

Mainsheet 519

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## **BENDIGO YACHT CLUB**

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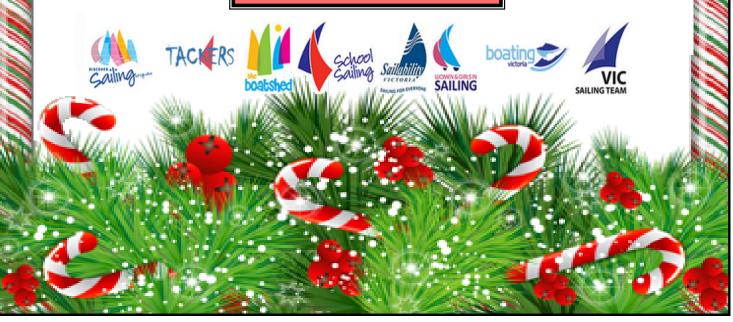
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NEXT SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING 10TH JANUARY

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## Commodore's Comments

**What a great start to the sailing season**, our sailors enjoying the full lake and all that goes with that luxury. Our fire pit has been hard at work, warming those members who enjoy après sailing and a few jokes among friends. We encourage all our members to partake of the after sailing socialising. Bring a BBQ meal (or buy one from the Canteen for \$5) and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and good company; even the occasional collapsing chair.

**The Discover Sailing day** was an outstanding success, we recorded in excess of 50 visitors to the club. Most visitors had not attended an open day before, however some commented that this was their third visit to "try sailing".

I would like to thank Johnny Maher and Anita Hunter who capably organised the day, many of our committee and members young and old who were very active, cooking, skippering, registering visitors, issuing life jackets, manning the rescue boat, rigging, dropping buoys, cleaning, guiding visitors and many other tasks that go unnoticed. Please excuse my not individually naming people, there were so many.

As the "silly season" approaches and we spend more time with friends and family at the club, please be mindful that we are all responsible for the security of the club and our guests. Members are always encouraged to bring friends and family to the club, but please ensure that the club is kept in a clean and tidy state for all to share. When you are leaving the club (if you are the last on site) ensure that you have locked up securely.

There are a number of requirements we must meet to satisfy Goulburn Murray Water and our lease agreement. One of these is to ensure that when staying overnight members **and** guests must sign in and sign out of the camping register. So, we have relocated the book (folder) to beside the guest book in the foyer. This will also benefit emergency services should there be a fire or similar event when we must account for people on the premises.

Another small request is, due to the OH&S requirements that we are meeting, may we ask please that children do not go into the canteen area. There are all sorts of things in there that can be a hazard to young people.

**Our Christmas Party** will be held on 17 December, Santa will arrive, piped by Warren Matheson from the landing to the club rooms, no doubt surrounded by excited children. Members are encouraged to bring a gift to place under the Christmas tree for donation to charity for those less fortunate. As the planning of this is late this year, Anglicare has been selected as the recipient, however in future years' members will select which charity should receive these donations.

**The outdoor kitchen** has been held up due to lack of volunteers to assist in the construction. If you can help please over the holiday season contact Ron Mason, let him know when and how you can assist. Essentially, we need your help otherwise the project cannot go ahead.

**Finally**, I wish you all a most joyous and fun filled time. For some, Christmas is a time to reconnect with family and friends. For many of us this Christmas will be a time of reflexion; we should appreciate all we take for granted every day.

#### Andrea



### GIFT DRIVE FOR ANGLICARE

Bendige Yacht Club encourage you to leave a gift under the tree for the less fortunate in our community. These gifts will be delivered before christmas in time for the joy of Christmas to be shared by all

### Working Bee

Sunday 18th December 9.00 am start.

Lots of cleaning up to do in preparation for the fire season.



Lunch provided for our busy bees.





## Manager's Report Anita Hunter -Sponsorship, Partnership, Fundraising

Now memberships for the club have reached over 200 and the lake's water levels are peaked at the start of the season, the focus is moving to growing future sponsorship and strengthen club partnerships. In recent years, the club successfully gained sponsors to assist financially with the purchase of the training Pacers for sailing school that continue to prove to be a great asset for club. Our future depends on attracting new members, and with learn to sail courses to develop new skills, it is the best introduction to sailing. The club has already had several large group bookings this season using the facilities during the week for sailing with schools. Given this is an excellent revenue raiser, a venue hire booking form has now been developed to allow hire of the club and training boats with standard pricing and conditions of use available on our website. Allowing hire of the club to future corporate groups and sponsors as part of a package would be another opportunity of introducing new visitors to discover the club.

