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SATURDAY, MAY 14TH 2022



Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.



Russell Dennison



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Catherine Jardin



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WHALLEY CUP
 SATURDAY 2ND JULY
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Susan Young

Seeking volunteers Sub-Committees:

- Marina Development
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- Email the office to register your interest.

SPECIAL MENTION

2021 -2022

Aggregate Results

- 1st. Casa Verde
Chris Ackerman & Kylie Ackerman
- 2nd Bold Venture
Cameron Simpson & Bridget Sebire
- 3rd Maine Road
Phil Taylor & Karen Barclay

Boat Person of the Year

Marco Sampaio

Club Person of the Year

Mark Smundin

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 Members,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the honour of being elected Commodore for the second time, as Susan and I regard this responsibility as a privilege.

I would like to thank Commodore Paul Doherty and our Committee for their hard work and the time they volunteer away from their families to be care takers of the Club, ensure everything is order, just so that we can enjoy boating and the Club with our family and friends. In particular a big thank you to our outgoing Committee Members, Marco Sampaio and Peter Skene, Treasurer for their fantastic contribution and diligence through a challenging time during the Pandemic.

We have many Sub-

Committee members and we are grateful for the time they give for the betterment of our Club and look forward to welcoming the support of new members to these Sub-Committees, after all, this Club is for all of us. We are all stakeholders, so everyone's input is vital, welcomed and appreciated. So, if you haven't enquired already, please do so.

The goal of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club has always been to bring the pleasure of boating and the wonderful friendship this Club offers to as many people as possible.

The coming year will be no different with the Committee planning exciting things for both our boating and social calendar as well as the important task of finalising our Lease with Parks Victoria, under the guidance of our Secretary, Mark Rindfleish

and new Treasurer, Cameron Simpson, which will secure our financial position and enable us to move forward with our marina development.

The Works Sub-Committee will be working hard to ensure a safe environment for us all, as well as our Hospitality and Communication Sub-Committees, Management and caterers to continue to deliver a gold standard member satisfaction as proficiently and diligently as possible whilst still achieving our goals.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water and in the Club.

Regards
Simon Mills
Commodore

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Pelican cruise & fishing 2022 - Part 2 by John Marks

Getting back to Pelican standing in berth #12 in the new marina at Bermagui was nearly easy. A bus and train from Werribee to board the Bairnsdale connection at Southern Cross was achieved with the minimum of fuss. Mate and crew member Ron Ellis was waiting at the head of ramp 15A, for me and the train to Bairnsdale. After a coffee and a toilet run, we discovered that the train was actually a bus, which was to depart the depot along Spencer St in two minutes. As fast as old blokes can run with a small swag of gear, it was not enough. Bugger, so back to Werribee for the train next morning. (Another bus meets the train at Bairnsdale and drops you at Bermagui.)



Not a great start you say? The other two, father and son Alan and Blake arrived at Bermagui in Blake's two-seater work ute as planned, so they had a 24 hour start on us. Then a call from Berty to advise that Pelican had chafed on the pontoon during a heavy wind and rainstorm in our absence. What else could go wrong?

Next day was blown out, so a bit of prep and a few bevvies filled the day. A lady skipper who runs the charter op. "Bill Fisher" advised that Kingies were "on" at Aughinish Rock south of Montague Island, so next morning we set off to Monty, but gentleman's hours would not win the day, as Kingfish go off the bite around 9:00am. We tried a few spots "bottom bashing", resulting in Blue Morwong and small Snapper for an evening meal. Now for the big ones, so off to the twelve-mile next morning, trolling a couple of skirts, deep divers and a Bonito rigged as skip bait. Not much was happening, until a seal was seen to monster our only Bonito. Sharing this, the seal got half, but the rest did not swim or skip well. A couple of stripies came in, but too big to rig for skip or live bait. Result: nil. Ron was full of cheek and un-solicited advice, until the skipper warned "remember how I sewed that Bonito's mouth up?"

Not to be denied, the stalwarts departed before dawn next am, mixing it with the big shots out on the twelve mile and further. Here the depth drops away from 100 metres to 1000 and more, in the space of a couple of miles. Still the water was grey, not even green let alone the beautiful blue hue often

seen out there, and with water temperatures up to 24 degrees C. Where is the East Australia Current? The big boats were not stopping, so it could be safely assumed that Marlin were scarce.



That evening while enjoying a beer at the marina, we noticed a Marlin on the gantry at the weigh station nearby. We strolled around for a closer look; a black at 137kg, said to be the only hook-up reported that day. In the absence of warm blue water, the boys decided "enough", and planned a tour back to Werribee, including stops at Gabo Island and the Hogan Group in Bass Strait.



