

Even Keel

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'Step Aboard' on her way to the west cardinal mark (on Corio Bay) during the GTYC's Spring Series Race 3

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Commodore's Report

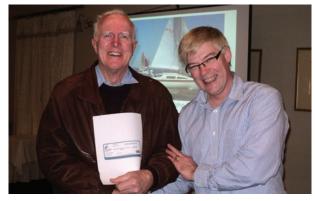
Our Annual General Meeting for 2012 has now been conducted and we have a new Committee. A few long-serving Committee members have retired from their positions and we all owe them thanks for the work they did.

The Club has been through an important transition in the last four years and those retiring have been instrumental in making that transition a success. Four years ago, the Club was very small with a dwindling membership, with ever increasing fees yet still unable to make ends meet and the serious prospect of passing into oblivion.

Today, after four years of stable, low fees that reflect the members level of involvement, our membership is up by 25 percent, we have had four years of not only paying all our bills and putting aside what is necessary for replacement

of Club assets, but small profits as well. Our future is bright and those retiring have made a significant contribution to that.

Firstly, retiring Commodore Paul Graham led us through the transition period, having been thrust into the role after the sudden retirement of Rob Ballard.



Newly-elected GTYC Commodore John Mole (left) with now Rear-Commodore Paul Graham.

Then Barry and Lee Palich, who stepped up to determining the Club members' position regarding our YV involvement at the crucial time; Jim Bland, who researched and implemented a new and vastly better website which actually cost less and organised last year's successful return of the Queenscliff to Geelong race; Chris Hancock, who has made countless significant contributions on the Committee for 30 plus years. My thanks to all of you!

The coming five years is our next consideration. We are on the verge of having a new clubhouse. The City of Greater Geelong is about to start drawings of a new building which we will share with the Coast Guard. We have a draft Memorandum of Understanding which documents the sharing arrangements, which will benefit both organisations. Within the next two years, we will have to find funding grants and complete the

construction. Imagine having, close to the trailer park, the ramp and the floating pontoons, a comfortable, sunny, secure clubhouse which we can use for our sailing and social events.

In the meantime, we have to do all possible to foster members' enjoyment of their boats and sailing, make each event we organise good fun and tell the world about it.

Coming up, we have the Cluster Cup, the Seniors' Sailing Day and the Queenscliff to Geelong Yacht Race. If you are not sailing, please get in there and help.

One final reminder: annual club membership fees are now due, and our new treasurer would appreciate your prompt payments please!

Smooth sailing,

John Mole, GTYC Commodore

GTYC's 2011-12 Presentation Dinner and AGM

About 50 members, partners and friends attended the club's combined Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night dinner for the 2011–12 season, which this year was held at Dromoland House in Geelong West, on Friday 24 August 2012.

Commodore Paul Graham welcomed the gathering, then handed the chair over to Treasurer John Mole to conduct a short Special General Meeting where eligible members unanimously voted to clarify some anomalies with the club's current rules of association. With that 'technical fix' out of the way, dinner was served – and the table talking (and laughter) erupted!

After the main course, Paul returned to the lectern to present the past year's racing awards for the *Short, Spring, Winter* and *Summer Racing Series*. Not surprisingly, dedicated skipper Glen Kewish carried off three of the four first prizes, plus the award for *Club Champion*.

Unfortunately, Glen couldn't attend the dinner as he was 'high on a roof at work fixing something' – according to his long-standing crew, Colin Onley. This meant Colin had to trek back and forth four times from his seat to collect Glen's various trophies. A great effort by Glen and his crew Colin! John Mole won the *Summer Series* in his trusty *Vintage Red*.





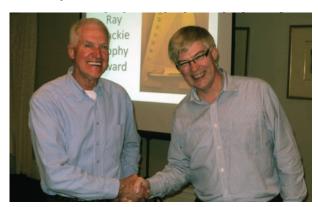
Colin Onley (right) accepts (from Commodore Paul Graham) one of four awards to Glen Kewish

Paul went on to present the *Clubperson of the Year Award* to two fine new members, Jennifer Jenkinson and partner Paul Webster, for their combined efforts in promoting the club during the past year, through such activities as the Senior's (Try Sailing) Day, and improvements to the GTYC website (at *www.qtyc.com.au*).



