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## Commodore's Report

The new sailing season is underway. A special thank you for the large attendance at the AGM held at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club and your support to re elect your Flag Officers and Committee unopposed.

The club is in good financial shape and in line with the business plan and future projects to be undertaken. Many members have taken up the new membership options and at the moment there are vacancies to come on board.

Members do encourage your friends to take up that opportunity while it exists. At that meeting we were privileged to have Ron Davies our Honorary Historian speak to the members about the progress in writing a history of the club for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of our club. Ron, together with Past Commodore Graham Chapman, has been preparing material from the early years of the club and would welcome any contributions from the membership. They are being suitably advised by noted author John Bryson as to how the publication should proceed.



When members are visiting the club in the forthcoming weeks be aware there are significant site works underway. The new northern garden lounge complex should be completed by the end of the month. The rebuilding of the western annexe and ladies facilities is in progress. We will have some portable toilets installed for the Cruise Weekend and Open Day with appropriate arrangements in place for members to share the showering facilities in the male facility.

We must thank the Vice Commodore and his loyal group of volunteers who have spent many hours on the northern garden lounge and road improvement projects which have saved the club thousands of dollars, along with the members who have donated materials and kind towards these developments. The offers of help I have received from members who have special expertise to assist in a number of our projects are most appreciated. This is truly in line with the wonderful spirit of our self help club.

Do not forget the Melbourne Cup Cruise Weekend. Details can be found on the web. Registrations for the Sunday catered lunch together with payment should be made to me as soon as possible. At the time of writing we have 14 yachts sailing south and some 60 for lunch.



A reminder the annual working bee will be conducted on November 11th at 0900 hours. Please come with tools and sundry



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equipment to assist in the clean up. Our 45th Opening Day will be held on November 18th to be officially opened by our Patron, the Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus, together with the blessing of the fleet. We would welcome as many as possible to sail to the club for the weekend. Ladies do not forget to bring your plates of goodies for lunch.

On the website is the notice of the third annual Bass Strait Cruise in February and details of the briefing to be held in December.



I have recently received communications that will be of interest to members. A network of VHF Marine repeater stations is being established along the Victorian Coast to be monitored by the Coast Guard on various channels. Details will be on the website. Two very good websites with respect to weather and ocean conditions are Bluelink forecasts available from the BOM website which has developed in conjunction with the navy and the weather bureau. They are updated twice a week with long term predictions.



The other is Ugrib a weather forecasting program developed by Steve Hayles, a navigator, especially for the last Volvo Race. It can be downloaded for free and gives 10 day predictions for our part of the world.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all in our forthcoming events in November.

Darryl Morrison  
Commodore

## Vice Commodore's Report

Following the 2007 AGM there will be a couple of new faces at General Committee meetings. Peter Geary has replaced Rex Prosser as Honorary Treasurer, and Malcolm Billings has replaced John Clark as Committee Person. A warm welcome to Peter and Malcolm. Rex and John's contributions over the years were significant, they will be missed.

The Flag Officers are unchanged.

Andrew Green from Norton Gledhill Solicitors will remain as our Honorary Solicitor. Andrew's work behind the scenes is not always that evident to members, but his efforts are certainly appreciated by those of us on the General Committee.

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2007 / 2008 is looking great for QCYC. November, December and January will be busy months with numerous events already on the social calendar. First-up is the Melbourne Cup weekend, which although a little different to last year, will provide us with a fine catered lunch at QCYC Sunday, followed by interesting sailing and ports of call Monday and Tuesday.

The Annual Working Bee happens to fall on Remembrance Day this year, and Opening Day is on Sunday 18 November. A protest has been sent to Prime Minister Howard for calling the elections on the Queenscliff Music Festival week end. We might just have to vote at Queenscliff, shouldn't be a bother. The Commodore's plans for our Club cruises in 2008 are well advanced, and they are looking better than ever. Be sure to check the website from time to time for details on all these events.

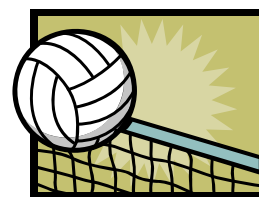
Work on the Clubhouse is progressing steadily but approvals for the ladies toilet block /handicapped toilet / western veranda have been slow coming, so the works won't be finished by Opening Day.