The weather was in our favour, except for a couple of days sheltering at Hogan Island, with 25-30 knot winds from NW to SW forecast.

Bermagui has changed so much, even since our last visit in 2016. The new marina is chockers with big expensive-looking game boats. We elected to stay here, even though the "old" marina cost less, but docking is tighter there for a boat without a bow-thruster. We tried an over-night stay on the end berths of the new marina for easy docking, (spaces normally reserved for re-fuelling and emergency berthing) but in the end after



two false starts caused by two late arrivals, it was back into pen 12.

A 70' long-liner arrived back after fishing out where the current could be found, with only 5 Yellowfin and 11 Big Eye Tuna to show for two days work. The big freezers at the co-op were nearly empty when the trucks arrived that day. Another big wooden long-liner was cut up last year after it was beached near the entrance. Times are tough! One thing in good supply is imagination for naming the big game boats. We observed "Pandemonium", "La Dolce Vite", "She Left Me" and "Relentless Pursuit" amongst others, but my favourite was

"Luna Sea". (Get it?) Plenty of distillate, but \$2.26/ltr is causing some concern for less affluent cruising types like us. By adjusting the Gardner back to 1000RPM, Pelican still managed close to seven knots at about 8LPH, instead of the usual 10.



Stay tuned to the next edition of Propellor for the final episode - the cruise back to Werribee.

From John, Alan, Ron, Blake & Peter.

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Welcome to the Celebration Ball



From the top - Ben and Leanne Koutoukidis, Susan Mills, Melinda Doherty, Ray & Shirley Lopez, and Shana & Kaylene Evers

Opposite page includes: - Ben and Leanne Koutoukidis, Mark Rindfleisch, James Moreno, David and Maree Munro, Richard Edwards & Prue Dale, Fiona Zammit, Kati Ezard, Simone Kaye, Nikki Caudry, John Zammit, Cameron Simpson, Tony Taylor, Ana Sampaio, Rochelle Wynne, Kathie Rindfleisch, The Evers' and Lopez's, Paul & Melinda Doherty and John & Mary Fryer, Darren Kesst, John Zammit, Kathie Rindfleisch and Graeme & Rhonda Gibson,





Kati and Kevin Ezard

Kathie Rindfleish and Kati Ezard

The Koutoukidis's and the Doherty's





Chris Ackerman



*Marcelo Sampaio - Boat Person of the Year
with Paul Doherty*



Cameron Simpson & Paul Doherty



Lorraine McKenzie - 25yr recipient



Richard Edwards - 25yr recipient



Kevin Ezard - 25yr recipient

Behind the scenes....



TS Voyager Cadets Ceremonial Division

Photos supplied by Commodore Simon Mills



The RVMYC were honoured to receive an invitation to attend the TS Voyager Annual Inspection and Cadets Ceremonial Divisions on Sunday 26th June. The club was represented by Commodore Simon Mills, Vice Commodore Chris Ackerman and Committee Member Kathie Rindfleish.





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Trivia Hunt

By Ben Koutoukidis

The RVMYC Trivia Hunt was held on Saturday 4th June.



Let me start by saying what a great fun event it was, enjoyed by 8 vessels and 21 club members family and friends. A huge thank you to Ken Warren who came up with the idea and ran with it in the previous boating Sub-Committee chaired by now Vice Commodore Chris Ackerman.

With the App downloaded and the weather Gods on our side we headed off. The rules were to follow the GPS map on the app until you came up to a question mark where you were alerted by 2 chimes of a bell.



The app then asks competitors to accept the challenge, and that is when the fun and banter begins.

Everyone onboard is encouraged to use your own device so then each boat can come up with an aggregate score at the end of the day. All competitors have to attempt all challenges or the next one won't appear and you will be unable to proceed.

Some of the challenges included memory tests, take a funny photo, brain teasing questions and re-inact the iconic Titanic pose of Jack and Rose on the front of the boat.



The course took us up the river to Yarra's Edge, then across to St Kilda Marina. It was all done and dusted within a couple of hours.

When we all got back to the marina we proceeded up to the Members bar to get the most anticipated results.

All the members on Saluté thought we had it in the bag, very cocky as we strutted upstairs, with our Top Gun trivia expert James Moreno on board who achieved the highest score. A big well done James, but with the aggregate

scoring system, this saw some members go up, and others go down the list.



There were also prizes awarded for: Most unusual photo - Kati Ezard
N.A.T.H.A - Rod Geard
We will definitely be doing more of these fun boating events. It really is a great way to use your boat and socialise.

Well done to all who participated and I look forward to seeing more and more members and families joining in at our future events.

