



Even Keel

The quarterly newsletter of the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc.



GTYC member boats Restless (Ultimate 18) and QUMBU (Investigator 563) enjoy a peaceful mooring at St Helen's Marina

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Commodore's Locker

Our AGM and presentation night is now over for another year, and we are now into our 2014-15 season. Treasurer Ray Slee reported a successful year financially – details later in this edition – with all commitments met and a healthy amount for depreciation reserve.

Our membership at the close of the year was over 100 and everything is set for an enjoyable 2014-15.

Doug Gadd has done a great job on the Club Calendar for the coming year, following the successful pattern from last year but with more Club Dinners, plus training similar to the flares demo and Winter Dinner in June. There are also more social sailing opportunities listed, including more Stern Chaser 'races', which are fun events even for novice sailors.

Congratulations to all trophy winners for the past season, particularly Glenn Kewish and Colin Olney on *Dream On*. Glenn was again awarded the honour of Club Champion, just ahead of Bruce Ewen on *Five O'Clock Somewhere*.

In the coming year we will all have to keep a close eye on *Fat Bottom Girl*, as skipper Brian Murphy coaxes ever more speed out of her.

A full list of trophy winners appears later.

We have some big events coming up. Firstly, the annual Queenscliff to Geelong Race is on again: this year it is Sunday 8 November from 10.30. It is growing in popularity each race and is sure to be good again this year.

Then on 28 February we host the Sonata Association and the Ultimate Association combined regatta, with GTYC joining in for the Stern Chaser event on Sunday 1 March: fun for all!

I would again like to thank the GTYC Committee members for their commitment and labours throughout the past year; also the incoming Committee members for volunteering for the coming year. I again look forward to working with you all to make 2014-15 our most enjoyable year yet!

Smooth sailing!

John Mole, GTYC Commodore



Peter Barrow from the Geelong Coast Guard (rear left) and GTYC Commodore John Mole (rear right) have been meeting with City of Greater Geelong councillors and State politicians to solicit their support for the new shared Coast Guard/GTYC clubrooms.

In the photo above, Peter and John are reviewing the plans for the proposed development with Tony McManus (Liberal candidate for Lara) and Paula Kontelj (Liberal candidate for Geelong), who both expressed a very positive interest in the project.

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Captain's Conundrum

The tidal flow is 10 knots, and there is a 10 knot wind blowing in the same direction as the tide.

A sailboat is required to travel to a mark downwind.

In another situation, the tidal flow is again 10 knots, but there is no wind.

In which of these two situations would the passage to the downwind mark take less time?



GTYC Racing Results 2013-14

Summer Series – Club Handicap

First	7 points	John Mole	Vintage Red
Second	9points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On
Third	10points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere

Summer Series – YV Handicap

First	6 points	John Mole	Vintage Red
Second	8 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	9 points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On

Short Series – Club Handicap

First	9 points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On
Second	13 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	15 points	Doug Gadd	Dynamic Duo

Short Series YV Handicap

First	7 points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On
Second	13 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	14 points	Ray Slee	Restless

Winter Series – Club Handicap

First	12 points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On
Second	13 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	14 points	John Mole	Vintage Red

Winter Series – YV Handicap

First	10 points	Glenn Kewish	Dream On
Second	12 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	14 points	John Mole	Vintage Red

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First	26 points	Glen Kewish	Dream On
Second	33 points	Bruce Ewen	Five O'Clock Somewhere
Third	37 points	John Mole	Vintage Red

Individual 2013-4 GTYC Award Winners

Paddle Award *(for individual effort to advance the Club)*

Doug Gadd

Ray Maki Memorial Award *(for outstanding work for the Club)*

Ray Slee

Mariner's Nightmare Award *(always a very keenly sought honour, awarded by AGM attendees to a person who has 'performed' or 'achieved' the most noteworthy maritime incident of the past year)*

Worthy contenders:

Len Hatfield
Raellen Graham
Gwen Leggett
Bob Balding
John Mole

Mobile phone 'lost overboard' (a usual suspect!)
Tender splits, and falling backwards into the water
One giant leap for womankind (again, into the water)
Mast in the trees; sitting in the water; mobile phone dunked
Two Q2G Race starts not better than one; shredded genoa

And the winner was:

Paul Webster

Stretching between the pontoon and *Step Aboard* (foolishly thinking he could use his body as a 'human rope'), but ultimately falling into the briney!



