

# Even Keel

September/October 2011



An uncanny weather system for Spring Series Race 1 on 7th August drew a line down the course with cloud on the north side and sunshine to the south of the course. There was a clear difference for the OODs looking out each side of the GTYC club boat 'Even Keel'

*Photo: Jenny Wright*

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The bi-monthly *Even Keel* is **your** Magazine. The editor is always looking for articles and photographs by members to share through the magazine. Articles/ photos for the Sept / October edition of *Even Keel* need to be to the editor by **Friday, November 4th** .

Please send text in a word document for cutting, pasting and editing.

## Commodore's Comments

Ahoy all!

We began our new year with the AGM and we were fortunate to have Mike Smith as our guest speaker to start proceedings. I found his presentation was most interesting, especially the extent to which Richard (and Mrs) Hawkins went to so create the original publications. From measuring depth while in his tinny, to the way it was published on a film so that any alterations required a new patch of film to be added to the original. Richard explained that 'The Creeks and Harbours' of Port Phillip films looked like a patchwork. But now Mike has gone through the process of digitising, updating and publishing a new version that I noted many people bought at a nicely reduced price! Mike is also very interested in hearing from anyone who has any information that he could use in future updates and was looking into having a blog added to his website,

<http://www.lawlingpress.com.au/PPhillip.html>

where everyone could view each suggestion.

After this we had our reports and elections. My very great thanks to those who served on last year's committee - Laurie Dillon, Peter Jones, and Gavin and Jenny Wright who are leaving us to start sailing their beautiful new keeler. And while there is sadness in us not having their wisdom, there is very much an excitement in having so many new enthusiastic new faces on this year's committee. And we haven't been idle, as everyone was alerted by email, a new calendar for the next 12 months was put up on our website, before the end of August!

If you haven't had a chance to check the calendar, please do so. It includes the regular races, cruises, special passage races and planned club events of novelty competitions, training and social evenings. We have really aimed to have something for every member of our families to enjoy! Fair winds and smooth seas,

Paul

This will be my last edition as editor of *Even Keel*. I have enjoyed the various stints over our years at the club.

I will still contribute to the history page in the magazine and for the website.

I wish to thank those who have supplied race reports, articles and photos for publication and wish the next editor all the best.

See page 5 for the editor's job description.

Cheers Jenny Wright

## **Queenscliff to Geelong:**

2011 sees the revival of this iconic race.

Begun in 1975 with 11 boats, rising to 115 in the second year, this race was at its peak in the 1980s when hundreds of trailer sailers in 9 divisions sailed along the coastline of Corio Bay, past Clifton Springs, Portarlington and St. Leonards to Queenscliff.

In those days the Coastguard at St Helens and Queenscliff were involved as was the Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale Yacht Club who would provide a BBQ and venue for presentations.

In 1978 the race became the first heat of the 'Kinnears Series', the others being the 'Rye Capel Sound' and 'Marley Point'.

In 1984, the Geelong to Queenscliff was the only trailer - sailer race out of 6 official yacht races chosen to commemorate Victoria's 150th Anniversary.

In 2004 the 30th and final race was run...until now,

Help to revive the fellowship of trailer sailing by entering the race (or offering your services to the sub-committee).

Wouldn't it would be great to have two iconic passage races per year?

Below: Thanks to Rob Ballard, who recognised this boat from the previous edition as belonging to Graeme and Shari Abbott of the Sonata Association. Not one

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## Spring Series Race 1, 2011

OODs: Gavin & Jenny Wright

The course was set but the original beat to windward was removed before the start due to a wind change from north to east at 5 - 10 kts.

Six boats participated - *Vintage Red*, *Beats Work*, *Beaujolais*, *Dream On*, *Charisma* and the *Spyder 24*

At the start line *Charisma* crossed the line from the *Spyder*, followed by *Dream On* closely followed by *Vintage Red*, *Beaujolais* from *Beats Work*.

The beat from the laid mark to CB1 saw *Dream On* from *Beats Work*, the *Spyder* from *Vintage Red* and *Beaujolais* with *Charisma* now way behind.