Rob Hanke who created the garden lounge concept has been working steadily with John Gleeson and other volunteers to get it ready for Opening Day, but due to unforeseen events this looks unlikely. Once the concrete slab goes down [this week], brickwork and kitchen fit-out will quickly follow. We have still to fabricate wooden tables, so maybe the Working Bee day will provide us with an opportunity to catch-up. Anyone with carpentry skills or with access to wood supplies please phone me on 0412-440972 so that we can prepare.



John Gleeson, the human dynamo, has acquired bricks for the garden lounge and also rocks to fill the subsiding road adjacent to the north wharf. Typically, John has also acquired the necessary plant to position the rocks and road base. We are so lucky to have such members.

Is there anyone who deals in sporting equipment as we need some for the children over Christmas? Among other things I thought I might purchase / acquire a badminton or volleyball net and set it up on the grass to the east of the clubhouse. Phil Lack and Lorraine are donating a [near as] new table tennis table to replace the old one which is showing its age. What a beating it has taken over the years and what fun it has provided.



Paul Lobston

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## Honorary Secretary Report

A new Sailing season is upon us and I am please to introduce your committee for 2007-2008 elected at the last AGM.

### Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Flag Officers and Committee 2007-2008



Commodore  
Darryl Morrison



Vice Commodore  
Paul Lobston



Rear Commodore  
Michael Bowe



Honorary Treasurer  
Peter Geary



Honorary Secretary  
Martin Greasley



Committee Member  
Mal Billings



Committee Member  
John Gleeson



Committee Member  
Brian Golland



Committee Member  
David Seath

Committee Member  
Naomi Wilbraham

Committee Member  
Vacant

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## **Darryl Morrison - Commodore**

Commodore Darryl Morrison has been a long standing member for more than 40 years at Royal Geelong and over 30 years at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria as well as QCYC. He has been a highly successful racing yachtsman in numerous yachts he has owned. Darryl commenced ocean racing in 1961 and has sailed over 140 races in Victorian, Tasmanian and New South Wales waters. Since becoming a Flag Officer at QCYC he has been responsible for the highly successful cruising programme at QCYC. He is the proud owner of a Currawong 30 "Tiercel" which in the last four years has sailed just on 6000 sea miles. A devoted blue water sailor

## **Paul Lobston - Vice Commodore**

With the October 2007 election I continue into my second term as Vice Commodore. Prior to this I served two years as Rear Commodore and one as committee person.

I'm an active cruising yachtsman and every year I sail Bass Straight in "Shearwater", a Salor 40.

If anything, I'm an advocate for change to meet membership and community needs and to improve / promote our club.

I am also approachable, so give me a call some time 0412-440972.

## **Peter Geary – Honorary Treasurer**

Peter has been a member of QCYC since 2004. Although originally seeking a career as a lion tamer, Peter trained as a Chartered Accountant. As a consequence of his dislike of numbers, together with his caring and compassionate nature, Peter no longer practices as a Chartered Accountant. Aware of his innocent and trusting demeanour, and following the consumption of a quantity of complimentary red wines, generously provided by the Committee one balmy evening at the Club, Peter was somewhat inelegantly shanghaied into becoming Honorary Treasurer. When not desperately trying to remember how to make the Club's books balance, Peter can be found aboard his Bavaria 40 "Nantucket".

## **Martin Greasley – Honorary Secretary**

This is my second year as Honorary Secretary so hopefully I am starting to understand what is involved. Judy and I started sailing in October 2001 when our children Vanessa, Robert and Samantha started becoming independent. We joined QCYC in November 2005. Our main interest is cruising and we love the trips into Bass Straight that the club arranges.

Martin Greasley

## **Other Business**

### **Annual Report**

The Annual Report is now available via the web

<http://www.qcyc.org.au/Download/AGMReports/AnnualReport2007.pdf>

We are trying to be environmentally friendly, if you are unable to get access the internet and would like a copy of the Annual Report via mail please phone or write to the secretary.

### **Past Commodore Picture Board**

I am trying to get together a Past Commodore picture board for the club. If anyone has photo's of Past Commodore's please forward them to me.

