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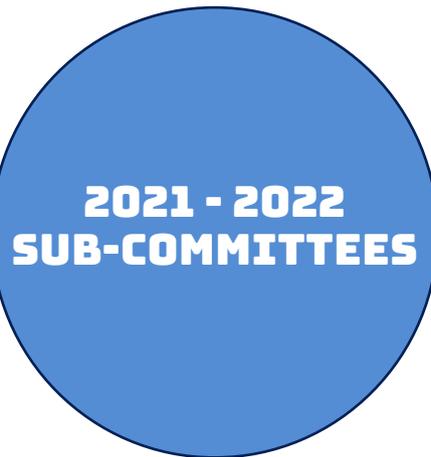
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Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.



Linda Duggan



Chris Golding



Clare Christie



Ken Christie



Voula Konstantopoulos



Brett Penberthy



Anita Smundin



Mike Stowe



We asked and you voted.
The winner of the Name the Beer competition is.....

Captains Choice

Thanks to all who voted, and congratulations to Jeff Giddings who entered the winning name. The new logo will be revealed soon. Next time you are at the bar, be sure to order a Captains Choice.

Club By-Law of the Month

26. The Club reserves the right to remove any boat in the yard to any position when it is necessary to facilitate the most expedient use of the yard. Such movement may be at the owner's expense.



Congratulations to member Brett Prebble on his recent win in the Memsie Stakes at Caulfield Racecourse.

We wish Brett all the best in the upcoming season of the Spring Racing Carnival.

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 RVMYC'ers,

Where do I begin. When the reminder came for this report, I wondered what could be said to ease the frustration, boredom and fear some of us may be feeling during this, another Lockdown (number 6 for the benefit of the archive). I think I'm now void of any witty epithets that might offer you some or any relief. So I include an epic I have referred to over the years written by a talent far greater than most and one which has provided solace and inspiration to me on occasion (please apply appropriate gender, 'If' was written circa 1895).

In as far as club news is concerned, we are of course locked down until restrictions are eased. All staff are now on reduced hours or completely stood down for the duration of this lockdown. I thank them once again for their steadfast loyalty to our club and ask Members to bear this in mind going forward.

Hopefully we will soon receive news of improved conditions. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, make it a priority to get

yourselves immunised as soon as possible, it is our best course out of this tempest.

So please, whether on the water or ashore get immunized, stay safe & have fun.

'If'...

by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken,
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with

worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them:
'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!

Paul F Doherty
Commodore

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Are we there yet?

Story by John Marks

A voyage across Bass Strait to Tasmania could be achieved in a floating bathtub on the right days, how-ever to ensure a safe landfall at Eddystone Point on Tasmania's northeast corner or elsewhere, one should consider a stout vessel and take considerable notice of the easily accessed weather predictions, plus of course have adequate fuel, with say at least a 25% reserve.

As a young kid, living in a boatshed at Williamstown Beach, the lure of voyaging was very real. Dad's hire fleet consisted of six sixteen-foot motorboats and twenty heavy clinker rowboats. Brother Don and I planned a voyage around Port Phillip Bay in the best sixteen-footer, named Beverley after my older sister, but we never got around to setting off.



The first privately-owned boat was a Savage Snipe tinny with a 6.6hp Chrysler outboard.

Then on a trip to Portland, a twenty-foot plywood Hartley design caught the eye, sitting in a boatyard with a "for sale" sign, as the abalone diver owner was up-grading to GRP. This boat, named Cowboy, served well as a dive and fishing boat, and was trailered regularly to Bermagui

and along the Victorian coast.



Cowboy

Private boating was interrupted by twenty years in the recreational diving industry, but the lure of Bass Strait persisted.

Our first charter boat was a smart-looking twenty-four-foot Savage flybridge job, however the Victorian Marine Board canned this boat, so we renovated an old but sound thirty- four-foot ex-scallop boat, built of Huon Pine. I was an RVMYC member at the time, so the boat was soon blocked off in the yard. When the late Ron Elliott, who was an influential committee member, deduced that the boat was aimed at a commercial operation, we were unceremoniously ejected.



A Savage Flybridge

The renovation then proceeded at Blunts next door.

