
Commodore's Report

The 2006-2007 season has now ended with your club in a very good position and numerous new projects underway. The Queens Birthday weekend saw nearly twenty yachts alongside in excellent winter weather, with the Brighton racing fleet for their annual Robinson Race. Our newest adventure Christmas in July was an outstanding success with nearly 100 attendees who wined and dined in the true Christmas spirit. Bar sales were beyond expectations and our caterers provided a splendid array of food. I thank the many volunteers who worked on Saturday and Sunday to decorate the club, and put in place all the furniture and supplies for the day (this just came out of the blue). Furthermore, a significant fleet belonging to our members sailed to Queenscliff and stayed for the weekend. We were treated very kindly by the weather gods.

Prior to the Christmas luncheon we hosted a new member induction in the bar. This was appreciated by our new members. With the ceremony conducted by our Flag Officers, they received a briefing on the inner workings of our club.

To the members who attended our Special General Meeting at Williamstown, thank you for your wonderful support to the various motions. We now have a business plan that shows the directions of the club towards 2009. Those in attendance were briefed on the various projects being undertaken. Your committee was very proud that their hard work in preparing the document was agreed to by all.

Significantly a change in memberships has seen some thirty new family members and five gold memberships being taken up. Our waiting list of twenty six has been removed with all now full members of the club. There is now only limited number of vacancies. Our membership is in a very strong position and our revenues are positive.

Over the season with improvements to bar stock and financial control, we have seen the best returns for years. Thanks to our committee member David Seath who's vast experience in the hotel industry is appreciated. Members really appreciated the quality and choice in the beverage available for purchase.

Two projects that have commenced at Q.C.Y.C. include the Western Annexes which will be completed by the end of October and a New Outdoor Entertainment Area is underway driven by Vice Commodore Paul Lobston and Rob Hanke. Many volunteers are working on weekends to defray the costs. Thanks goes to club members who have donated materials towards the projects, some of those in kind have been noted. When completed this will be a magnificent addition for families to use in the upcoming summer months.

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Please note the women's toilet block will close at the end of August and you are requested to share the men's facilities with privacy being provided. Showering is available and during this period until the end of October we should be able to accommodate the ladies needs with discretion. The key to the front door opens the men's facilities.

Recently Rear Commodore Michael Bowe and I met on site at Q.C.Y.C. with the view to seeking rent relief for the duration of our lease to fifty percent of the cost of the new road and causeway. It was acknowledged by D.S. & E. that this was not maintenance as per our lease, but it was a reconstruction. They were favorably disposed to agreeing to our request. Furthermore, we will not be subject to further rent reviews until 2016.

Reimbursement by way of grants was not possible, but by way of rent relief. I believe this is a significant achievement and the D.S. & E. representatives were well briefed and most accommodating to our needs. They were most impressed with our facilities and proposals to improve the site.

Finally a reminder to the members that the A.G.M. will be conducted in early October and we do have some vacancies for the Committee. We also need to appoint a new auditor with the retirement of Michael Perry. I thank him for his very special donation of his services to the club.

Darryl Morrison
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

The last few months have been most progressive at QCYC with many of the Business Plan initiatives swinging into action. Firstly, demolition of the western veranda and ladies toilet has commenced in preparation for reconstruction, the garden lounge is progressing steadily with the pergolas in place, and Affiliated Club Membership is about to be launched. Wait 'till you see the new QCYC brochure. Our new categories of membership are causing quite a bit of re-shuffling, which is great.

Yes, our beloved western veranda has been reduced to firewood but fear not, the replacement will be so much better. It will extend along the entire western wall to the northern extremity of the building. The ladies' shower recesses will be moulded plastic instead of the fabricated units, as fitted in the male shower / toilet block; and talking of the male shower / toilet block, things are going to become a little cosy, as both ladies and gents will have to share the facility!!!

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped with the garden lounge. Your fine efforts should have the site ready for concreting next week. Many thanks also to those

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who have donated money and fittings, [we are still in need of bricks]. All who contribute will be acknowledged upon completion. Yes we still have work to do and your time / efforts will be most appreciated. Slaves, brickies and electricians - please don't hold back, phone me Paul Lobston on 0412-440972 and be conscripted.