Ray Slee receives the Ray Maki Memorial Award from Commodore John Mole



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Chris Hancock presents John Mole with one of several awards



John Mole presents Doug Gadd with annual Paddler Award

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Another GTYC annual general meeting and trophy awards night is punctuated by good food, tall tales, strenghtened friendships new and old, and a laugh or two to boot!



You know you're in trouble when 'Hang 'em High' Judge John and his surly associate, Bailiff Barry get their first victim in the dock during the 'awarding' of the Mariner's Nightmare trophy. This unfortunate offender, Len Hatfield, has been before the beak on numerous previous occasions. Some people just never learn!

GTYC 2013-14 Financial Report to Members

	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Nett</u>
Memberships	\$ 7,620.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 7,570.00
YV/YA Levy	\$ 855.00	\$ (1,160.00)	\$ (305.00)
PL Insurances	\$ -	\$ (1,869.40)	\$ (1,869.40)
Donations & Sponsorship	\$ 770.00	\$ -	\$ 770.00
Geelong to Queenscliff	\$ 1,125.00	\$ (532.82)	\$ 592.18
Steamboat cup	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
3 Piers race	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cluster Cup	\$ 310.00	\$ (111.50)	\$ 198.50
Arthur the Great	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ 270.00
Class racing	\$ 10.00	\$ (51.70)	\$ (41.70)
Trophies	\$ -	\$ (248.68)	\$ (248.68)
Rotunda	\$ 177.55	\$ (92.08)	\$ 85.47
Catering	\$ 1,803.95	\$ (2,324.81)	\$ (520.86)
Misc Club expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ (1,476.87)	\$ (1,076.87)
Sales of goods etc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	\$ (93.30)	\$ (93.30)
Fuel and maintenance	\$ -	\$ (435.32)	\$ (435.32)
Insurance	\$ -	\$ (409.00)	\$ (409.00)
Registration etc	\$ -	\$ (47.60)	\$ (47.60)
Interest	\$ 1.77	\$ -	\$ 1.77
Taxes & bank charges	\$ -	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.21)
Trailable Yacht Festival	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to/from Term Deposit	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
Cash in hand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cheques not drawn	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 13,465.72	\$ (13,903.29)	\$ (437.57)

Opening account balance 1 July 2013 (A/C No. 351 20091 3771)	\$ 6,432.86
Surplus (Deficit) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014	\$ (437.57)
Closing account balance 30 June 2014	\$ 5,995.29

Term Deposit 1 July, 2013	\$ 21,816.24
Interest	\$ 823.67
Transfer from/(to) op. a/c.	\$ 5,000.00
Term Deposit 30 June, 2014	\$ 27,639.91

Operating A/C	Opening	\$ 6,432.86	Closing	\$ 5,995.29
Term Deposit	Opening	\$ 21,816.24	Closing	\$ 27,639.91
	Income	\$ 19,289.39		
	Expenses	\$ (13,903.29)		
CASH BALANCE		\$ 33,635.20		\$ 33,635.20

Cluster Cup Report

Saturday 6 September, 2014

The weather for this race was forecast to be sunny, with a very light wind of 0 to 5 knots, and a moderate temperature of just 19 degrees.

Seven boats turned up for the race: two for Division 1, and five for the Division 2.

Division 1 started at 10.15 with *MadMission* first across the line, followed by *Restless*.