Sponsor package offers will be developed for a variety of corporate organisations to showcase the benefits of being involved with our club. Over the next month the General Committee will consider these packages and then have them available early in the new year. It is envisaged the packages would be transparent and allow club members to actively seek sponsors from their own networks and corporate connections with a range of package offers to attract sponsors. For a sponsor, we would consider the best opportunities to be provided by the club with benefits including advertising in our monthly newsletter, signage at the club, logo on Pacer sail (one space left), venue hire of club for training programs, product giveaways for prizes/raffles, club hats or special invitation to a sponsor's trophy race. If you have an idea or would like to get involved, I welcome your input to develop a successful club sponsors package.

Growing the club online is supported by Australian Sailing and have provided us with research and ideas to implement (refer to <u>https://issuu.com/yainstructorhandbook/docs/growing-sailing-online-280714</u>

Registrations for the sailing school have successfully been online this season and now offer payments through the Australian Sailing portal. In the coming months, this will become an improved system to fix the past issues and allow greater use to set up preregistration for regattas and potential to join the club online therefore a quicker process for new member application. All club members can now access the system with their Australian Sailing number at <a href="http://www.sailing.org.au/mysailor/">http://www.sailing.org.au/mysailor/</a>

## Discover Sailing Day 2016

Having over 50 people experience sailing, most for the first time, and seeing the smiles on faces, really made the day a great success. Well done to our participants who came along and enjoyed the thrill of lake sailing. The club members also loved the opportunity of putting them on the water. Interesting to note, the most common comment from many on the day was that they didn't know the club was here!



With 50% of participants who preregistered to our

event through the Australian Sailing helped the day get off quickly. The registration desk was busy and we had a mix of responses to how they heard about the event including on the community calendar that was given 3BO and TV coverage, media release to papers, flyer promotion in school newsletters plus the Bendigo Show and the club's event on Facebook had all been seen, although our biggest promotion for the event were our club members who spoke to friends and family and invited them to the day. Well done on a great team in increasing the club's profile and spreading the message the club is here.

Post event, a follow up email was sent to all participants inviting them for a return visit and information on how to join the club and learn to sail programs.



## Sailing School Co-ordinator



Congratulations to the 18 sailors who graduate on Saturday 10 December from Start Sailing 1 and Start Racing courses. Saturday mornings, the club's Pacers and Optis are launched with the rescue boats and head out for some on water training after the theory lesson. Our groups have both been a good mix of adults and children with one or two other family members learning together.

Given we had a couple of adults withdraw from the course as they weren't interested to join the club and have passed this feedback onto the General Committee to consider offering a membership that would cover them for a short duration while they undertake the course and then if interested to continue, the initial payment could then come off the full fee. It's also worth noting that not everyone now is wanting to be involved in a club, they just like the opportunity to learn a new skill. The idea is being explored for next season. The club has a fantastic team of volunteer instructors and assistant instructors that we rely on to deliver these programs. Their enthusiasm and professionalism is outstanding. Thanks to Doug, Johnny, Mick, Alyssa and Campbell. The families who help the kids with boat launching and packing up this season has been a great help too. It is always a busy time and we welcome future interest to grow the training, so please speak with us to find out how we can support you in becoming an instructor.

Next session will commence in February 2017. While Mick takes a break away for travels, we welcome Michael Anthony who will step in as Acting Principal for the second half of the season. Registrations are now open, so if you know anyone keen to sail, these accredited courses are only \$50 for club members. Go to our page for Learn to Sail and click on the links to register online





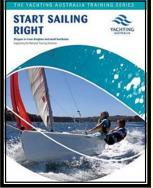
## Start Sailing Right

Books for sale \$20.50. Limited stock available at club. This title is a beginner's guide to sailing primarily focusing on dinghies and small yachts. The skills introduced in this book will be useful when sailing any boat.