*Dream On* set their spinnaker well while *Beats Work* had trouble holding theirs for a while; the *Spyder* set their spinnaker but *Vintage Red* elected not to for a while having a less experienced crew on board.

At the laid mark the order was *Dream On* just ahead of *Beats Work*, *Spyder*, *Vintage Red*, *Beaujolais* a fair way back and *Charisma* way behind.

### Geelong Trailable Yacht Club

Race: Spring Series Race 1							Date: 7.8.11		
OOD: Gavin Wright			Weather Conditions: 5-10kts				Start Time: 11.00am		
Boat Name	Sail No.	Finish Time	Time Elapsed (Minutes)	Club			Yachting Victoria		
				Handicap	Corrected Time	Place	Handicap	Corrected Time	Place
Beats Work	5747	208.11	128.18	.820	105.10	4	.861	110.36	4
Vintage Red	521	220.38	140.63	.685	96.33	2	.725	101.95	2
Beaujolais	763	243.38	203.63	.650	132.35	5	.725	147.63	6
Dream On	92	213.49	133.81	.686	93.13	1	.725	97.01	1
Spyder 24	8	223.30	143.50				.759	108.91	3
Charisma	84	305.38	185.63	.565	104.88	3	.640	118.8	5

## Spring Series Race 2, 2011

### Geelong Trailable Yacht Club

Race: Spring Series Race 2							Date: 21.8.11		
OOD: Jim Bland			Weather Conditions: 3-8 kts				Start Time: 11.15am		
Boat Name	Sail No.	Finish Time	Time Elapsed (Minutes)	Club			Yachting Victoria		
				Handicap	Corrected Time	Place	Handicap	Corrected Time	Place
Beats Work	5747	1.50.54	110.850	.820	90.890	6	.861	95.44	3
5 O'clock	40	1.57.43	117.720	.727	85.580	2	.760	89.47	2
Beaujolais	763	Adjusted	162.000	.600	97.200	7	.656	104.96	6
Dream On	92	1.59.42	119.700	.696	83.310	1	.725	86.78	1
Vintage Red	521	2.11.59	131.980	.685	90.410	5	.725	95.69	4
Ooh La La	49	DNF					.695		
Gone with the Wind	G109	2.05.05	125.080	.699	87.430	3	.770	96.31	5
Charisma	84	Adjusted	168.000	.585	94.420	4	.640	107.52	7

### **Duties of the GTYC Editor**

Publish six bi-monthly editions per year; the equivalent of 12 x A5 pages or more.

A front cover to include the title 'Even Keel', the month and the year

Inside front cover: \*the postal and web address of the GTYC

\*the disclaimer

\*submission dates for the next issue

\*Current Committee Office Holders and contact details.

Gather material for regular articles:

\*Commodore's Comments

\*Results and race reports for the previous month's races.

\*Reports on previous month's social activities.

\*Notice of upcoming events including time, place, member responsible and contact details.

\*Highlights of Committee meetings.

\*History from the previous decades using material from the archives.

\*Photos – acknowledging the photographer

Include occasional articles

\*Articles and photos submitted by members

\*Technical articles

\*Member and new member profiles

Forward a PDF version of the finished edition to the webmaster for loading into the website

\*Email all members that the latest version is available for viewing and include the link

\*Post a printed copy to members without email access.

From the

# Annual General Meeting

Minutes

26th August 2011 at 7.15PM

### **Attendance:**

John Mole, Barry Palich, Paul & Rae-Ellen Graham, Jim & Pam Bland, Brian Farnsworth., Laurie Dillon, Colin Olney, Chris & Jean Hancock, Mike Allden, Paul Webster, Jennifer Jenkinson, Doug Gadd, Len Hatfield, Geoff Russell, Kevin O'Neill

### **Apologies:**

Terry Fraser, Rob Ballard, Andrew Croxon, Leeanne Palich, Dennis McDowell, Gavin & Jenny Wright, Graeme Hollis, Ken Nation, Owen Brown, Len Sleight, Roger Bennett,

### **Welcome:**

Commodore Paul Graham welcomed all present and opened the meeting

### **Guest Speaker: Mike Smith**

Discussed how he took on the editing and publishing of 3 books,

Creeks and Harbours of Port Phillip

Creeks and Harbours of Gippsland Lakes

Creeks and Harbours of Western Port Bay

These books had not been updated for many years and the layout, text and maps were all out of date and needed revision. He discussed how he went about gathering information and re-organising the marking of buoys and significant features in the bays, he has made the reading of the maps alot easier and has used shading to show depth. He has requested anybody who travels these areas and notices any changes to contact his website with the information. All books were available on the night for sale.