Division 2 started at 10.45 with *Stress Factor* first over the line, followed by *Fat Bottom Girl* and *Octopussy*.

With the light breeze generally in the north, it was a beat to the North Channel, then a reach through the north channel, then a beat south to the Cluster mark (from which this race draws its name).

All this time the wind was still varying between 0 and 5 knots.

Because it took two and a half hours for the first boat to reach the Cluster mark, and I could see *Restless* was still about two nautical miles away, I realised it could take her another hour to reach the mark. So I reluctantly decided to shorten the race.

First around the mark was *Fat Bottom Girl* at two hours and 30 minutes, followed by *Octopussy*, *Dream On*, *Vintage Red*, *Stress Factor*, *MadMission*, and *Restless*.

Once across the shortened finish line, the fleet then hoisted spinnakers to sail back to St Helens.

The racing and the weather was good, but with a bit more wind it would have made a perfect day's sailing. VYC results were: *Dream On*, *Vintage Red*, and *Stress Factor*.

We awarded trophies at the end of the race; congratulations to all!

OOD Chris Hancock (assisted by Andrew Cerasuolo and Andrew Friers)

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Ray Slee and crew aboard Restless (Ultimate 18) making the best of the frustratingly light airs sailing the Cluster Cup



Fat Bottom Girl uses her kite to advantage as she edges her way to the Number 1 channel mark in very light conditions

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Sailing the Cluster Cup

(A skipper's view from *Vintage Red*)

Saturday 6 September dawned fine with a light but chilly east to north east breeze, ready to contest the annual GTYC Cluster Cup long passage race.

Seven boats presented for the start, with those in Division 1 (*Restless* and *MadMission*) heading off half an hour before those in Division 2 (*Fat Bottom Girl*, *Octopussy*, *Stress Factor*, *Dream On* and *Vintage Red*).

Division 2 had some excitement at the start as the knife-edge bow of *Octopussy* cut a swath through the fleet to be amongst the leaders when the flag dropped. *Vintage Red* 'stayed out of trouble' and was last to cross.

Restless and *MadMission* were beacons in the distance, and sailed close to the North Channel entrance as Division 3 headed in hot pursuit.

Vintage Red sailed an easterly tack away from the shore while the others hugged the shore. *Fat Bottom Girl*, *Dream On* and *Octopussy* had a clear lead over the rest.

At the first North Channel pile, *Vintage Red* had closed on *Dream On* and had overtaken *Stress Factor*. *MadMission* was doing well with her new set of sails.

Exiting the North Channel, *Dream On* headed on a long tack towards Curlewis. She steadily

increased her lead over *Vintage Red*, which followed as far as the main channel, where she tacked in the hope of getting some assistance from the outgoing tide.

Restless, *Stress Factor* and *MadMission* went on an opposite tack parallel to the Point Wilson pier; *Fat Bottom Girl* and *Octopussy* sailed somewhere inbetween. It was then that the fleet hit the 'hole': an area where the wind was extremely light.

Vintage Red realised her chosen course was not a favourable one, because when she and *Stress Factor* crossed paths again, *Vintage Red*'s 400 metre-or-so lead had vanished. *Stress Factor* was in front and *MadMission* not very far behind.

Fat Bottom Girl and *Octopussy*, although well ahead, also seemed to be troubled by the light conditions, and were not far enough ahead of *Dream On* to claim the lead on corrected time.

The light conditions soon forced the Officer of the Day Chris Hancock to fly the 'S' flag (for shortened course) at the Cluster pile.

From there, the first to finish was *Fat Bottom Girl*, two and a half minutes ahead of *Octopussy*. One minute after *Octopussy* came *Dream On*, which obviously selected the best route through or around the 'hole'.

Vintage Red had overtaken *Stress Factor* in the drag race to the Cluster and finished 12 minutes behind *Dream On*, and two minutes ahead of *Stress Factor*.

