



MAYLANDS YACHT CLUB

MUDLARK NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE JEROME TOONEN'S WELCOME TO THE 2009 - 2010 SAILING SEASON

I'm honoured to be able to take on position of Commodore again for the 2009/2010 season.

Firstly on behalf of all Maylands Yacht Club members I express sincere thanks to the Immediate Past Commodore Peter Kerrigan for his leadership, his time, his efforts and his contribution to the Club for the past two years. Thanks a lot Peter. We hope to see you on the water!

It's nearly time to get our boats back on to the water for the upcoming summer sailing season. We look forward to having strong membership numbers and good sized fleets of boats at the Club again this season.

So what's happening!!

The Opening Day for the Maylands Yacht Club 2009/2010 Summer Series of sailing events will be held on Sunday 11 October 2009. The opening ceremony will start at around 1330 hrs followed by a sail past at approximately 1350 hrs and an invitation race to start at about 1400hrs. Invited Flag officers and guests will be provided with afternoon tea following the opening ceremony. There will also be afternoon tea for competing sailors at the conclusion of racing. To assist with catering, members are asked to bring a small plate of food. All members are encouraged to participate in the Opening Day events.

Once again we have a keen group of Flag Officers and Committee members. (See page 5)

John Wallace *Rear Commodore Sailing* and his sailing Committee have organised a full and interesting sailing program for the 09/10 Summer Sailing season (See page 4 and Andrew Carter *Vice Commodore* and his Social Committee are organising a variety of social events for Club members and their families this season. (See page 5

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Mary Carter receives the Junior Member of the Year award for 2008/9

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Some of the Club's *hardy* sailors have recently completed an enjoyable series of once-a-month Winter races held at the Club from May to September. Final results of the Winter series will be announced on Opening Day on 11 October 2009.

Over 2 weekends and 2 evenings, a group of 11 MYC members completed their Recreational Skippers Ticket course at the club, using the Clubs support boats. In particular they braved gale force conditions on Sat 5th Sep't when they had to do their practical exam, with the examiner (Wayne Bariolo) on the point of cancelling due to the extreme conditions. Needless to say all 11 intrepid members passed their course and so are now qualified to help out with support boat duties during the season. The course cost \$200 but MYC will be making a contribution towards this in appreciation of their commitment to helping at the club. Even if you don't have an RST, you can still help in the Start Box and if everyone pitches in, only a couple of duties will be needed each season.

Ken Patterson *Rear Commodore Training* and his helpers will be continuing the successful Sunday morning training program for learner sailors. (See page 7)

The Club is once again inviting businesses and Club members to sponsor awards for winners of the various sailing events and categories for the 09/10 sailing season by donating cash or a trophy/voucher. This concept has been very successful over the past few years and has provided exposure to businesses that have provided sponsorship. Sponsors are acknowledged on the Club website and in the Mudlark newsletter. If you are interested in sponsoring awards please contact Club treasurer John Gaunt or myself.

A reminder that Club membership fees became due on 1 September. Please forward your fee monies to the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible.

I look forward to your participation and fellowship at the Club this season. Happy sailing to all.

See you at the Club Busy Bee on Saturday 19 September 2009.

Jerome Toonen
Commodore



Now that's what I call a mixed fleet start - with the Cat last as usual.

BUSY BEE AND CLUB CLEANUP

The busy bee for this season will be held on Sat September 19th. Our new Rear Commodore House and Grounds, Andrew Nicholls, will be coordinating what needs to be done but as usual there will be a big cleanup of the boat shed and clubhouse. Can everyone who has a boat stored in the shed please make sure that all the boat equipment (spars, boards,

sails etc) are stored directly on the boat and labeled with the boat number. We are going to try and sort out all the bits that are lying around the place and anything not labeled could end up being purloined in to the club equipment - or even thrown out.

The Busy Bee will start at 9am and probably go until 6pm - please come along for a few hours and help out.

Some of the jobs planned are:

jobs to do	tools needed	people involved
Fix crack in timber floor		
Clean boat shed	brooms, brushes at club	
Hang new notice board		Jerome
Clean windows		
Clean rescue boat		
Build more boat racks	supplied by PK	Peter K. start~7am
Put buoys out		Brian Plumb
Clean store room	brooms, brushes at club	
Install water filter		Andrew C
Clean carpet	Hire carpet cleaner	
Rig and check club pacers and mirrors		Ken P



Our esteemed Commodore helps out with a lick o' varnish at last years Busy Bee.



While Bob Jackson "swabs the decks".

SAILING PROGRAM 2009 - 2010

Thanks to our Rear Commodore John Wallace for again sorting out our sailing program for this year. A couple of notable changes this season are the increased number of Short Course races and plans for an expanded Bayswater regatta. Although a few members have made it clear they don't like short course racing, the majority on the committee like the idea of getting in more races, with a chance to get a good start when you stuff the first one up. So we are having 5 days of short course races this season. John will be working with the sailing Captain, Rob Hermans, to develop more specific courses for the short course races.