### **Commodore's Report – Paul Graham**

Membership fees

St Helen's ramp facility

Promotion

Our future Clubhouse

Sail training program

Weather

Planning

Social

Queenscliff to Geelong race event

### **Treasurer's Report – John Mole**

John Mole presented a slide presentation detailing GTYC financial situation

John stated that GTYC had a good result and balance is \$18,155.56



An audited report was tabled.

### Club Captain – Gavin Wright

This was a hard season with numbers fluctuating in all races. The ramps interfered with our program and racing was suspended for 2 months, also a number of races cancelled due to in climate weather. GTYC's 4 major races were conducted through out the year with numbers leaving a little to be desired for the effort put in

Gavin took over Club Captain ½ way through the year and would like to thank Peter Jones for the great shape he left the book work, and his continued work when he was not on the committee

### Clubhouse Report – John Mole

The Clubhouse plan was presented and John discussed the relationship between GTYC, Coastguard and Friends of St Helen's. This plan when approved will be presented to council and a detailed specified plan will be drawn up

### Queenscliff to Geelong Race Report – Geoff Russell

A history of the race was given, first race was run 36 years ago and 400 boats entered. Details of this years race were presented. Notice of Race has been sent to a large number of Clubs and Associations and will be shortly followed by the Race Instructions

### Election of Office Bearers:

Commodore declared all positions vacant and invited Doug Gadd the Chair

#### Commodore:

Paul Graham Moved: John Mole Second: Geoff Russell Elected

#### Vice Commodore:

Geoff Russell Moved: Rea-Ellen Graham Second: John Mole Elected

#### Rear Commodore:

Chris Hancock Moved: Paul Graham Second: Jean Hancock Elected

#### Secretary:

Barry Palich Moved: Jean Hancock Second: John Mole Elected

#### Treasurer:

John Mole Moved: Rea-Ellen Graham Second: Mike Allden Elected

#### Club Captain:

Jim Bland Moved: Paul Graham Second: Barry Palich

#### Elected Committee:

Dennis McDowell	Moved: Jim Bland	Second: Mike Allden	Elected
Jennifer Jenkinson	Moved: John Mole	Second: Paul Graham	Elected
Paul Webster	Moved: Paul Graham	Second: Geoff Russell	Elected
Doug Gadd	Moved: Barry Palich	Second: Len Hatfield	Elected
Kevin O'Neill	Moved: Jim Bland	Second: John Mole	Elected

The Commodore – Paul Graham thanked the committee for the work in 2010/11 and welcomed all new committee members.

### General Business:

Some discussion from the floor re the future events calendar. It was decided to have a specific meeting to construct the calendar on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Jim Bland's residence 18 Victoria Street, Rippleside at 7.30pm

There will be OOD training session meeting to be held in the next 2 weeks, time and location to be decided.

Cruising destinations to be discussed and included in the future calendar.

## **The Secret Life of Seagrass and Reefs**

### **Scientists to gain greater insight into Port Phillip Bay**

Elite teams of marine scientists are hoping to improve our understanding of life in the underwater world of Port Phillip Bay, with \$3 million in research grants from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

Marine life in Port Phillip Bay will go under the microscope for three linked research projects undertaken by multidisciplinary research teams that will include top scientists from around Australia.

DSE Chief Scientist, Graham Mitchell said: "Port Phillip's temperate reefs are large living habitats for marine life, similar to forested landscapes on land. They support a diversity of life forms, including many that are unique to south eastern Australia, so preserving the Bay's reefs is vital to the future of the thousands of fish, invertebrates and seaweed species that rely on reefs for survival."