In Easter 1986, we set off to Deal Island, with plenty of tucker and diving gear, but the weather beat us. The boat, Calypso, was sea-worthy, but had nil accommodation or any live-aboard facility. We had to shelter behind Great Glennie Island while a forty knot south-westerly blew out. This boat also fell foul



Calypso

of the Marine Board, as it was found unsuitable to gain a survey to take the divers outside Port Phillip Heads. Then we brought a Randall forty-footer, ex the rock lobster industry, home from Fremantle. This one lasted us until we departed the industry in 1999. It also had limited accommodation, but survey conditions meant Corsair was unable to voyage outside the survey boundary of Port Phillip and five miles to seaward. A fourteen-foot TAFE-built clinker motorboat got me onto the snapper marks, but sitting exposed on the little engine box soon became uncomfortable.



Pelican

I perused Trade-A-Boat magazine for four years until in a 2005 edition, the current boat (renamed Pelican) appeared, advertised by retiring owner-builder John Settree. With extensive renovation, and improvements to live-aboard comforts, at last here was the boat to venture out.

In 2011, the lure of a Tassie trip, to attend the Australian Wooden Boat Festival was to be realized.

The club had at that time a log to complete when leaving on any extended voyage.

When I wrote "Hobart" as the destination, I thought What The Heck? Are we game enough or stupid

enough for this? Adding insult to injury, we decided to return via Matsuuyker Island, but that's another story.

After that first trip, the Tassie highway became routine. An over-nighter to Refuge Cove had us at anchor about 3:00pm. Departing at 4:00am next morning for a twelve-hour run to Roydon Island off Flinders Island's north-west corner, the grumbling crew

were able to return to their bunks, while the watch keeper held the wheel. Then we had a few hours of daylight before repeating the same exercise next morning, with a leg to Eddystone Point on Tasmania's north-east coast. Then off to Brian's Corner or Schouten Island on the Freycinet, and then again through the Dennison Canal up to Hobart. This gave five doable hops with a sheltered anchorage after each, while we considered the weather report for the next leg. Most club boats can do this, presuming enough fuel can be carried. (It's possible to refuel at Lady Barron in Flinders Island's south, and with deviation, at Port Welshpool.)

Are *you* ready?

Get your boat fit for the water

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Courtesy of Club Manager Kierran

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Ordering

We are currently looking into implementation of an ordering platform (MR YUM or ME & YOU), as many pubs and restaurants utilise around Melbourne. This will be an optional extra method of ordering your drinks and meals, especially for the terrace and bar areas!

Debtor statement

As with the previous month, you will have received an email statement from my email address containing your debtor account statement. Please note, this is only a transaction summary of your account, highlighting detailed food & beverage transactions, over the course of the month. Please ignore the balance owing shown on the H&L statement, as it carries forward each month and is exclusive of payments. I am working on a solution to reflect payments from MYOB.

Bistro Bookings - Reservations

are now available at any time through the RVMYC website, facilitated by Open Table! To avoid wait times and ensure we can adequately staff the bistro, bar & kitchen, please utilise the convenience of booking at anytime on the RVMYC website: www.rvmc.com.au When booking for an event such as Kings of Queen, please consider booking your spot in the Bistro well in advance. With the new system in place, we will try our absolute best to accommodate members with seating requests.

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 14th July - Jenni Decker NIA
 21st July - Draw suspended
 28th July - Sam Abate NIA
 Draw suspended until further notice.



MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS



Wednesday - Bar open 5.00pm
 Bistro open 6.00pm
 Friday - Bar open 5.00pm
 Bistro open 5.30pm
 Saturday - Bar open 12.00pm
 Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm
 Sunday - Bar open 12.00pm
 Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm.

To view the weekly Bistro menu, visit the RVMYC website

Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 year licence \$102.20; 1 year licence \$37.70; 28 day licence \$21.50; 3 day licence \$10 Please contact the office or see Terri at the bar. Members can use their accounts to pay.
NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Events postponed

OCTOBER

2nd - Season Opening Day(TBC)
 16th - Miss Australia Cup Navrally
 29th - 3 Day Cruise Around the Bay

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

FOR UPDATES

Please note due to restrictions, dates may change for RVMYC events.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	27	28	Bar & Bistro Open	30	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Bar & Bistro Open	Season Opening Day(TBC)
Bar & Bistro Open	4	5	Bar & Bistro Open	7	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	11	12	Bar & Bistro Open	14	Bar & Bistro Open	Miss Australia Cup
Bar & Bistro Open	18	19	Bar & Bistro Open	21	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	25	26	Bar & Bistro Open	28	3 Day Bay Cruise	Bar & Bistro Open
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Duty Officers

September

25-26 Greg O'Connell

October

2-3 Kathie Rindfleish
 9-11 Marco Sampaio
 16-17 Mark Bourke
 23-24 Paul Doherty
 30-31 Simon Mills