Paul Webster, Jennifer Jenkinson and Paul Graham

Barry Palich won the *Ray Mackie Award* in recognition of his service to the club as (outgoing) secretary.



Barry Palich and Paul Graham

An appropriately dressed John Mole then adjudicated over the hilarious efforts of those who unfortunately qualified for a place in the annual *Mariner's Nightmare Award* – which this year

went to a certain skipper who got into a spot of bother in the first 20 minutes of the 2011 Queenscliff to Geelong Yacht Race.



John Mole adjudicates the infamous Mariner's Nightmare Trophy Award

After the presentations, the gathering began the Annual General Meeting component of the evening, with reports presented by the Commodore, Treasurer and Club Captain.

Commodore Paul Graham paid particular tribute to long-standing member Chris Hancock, who was retiring from the committee after many years fine service – most recently as Rear Commodore.

Treasurer John Mole highlighted the club's sound financial position, finishing the year with a \$3000 surplus, a term deposit savings of around \$6000, and \$23,700 total cash in hand. Notably, the club had experienced a welcome 15 percent jump in memberships, which meant that fees would stay the same for the coming year.

Paul Graham then vacated the chair to club stalwart Peter Jones, who then conducted the election for office bearers for the coming sailing season.

Paul declared he would not be contending his position of Commodore again – despite the great job all agreed he had performed – so John Mole was elected without contest.



Barry Palich was also stepping down as Secretary, so Jennifer Jenkinson assumed his role, while Ray Slee accepted John's former position of Treasurer.

Geoff Russell returned for a second year as Vice-Commodore, and Bob Balding joined the committee as new Club Captain – after acting Club

Captain Mike Allden stepped down (following a great effort at the helm these past 6 months).

Paul Webster, Tony Doolan and Doug Gadd filled the remaining general committee vacancies, capping off a very successful AGM.

By Geoff Russell

2011-12 GTYC Club Racing Awards:

Short Series:	1st	Dream On	Glen Kewish
	2nd	Five O'clock Somewhere	Bruce Ewen
	3rd	Vintage Red	John Mole
Spring Series:	1st	Dream On	Glen Kewish
	2nd	Beats Work	Jim Bland
	3rd	Five O'clock Somewhere	Bruce Ewen
Winter Series:	1st	Dream On	Glen Kewish
	2nd	Vintage Red	John Mole
	3rd	Peccadillo	Terry Fraser
Summer Series:	1st	Vintage Red	John Mole
	2nd	Dream On	Glen Kewish
	3rd	Five O'clock Somewhere	Bruce Ewen
Club Champion:		Dream On	Glen Kewish

Commodore's Awards:

Clubperson of the Year Paul Webster and Jennifer Jenkinson

Ray Mackie AwardBarry PalichMariners' NightmareBernie Spooner







Winter Series, Race 6

Sunday 1 July 2012

Just four boats fronted on this chilly 'depth of winter' morning to contest Race 6 of the Club's Winter Series: *Vintage Red, Farrcical* and *Beaujolais* in Division 2, and *Charisma* in Division 1.

The forecast was grim: squally cold fronts from the SW, perhaps reaching 20 knots by early afternoon. Certainly the sky back over Geelong was dark and ominous, and the wind variable – making the setting of course all the more challenging.

By late morning we were out on the water with a start/finish line laid perpendicular to the groyne in front of the rotunda, and the boats slowly jockeying for a start on the northern side.

With the wind now firmly in the SW at an average of 13 knots, we set the west cardinal mark (WCM) off the former Smorgy's Pier as the first windward mark. Barry Palich and his crew aboard *Charisma* set off right on 11am as the only boat in the first division. From our vantage point on the start boat, Barry's glistening white mainsail made a dramatic contrast against the darkening clouds he was sailing towards.



