



Even Keel

The quarterly newsletter of the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc.



Commodore John Mole and crew Val, aboard Vintage Red, take the fleet's salute during the GTYC's 2012-13 Season Opening Day

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Commodore's Report

Your Committee has had a busy time since the last *Even Keel*, with the new calendar, Seniors' Sailing, Q2G Race and 2012-13 Opening Day all successfully completed, as well as the new shared clubhouse and Geelong City Council elections demanding our attention.

We are now working from the 2012-13 calendar, which is available on our website. It includes the customary first and third Sunday of each month for club racing, five passage races and several social and 'cruisey' events. Take a look and get to as many events as you can.

The Seniors' Sailing day was attended by about 20 guests, about eight of whom have indicated they would like to join the club, either as Social or Crew members. For those not familiar with this event, GTYC invites seniors to experience sailing on trailable yachts one Sunday during Seniors' Month, as part of a program sponsored

by the City of Greater Geelong and the Victorian Government in October each year. We insert a colour ad in the *Geelong Independent* promoting Seniors' Sailing (and our club). Council contributes about \$420 towards our expenses, and the event runs as a community benefit as well as a promotion for our club. Thanks to all members who assisted on the day.

The Q2G Race reflected the fine organisational abilities of the race subcommittee comprising Jim Bland, Geoff Russell and Barry Palich. The race went well, the wind was favourable, and all competitors finished in the same hour. The subcommittee is now researching what we can do to make the race even better for next year. Those who did not compete missed an enjoyable sail.

Our annual season Opening Day this year was a lot of fun. St Helen's was the cruise venue for sailors from both the *Ultimate Association* and the *Sonata Association* and most of those boats and crews joined in on an idyllic day's activities.

My helper Val was congratulated on the accuracy of her Milky Way missiles, and rumours abound that the more successful boats in the stern-chaser did not sail the complete course. But that technicality was not allowed to spoil the spirit of the day!

Plans for the new clubhouse we hope to share with the Geelong Coast Guard are progressing well. Both parties are negotiating final details with council officers and the architect before final plans are drawn and the project costed.

Also, we are fortunate that Cr Eddie Kontelj was recently re-elected with a reassuring majority, and that Cr Keith Fagg was elected Mayor, as both are supporters of the new clubhouse.

Looking ahead: we have the GTYC Christmas Party on Saturday 8 December at Bob Balding's home at 60 Glenroe Drive, Lara starting at 6.30pm. The club will provide meat for the BBQ, but we would ask members with surnames from

A-L to bring a salad to share, and those with surnames from M-Z to bring a sweet or desert to share please. Also, please bring a \$5 'unisex' gift to give away (and you'll get one in return, so choose carefully).

Our next Try Sailing Day will be on Sunday 9 December, and there is some cruising planned for after Boxing Day. Paul Graham is going to Westernport again to sail, and others (including me) are going to the Gippsland Lakes. Contact Paul or me for details. Also, a cruise to Lake Eildon (now brim full) is a possibility early in February – contact me for details.

And there's also the chance of fireworks cruising on New Year's Eve and Australia Day, if there is enough interest.

There's a lot to look forward to and enjoy.

John



Club boats (and visitors) line up in very light conditions for the traditional sail past to open the 2012-13 sailing season



2012 Queenscliff to Geelong Race Report

The 2012 Queenscliff to Geelong Yacht Race – sailed on Saturday 27 October by the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club, and proudly sponsored by *Harken* and *Club Marine* – was to have had four divisions in two starts.

But with no entries in the cruising division, there were just three divisions to contest this year's event. A very nice Davidson keelboat named *Sundance* also joined the fleet (the owner being a former Castle sailor).

The fleet assembled in the cool, overcast conditions around 9.30am just outside 'The Cut' off Queenscliff Marina. The 10 to 15 knot southerly, combined with a strong inflowing tide from Port Philip Heads, made it difficult at times to keep the start boat, *Even Keel*, on station.

Luckily, we had earlier swapped the boat's anchor for a larger one and on the third attempt, after letting out every inch of line, we finally held fast. So we hoisted the station flag, ready for the starting sequence.

Six boats started in Divisions 1 and 2 at 10.05am, with Jaffa hotly contesting the honour of being first over. *Charisma*, *Beau Jay*, *Peccadillo* and *Hot Chocolate* followed *Jaffa* in rapid succession. *Laros* had strayed down the course and took 10 minutes to beat back against the tide, paying the penalty for underestimating the strength of the flow.

