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Hello 2023!!

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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,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone back after the holiday season and trust everyone managed to experience some boating or some enjoyment by the water.

The Committee has been working on some new initiatives which include changing the current sign in system to a QR code system, which will enable the Club to track all visitors and keep our Liquor Licence requirements compliant. Members will be notified of the finalities of this in due course, which will make it far more easier and streamlined for members guests and visitors to sign in, with administration to keep track of participation.

I am pleased to advise that the Marina Development (i.e. Club Lease) is still moving forwards, with a meeting having been undertaken prior to Christmas, and after consultation with the Sub-Committee, will have further updates at the Quarterly Meeting.

Marina works have been ongoing as usual, with quotations being issued for some specific whaler boards and piles to be upgraded. Once we work through the quotes, we will

make a decision upon the Marina Sub-Committee's recommendation. If anyone finds any issues, please feel free to report them to the office within business hours.

Social and Hospitality have been busy with recent innovations including Thursday Pot & Parma and Friday Steak Night which have been well patronised. Also Happy Hour has been introduced for Thursday and Fridays and music events have been ramped up to co-inside with boating activities. The Sub-Committee will continue to brainstorm new initiatives going forward and welcome your feedback. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Head Chef, Petor as well as his team members, Jaclyn, Terri, Jess and Ben, not forgetting our admin staff on a great job with their bookings.

2023 Boating season started after the holidays, which included Time Trials and Scavenger Hunts. Unfortunately, the RVMYC Cup and Canning Street Cruise had to be cancelled on account of the debris in the River and Bay caused by flooding following our continued inclement weather. Nevertheless, I am

sure these will be re-scheduled in the near future, which I trust will be well received by members and guests.

Sue and I look forward to seeing you at the Club enjoying the hospitality and hope we manage to get some favourable weather for boating over the next few months.

Safe boating.

Regards
Simon Mills
Commodore

From Williamstown to Port Adelaide

Story by Matthew Wynne

I was lucky enough to have some time to some ocean miles over the January period, 650 nautical miles to Robe and then back for a few days. After returning I was asked to help with the delivery of a Riviera for a bloke relocating from Savages Wharf to Port Adelaide, so off Colin Leake and I went.



In Robe we picked up Crayfish and some Shark freshly caught by my Dad and kept on going. The 176 nautical miles from Robe to Port Adelaide was magnificent, with dolphins everywhere. The Back Stairs Passage with The Pages and Cape Jervis on Starboard, and Kangaroo Island on the Port side is always picturesque.

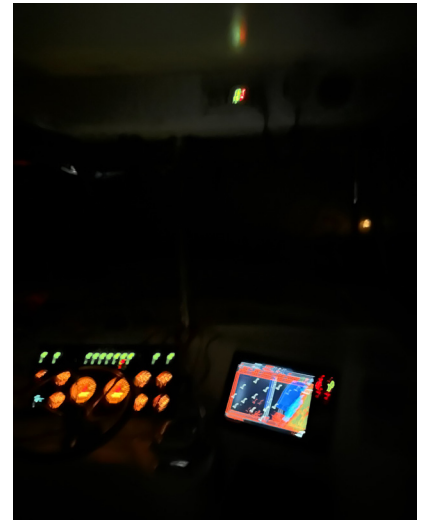


We left on Thursday in order to get through the heads on slack water at 1:45pm. We arrived in Port Fairy at 11pm and fuelled up. Once this was done we kept going in order to arrive in Robe at 8:00am. Overnight we did 3 hours on (at the helm) and 3 hours off (rest/sleep). The night was rough and dark with no real visibility ahead. We went wide on around the 50 Fathom line to keep clear of the hundreds of Cray pots around this time of year.

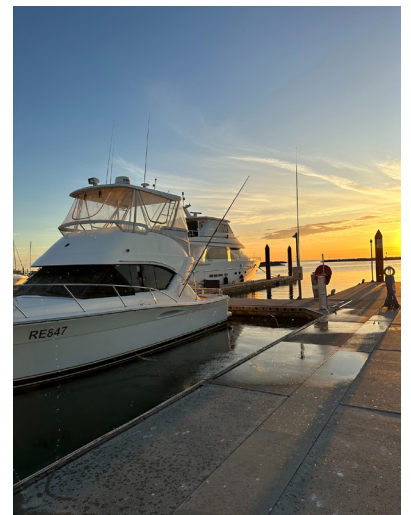


The sea got better as we got closer to Adelaide, however the last 20 miles was glassed out conditions and 37 degrees.

We arrived Friday evening at 7:30pm and took some time to get the boat cleaned up. We then took some time out and had seafood for dinner accompanied by lots of beers.



The total trip was about 490 nautical miles and took 30 hours. Our average speed was 18 knots at 2190 RPM using around 2400 litres of diesel, that's 78 LPH combined. Very economical for a 36 foot boat at that speed!




At the RVMYC

Join us in the Bar & Bistro for a great meal, cool drinks and a great time!

JOIN US IN THE BAR THURSDAYS FROM 5PM

\$20

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RVMYCHAT!

with Ron Mulholland

Ron was born in Williamstown and had lived around here all his life. He attended "Willi Tech" until year 10 then was apprenticed to Yallops Foundry in Latrobe Street Melbourne as a foundry moulder.