On the social front - Xmas in July was an absolute hoot and will certainly be a permanent feature on the social calendar from now on. Also looming is the Melbourne Cup Cruise which will be a little different this year - starting with a sail to QCYC on Saturday, Sunday at QCYC [a day event may possibly be scheduled], then a sail to RGYC Monday ready for the big event [at RGYC] Tuesday.

The AGM is to be convened in October [not many sleeps away] and as usual, not everyone on the committee will be standing for re-election. I know the Commodore will acknowledge the individual efforts but I would like to extend my collective thanks. Our long-standing Treasurer, Rex Prosser deserves special mention for years of largely unrecognised and tireless work, not only with the ledger, accounts and the like.

Keep in mind the Queenscliff music festival over the last weekend in November. November is traditionally a bad time for *one-day viruses* so why not anticipate it this year by planning either Friday or Monday off. Sailing is a recognised treatment for such ailments??

We have had a win with our rent review which I know either the Commodore or Rear will tell you about.

Following recent, exceptionally high tides the road leading along the foreshore [adjacent to the north wharf] is eroding. An estimate for repairs is being sought but regardless of the cost, some financial juggling will be needed as money has not been appropriated. The relocated road, east of the leased land is certainly looking good, however we will need the spoils from dredging to raise the level, and approval to construct it along the proposed route [east of our leased land]. There is never a dull moment on committee.

I must be off so I look forward to seeing / meeting you at the AGM.

Paul Lobston

Honarary Secretary Report

First of all I would like to thank all those that have paid their annual fees / levy and ask others who have not to make sure they do so promptly. This will help the club with its progress in renovations.

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The Club would like to purchase (second-hand) approximately 100 chairs similar to the ones in the pictures. If you can help in this matter please contact me on 0147 014 013 or email secretary@qcyc.org.au.



There are a number of important dates coming up. Top of the list is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday the 10th October 2007. (Please see enclosed notice. Also included are nomination forms for committee positions.)

In order to help promote and build on the already successful cruising activities of QCYC a cruising subcommittee has been established. The committee will be chaired by Darryl Morrison (Commodore) with Duncan McKenzie and Michael Bowe to assist. We look forward to seeing what exciting cruises are to come.

In the future we will also be establishing a social subcommittee to look after events like Christmas in July. If you are interested please contact me on 0147 014 013 or email secretary@qcyc.org.au.

As a member of Tall Ships Victoria I would like to point out what I believe is excellent value for money. A trip on the “One & All” from Melbourne to Adelaide for \$474.00 per person. For more details see the Tall Ships Victoria website at <http://www.tallshipsvictoria.org>.

All the best to QCYC members for the sailing season 2007-2008

Martin Greasley

“Sinabada” Sails South

Local yacht “Sinabada” (affectionately know as ‘Sin’), quietly slipped her mooring at Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club on a recent Saturday morning and set sail for Hobart Tasmania with an able crew of local ‘salts’. Owner Brian Golland, Commodore of the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club teamed up with fellow sailing identities John Barry, Ian Lee and Michael Bowe, to go ‘*out through the heads then turn left*’ steering a Southerly course into Bass Strait.

The weather was kind and the sea lively as the wives took turns with binoculars to catch last glimpses of the ‘boys’ as they sailed past the Bull Ring to commence the 480 odd nautical mile adventure. Wind was 22 knots ENE and the



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compass heading 135 degrees. The last of the daylight on day one saw them off Cape Liptrap with two reefs in the main, steering a rhumb line from Queenscliff towards Banks Strait off Cape Baron Island.

A rough night ensued through the transverse tides in the middle of Bass Strait heading parallel to Wilson's Promontory. During the night the yacht damaged its backstay but fortunately the design of the fractional rig with its swept back spreaders caused minimal concern as mast stability was not compromised but this did rule out any possibility of flying the spinnaker!

Sunday dawned with a 20 knot NNE breeze, clear skies and a slight swell as the yacht sailed comfortably for Banks Strait which was reached at around 2130. Passing under the port and starboard lighthouses off Clarke Island and the NE tip of Tasmania they passed Swan Island Lighthouse, recognised as the oldest lighthouse in Bass Strait.