Another six boats started 10 minutes later in Division 3, with *Hairy Legs* being the most eager to get away first ahead of *Five O'Clock Somewhere*, *Running Free*, *Dream On* at the buoy end of the line, and *Vintage Red* squeezing in beside *Sundance* at the start boat end.

With another rescue boat on standby at Indented Head, and a third on call at Portarlington, the OOD and crew aboard *Even Keel* retrieved the start buoy and headed back to shore. We soon had the boat back on its trailer and heading home to Geelong, where we laid a finish line off the groyne at St Helen's, inside Corio Bay.

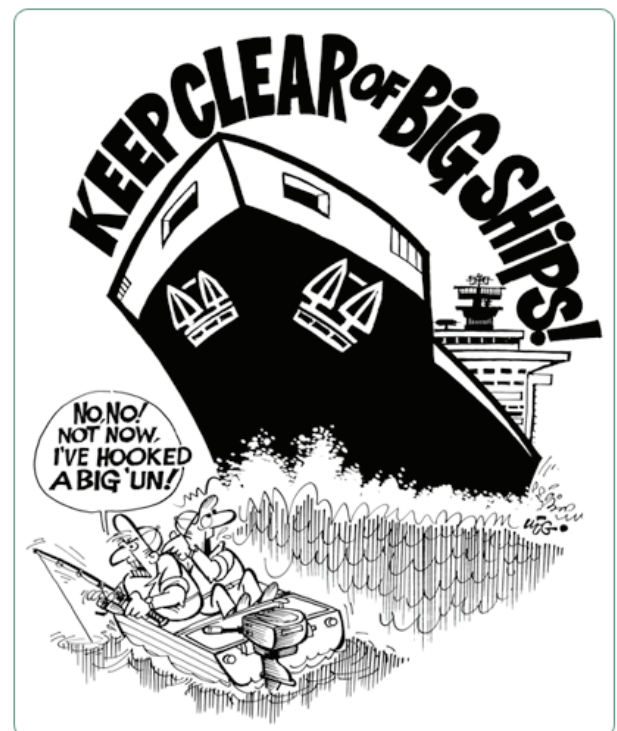
In the meantime, the fleet enjoyed a nice spinaker run north from Queenscliff in a good 10 knots of breeze, which held for the rest of the day.



Barry Palich and Andrew prepare Charisma for the race



Barry in a jovial mood, laughing at the mention of tidal flows



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Barry Palich reported that he and his crew aboard *Charisma* sailed for about an hour side-by-side with Terry Fraser and his crew aboard *Pecadillo*, with both boats barely a metre or so apart for much of the journey, and their spinnakers doing most of the heavy work.

Rounding the corner of Bellarine Peninsula to head north-west towards Portarlington, it became a bit too shy for most to hold on to their kites. Instead, the boats hauled up their jibs for a good romp back to Geelong on a fast port reach for much of the way.

Not surprisingly, the big keelboat *Sundance* recorded line honours, coming home just before 3.00pm. The slightly longer Number 2 course (33 miles), compared to the shorter Number 1 course (26 miles), proved to be a successful and fair way of separating the faster and slower boats, with all entries finishing within an hour of each other.

Once back at St Helen's, the club awarded major prizes to all place-getters at the post-race presentation and BBQ, with all competing skippers walking away happy with some form of prize. First on handicap in Division One was *Jaffa*, whilst *Running Free* carried off first place on handicap in Division Two.

As always: a big thanks to Chris and Jean Hancock for keeping the hungry sailors well fed by organising the BBQ. The race committee of Jim Bland, Geoff Russell and Barry Palich also did a wonderful job again this year – with a special thanks to Jim for organising the trophies.

The club is also extremely grateful to our generous sponsors: *Harken*, *Club Marine* and the *Victorian Regional Channels Authority*.

All in all: a very successful days sailing! It was just a shame that too many yachts missed out. But there's always next year!

Mike Alden

GTYC Officer of the Day

2012 Queenscliff to Geelong Yacht Race

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Race organiser Jim Bland gives Len and Chris the 'good oil'



Len and crew aboard Laros prepare to head out The Cut



Terry Fraser and crew aboard Peccadillo

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Another bot heads out The Cut ready to contest the big race



The fleet starts off under spinnakers towards Indented Head



Skippers and crew retire to the club rotunda after the race



Commodore John Mole presents Terry Fraser with a trophy

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Saturday 26, Sunday 27 & Monday 28 January 2013

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Notice of Race & Registration Form:

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Just Cruisin'

Hi all:

I am trying to get an idea where members might be cruising over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, so that anyone planning to cruise at a similar destination or area can make contact and perhaps enjoy each others' company.