Evan Mulholland, Ron's father had a non-ferrous foundry in Spotswood and Ron began running it in 1968 when Evan bought a farm at Cobden in the Western District and moved away. Mulholland Casings is still going but Ron sold out around 2009 and retired.

He has three children from his marriage and often visits the Club with his long-term partner Judy. He lists his interests as houseboating, hot-rodding, car bashes, fishing and doing "stuff" with his mates.



What is your connection to the RVMYC & Williamstown?

I knew a few locals who were in the Club and after visiting a few times I was asked to join up. There were a group of Germans in the Club, known as the German Navy. You could go to the Club on a Saturday, have lunch and everyone would be invited to go out on their boats.

The Stella Marie was a very large boat and on occasion it travelled to Sydney and was the Start Boat for the Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race.

First Wednesday of each month, Brian Oliver who also had a big vessel would put on a seafood lunch for everyone in the Clubhouse. Always, Friday night was THE night. Probably the attraction was that members would come after work, have a few drinks and stay on their boats for the weekend. Ron remembers in those days, every Melbourne Cup Day about 20 boats would go up the Maribyrnong and tie up in a line at Flemington.

What do you like most about the RVMYC?

Fellowship, a nice atmosphere and being involved with the

boats.

My boating experience started with the Sea Scouts. I joined when I was 9 and left when I was 24. Every Saturday we would go sailing around Port Phillip Bay. Then, when I got a bit older and had a few bucks, I started to race speedboats.



I gradually built up better, faster boats and one year I won the Australian title for 4.5litre class. I gave it away when I had an electrical problem - a conrod came out through the block and knocked the starter motor off. I also had a Bayliner 42ft cruiser at the Club for a few years, known as Shiraz.





What's been your most unusual/unique experience?

Unique was chartering a yacht and sailing around the Ionian Sea in Greece with some local friends from Williamstown, including RVMYC member Richard McKay. Another one was hiring Harley Davidsons and riding around Sturgis, South Dakota in 2015 for the 75th Motorbike Rally. There were 500,000 bikes and over one million people at the rally. Two other RVMYC members were with me, Alf Holmes and Michael Bouchier. John Holland was supposed to join us but lost his passport in Europe and could not travel to the USA.

Favourite Restaurant?

Look, I've always liked going down to the Club. There is no other place in Melbourne which has such a great view. I suppose I am just a local boy at heart!

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

Well there might be a few things!

1. In my early twenties, I took up boxing and had a few fights at Festival Hall. At that time I was also a sparring partner for Lionel Rose.



2. The bell which hangs over the bar was cast by me and presented to the Club some years ago.



3. It is a bit of a secret but quite young, I rolled my mother's Mini on the Strand at Williamstown.

What motivates you?

First thing that comes to mind, is friendship and being able to help others, particularly if it is a

project.

I've also been in Rotary for about 25 years. I suppose I have also been motivated to raise money for charity and have done 5 or 6 rallies (bashes).

Continuing on about boats, years ago my neighbour and I decided to build a houseboat. It took us about 2 1/2 years and we launched it at Christmas '82. I've been going to Lake Eildon ever since. After a while there were five houseboat owners who decided to start a new club called Darlington Waters. We borrowed \$1 1/2 million dollars and built the marina and facilities from scratch. Last year I was made a Life Member. More recently I had a new houseboat built, also called Shiraz and spend a lot of time on it these days.





Diary update & classifieds

FREE ADVERTISING SPACE



MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS



Wednesday - Bar open 5.00pm
Bistro open 6.00pm

Thursday - Bar & Counter Meals open 5pm

Friday - Bar & 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

- \$700 2 November Alison Warner NIA
- \$750 9 November Graeme Furlonger NIA
- \$800 16 November Helen Lowery NIA
- \$850 23 November Dieter Kahsnitz NIA
- \$900 30 November Phillip Strong NIA
- \$950 7 December John Marks **WINNER**
- \$500 14 December John Gademski NIA
- \$550 21 December Nick Christou **WINNER**

Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 year licence \$103.95; 1 year licence \$38.40; 28 day licence \$21.85; 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

2023 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Bar & Bistro Open from 5pm-9pm	Parma & Pot Counter Meals 5pm-10.30	Bar & Bistro Open for Lunch & Dinner	Lonsdale Cup
Bar & Bistro Open	6	7				11
Scavenger Hunt	13	14				RVMYC Cup
Bar & Bistro Open	20	21				Herring Is Cruise
Bar & Bistro Open	27	28				

2023 MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Bar & Bistro Open 5pm-9pm	Parma & Pot Counter Meals 5pm-10.30	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30 & Dinner 6-9pm	New Member Cruise
Bar & Bistro Open	6	7				Bar Bistro Lunch 12-2.30 Dinner 6-9pm
Lunch 12-2.30 Bar 12-8pm	Public holiday	14				
Willi Cup	20	21				
26	27	28				

Calendar of Events

February

- Saturday 4th - Lonsdale Cup
- Sunday 12th - Scavenger Hunt
- Friday 18th - RVMYC Cup
- Friday 25th-26th - Herring Island Cruise

March

- Sunday 5th - New Members Cruise
- Monday 13th - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Sunday 19th - Williamstown Cup

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

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