Through the start line for another tack to Smorgy's

Twenty minutes later the three, second division boats crossed the line together – all smartly close-hauled en route to the first mark. Just prior to the start, Chris Hancock had recorded gusts of 20 knots on *Beaujolais* as yet another squall passed over St Helens. The wind then dropped back to average around 7 knots for the start, still constant from the bleak SW.

Once down at the first mark, all four boats tacked and then gybed as they worked their way around to port, then lined up for the long spinnaker run eastward to CB2.



Charisma sails bravely into the rising storm

From that mark, the small fleet then curved round onto a port reach to head due west back to the start boat. As the boats hacked across the low choppy seas back to us, two major storm fronts cut right across the bay, drenching us all, but certainly not dampening the spirit!

By the time the fleet rounded the start boat to head south again to the WCM, the three Division 2 boats had whittled away *Charisma's* lead, so that all boats rounded that final mark as a fairly tight bunch. On this occasion, the fleet took the WCM on starboard, before gybing to make a 180 degree turn back to St Helens, and a spinnaker run through to the finish line.

Vintage Red grabbed the Division 2 line honours at 1:30:07, two minutes ahead of Farrcical at 1:32:20, with Beaujolais coming in third at 1:33:54. Charisma then came home at 1:44:02. Once we applied CBH corrections, Vintage Red came first; Charisma second; Beaujolais third; and Farrcical fourth.

Despite the weather, it was a very relaxing day on the brine, and as we later huddled at the rotunda to tell 'more tales, tall and true', a weak sun peeped out through the bruised sky to paint some wonderful rainbows across the bay!

OOD: Geoff Russell, with Jim Bland



Spring Series, Race 2

Sunday 19 August 2012

Unfortunately, *Even Keel* has not received a written OOD's report for this day's racing. However, club member Kevin O'Neil had the good sense to take along his camera to capture this photo essay of another magic Sunday spent on Corio Bay.

Kevin reports: 'It was a great day for sailing but I was too puffed from this rotten lurgy to put the boat in the water. So I did the next best thing ... I went to St Helens for the start and took a few photos'. He also claims his photos are 'just average', but we beg to differ! Good on you Kevin!



The fleet prepares: before the battle!



The tan-sailed Secret 20 belonged to a friend of Glenn Kewish's who came down for the day



The gaff-rig was soon under way: pretty nifty set-up



The fleet manoeuvring, just before the gun



More OODs than you see on a month of Sundays!



The fleet underway, at last!

Spring Series, Race 3

Sunday, 2 September 2012

The forecast promised a fine and sunny day with light winds from the north-west, and what a beautiful day it was!

At least three skippers who had planned to participate were instead called away to Fathers' Day activities, leaving just five entries to contest the race: Five O'clock Somewhere (with her new carbon-fibre composite mast), Farrcical, Dream On, Step Aboard, and the classic style, gaff-rig Secret 20.

The planned course was to have started with a short beat to windward to a laid mark at St Helens, then a run to CB2, a reach to the west cardinal mark, a beat back to St Helens, then a run to CB2 and a beat to the finish at St Helens. However, the wind had a mind to upset all this, and as it was very light and from the east, we decided to reverse the course.

Step Aboard and Secret 20 (Division E) started 20 minutes before the rest. Just before the start, the wind freshened – but only in a patch near the start and the silos. Secret 20 started well – about 10 seconds before Step Aboard – and the two of them shy-reached briskly towards the west cardinal mark, soon getting to the edge of the fresh wind patch and proceeding as the patch expanded towards Geelong city.

Secret 20 was holding her position in the lead.

Twenty minutes later *Dream On, Five O'clock Somewhere* and *Farrcical* crossed the starting line locked together and right on the start signal, in hot pursuit of the two leaders.

Halfway to the west cardinal mark, the wind swung to the north and the fleet began popping spinnakers.

