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## SYC Cup finds it way home in 2022



Congratulations to Cameron on taking out first place in the SYC Cup, with Chris coming in just behind in second place. Mark & Kathie Rindfleish came in 6th, helping bring the CUB Cup back home to the RVMYC.



Our dealers doing a mighty handy job  
More photos on page 6

# Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.



Brendan Johnson



Craig Sergeant



Jennifer Mulqueen



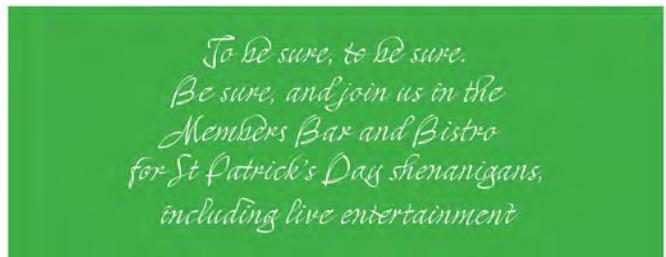
Jenny Sergeant



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Dean Robinson



Members get your entry forms in now.  
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## 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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Dear RVMYCers

I hope everyone's Christmas holiday break was revitalising, refreshing and that you all had the opportunity to catch up with loved ones. It was pleasing to see that our marina was half empty over the holidays as it meant that members were utilising their boats by travelling near and far and enjoying what turned out to be a very good Summer season (despite the persistent Easterlies). The marina vacancies mesh well with the tradition of our club hosting yachts from Royal Geelong Yacht Club the night before their Festival of Sails race Back to Geelong. This year there were approximately 10 -12 boats moored overnight with approximately 60 visiting RGYC members enjoying our Bar & Bistro facilities. Judging from their feedback they all had a most convivial time and extended their gratitude to our staff and members (Kiwi Crew) who facilitated their visit. Other than the main days, the Clubhouse remained open for the holiday break and was very well patronised by Members and their Guests who enjoyed the magnificent atmosphere we offer as well as our excellent Bar & Bistro offerings provided by our wonderful hospitality staff.

# From the Commodore's Deck

Recently the Boating Sub-Committee conducted a Poker Run which was very successful with approximately 11 boats being involved. The beauty of this event is that it can be enjoyed by both boat and non-boat owning members. The weather was perfect on the day and there was a terrific crowd in the Clubhouse to conclude the event and find out who had the best hand, which turned out to be the Markby Family on Karuba. Congratulations to the Boating S/C on staging this very successful event and judging from the feedback of participants, there will more of this type of boating activity planned for the future.

This Sunday sees the first of the Nav Rallies for 2022 with the running of the Lonsdale Cup. This event is sponsored by the Navy League who have a long and strong association with the RVMYC. It is always a great day with both Navy League and when possible Navy personnel from visiting ships attending. Even if you're not competing in the rally itself there is always a great atmosphere in the Clubhouse for lunch afterwards. Hot on the heels of the Lonsdale Cup is the Williamstown Cup on the 20th March. This event is sponsored by Past Commodore Darren Keast and Greg Miles and given their interest in the Sport of Kings you won't be surprised to learn this is a handicapped event. This is another great day as even Nav Rally plodders like me are competitive

and I have the bragging rights of being a past winner to prove it!!

The Social & Events Sub Committee are busily planning upcoming events including a revival of the most successful Babba night which we held the week prior to COVID. Keep your eyes peeled and ears to the ground as this is sure to be a sell-out as it was last time, pricing and ticketing options will be advertised as soon as possible. Preparations are also being made so that the Presentation Gala is truly that as this will be the first we've had in three years. There have also been two "Music on the Deck" days held in the past few weeks which are also great fun, keep a look out for more in the Wednesday Wrap and on the Socials while we have the good weather to enjoy them.

In closing this first Commodore's Report for 2022, I believe we can now look forward to living as normal lives as possible without the frustrating interruption of Lockdowns. Hopefully we've seen the last of them and we can now move forward with measures to take greater strides for the RVMYC into the future.

And remember, whether on the water or ashore, stay safe and have fun.

Paul F Doherty  
Commodore

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## A little chat with.....

### RVMYC life member Max Menzies

Max Menzies, who joined RVMYC 50 years ago as a 25year old has retained continued membership, and is now our newest life member.

Max no longer enjoys boating, and as some old records at the club have been lost, Max took a bit of chasing down.

Mark Bourke, our communications committee member, finally traced Max, who agreed to be interviewed regarding his time as an active member:

**Propellor:** Max, can you recall what the club was like when you were boating, and how you see the differences between then and now?

**Max:** Well, then there was no marina, all the boats were moored off, and we rowed out in a dinghy. Some of the boats were ex RAAF air sea rescue launches such as Lindsay Stone's Jill, a 38' high speed "crash boat." Another was a 63' "02" series crash launch, Ottawa 111. Those days we had speed races rather than time trials.