There is still time to get your details to me before our Christmas Part next Saturday night when the final list will be available. I have made a start on the list below. Just send your details to me, Paul Graham, at paul.totalcare@gmail.com

Many thanks, Paul



A few Ultimate 18s join in the GTYC Opening Day Sail Past

Members Name	Dates: from - to	Cruising destination	Contact: Radio or mobile	Yacht / Sail No	Notes
John Mole	27 Dec – 7 Jan	Gippsland lakes	(0411) 142 917	Vintage Red	Swan Reach pub – overnight 27 Jan Lake King 28 Jan
Bob Balding	27 Dec – 10 Jan	Gippsland lakes	0402 268 023	Harmony G41	Will be using Paynesville as a base,
Tony Doolan	26 Dec – 14 Jan	Sydney	(04) 0851 9425		Sailing around Sydney harbour and waterways
Paul Graham	28 Dec – 5 Jan	Westernport Bay	0432 248 969	Amazing Grace	Based in Hastings and plan each days sailing night before
Geoff Russell	22 Dec – 1 Jan (inclusive)	Corio Bay, Outer Harbour	041 2733 802	QUMBU - 42	I have to stay local to be on call for work, but plan to be out when I can
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The 2012 Cluster Cup

The 2012 Cluster Cup was run on 22 September, with four division E boats getting away at 9.05 am in a light NW breeze.

Pecadillo won the start ahead of *Driftus*, followed by *Ooh La La* and *Double Dutch*. Just after the start, the breeze dropped out to nothing ahead of a wind shift to the NE. It filled in a little just in time for the division F start at 9.30 am.

The fleet made slow progress toward the North Channel and by 11.00 am the second division fleet had passed through the smaller boats of division E.

The F boats were entering the North Channel and the clear leader was *Dream On* ahead of *Vintage Red*, *Farrical*, *Five O'Clock Somewhere* and *Down Under*. Still approaching the Channel was *Ooh La La*, *Peccadillo*, *Double Dutch* and quite a distance back to *Driftus*.

The breeze picked up a bit more as it swung a little easterly, giving the fleet a beat to the cluster. By midday the breeze was up to 10 knots and the leaders were starting to round the mark and getting a good spinnaker run to the Curlew pile and home.

Dream On was still leading at the cluster followed by *Vintage Red*. *Five O'Clock Somewhere* had moved up into third position and overtook *Vintage Red* toward the pile. *Double Dutch* had taken the lead of the E fleet.

Coming up to the finish line *Five O'Clock Somewhere* managed to pip *Dream On* 50 just metres from home to take line honours. *Farrical* had managed to get ahead of *Vintage Red* followed by *Down Under* to see all of division F home. *Double Dutch* held on to beat *Peccadillo* over the line, with *Driftus* being sailed single-handed, to follow. *Ooh La La* retired early to be home in time for another function.

The Cluster Cup was won by *Dream On*, so well done to Glen Kewish and his crew Colin Olney!

Trophies were awarded at the BBQ that was perfectly prepared once again by master chef, Chris Hancock. Thanks very much Chris and Bob for your help on the day, and in the preparation leading up to this great event!

Mike Allden

GTYC Officer of the Day
2012 Cluster Cup Race



Boats mill about the start line in mill-pond conditions



The light conditions tested the patience and skills of all



A happy Glen Kewish with his Cluster Cup trophy

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Spring Series - Race 4

Race 4 of the GTYC Spring Series was sailed on Sunday 16 September in lively conditions: just great for kite-flying, as these photos by Colin Onley testify.



Vintage Red leads Beaujolais on a merry kite chase



Farrical also breaks out the kite for some colourful action



A view over the bow of Dream On of the leading boat

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Arthur the Great Race

A fleet of seven boats competed in the 2012 Arthur the Great outer harbour race, sailed on Saturday 1 December.

The day promised good weather conditions, with a forecast for westerly breezes from 10 to 16 knots, shifting to the south-west. The course was set with a short beat to windward from the start to a buoy laid adjacent St Helen's groyne, then downwind to the North Channel.

The Division 1 boats got away at 10.00am with *Tarquin* (Hartley 18MA, Colin Theodore), and *Jaffa* (Boomerang 20, Alan Brown) having a tight tussle at the start. *Restless* (Ultimate 18, Ray Slee), *OOH La La* (Status 580, Kevin O'Neill), and *Laros* (Ultimate 18, Len Hatfield) followed soon after.

Rounding the St Helen's mark, spinnakers were set with *Jaffa* leading the way from *Tarquin*, *Restless*, *OOH La La* and *Laros* for a long run to the North Channel.