A very cold night followed with SSW breezes of 12-20 knots as the boat sailed down the East coast of Tasmania, arriving off St Helens mid morning on Monday. At this point, the crew sighted whales less than a 100 meters from the boat, heading North between the boat and the shore. Spectacular!

With the Barometer dropping, the sea was confused as they headed for Bicheno for a brief stop for fuel and running repairs to the rig where they arrived just after dusk on Monday night, with tuna bake in the oven for dinner.

The ground crew had done their research sourcing fuel through the local service station operator who was persuaded to deliver it dockside complete with family in tow because "he was minding the kids". Locals were subsequently treated to a spectacular scene not unlike a pit stop in a Grand Prix that saw much activity under lights as crew members worked furiously at a multitude of tasks in preparation to resume the journey in haste as a front was rapidly approaching.

"Dad . . . what's that man doing up the mast?" was heard by the Commodore from the Boson's Chair, who can only wonder at what may have been the reply. A well rugged up local couple, fishing off the pier peered into the boat, most interested in the view below decks and the aromas of tuna bake wafting up from the warm galley.

Leaving Bicheno presented a navigational challenge in the dark because of the numerous cray pots in the area, but Michael perched on the fore deck showed the way by shining the portable spotlight through the forward hatch.

Later, Monday's night sky was amazingly clear with spectacular stars, including some incredible, comet like shooting stars that lit up the night sky like fireworks.

Tuesday's dawn saw 'Sin' off Maria Island, passing Marion Bay heading towards "Dunalley Passage" where they hoped to pass through on the high tide to



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shorten the journey by over 40 miles and hopefully avoid having to go further south around Tasman Island where the weather had already turned bad. The “Channel Master” was confident that ‘Sin’ would get through and despite ‘grounding’ several times and frustrating the fishing boats following, he was ultimately proved correct.

Passing Norfolk Bay, Betsy Island and the Iron Pot, journeys end was in sight and dolphins appeared as if ‘on cue’ to escort ‘Sinabada’ around the corner and into Hobart, where at approx 1530, a weary but happy crew secured her into the berth at Bellerive Yacht Club that will be ‘home’ for a while. The crew welcomed the hospitality, not to mention the hot showers!

Wednesday was a hectic day of visitors and packing up to fly home after an adventure that was completed in around 79 hours. The crew arrived home with their heads still spinning, sea legs barely coping with ‘terra firma’ and many stories to tell. A ‘de-brief dinner’ was enjoyed by all at “The Espy” Queenscliff on the following Sunday.

Post Script:- Brian and Jill plan to re-join ‘Sin’ at every opportunity to continue exploring the east coast of Tasmania prior to sailing her home again.

Christmas in July

More pictures on the website.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of AGM attached

Date: Wednesday 10 October, 2007

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Royal Brighton Yacht Club

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Members desirous of bringing forward any matters on Notice of Motion at the Annual General Meeting must duly deliver to the Honorary Secretary notice of same, in writing, not later than 10th September 2007

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

Closing Date: Monday 10th September, 2007

Nomination forms are available on request from the Honorary Secretary.



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31st August 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the ROYAL BRIGHTON YACHT CLUB on **Wednesday 10th OCTOBER, 2007 AT 8.00pm**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE:

**COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
HON. TREASURER
HON. SECRETARY
SIX (6) MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE**

Flag Officers and at least THREE (3) Members of Committee shall be owners of boats on the Boat Register.

NOMINATIONS:

NOMINATIONS in writing, signed by any two Members entitled to vote, and by the Candidate, all of whom must be financial Members, must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not later than 10th September 2007.

Members are encouraged to nominate for Flag and Committee positions. Nomination forms are available on request from the Honorary Secretary.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Members desirous of bringing forward any matters on Notice of Motion at the Annual General Meeting must duly deliver to the Honorary Secretary notice of same, in writing, not later than 10th September 2007 in accordance with Rule 14(I).

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NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARER

We hereby nominate _____

for the Office of _____

for the Season 2007 - 2008

Proposer: _____

Secunder: _____

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

NOTE: Nominations close September 10th, 2007

Date Received: _____

NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARER

We hereby nominate _____

for the Office of _____

for the Season 2007 - 2008

Proposer: _____

Secunder: _____

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

NOTE: Nominations close September 10th, 2007

Date Received: _____