



Coves yacht club



## December 2015 - Member Newsletter



### From the Commodore's Chart Table

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! As our prime sailing and social season rapidly approaches Cowes Yacht Club will embark on a highly ambitious programme, one of the fullest for many years. We are already off to a good start with 7 races held so far in the Opening Series being keenly contested with a total 19 boats taking part. It was great to see all the Pacers being used by parents and their children. This is a great improvement from past years, thank you to all those that are participating! Latest race series results are posted on our website under sailing events at: [www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)

While I am talking websites our sailing and social calendar is now public on google calendar so you can have access anytime with your smartphone or tablet or PC/Mac. The URL is available on our website under the Social and Sailing calendar page. Save the link as it means we can update the calendar and you will always have the latest right to hand!

I am pleased to inform you that bookings for Tackers (7-12 years) on the 2-6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is going really well. As I write this we have 48 Tackers booked! We have stepped up our advertising campaign and have handed out over 200 flyers at Cowes. Expect to see an advertising board outside the club too! This is really pleasing and is a great step in ensuring our future with younger generations getting involved. The only glitch is we are also running an adult programme and to date we have no bookings. We have an option of turning this into an advanced programme in the afternoons. If you are interested please signal your interest to myself or the Rear Commodore, Michael Hart.

Other major events (in reverse order) are the Westernport Challenge OTB on the 16<sup>th</sup> January being run by Cowes this year, please see below for more detail. Entry is online and is now open. Discover Sailing day on the 10<sup>th</sup> January is another big day where we need members to come and assist. Finally, all members with Power Boats, we need your assistance for the Around French Island Catamaran challenge on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. I wish to thank all members in advance for your time and effort in doing your rostered duty. Without this good will from members the Club could not run and continue to be successful.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Commodore's Welcome Party on the 27<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6pm.

### Social

The social season is about to kick into full swing – keep an eye on the board at the club, your CYC calendar and also your phone for updates. Early bookings will be essential this year to ensure you don't miss out – NYE dinner is almost booked out already! So don't forget to BOOK!!



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## Commodore's Welcome

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm

Finger food and a welcome drink will be provided.

Adults \$15 Children \$8

RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> December to Cathie [cjb.68@hotmail.com](mailto:cjb.68@hotmail.com) or Kasey 0439378867  
Come along to welcome our new Commodore Daryl officially into his role.



## New Year's Eve Beach Party at CYC

Wear your shorts & thongs & enjoy a "Tapas" style four course dinner with a selection of mini desserts & a welcome COCKTAIL!

Lots of fun with tropical cocktails & mocktails, great food, a DJ & dancing to "The Beach Boys" & other golden oldies!

There'll be a Hula Hoop competition & other activities for the kids

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm

\$35 Adult \$15 kids

RSVP 20<sup>th</sup> Dec to Kasey 0439 378 867 or [bookings@cowesyachtclub.com](mailto:bookings@cowesyachtclub.com) & advise food allergies



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## PARMA and POT

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan from 6pm on so BOOK EARLY !!!!

(we only have so many hands, and seats 😊 )

Full serve = \$12 ~ Half serve = \$6

sms Chris 0418 323 165 with numbers attending

Bookings Cut off time Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan @ 6pm



## Western Port Challenge OTB 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

It is our turn to run this event this season, it is an auspicious date. This event needs to be a total club commitment. We need as many OTB sailors on the water as possible. To support, we need club member power boats to support as mark and rescue boats. We need TY sailors as beach marshals on crash boats and in race control. There is a lot to be learned from staging such an event successfully, and a lot of satisfaction too! Get involved and inform Commodore Daryl Hergt or Rear Commodore Michael Hart or John Adams Sailing Captain of your availability. Links to the online booking Trybooking system and Notice of Race are on our website.



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# WESTERNPORT CHALLENGE 2016

FOR OFF THE BEACH BOATS FROM ALL WESTERN PORT CLUBS

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2016

COWES YACHT CLUB

Entries \$10\* online, closing 17:00 Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
January at:

<http://www.trybooking.com/GPWJ>

\*plus 30 cents TryBooking fee

Late entries will be \$30 via paper only

Links to Try Booking and Notice of Race are on the  
Cowes Yacht Club website:

[www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)

Contact: John Adams [rikjadams@gmail.com](mailto:rikjadams@gmail.com) 0401477929



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## **Club Clothing.**

Jen Modra has kindly offered to continue to co-ordinate the purchase of Club Clothing. Samples are available to view at the Club. Please contact Jen for your Club branded clothing via [admin@cowesyachtclub.com](mailto:admin@cowesyachtclub.com) or see her at the next function!

## **Publicity**

Members who read the Advertiser will be aware that the Club has been raising our profile significantly in the local Community. Over October and November we had an article published involving the Club in six issues four of which were successive issues. The articles covered our Opening Day, Newhaven College Sailing day, Discover Sailing, Tackers, Defibrillator training and most recently hosting the Newhaven College World Challenge and Santa day. Also, everyone who receives a show bag from the Bendigo Bank on the Carols by Candlelight evening at Cowes will receive a brochure about Tackers and Discover Sailing days at Cowes Yacht Club. If you are thinking about Tackers for your kids or family I would book now there is a limit!

## **The Club is ready for you!**

We have been busy early this December getting everything ready for such a full programme. The motors and electrics on CK11 and CK12 have been serviced. A thank you to Ron Van Rennes for new casual sailing and race sign in books. The tractor has been serviced. The underground petrol tanks are full. The cooking gas tank is full too! The bar is stocked! All we need is you is to make the season go!

## **Casual Boating Sign in/Sign Out book.**

We now have a new Casual boating sign in and out book. Every member on any day that takes any boat out, not involved in a club event, must sign out and say where they are going and most importantly when you are expected back and whom to contact. We all need to do this in response to tragic events in and around Western Port that occurred so recently.

## **Radio Operators Certificate (Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency)**

All Club members are further invited to register their interest in attending the certificate course required to operate our VHF marine radios. It is a government requirement that operators be licenced. Please text 0434140022 or email [admin@cowesyachtclub.com](mailto:admin@cowesyachtclub.com) your interest. To date we have had only one person show interest. If we have enough interest we will offer it as a heavily subsidised course funded by Yachting Westernport and Cowes Yacht Club. The exam is multiple choice with all questions available online to practice, it really is very easy.

## **New Members.**

Please welcome Ian and Narelle Hart plus their children Jessica and Cameron. Ian is the brother of our Rear Commodore, Michael.