The results were as follows.
1st boat- 163 pts AQUAHOLIC
2nd - 139 points SALUTE
3rd - 133 points WEONAH
4th - 111 points SANUK
5th - 98 points FUNKE
6th - 74 points KARIBA
7th - Pts withheld ROB ROY





Cool Craig



No need to wonder why Kati claims the prize



Malcolm giving his best smile!



Leanne R



Just Marking around.



Chillin' on Weonah

The Viking Cruise Draw



The Viking Cruise Draw finale was held on Friday 3rd June. There were many waiting with bated breath to see who would be the recipient of this magnificent prize. With the digital wheel ready to go on the big screen, fingers were crossed and excitement filled the air. When the

wheel landed on John Zammit, there was a roar of excitement from John's proxy Nikki Caudry. Congratulations to John, and thank you to our Corporate Sponsors Travel Associates Williamstown for this amazing prize!

Taylor Time Trial

by Ben Koutoukidis



What an awesome day; 2.5 knots, the sun was out and we were joined by our old friends from the west, Justin and Helen Taylor to which this time trial was named after.

It was great to have Justin and Helen back in town and to reconnect with them. They were also accompanied by the Commodore of the South of Perth Yacht Club, Michael, and Maria Cook who have now become very good friends of the club, so much so we have brokered a trip over to Perth for the Grand Final weekend, and all RVMYC members have been invited!

Michael and Maria have planned for us to compete in their time trial on the Saturday morning, hosted on the boats of SoPYC members, followed by lunch back at the club to watch the footy and celebrate the winners of the trial. On the Sunday a flotilla of boats will be taking us all over to Rottne Island to enjoy the

day. More info on this to come, please register your interest ASAP with the office, so that we can facilitate this great weekend away.

Back to the time trial. We had 14 boats register and 13 compete which was a great turn out. Approximately 65 Members, friends and family came up to the bar to find out how they went. Part of the fun of a Time Trial is that you really have no idea on how you went until the results are spat out by the computer programme.

So with anticipation in everybody's eyes, we started calling out the names of the place-getters and they are as below:

1st Salutè - Koutoukidis, Smundin's, Moreno & Duggan's

2nd High Tide - Matt and Rochelle Wynne

3rd Serenity - Justin & Helen Taylor (hosted by the Mills)

And at the rear Kariba - Peter the only way is up now.

Congratulations to all!

We will be running more Time Trials next year as it was a lot of fun and many people can get involved on your boat which makes it even more fun.





There they are - in the background!!



On the way to taking out the top prize



Smiles all round from the crew - Linda, Anita & Leanne



Planning in motion



The crowd anticipation...



Simon & Ben declare the winners



A little Aquaholic



Diggin' the Duggan bling!



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Bistro open 6.00pm

Thursday - Bar & Bar Snacks open 5pm

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

Saturday - Bar open 12.00pm
Happy Hour 4-6pm
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

- \$850 4th May - Terry Toscas NIA
- \$900 11th May - Peter Clark NIA
- \$950 18th May - Ken Watkin NIA
- \$1000 25th May - Judith Edwards NIA
- \$1050 1st June - Lorna Mills NIA
- \$1100 8th June - Gillian Calanchini NIA
- \$1150 15th June - Wilma Healy NIA
- \$1200 22nd June - Paul Karlecik NIA
- \$1250? 27th June - Robert Shannon 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

2022 JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30pm & Dinner 6-9pm	Whalley Cup
Bar & Bistro Open	4	5	Bar & Bistro Open from 5pm-9pm	Bar & Bar Snacks 5pm-10.30		Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30 & Dinner 6-9pm
Bar & Bistro Open	11	12				
Bar & Bistro Open	18	19				
Bar & Bistro Open	25	26				
Bar & Bistro Open						

2022 AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	Bar & Bistro Open 5pm-9pm	Bar & Bar Snacks 5pm-10.30	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30 & Dinner 6-9pm	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30 & Dinner 6-9pm
Bar & Bistro Open	8	9				
Bar & Bistro Open	15	16				
Bar & Bistro Open	22	23				
Bar & Bistro Open	29	30				

Calendar of Events

JULY

1st - WHALLEY CUP

AUGUST

5th - Belgian Beer Dinner - Details TBC

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

Duty Officers

JULY

- 2-3 Cameron Simpson
- 9-10 Greg O'Connell
- 16-17 Kathie Rindfleish
- 23-24 James Moreno
- 30-31 Mark Bourke

AUGUST

- 5-6 Simon Mills
- 13-14 Chris Ackerman
- 20-21 Ben Koutoukidis
- 27-28 Mark Rindfleish