## Twilight Sailing

Twilight sailing will now take place on Friday's on the program. This is great opportunity for all club members to come out to the club for a relaxed and summer evenings. While the racing is on, families are welcome to cook a BBQ dinner and camp the night. Come along for a social evening on the lake at the club.





#### Series Dates

6th Jan. 13th Jan. 27th Jan. 3rd Feb. 10th Feb. 17th Feb. 24th Feb.



# **Risk Managment**

By now you should have received a copy of the new Safety Management Handbook which has been drafted for our club.

The document is written for the use of all club members, and as such any feedback/comments will be welcomed.

Implementation is planned for the New Year (2017) so please respond, (through the club email <u>bendigoyc@gmail.com</u> or in person to the Rear Commodore), with any feedback prior to Christmas.

John Maher.

## On the Water

The joys of sailing.

Over the past few weeks there has been either too much wind or not enough, once again causing some races to be abandoned.

Stuart Ridge continues to lead the field in the Cats and the competition between Russell, Chris and Toby Clark and Mark Gillies in the monos is at times intense. Bernie Young in his Sabre methodically goes about his business showing all what a skilful sailor he is, and John Scott and his new regular crew, Jeff Climas, have the motorless Hartley 16 working well.

### Twilight Series

The Twilight Series for 2017 commences Friday, 6 January. Sailed in the cooler part of the day, this is always a very enjoyable and relaxed series and sailors are encouraged to stay on for a meal



and socialise following the race. First warning - 5.55pm.

### Winery Cruise

On 5th February a Sunday cruise is planned to the Armstead Estate Winery on the Heathcote arm of Lake Eppalock where a BYO picnic lunch will be enjoyed in the gardens of the winery.

It's hoped that club members will join in and make this a great day, and for those that don't wish to sail but would like to join in for lunch, the winery is only a 15 minute drive from the club at the end of Moorabbee Road Knowsley.

The cost is \$5 per head for the use of the gardens and this is reimbursed with the purchase of wine.

Those interested please contact Ken Coulson 54353380 or email coulsonken864@gmail.com





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# Picnic Cruise

The Picnic Cruise was held on Sunday 4th December. Weather ...... Warm Wind ...... Gentle to Fresh Company ...... Great Number of participants ...... Very disappointing. Buzz boxes on the water ...... Plenty. Thankyou to Marg and Ian Grant who came along in Kimbolton to help anyone who needed assistance.

(No-one did).



## Congratulations Shari Bendigo Sailing Cruisers Scholarship

The inaugural Bendigo Sailing Cruisers Scholarship was awarded to Shari Henderson -Wray on Saturday December 10. Since starting sailing, she has shown tremendous enthusiasm for the sport. She has worked hard on learning and is always keen and excited each week.

The Bendigo Sailing Cruiser's Scholarship will cover the cost of Shari's next course.

Well done, and congratulations to Shari, and we wish her well for the future.



Cruiser Ken Coulson presenting Shari with her Scholarship.



Shhhhhh!!!!!!! Santa's Coming to the Bendigo YaCht Club Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party this year will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December after racing. If we can coax Santa into coming this year he will be escorted by some members of the Bendigo Highland Pipe Band and maybe play a wee tune or two.

Later on in the evening we will show a DVD on the big screen. I will keep the name of the film a secret but I will give 2 clues. 1: It is my favorite Christmas film.

2: It's not a movie.

You will have to be there to find out what it is.

The barby will be going full swing of course and we will have a raffle or two. So see you at the clubrooms on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Could we please have an indication of how many children we may be expecting so we can help Santa. Add your child's name to the list at the canteen.



Warren Matheson

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## In Search of a Sailfish

The year was1956. Melbourne was still caught up in the excitement of the Olympic Games and television was new to homes in Australia. But at that time two young men, both keen dinghy sailors, had other things on their mind. They had designed the Australian Sailfish a single hand centreboard dinghy..... A little 3.5 metre yacht that could be loaded onto the roof of a car or onto a trailer with ease. These men, Bruce Scott and our own Jack Carroll, developed the Sailfish for their own sailing pleasure and when they launched the first two boats at Parkdale Yacht Club on Port Phillip Bay they had no idea of the interest that these boats would create.