"What we're hoping to gain by this research is additional knowledge and understanding of these complex living habitats. This 'stitching together' of current and new environmental and biophysical information will help us come up with better evidence-based management approaches to protect and conserve our precious marine environments for the future."

"We can be very confident that the quality of the research teams brought together for these projects and the novel approaches they'll be using are likely to yield some exciting new discoveries on the fundamental ecology of Port Phillip Bay's seagrass and reefs. This new information will be imperative to improving our capacity to manage marine environments more effectively."

These integrated research projects will run over four years, investigating the likely responses of seagrass and reef habitats to environmental challenges including predicted climate change effects.

Two projects will be led by the University of Melbourne through Chief Investigators, Professor Mick Keough from the University of Melbourne and Professor Craig Johnson from the University of Tasmania and one project will be lead by the Department of Primary Industries, through Chief Investigator Professor Greg Jenkins.

The Marine Research Studies are one component of the larger Seagrass and Reefs Program for Port Phillip Bay currently being implemented by the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Division of DSE.

DSE's \$5.5 million Seagrass and Reefs program is one of the most comprehensive investments into marine environments ever undertaken in Victoria.

A short video introduction to the Seagrass and Reefs program can be viewed at DSE's You Tube channel: [www.youtube.com/DSEVictoria](http://www.youtube.com/DSEVictoria).

See the website for the new season's calendar

## **Spring Series Race 3, 2011**

**OOD: Glen Kewish**

Race abandoned due to predicted strong winds, lack of interest and Father's Day!

## *GYC History*

### 30 Years Ago

'Our commodore [Mike Allden] had great plans of winning winter series five with his new suite of sails and fresh air. After launching his boat he found out that there was plenty of fresh air and no sails to be found. So without hesitation he set off home to rectify the problem. Geoff Wescott who is not one to let an opportunity slip by, had to flex his vocal cords by putting everyone in the picture for Mike's absence (moments like these who needs a crew, eh Mike!) P.S. Mike still believes sailing is [just] a good breeze.

### 20 Years Ago

An EPA discussion paper had been released regarding sewage and waste disposal from pleasure craft on the Gippsland Lakes. Boats with less than 4 berths would be required to have a 55l holding tank and boats with more berths a larger one. Porta Potti's were to be banned also. The regulations could also be extended to Port Phillip Bay.

Because of a recent incident[?], the Committee had decided that crews on yachts without lifelines would be required to wear life jackets or buoyancy vests in races.

Heat 9 of the winter series had 14 participating boats - those were the days!

The events calendar included a twilight race in November....sounds nice.

### 10 Years Ago

The third attempt to run the Cluster Cup was mildly successful - five starters, three finishers, one damaged and one withdrawn in a 30kt change.



Sent in by Jim Bland. Looks like 'history' to me!

The upcoming open day would include a 'Great Race' - teams of 3 yachts of varying speed, a course of 3-4 laps, a baton to be exchanged at the end of each lap to be prominently displayed and carried past the home buoy. Corrected times on club handicap to be averaged.

The rotunda had recently been broken into. The committee explained that the value of the contents of the rotunda was less than the minimum that they could be insured for.

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## Important Dates to Remember

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**Sunday 18th September**

**Spring series Race 4**

OOD: John Mole 11am

**BBQ Lunch**

**OOD training** 2pm

**Saturday 24th September**

**Cluster Cup**

Div 1: 9am start Div 2: 9.30am start

OOD : Chris Hancock

**Sunday 2nd October**

**Spring Series Race 5**

OOD: Barry Palich 10am start

**Seniors Day** 1.30pm

**Sunday 9th October**

**Queenscliff to Geelong**

10.00am Start - see GTYC website

**Sunday 16th October**

**Short Series Race 1** 10am

**Spring Series Race 6** 1.30pm

OOD: Ken Kugler

**Saturday 29th October**

**Novelty Cruise** 12noon BYO BBQ

**Sunday 30th September**

**Open Day/ Stern chaser** 10am start

**Sunday 6th November**

2 races - see website

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