The club is hoping to turn the City of Bayswater Regatta in to more of an event this year, with a program of several races spread over the whole day, rather than just a normal, single club race. So it will really be a regatta and not just a race. Many other clubs are adopting this format for their main regatta event of the season and it make sit more of a special event. We will probably be calling for extra help on the day so we can efficiently coordinate the several races and fleets to keep everything running smoothly. We will also be hoping to attract a few different fleets down for the racing

Sunday Date	Cons'cy Heat	Champ'p Heat	Start	Special event
11-Oct-09	No points		Line	Opening Day
18-Oct-09	1		Line	
25-Oct-09	2		Line	
01-Nov-09	3	1	Line	
08-Nov-09	4,5		Line	Short Course 1 & 2
15-Nov-09	6		Line	
22-Nov-09	7	2	Line	
29-Nov-09	8		Handicap	
06-Dec-09	9,10			Short Course 3 & 4
13-Dec-09	11	3	Line	
20-Dec-09	No points			Novelty Races
27-Dec-09	Xmas break			
03-Jan-10	Xmas break			
10-Jan-10	Xmas break			
17-Jan-10	12		Line	
24-Jan-10	13		Line	
31-Jan-10	14		Line	
07-Feb-10	15	4	Line	
14-Feb-10	16,17		Line	Short Course 5 & 6
21-Feb-10	18	5	Line	
28-Feb-10	Labour Day Long Weekend			
07-Mar-10	19		Handicap	
14-Mar-10	20,21		Line	Short Course 7 & 8
21-Mar-10	22	6	Line	
28-Mar-10	No points	City of Bayswater Regatta(All Day Racing)		
04-Apr-10	Easter			
11-Apr-10	23,24		Line	Short Course 9 & 10
18-Apr-10	25	7	Line	

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

After many years the club has lost the social atmosphere, so last year we had a couple of social nights to see if members and friends would like to have some time with or without sailing involved. We had one night of computer simulated yacht racing, one of how to prepare/make pasta and a couple of nights of just general chitchat.

We noticed that the winter months were a bit cold, which may have made some member to stay away. At the end of last season, I approached Andrew Nicholls and Donna Wood to help with organizing functions for the next year. So after talking during some sailing days, we arranged a meeting to decide what we will do for the new sailing year. We thought that on Friday 30th October we would start off with a quiz night. In November we might get hold of a sailing instructor and have some tuition. December and January most members are busy with Christmas, so we next social would be in February.

I would like to thank Andrew, Donna and the committee for their support and hope our social calendar this year will be exciting and will see many members at our social events.

Andrew Carter



Where else do you get to see such great legs and cool fashion ?.



The "How to Make Pasta" class at a social evening last season.

THE MYC COMMITTEE

Jerome Toonen has kindly stepped forward and agreed to be Commodore for this year after we didn't have anyone keen to step up and do the job. Jerome only wants this position for 1 year so start thinking about who we can get to lead us next year. We have 3 new members of the committee this year - Trevor Rabey , Daniel Hugo and Terry McArtney.

Andrew Carter has moved up to Vice Commodore and Andrew Nicholls taken over from Bob Jackson as Rear Commodore House.

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TACKER'S TALES - FROM THE COACH

Over the past two or three seasons we have asked for assistance from anyone prepared to lend a hand with boat rigging and to help new trainees through the first couple of hours on the water. These are the most difficult, when there are so many unfamiliar bits to control, as well as the unnerving sense of the world moving beneath you - unlike the safety and security of the lounge in front of the TV.

Your assistance has been very much appreciated, but particularly that from those who have progressed through the programme over the past few years. For newcomers it is encouraging to see that others who have participated, have not only survived, but have also become well accomplished in a relatively short time. So, once more can we request some help on the first training day, the Sunday after our season begins.

Fair winds & fine sailing.....

Ken & Andrew



Ken gets very enthusiastic at the Busy Bee and sweeps the lawn - or is that Tiller training ?



Look what you can learn at training - how to inspect the end of the boom!

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The YA Silver Card - what is it? The Silver Card is effectively a membership card for Yachting Australia (YA). MYC, as members of YWA have effectively agreed to be bound by the rules of YWA and YA. We are very glad to be a part of the Australian Yachting associations and take part in their activities such as hosting Junior Sail. YA and YWA provide support to member sailing clubs such as the training program that Ken puts our trainees through. Sailors need a silver card to be able to enter any official State, National or International sailing competitions but the card also provides insurance for all members while taking part in club activities. This is probably something I haven't publicized well enough but it was brought home to me while sailing at SofPYC when one of the crew was hit on the head with the boom and got a cut which required several stitches. He immediately left for a private clinic where he was stitched up, paid the bill and later, after claiming the Medicare refund, was able to get the difference paid for by Silver Card insurance. We have had a few similar injuries at MYC so I encourage anyone who incurs costs to look in to claiming it using the Silver card. Details can be found on the YA website at www.yachting.org.au, under Members services / Insurance.

Of course I can't sign you up for a silver card until you pay your fees

As of Sep't 10th, only 18 of our 113 members have paid their fees. I will be away on holiday until Oct 25th so please give your fees to John or use the EFT.



An intense sailing tactics discussion, or is Kim just trying to get someone to buy him a beer ?



Remember this laser sailors ? - its called "hiking" - I'm sure after a few weeks the pain will subside. If you're small get a big hat and jacket like me.

MORE HAPPY SNAPS AROUND THE CLUB



Mary helps out with the new wild colour scheme at the last Busv bee - what colour will we get this year ?



Stalwarts of the club, John and Jenny Gaunt (Pederick) enjoy the sunshine but are well protected.



How can you stay away when we have such a nice smiling barman ?



As Alan will be dodging this years Busy Bee - do we have any volunteers for this job - preferably with a longer reach (or bigger ladder).



Andrew struggles to work out why when he plugs the extension cord in to itself he gets no power.

