Stan - oral surgeon and lecturer in Dentistry at Melbourne University, and Captain of the boat. Ruth - lawyer and Registrar in various Departments in the State Government. Sol - Obstetrician and Gynaecologist who worked as a specialist surgeon at the Williamstown/Altona Western General, and later the Werribee Mercy Hospitals. Shukry - Civil Engineer, who was involved in the construction of the High Court of Australia and the National Gallery in Canberra. Peter - accountant in the Health Department. Cleo - leading Doctor in General Practice in Warragul.

The family had many happy years with boating at the RVMYC and developed many friends there. It was a proud moment to see the trophy which looks very much like the boat itself, with the the name of the boat and the year inscribed on the Trophy.

Congratulations to the RVMYC for building your beautiful new Club Rooms and preserving your heritage so well.

It is very generous of you to allow access of your club rooms to the public in such a wonderful setting and a beautiful building.

Our best wishes.
Sol
Dr S B Sahhar



Alison Miles

Gerald McHarg

Anita Taylor

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Members Draw resumes 5th February, 2020

Members Draw 7pm Wednesdays.
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Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 year licence \$100.70; 1 year licence \$37.20; 28 day licence \$21.20; 3 day licence \$10 Please see Terri at the bar. Members can use their accounts to pay.

NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

Calendar of Events

January

- Monday 6th - Office re-opens
- Bistro re-opens
- Sat 11th Sun 12th - Portarlington Weekend

February

- Sunday 2nd - SYC Cup
- Sunday 16th - Oslo Cup
- Sunday 23rd Big Bay Swim
- Friday 28th - Babba in Concert@ the RVMYC

BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEDNESDAY WRAP, FACEBOOK & RVMYC WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Duty Officers

December

- 21-22 L LANDOLFATTO
- 28-29 B BIRLEY

January

- 4-5 S WARNER
- 11-12 P SKENE
- 18-19 T KRSTEVSKI
- 26-26 K RINDFLEISH

MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Wednesday - Bar open 5pm. Bistro open 6.00pm

Friday - Bistro open 6pm
Bar open 5pm. **Happy Hour 5.30-7.30pm**

Saturday - Bar open 12pm. Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm

Sunday - Bar open 12pm. Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm.

To view the weekly Bistro menu, visit the RVMYC website

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	2	3	4 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	5	Fridays: Happy Hour 5.30pm- 7.30pm & Cruise Draw	7 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	
8 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	9	10	11 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	12		14 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	
15 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	16	17	18 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	19		21 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	
22 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	Office		Xmas Day	closed		Bar Open	28 BAR OPEN
29 BAR OPEN	Office closed						

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		NYE BAR OPEN	New Year's Day Closed	2	3	4
5 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	Office re-opens	7	8 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	9	10 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	Portarlington Weekend Cruise Day 1
Cruise Day 2	13	14	15 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	16	17 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	18 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN
19 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	20	21	22 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	23	24 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	25 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN
26 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	27	28	29 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	30	31 BAR/ BISTRO OPEN	