Secret 20 was first around the west cardinal mark, followed a little later by Step Aboard. Further back, Dream On and Farrcical were very close rounding the mark, with Five O'clock Somewhere close behind.

A shy reach to CB2 saw *Secret 20* increase her lead to a couple of minutes over *Step Aboard*. *Five O'clock Somewhere* asserted herself and held a 10 second lead over *Dream On*, with *Farrical* a further 30 seconds back.

The wind steadily shifted to the forecast northwest, dictating a beat to St Helens. *Step Aboard* was able to point higher than *Secret 20* and overtook her. The Division F yachts moved past Division E. *Five O'clock Somewhere* rounded the St Helens Mark first, followed by *Dream On* and *Farrcical*.

On the reach out to CB2 the placings stayed the same, but *Secret 20* made-up ground on *Step Aboard*. At the finish, *Five O'clock Somewhere* was comfortably ahead of *Dream On*, followed by *Farrcical*, *Step Aboard* and *Secret 20*.

After we applied handicaps, *Dream On* was the winner, just a minute ahead of *Five O'clock Somewhere*, with *Farrcical* third. (Handicaps were not available at the time of writing this report for *Step Aboard* and *Secret 20*).

Overall, it was a delightful day to be out on the water!

OOD: John Mole, with Barry Thompson



In near-perfect winter sailing conditions on Corio Bay, Five O'clock Somewhere and Farrcical sail neck and neck on the spinnaker run to the west cardinal mark.

The Winter Dinner

The night may have been chilly, but that didn't deter the 21 hearty (and very loud) GTYC club members, crew, partners and guests who turned out for the GTYC Winter Dinner – held on the evening of Saturday 30 June at *The Sailors' Rest* on Geelong's picturesque Esplanade.

As a new club member, it was a great opportunity to mix with the old and new members, and hear some fabulous yarns and long tales. Vice-Commodore Dr Geoff Russell offered a short informal welcome, which I believe may have been the only time all night that silence fell.

It was an amazing atmosphere, and I was left with a feeling that the club certainly has a deep sense of friendship and depth of history that only this type of night releases. Many old faces attended too, and I believe they too left with a sense of belonging. It is truly a joy to participate in a group that is diverse and active, and passionate about sailing and sharing their advice, stories and growth – while all the time smiling and laughing at the memories.

For both Paul (Webster) and me, this reinforced the need to have a club to bring like-minded sailors, crew and partners together – to share and promote an exciting sport that's perhaps been declining in recent years. But no one would deny this club is proud and passionate, with many years of racing and cruising ahead.

For this event, *Bull Sails* had generously donated a gear bag as the lucky door prize, and this went to a very surprised Chris Hancock (who has shared the joy by passing the bag to his crew).

The night was over much too quickly, and I hope that like Paul and me, those who attended were also left with a glow on your cheeks from the laughter and joy (or maybe a wine or two). We look forward to many more such evenings with our club, and with our new friends.

By Jennifer Jenkinson

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10am, Saturday, 27 October 2012

A challenging long-passage race from Queenscliff to St Helen's Marina (Geelong), organised by the *Geelong Trailable Yacht Club*, with trophies and sponsors' prizes awarded over four divisions. Enjoy a BBQ dinner and stay overnight at Geelong, ready for a leisurely cruise back to Queenscliff on Sunday.

Download the **NOR** at **www.gtyc.com.au** or phone the *GTYC* on **0422 131 582** or email **secretary@gtyc.com.au**