After *Even Keel* retrieved its starting buoy (which had drifted into the channel), the two Division 2 boats faced the starter at 10.30am. The breeze by now had freshened, with both *Five O'Clock Somewhere* (Sonata 6.7 MkII, Bruce Ewen), and *Mr Bond* (Elliott 7, Bernard Spooner) having a 'neck and neck' start.

Once *Mr Bond* rounded the St Helen's mark ahead of *Five O'Clock Somewhere*, both boats set spinnakers and the chase for the Division 1 began.

On the $\frac{3}{4}$ run to the North Channel *Mr Bond* skipped away from *Five O'Clock Somewhere*. Square running through the North Channel on its way to the Pt Wilson exclusion marks, *Jaffa* had established a big lead over the Division 1 boats. Both *Laros* and *OOH La La* had some kite issues.

Even Keel headed for the first exclusion zone mark, passing the new green Steamboat buoy on the way. Anchoring adjacent to the mark, we bobbed up and down as the wind gusted and the chop and white caps appeared.

Jaffa had a big lead as she passed the first exclusion zone mark, followed by *Tarquin* and *Restless* running well, then *Mr Bond* blasting past *OOH La La*, hotly pursued by *Five O'Clock Somewhere*. The boats in full colour looked truly spectacular with their kites ablaze.



Jaffa powers up with the You Yangs in the distance



Mr Bond sets out for the North Channel with kite flying

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At the second exclusion zone mark most boats dropped their kites. Len in *Laros* thought it might be a good time to slip over the side; after all, the water did look inviting, even with white caps.

Jaffa led the way to the *Arthur the Great* mark (which mark?) on a 'tight lead', sailing beautifully, but the skipper ignored his GPS and thought a fourth yellow exclusion zone mark behind the Point Wilson pier and closer to the shore was *Arthur*. The rest of the fleet also thought *Jaffa* knew where she was going.

Even Keel did a GPS check of the mark, then headed for the real *Arthur*. Realising its error, *Jaffa* then had to run square back to the mark. Shaken but not stirred, on seeing *Jaffa's* plight, *Mr Bond* pulled away shy and set his kite for a fast approach to the mark. *Jaffa* was first around *Arthur* with *Mr Bond* in hot pursuit. *Tarquin*, *Restless*, *Five O'Clock Somewhere*, *OOH La La* and a distant *Laros* followed.

(For everyone's future reference: the *Arthur the Great* mark does not have a kingly crown or a sword named *Excalibur*, but it does have a cross (X). It is also not officially called *Arthur*; instead, its correct title is the rather uninspiring *No 2 Exclusion Zone*. It is yellow and does have solar panels.)

By now, a little more than two hours had elapsed since the start. The wind had freshened to around 18 knots with gusts, and white caps and chop covered the bay. The fleet was now headed on a lead back to the 2nd exclusion zone mark, with *Mr Bond* and *Five O'Clock Somewhere* on the move.

Once past the exclusion zone mark, the leaders continued toward Clifton Springs on a starboard tack finding calmer water, then going to port tack to keep the *Cluster mark* and the *Curlewis pile* to starboard. Along the shores of Clifton Springs and Curlewis, *Mr Bond* had established a good lead over *Five O'Clock Somewhere* who had thundered through the fleet.

Even Keel was doing its duty: keeping a close eye on the whole fleet, especially those who had dropped off the pace at the rear. *OOH La La* appeared to be in some difficulty near Clifton Springs. We headed over and offered assistance. We placed her under tow and began hauling her back to St Helens. Knowing that Jim Bland was on lookout at the rotunda, we radioed him re the situation in case we were unable to get back



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before the lead boats finished. Jim advised us (via radio) that the first two boats had by now crossed the line. (Thanks very much Jim!)

With a boat under tow we didn't see *Mr Bond* or *Five O'Clock Somewhere* go past Point Henry and into the Hopetoun Channel. In the channel though the wind had died, allowing *Five O'Clock Somewhere* to make up time before it too was tacking in light airs in the Hopetoun slop. Meanwhile, outside near Point Henry, the wind had swung to the south.

The rest of the Division 1 fleet was able to take time out of *Jaffa* because of the lulls and wind change. The wind came up again though to give *Tarquin*, *Restless* and *Laros* a fast lead down the channel to Cunningham Pier, then a run back north to the finish.

Line honours went to *Mr Bond* by just 3 minutes 2 seconds, followed by *Five O'Clock Somewhere*.

Skippers and crews enjoyed drinks and a BBQ after the race, and official results were posted later into *SailRes*.