**P:** How did your boating fit into your general lifestyle?

**M:** At those times I ran an auto business and a caravan hire service. We were busy, but I was at the club every weekend. I wasn't a great social member, the boating was the thing.

**P:**What kind of boat did you own?

**M:** My first was a 21' twin outboard job, 65hp Mercurys,



quite fast at 32 knots. Then I moved up to a 23' Caribbean Crusader, also with twin outboards, which could achieve 43 knots in calm conditions.

**P:**Where did you visit and cruise to?

**M:** We cruised all over Port Phillip, down to the heads etc. Also we trailered the boats around the Victorian coast, on one trip we launched at

Sale and cruised right down to Lakes Entrance.

**P:** Max, are you still active? What are your current interests?

**M:** I have a property at Yarrowonga, and sometimes visit there. The Covid has slowed things down a bit, I'm triple immunized, and keep reasonable health. A bit of a back problem.....

Conducting this interview over the phone was made easy. Max was outgoing and enthusiastic, and sounded quite energetic, with a sharp sense of humour. We look forward to a visit at the club sometime.

Congratulations Max on becoming a life member of the RVMYC.

*NB. Max does not have access to email, so unfortunately could not share any photos with us.*

**W**<sup>ow</sup>  
hat a swim!



The Williamstown Surf Lifesaving Club held their annual Williamstown Open Water Swim on Sunday 27th February. Club member Nathan Mullins participated in the 2.5km swim and came out of the water exhilarated! Soon after Nathan was to the rescue helping retrieve the 10km swimmers bags from the bottom of the ocean, after the float holding the bags with drinks and food decided to tip over. All in all, the conditions were pretty decent and it was great to see quite a few people participating.

## Get your boat fit for the water

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## Poker Run

Saturday 19th February

The boating sub-committee have been busily working on new boating events for the members of the RVMYC and the newly introduced Poker Run was a resounding success. Over 15 club boats participated with a further team of boats assisting as "Dealers" on the day..

The object was to gather five sealed envelopes, each containing a Playing Card from nominated locations on the water or elsewhere, return to the Club Bar and present the sealed envelopes to a Game Marshall, and have the hand recorded.

The best hand according to Basic Poker Rules was awarded first prize. Second best hand awarded second prize and third best third prize.

The cards were issued on a "per boat" basis, i.e. one hand per boat, whereby boaters would collect a sealed envelope from the Dealers at five locations on the water or as nominated.

At the Club Bar each boat will be called according to their boat name and asked to show their five sealed envelopes to a Game Marshall.

When all boat's hands were

pinned face down on the board the Game Marshall revealed the hands one card per boat at a time so as to slowly reveal the hands. When all boat's hands were recorded, the judges then decided the winning hands and the prizes were awarded as nominated.

The winner was Peter Markby in Kariba with a queen high straight. Second was Steve Sutherland in Villasea with two pair (jacks and kings), and taking out third was Simon Mills in Serenity with a pair of aces.

Looking forward to all hands on deck for the next Poker Run!





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## MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS



Wednesday - Bar open 5.00pm  
Bistro open 6.00pm

Friday - Bar open 5.00pm  
Bistro open 12pm lunch  
Bistro open 5.30pm dinner

Saturday - Bar open 12.00pm  
Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm  
Bistro open 5.30pm dinner

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

To view the weekly Bistro menu, visit the RVMYC website

## Members Draw!

Wednesdays at 7pm

- \$1250 22nd Dec- **Michelle Warren WINNER**
- \$500 2 February - **John Savage WINNER**
- \$500 9 February - **Andrea Fernandes NIA**
- \$550 16 February - **Peter Christoforou NIA**
- \$600 23 February - **Ben Koutoukidis NIA**



## 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

### MARCH

- 6th - Lonsdale Cup
- 14th - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 20th - Williamstown Cup

### APRIL

- 2nd - Wyndham Harbour Cruise
- 8th - BABBA
- 10th - Marconi Trophy
- 15th -18th - Trip to Geelong
- 30th - Regatta Cup

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

## Duty Officers

### MARCH

- 5-6 Mark Bourke
- 12-13 Paul Doherty
- 19-20 Simon Mills
- 26-27 Chris Ackerman

### APRIL

- 2-3 Mark Rindfleish
- 9-10 Peter Skene
- 16-17 Greg O'Connell
- 23-24 Kathie Rindfleish
- 30-1 Marco Sampaio

### MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	Bar & Bistro Open	3	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Lonsdale Cup	7	8	Bar & Bistro Open	10	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15	Bar & Bistro Open	17	St Patrick's Day Event	Bar & Bistro Open
Willi Cup	21	22	Bar & Bistro Open	24	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	28	29	Bar & Bistro Open	31		

### APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	4	5	Bar & Bistro Open	7	BABBA TBC	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	11	12	Bar & Bistro Open		Good Friday Public holiday	Bar & Bistro Open
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday Public holiday	19	Bar & Bistro Open	21	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	25	26	Bar & Bistro Open	28	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open