### **Washing Machine Donation**

We are looking for a donation of a washing machine as the current one is in need of replacement.

### **Working Bee**

The working Bee date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

Start time: 09:30 hours - lunch provided

SEE YOU ALL THERE

### **Open Day**

Open Day date: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

Start time: 1200hours - Commodore and members of the Committee to receive official guests upstairs in the bar.

Official opening time: 13:15

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## WESTERNPORT and WILSONS PROMONTORY CRUISE IN COMPANY!

Karla Yarnall

On the Friday the 9th of February we left RYCV for Queenscliff (QCYC) starting our first ever cruise in company at 14.00. We didn't end up leaving (QCYC) until the 13th of February due to extremely strong easterly winds! Finally our adventure begins, my mum Eila sails out the heads we are sailing along nicely.

Things get even better when we are surrounded by a big pod of about 20 dolphins, they stay with us for about half an hour. They were jumping out of the water and looking up at us, it was fantastic! Then we hit a bit of trouble with black smoke coming out of the back of the boat, dad tied a rope to himself and jumped off the back, luckily it was just some weed around the prop.

Once it was cleared we were on our way again. Seven hours later we arrive at Cleelands Bight, drop anchor and have a swim. My dad Brian and I motor over to San Remo to get fuel in our little rubber duck, a nice young man sold us the fuel and gave us some hot chips (they were really nice). The next day we sailed to Refuge Cove, the water looked like a piece of glass and it was all milky. We came across two young seals, that liked to show off jumping out of the water and doing flips (they were very cute). It was a long day of sailing as there was no wind, but it was made enjoyable as we passed some absolutely beautiful scenery on the way.

Once we arrive and the anchor is set we have a swim the water is so nice, but not as nice as the water at Deal Island the more experienced sailors tell me. The following day we stay at Refuge Cove. We went for a walk to see the surroundings, it's stunning but it has a lot of blow flies. In the afternoon we went back to the beach and had drinks and nibbles with the fleet, Dad and I carved our boat's name into a piece of drift wood and put it onto a wall were the boats names are.

Today we are on our way to Deal Island I can't wait, everyone tells me that it's wonderful! The entrance is extraordinary, with rocky outcrops and all different rock formations. We anchor in the east cove, it sort of reminds me of the Whitsundays. Steve sets our anchor for us and Mia and I decide to call him Diver Steve, because he is a diver and is always diving and setting peoples anchors. The water is crystal clear with a gorgeous sandy bottom, a lovely beach and then a big hill! We have a swim and sunbathe. The next day we get up early and head up the hill to the museum and have a chat with the caretakers. Then continue up the hill to the lighthouse. The walk is hard, but the view at the top of the lighthouse is worth it. Then have nibbles on Nantucket, Peter and Jeff's boat, with John and Diver Steve. When we get back to the boat we go snorkeling along the sides of the cove, there's a lot of grass, sea



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weed, fish and penguins. The whole fleet has a BBQ on the beach with the caretakers; they are a really nice couple. The guys from Ganggajang Mel, Paul and Rod caught some squid that they cooked up, it was magnificent.

My sister Mia and I feed the wallabies and Mia names them Sandy and Danny. On the 18th we sailed back to Cleelands Bight 17 hours later we arrived at 22.30 had a quick dinner and straight to bed. The next day my dad had to get up at 03.00 to make slack water at the heads.

We arrive at QCYC at 12.00, we play a few games of table tennis, have dinner, Mel, Rod and Paul from Ganggajang arrive at QCYC we talk with them for a while and then go to bed. Today the 20th we are heading back to Royals it's an overcast day and there's no wind, so we have to motor sail. I would just like to thank Darryl Morrison for organizing such an incredible trip. Even though Mia and I were the only children there we still had a fantastic time and made lots of friends Peter and Jeff from Nantucket, John and Steve from Sunbird, Duncan, Eva, Judy and Martin from Trade Winds, John, Veronica, Cameron and Kaylee from First Contact and Mel, Paul and Rod from Ganggajang.

Looking forward to the 2008 cruise in company. Karla Yarnall, Red Sky at Night. Junior Member

