



Cowes yacht club



Member Newsletter – November 2015

From the Commodore's Chart Table



A warm welcome to all members for the 2015-2016 season. I am really looking forward to getting on the water with you and enjoying the wonderful gift we have that is Western Port Bay at Cowes. This year we have a packed sailing and social season ahead. The social events are going to be lots of fun! Major sailing events include the Westernport Challenge off the beach being hosted by Cowes this year and the around French Island Cat challenge. We want as many participants as possible for Tackers and the teenager/adult learn to sail programme (Yes, we have added teenagers and adults this year!). Please tell your friends and family and book them in! The website booking process is much improved too! Also, we will need lots of help with the Discover Sailing day on January 10th so please rig your boat and take a person out sailing!

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!

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 31st Dec 7.30pm

\$35 Adult \$15 kids

RSVP 20th Dec to Kasey 0439 378 897 or bookings@cowesyachtclub.com & advise food allergies



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Commodore's Welcome

Sunday 27th December @ 6pm

Finger food and a welcome drink will be provided.

Adults \$15 Children \$8

RSVP by 24th December to Cathie cjb.68@hotmail.com or Kasey 0439378867

Come along to welcome our new Commodore Daryl officially into his role.



Building and Maintenance

Isolation Doors at the Club allow the club to be hired.

You will notice that fob controlled isolation doors have been installed at the landing of the main entrance and also on the ground level at the base of the stairs on the southern entrance. This enables the yard and top floor to be isolated. This now allows social functions to be held with access to toilets and facilities whilst ensuring that the yard and boats are separate and not vulnerable to vandalism. Rules for hire are under discussion by the Committee. Again we have to thank Brian Walton and others for the excellent work done.

Recent working bees under Paul Ransom have achieved much recently and the following is the extensive list:

With the help of approximately 30 helpers the following was achieved:

1. Approximately one third of a hectare of grass in the boat yard was mowed;
2. The edging / trimming of driveways and pathways;
3. The purchase of a new safer lawn mower for future mowing;
4. Approximately 3 cubic metres of waste / rubbish was tipped;
5. Approximately 6 cubic metres of green waste was tipped
6. The large beach tree in front club was lopped approximately 1.2m.
7. All Club Yachts checked and setup for new sailing season;
8. Both rescue boats checked and serviced for new sailing season;
9. 27Mhz radio and roof antenna removed from the Race Control room;
10. Ground floor boat & rescue storage areas cleaned;
11. Club rooms spring cleaned;
12. 100 plastic chairs washed;
13. Kitchen scrubbed and cleaned for annual Health Department Approval;
14. Maintenance work on race control lighting, horns and PA system;
15. New security / entry doors both front and rear stairs to boat storage areas;
16. New weather proof enclosure entry to rear stairs;
17. New concrete pavement to new rear enclosure entry to rear stairs;
18. Installation of a new protective steel bollard to rear enclosed entry;
19. Four new toilet suites to male & female toilets on the ground floor;



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20. Floor tiling and wall plastering required to permit the fit off of the new toilets;
21. Major roof flashing and roof decking repairs to address roof leaks;
22. Maintenance repair works to parapet roof claddings;
23. Major clean up of club records and equipment in Committee Room;
24. Installation of new storage cupboards in Committee Room;
25. Major upgrade and relocation of Fire Extinguisher services throughout the building;
26. Installation of new deliberator;
27. Major rust treatment and painting of front stair steel stringers;
28. Painting of winch room eaves;
29. Cleaning of window glazing;
30. Installation of plastic guard rail around the spiral stair; and
31. The catering of great lunches provided to all the helpers at each Working Bee.

Leaking Toilets.

Leaking toilets have been replaced. Leakage of water over Winter went unnoticed and cost the Club a considerable amount extra. Matt Neylon is to be thanked for his efforts in replacing the units.

News from Around the Club

Club Opening Dinner



The Opening Dinner was well attended and beautifully catered. Brian and Chris Walton stepped in to help Vice Commodore Kasey after the original caterer pulled out. Many others assisted including Jenni Burrell and Karen Telford pictured above plus Jeffna and Rod Saw too!.



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Club Opening Day 2015

On Sunday, Commodore Daryl welcomed members and outlined plans for the year. Sam Watson from Yachting Victoria spoke and formally opened the Season. The Bell was rung and Neil Beddoe expertly unfurled the Flag and we were on our way. At the last minute the weather improved and our hardiest sailors and power boaties took part in the sail past.



Yard Extension.

Submissions for extra yard space have been made to council and several onsite inspections made. Although the bureaucratic process will take time, the subcommittee feel confident after good feedback from Bass Coast Shire Council.

Sarah Black Regatta.

Recently, Vanessa, Elizabeth and Katie took part in the all female coaching and training weekend at Westernport YC. CK 12 was used and the event is the largest of its type in Victoria. The event caters from beginner to expert sailors. It was a great success with all that took part finding a great experience plus gaining new knowledge an insight. I encourage more of our female sailors to take part next year. Speak to Vanessa or Elizabeth if you want more detail.



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Defibrillator.



A training session for members on the new Club Defibrillator was held on the Monday of opening weekend. About twenty attended. All were impressed by the simplicity and effectiveness of the device. All felt more confident that they may be able to do some good and relieved to find they could do no harm. We are grateful to Bendigo Bank for donation of the device.

Geoff Burrell.

Life Member Geoff Burrell turns 90 on 29/11, and the Burrell family are bringing him to the Club to share afternoon tea with members and to receive their congratulations. Below is an archive picture of Geoff in the yellow polo helping erect the radio tower in the 1980s. Others in the photo are Peter Linden (deceased), Howard Smithson (deceased) and Chris Hart.





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Newhaven Year 10.



On Thursday 12/11 seven members assisted 16 year 10 students to try sailing with our club pacers and a tassar. The weather was kind and the students enthusiastic. In a short time they were sailing competently without instructors. It is a good activity as helps the club maintain a profile with youth, many of whom live locally. Incidentally, Elizabeth braved the cold water to demonstrate righting techniques after a capsize!

Tackers, Teenagers and Adult learn to Sail Programme.

Tackers sail training will be held at the club from 2/1/2016 to 6/1. Training is provided for children and adults. Applications can be made via a link from our website www.cowesyachtclub.com . Please encourage friends, neighbours and grandchildren.

Radio Operators Certificate (Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency)

All Club members are invited to register their interest in attending the certificate course required to operate our VHF marine radios. Please text 0434140022 or email admin@cowesyachtclub.com your interest. If we have enough interest a Yachting Westernport subsidised course will be run at the Club to obtain your operator certificate.

New Members.

Please make welcome 7 new members who have joined in recent days, as we always do, please show them the ropes.

Russell and Ruth Craig-Brown and children. Russell is the son of Past-Commodore Laurie and Gwen.

Renae and Stuart Johnston, we understand Renae is a keen Laser sailor.

Jake and Heidi Lurati, with a special welcome to Pipa born last weekend!