The Sailfish Association was formed in 1961 and by 1968 National Titles were being held in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. The seventies and early eighties were the boom time for the Sailfish with strong club representation in Victoria and New South Wales and active involved Associations in both states. By the late eighties though both associations had ceased to operate, and the Sailfish dropped from sight at the many clubs that had been their home.

A group of Sailfish enthusiasts are working to draw out boats and skippers from wherever they have been hiding themselves for the last few decades. These enthusiasts will be attending the Inverloch Classic Wooden Boat Regatta in January, as will class founder, Jack Carroll, and there is a website that is already helping to promote the class again.

BeYC was once a bastion of the Sailfish class and perhaps we still have some ex Sailfish sailors at our club. Maybe there is a Sailfish under a house or hiding in the rafters of a garage somewhere that could possibly be salvaged and restored. Jack's original Sailfish, *Debonair*, has been restored and last year won the "Best Presented Sailing Dinghy" at Inverloch's Classic Wooden Boat Regatta and will be back again in 2017.

For those interested the website is: www.australiansailfish.wordpress.com Or contact Greg Barwick at sailfishzombies@gmail.com or 0421971366

Great News. Jack has given his OK for plans for the Australian Sailfish to be made available online! Check out the website.

Wouldn't it be great to see a Sailfish back on the water at Eppalock.









Canteen News

We are half way through the sailing season and thankyou to all those who have volunteered their time in the canteen this year.

> We are still very desperate for helpers to cover the Morning shift - 10.30 - 1.00pm Afternoon Shift - 4.00 - 5.30

If you can help please ring or email Judy Heath. 0439 415 598 <u>rhe12838@bigpond.net.au</u>

Canteen Menu and Price	<mark>/\$</mark>
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Pies	\$4.00
PASTIES	\$4.00
SAUSAGE ROLLS	\$2.50
Mini Pizza	\$3.00
DIM SIMS	\$1.00
CARROT CAKE	\$2.50
ANZAC BISCUITS	0.50
LARGE CHOCOLATE BARS	<b>\$2.50</b>
SMALL CHOCOLATE	0.50
SMALL PACKETS CHIPS	0.50
Soft Drinks	\$2.00
WATER	\$2.00

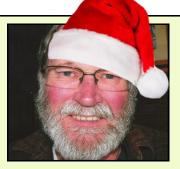




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Ron: Vice Commodore Grounds & Maintenance



Ken: Secretary Membership

John Maher **Rear Commodore Risk Management.** Sailing Committee Chair

# General Committee



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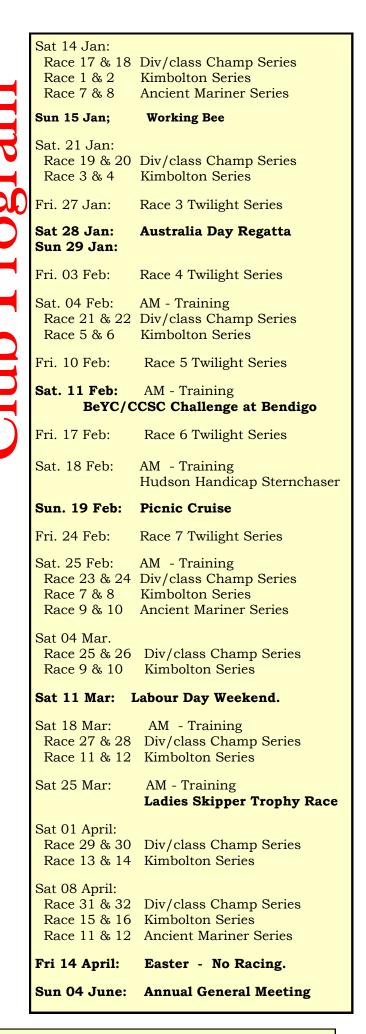