MadMission was a minute behind *Stress Factor* and *Restless*, the smallest boat in the fleet, 15 minutes behind that, having spent the longest time in the light patch.

On corrected times, *Dream On* won on handicap hands down, with *Vintage Red* second and *Stress Factor* third. Rob on *Octopussy* sailed a very good race, and Shane must be very pleased with *MadMission*'s new sails.

But we all must congratulate Glenn Kewish and crew Colin Onley on *Dream On* for another strategic win.

Finally: a big thanks to Chris, Andrew Cerasuolo and Andrew Friers for running the race, then cooking a very welcome BBQ for our added enjoyment. Thanks also to Andrew for the race photos reproduced here in *Even Keel*.

John Mole
(skipper *Vintage Red*)

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The skipper and crew of Division 2 boat Stress Fracture greet the committee boat prior to the start of the 2014 Cluster Cup Race.



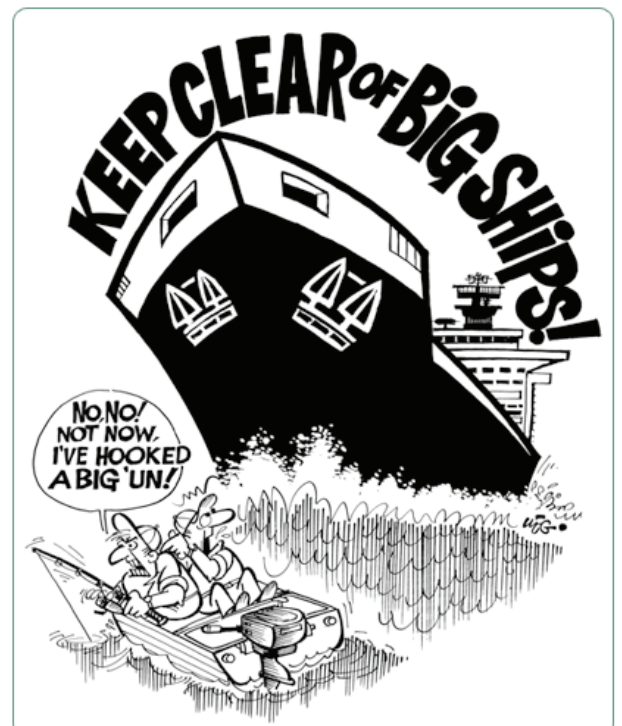
Dream On crew Colin Onley and skipper Glenn Kewish celebrate their win of the 2014 GTYC Cluster Cup Race



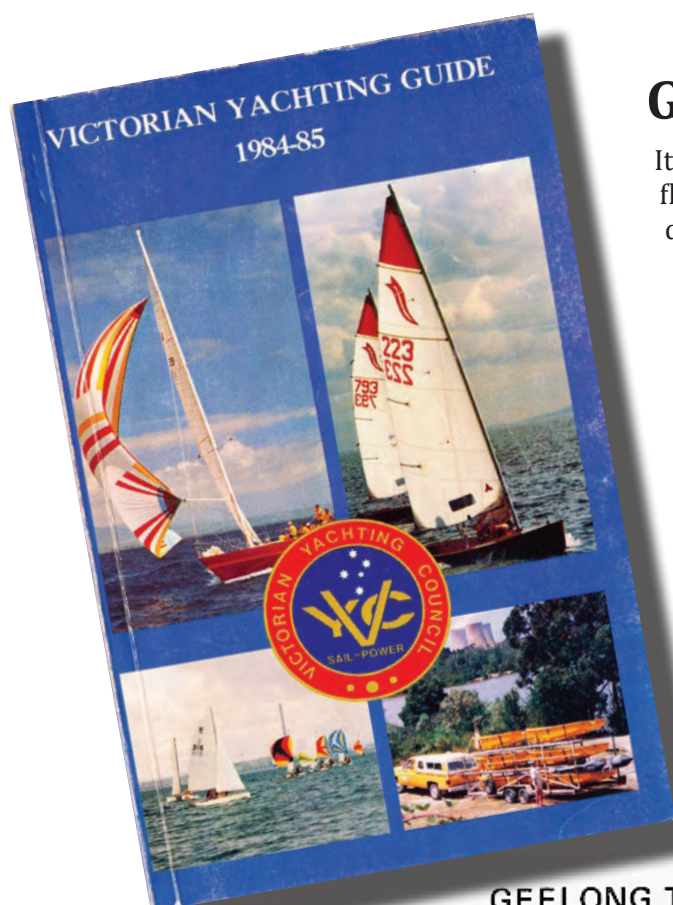
The owner of this ute at St Helen's is a definite contender for next year's Mariner's Nightmare award!