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Month	Date	Event	Time	Location	OOD	
	Sun 7th	Short Series - Race 1	10.00am	St.Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
OCT		Seniors Sailing Afternoon	01.30pm	St Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
2012	Sun 21st	Short Series - Race 2	10.00am	St Helens	Dennis McDowell & Bob Balding	
		Summer Series - Race 1	01.30pm	St Helens	Dennis McDowell & Bob Balding	
	Sat 27th	Queenscliff to Geelong - Div 1	10.00am	Queenscliff	Mike Allden	
		- Div 2	10.15am	Queenscliff	Mike Allden	
	Sun 4th	Open Day - Sailpast	11.00am	St Helens	Not required	
NOV		- Barbeque	12.00pm	St Helens	Not required	
2012		- Sternchaser	02.00pm	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
	Sun 18th	Short Series - Race 3	10.00am	St Helens	Paul Graham & Paul Webster	
		Summer Series - Race 2	01.30pm	St Helens	Paul Graham & Paul Webster	
	Sat 1st	Arthur The Great Race - Div 1	10.00am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
		- Div 2	10.30am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
DEC	Sat 8th	Christmas Party	06.30pm	TBA	Not required	
2012	Sun 9th	Try Sailing Day	01.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
	Sun 16th	Short Series - Race 4	10.00am	St Helens	Geoff Russell & James Russell	
	0 0011	Summer Series - Race 3	01.30pm	St Helens	Geoff Russell & James Russell	
1441	Sun 30th	Christmas Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
JAN	C-4 004b	Geelong Week - Regatta	04.00	Corio Bay	Not required	
2013	Sat 26th	Try Sailing Day Fireworks Cruise	01.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
	Sat 26th	Short Series - Race 5	07.30pm 10.00am	St Helens St Helens	Not required	
	Sun 3rd	Summer Series - Race 4	01.30pm	St Helens	Glen Kewish & Colin Onley Glen Kewish & Colin Onley	
FEB	Sat 16th	Fun Day / Trivia Night	TBA	TBA	Not required	
2013	Sun 17th	Short Series - Race 6	10.00am	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
2013	Ouri 17tii	Summer Series - Race 5	01.30pm	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
	Sat 23rd	Ultimate Yachting Association	TBA	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
	Out 2014	Regatta	TBA	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
	Sun 3rd	Short Series - Race 7	10.00am	St Helens	Terry Fraser	
		Summer Series - Race 6	01.30pm	St Helens	Terry Fraser	
MAR	Sat 9-11th	Marley Point Race	TBA	Lake Wellington	Not required	
2013		Autumn Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
	Sat 16th	Steamboat Cup - Div 1	10.00am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
		Steamboat Cup - Div 2	10.30am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
	Fri 29 - 31	Easter Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
	Sun 7th	Summer Series - Race 7	11.00am	St Helens	John Mole	
APRIL	Sat 20th	Try Sailing Day	01.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
2013	Sun 21st	Summer Series - Race 8	11.00am	St Helens	Barry Palich	
		Anzac Day - BBQ	Noon	TBA	Not required	
MAY	Sun 5th	Summer Series - Race 9	10.00am	St Helens	Bruce Ewan	
2013	Sun 19th	Winter Series - Race 1	11.00am	St Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
11141-	Sun 2nd	Winter Series - Race 2	11.00am	St Helens	Dennis McDowell & Bob Balding	
JUNE	Sat 8 -11	Winter Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
2013	Sun 16th	Winter Series - Race 3	11.00am	St Helens	Paul Graham & Paul Webster	
IIIIV	Sat 22nd	Club Dinner Winter Series - Race 4	07.00pm 11.00am	TBA St Helens	Not required Geoff Russell & James Russell	
JULY 2013	Sun 7th	Winter Series - Race 4 Winter Series - Race 5	11.00am 11.00am	St Helens	Glen Kewish & Colin Onley	
2013	Sun 21st Sun 4th	Winter Series - Race 5 Winter Series - Race 6	11.00am	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
AUG	Sun 18th	Winter Series - Race 6 Winter Series - Race 7	11.00am	St Helens	Terry Fraser	
2013	Fri 23rd	Annual General Meeting	07.00am	TBA	Not required	
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Month	Date	Event	Time	Location	OOD	
SEPT	Sun 1st	Winter Series - Race 8	11.00am	St Helens	John Mole	
2013	Sat 14th	Cluster Cup - Division 1	10.00am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
		- Division 2	10.30am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	