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<b>2016 Pre Christmas Duty Roster</b>	Sat 8 Oct	<b>Opening Day,</b> Metcalfe 1&2, Ancient Mariner	Ken Hill	Russell Denholm	Hugo Dunlop & family, Brenton McDonald, John Scott & Crew, Brian Coman & Crew
as D	Sat 15 Oct	Trophy Race	Ken Hill	Rowan Gillies	Mark & Elliot Hawkins, John Cooper, Rowan Gillies Crew
istm	Sat 22 Oct	Metcalfe 3 & 4	Ken Hill	Ewan Watson	Bernie Young, Mark Gillies, Anthony Wall, Tim Angus
e Chr	Sat 29 Oct	Trophy Race	Ken Hill	Marg Grant	Ian Grant, Ian Wallis, Jacob McDonald, Pam & Hugh Drummond.
l6 Pr	Sat 5 Nov.	Metcalfe 5 &6	Ken Hill	Phil Mann	John Foreman, Col. Nankervis, , Jack Carroll Anita & Alyssa Hunter
201	Sat 12 Nov Sun 13 Nov	C.C.S.C Regatta			No sailing BeYC
allocated	Sat 19 Nov	Metcalfe 7 & 8 Ancient Mariner	Ken Hill	Doug Carswell	Doug Carswell Crew, Michael Anthony, Andrea McGregor Dan Dockery, Kevin Bell
our	Sat 26 Nov	Metcalfe 9 & 10	Ken Hill	Rob Lott	Jack McEwan, Jake Mildren, Sam Andrews, Bruce Hartland. John & Lil Maher, Alex Lott
end on to swa] exible.	Sun 27 Nov	Go Sailing Day			Members invite friends
to atte bility t are fle	Sat 3 Dec	Metcalfe 11 & 12	Ken Hill	Mick Floyd	Di Floyd, Steve Phillis, Dan Forbes, Tissa Jayasekera & Family
ı are unable to att UR responsibility undertaken are fl	Sun 4 Dec	Picnic Cruise			
If you are unable to attend on your is YOUR responsibility to swap. roles undertaken are flexible.	Sat 10 Dec	Metcalfe 13 & 14 Ancient Mariner	Ken Hill	Chris Clarke	Col McEwan, Toby Clarke, Dennis Scammell, Ken Mann, Cameron Alderson
	Sat 17 Dec	Metcalfe 15 & 16	Ken Hill	Stuart Ridge	Ron Mason, Warren Matheson, Peter Yates, Graeme Bristowe, Eliza McKinstry
Note: day, it Actual	Sun 18 Dec	Working Bee			

#### Sat. 10 Sept: Working Bee

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Fri. 30 Sept: Ice Breaker Regatta Sat. 01 Oct: Bendigo Classic Trailable Race Sun 02 Oct: Combined event for OTB & Trailables Sat. 08 Oct: Opening Day Race 1 & 2 Div/class Champ Series. Race 1 & 2 Metcalfe Series Race 1 & 2 Ancient Mariner Series Sat. 15 Oct: **Trophy Race** Sat. 22 Oct: AM - Training Race 3 & 4 Div/class Champ Series Metcalfe Series Race 3 & 4 Sat. 29 Oct: AM - Training **Trophy Race** Sat. 05 Nov: AM - Training Div/class Champ Series Race 5 & 6 Race 5 & 6 Metcalfe Series Sat. 12 & Cairn Curran Regatta Sun. 13 Nov: (no sailing at BeYC) Sat. 19 Nov: AM—Training Race 7 & 8 Div/class Champ Series Race 7 & 8 Metcalfe Series Race 3 & 4 Ancient Mariner Series Sat. 26 Nov: Training Race 9 & 10 Div/class Champ Series Race 9 & 10 Metcalfe Series Sun 27 Nov **Discover Sailing Day** Sat. 03 Dec: AM - Training Race 11 & 12 Div/class Champ Series Race 11 & 12 Metcalfe Series Sun. 04 Dec: Picnic Cruise Sat. 10 Dec: AM - Training Race 13 & 14 Div/class Champ Series Race 13 & 14 Metcalfe Series Race 5 & 6 Ancient Mariner Series Sat. 17 Dec: Race 15 & 16 Div/class Champ Series Race 15 & 16 Metcalfe Series Sun 18 Dec: **Working Bee** Sat. 31 Dec: **New Years Eve** Fri. 06 Jan: Race 1 Twilight Series Sat. 07 Jan: **Trophy Race** Fri. 13 Jan: Race 2 Twilight Series



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New Year Eve Celebrations

Opti Cup New Years Day

### Twilight Racing 6th January