'I see red' at the recent GTYC flare demo



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GTYC history ...

It's amazing what you can unearth at garage sales and flea markets around Geelong. A few Sundays ago I discovered this very rare find: a copy of the *Yachting Victoria Guide 1984-85*.

For the princely sum of \$2, this was a true bargain for anyone interested in the history of our clubs, and trailer sailing in general.

The guide has lots of information from the glory years of trailable sailing, when probably most of the current classes and boats we still sail today were barely a few years old.

I know life was a lot slower back then compared to now, and many of us did not have to work weekends. That left us more time to enjoy day-long leisure pursuits, such as sailing. Bliss!

I'll publish further extracts from the guide in the next *Even Keel*.

Geoff Russell, Editor

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Brief History of Club:

Over the past 11 years have catered particularly for Trailable yachts. Both racing and cruising. Family Memberships welcome.

Membership:

Categories	Entrance Fee	Yearly Subscription
Family or Single	\$5.00	\$25.00

Classes Sailed:

Trailable yachts C.B.H. and Club Handicaps.

Principal Events:

Event	Date
Geelong to Queenscliff	Saturday Dec 1st, 1984
Cluster Cup	Sunday 1st Oct, 1984

Club Programme:

1st Sunday of month club racing.

Club Safety Patrol Boats:

Name	Call Sign	February.	Radio Type
Even Keel			
GTYC Rescue			

Visitors:

Races open to visitors, limit 4 per year. Entry \$2.00.



The Queenscliff *to* Geelong *Race*



10.30am, Sunday 8 November 2014



An enjoyable long-passage race from Queenscliff Harbour to St Helen's Marina (Geelong), proudly organised by the *Geelong Trailable Yacht Club*.

Trophies and sponsors' prizes awarded for cruising and racing divisions.