Division 1: 1st *Restless*
Ray Slee
2nd *Laros*
Len Hatfield
3rd *Tarquin*
Colin Theodore

Division 2: 1st *Five O'Clock Somewhere*
Bruce Ewen;
2nd *Mr Bond*
Bernard Spooner

The 2012 Arthur the Great Race winner (on corrected time) was *Restless*, Ray Slee.

Paul Webster

(on behalf of Club Captain, Bob Balding)



Len Hatfield aboard Laros has a few kite flying issues



Restless and Five O'Clock Somewhere at the Arthur mark



Restless hoists the spinnaker for a winning run



OOH La La accepts a welcome tow home from Even Keel



The Queenscliff *to* Geelong *Race*



10.30am, Sunday 3 November 2013



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 for several divisions. Enjoy a BBQ dinner and stay overnight at Geelong, ready for a leisurely cruise back to Queenscliff.

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Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc. 2012 - 2013 Calendar						
					Revision - Prelim 3	Date 21/08/2012
Month	Date	Event	Time	Location	OOD	
OCT 2012	Sun 7th	Short Series - Race 1	10.00am	St Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
		Seniors Sailing Afternoon	01.30pm	St Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
	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 - Div 2	10.00am 10.15am	Queenscliff Queenscliff	Mike Allden Mike Allden	
NOV 2012	Sun 4th	Open Day - Sailpast - Barbeque - Sternchaser	11.00am 12.00pm 02.00pm	St Helens St Helens St Helens	Not required Not required 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 - Div 2	10.00am 10.30am	St Helens St Helens	TBA - Club Captain TBA - Club Captain	
	Sat 8th	Christmas Party	06.30pm	TBA	Not required	
DEC 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	
		Summer Series - Race 3	01.30pm	St Helens	Geoff Russell & James Russell	
	Sun 30th	Christmas Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
		Geelong Week - Regatta		Corio Bay	Not required	
JAN 2013	Sat 26th	Try Sailing Day	01.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
	Sat 26th	Fireworks Cruise	07.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
	Sun 3rd	Short Series - Race 5	10.00am	St Helens	Glen Kewish & Colin Onley	
		Summer Series - Race 4	01.30pm	St Helens	Glen Kewish & Colin Onley	
	Sat 16th	Fun Day / Trivia Night	TBA	TBA	Not required	
FEB 2013	Sun 17th	Short Series - Race 6	10.00am	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
		Summer Series - Race 5	01.30pm	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
	Sat 23rd	Ultimate Yachting Association Regatta	TBA TBA	St Helens St Helens	TBA - Club Captain 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 2013	Sat 9-11th	Marley Point Race	TBA	Lake Wellington	Not required	
	Sat 9-11th	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	
APRIL 2013	Sun 7th	Summer Series - Race 7	11.00am	St Helens	John Mole	
	Sat 20th	Try Sailing Day	01.30pm	St Helens	Not required	
	Sun 21st	Summer Series - Race 8	11.00am	St Helens	Barry Palich	
	Thurs 25th	Anzac Day - BBQ	Noon	TBA	Not required	
MAY 2013	Sun 5th	Summer Series - Race 9	10.00am	St Helens	Bruce Ewan	
	Sun 19th	Winter Series - Race 1	11.00am	St Helens	Kevin O'Neill & Doug Gadd	
	Sun 2nd	Winter Series - Race 2	11.00am	St Helens	Dennis McDowell & Bob Balding	
	Sat 8 - 11	Winter Cruise	TBA	TBA	Not required	
	Sun 16th	Winter Series - Race 3	11.00am	St Helens	Paul Graham & Paul Webster	
JUNE 2013	Sat 22nd	Club Dinner	07.00pm	TBA	Not required	
	Sun 7th	Winter Series - Race 4	11.00am	St Helens	Geoff Russell & James Russell	
	Sun 21st	Winter Series - Race 5	11.00am	St Helens	Glen Kewish & Colin Onley	
	Sun 4th	Winter Series - Race 6	11.00am	St Helens	Chris Hancock & Ken Friars	
	Sun 18th	Winter Series - Race 7	11.00am	St Helens	Terry Fraser	
AUG 2013	Fri 23rd	Annual General Meeting	07.00pm	TBA	Not required	
Month	Date	Event	Time	Location	OOD	
SEPT 2013	Sun 1st	Winter Series - Race 8	11.00am	St Helens	John Mole	
	Sat 14th	Cluster Cup - Division 1	10.00am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	
		- Division 2	10.30am	St Helens	TBA - Club Captain	