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Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc. 2014 - 2015 Calendar						
		Revision No. 3		Date 29/8/2014		
Month	Date	Event	Time	Location	OOD	
OCT 2014	Sat 4th	L. Eppalock Classic		L. Eppalock	Bendigo YC	
	Sun 5th	Short Series - Race 1	10.00	St.Helens	D Gadd	
		Seniors Sailing Afternoon	13.30	St Helens	J Mole	
	Sun 19th	Opening Day - Sail Past - Barbeque	11.00 12.00	St Helens	J. Mole J, Jenkinson,C. Klaebe	
		Opening Day - Sternchaser	14.00	St Helens	J.Mole	
NOV 2014	Sat 8th	Q to G - Div 1&2 Q to G - Div 3&4	10.30 10.45	Queenscliff Queenscliff	C Hancock / M.Aldden C.Hancock / M.Aldden	
	15th-16th	Lipton Cup Regatta		Williamstown	Royal Yacht Club of Vic.	
	Sun 16th	Short Series - Race 2	10.00	St Helens	K.O'Neill	
		Summer Series - Race 2	13.30	St Helens	K.O'Neill	
	Sun 30th	Arthur the Great Race - Div 1 Arthur the Great Race - Div 2	10.00 10.30	St Helens St Helens	C.Hancock C.Hancock	
DEC 2014	Sun 7th	Short Series - Race 3 Summer Series - Race 3	10.00 13.30	St Helens St Helens	R.Balding R.Balding	
	Sat 6th	Around Sunday Island Race		Port Albert	Port Albert YC	
	Sat 13th	Christmas Party	19.00	TBA	J, Jenkinson,C. Klaebe	
	Sat 29th	Christmas Cruising		TBA	TBA	
		21st-26th 24th-25th	Festival of Sails (start)			Royal Geelong YC Cowes YC
JAN 2015	Sun 25th	Try Sailing Day	13.30	St Helens	Paul G, Paul W, Phil	
	Sun 25th	Fireworks Cruise	19.30	St Helens	Paul G, Paul W, Phil	
FEB 2014	Sun 1st	Short Series - Race 4 Summer Series - Race 4	10.00 13.30	St Helens St Helens	G.Russell/ J.Russell G.Russell/ J.Russell	
	Sun 15th	Short Series - Race 5 Summer Series - Race 5	10.00 13.30	St Helens St Helens	G.Kewish/C.Onley G.Kewish/C.Onley	
	Sat 28th	Around French Island Race			Warmeet Motor YC	
	Sat 28th	Sonata/Ultime Regatta		St Helens	J.Mole	
		Sun 1st	Sonata/Ultime Regatta		St Helens	J.Mole
		Sun 1st	Stern Chaser (Cruise)	10.00	St Helens	J.Mole
MAR 2015	Sat 7-8th	Marley Point Overnight Race		Lake wellington	Lake Wellington YC	
	Sat 7-9th	Autumn Cruise		TBA	Paul G, Paul W, Phil	
	Sat 14th	Steamboat Cup - Div 1	10.00	St Helens	C.Hancock	
		Steamboat Cup - Div 2	10.30	St Helens	C.Hancock	
	Sat 28	Vic Trailable Yacht Champs. Club Dinner Training	7.00 8.00	Osborne House Osborne House	Gippsland Lakes YC J, Jenkinson,C. Klaebe B. Thompson	
	APRIL 2015	Fri 3-6	Easter Cruising			
Sun 12th		Summer Series - Race 6	11.00	St Helens	T.Fraser	
Sun 26th		Loch Sport Lakes Challenge			Loch Sport Boat Club	
Sun 26th		BBQ	11.30	St Helens	J, Jenkinson,C. Klaebe	
Sun 26th		Stern Chaser (Cruise)	13.30	St Helens	J.Mole	
MAY 2015	Sun 3rd	Summer Series - Race 7	11.00	St Helens	B. Ewen	
	Sat 2nd	MTYC Four Points			Melbourne Trailable YC	
	Sun 17th	Winter Series - Race 1	11.00	St Helens	P. Webb	
	Sun 31st	Winter Series - Race 2	11.00	St Helens	B.Palich/A.Croxon	
JUNE 2015	Sat 7-9th	Winter Cruise		TBA	P. Adams	
	Sun 14th	Winter Series - Race 3	11.00	St Helens	D.Appleton	
	Sat 20th	Club Dinner Training	7.00 8.00	Osbourne House Osbourne House	J, Jenkinson,C. Klaebe B. Thompson	
	JULY 2015	Sun 5th	Winter Series - Race 4	11.00	St Helens	R.Hulme
Sun19th		Winter Series - Race 5	11.00	St Helens	K.Kugler	
AUG 2015	Sun 2nd	Winter Series - Race 6	11.00	St Helens	J.Martin	
	Sun 16th	Winter Series - Race 7	11.00	St Helens	T.Doolan/R.V-Niven	
	Fri 21st	AGM / Presentation Night	19.30	TBA	J. Mole	
SEPT 2015	Sat 5th	Cluster Cup - Division 1	10.00	St Helens	C.Hancock	
		Cluster Cup - Division 2	10.30	St Helens	C.Hancock	
	Sun 20th	Summer Series - Race 1	11.00	St Helens	B. Schippers	