

## Commodore's Report

The Christmas – New Year holiday season through to the Australia Day weekend has been a very busy period with a record number of vessels berthing and enjoying our newly renovated facilities. The ladies are delighted with their new showers and toilets. The new disabled facility has been an outstanding success for people with young families, when showers and toilets are at peak use, adults can also take advantage of this facility. To the north the newly created garden lounge with new tables and chairs as well as umbrellas and BBQ facilities has been thoroughly enjoyed by families and visitors alike although not complete. New stainless steel BBQ's and sinks with hot and cold water are still to be completed. The surrounding garden beds have now been planted with native shrubs and serviced by a drip feed hose system. I would like to thank the many people who have volunteered their time in planning and building the project and to those who have made various donations of equipment to the facility. This is in true spirit of the self help nature of the club. This facility has truly enhanced QCYC with members and visitors using this area for entertainment.



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The club renovations are not complete with the builder to return in February 2008 after most of the members have vacated the club. There will be further removal of asbestos sheeting from around the veranda walls and the south end of the club. New matching green cladding will be applied. The invasion of snakes living in the northwest wall of the dining room meant that the wall and the cupboards had to be removed in order to catch the creatures. Repairs will be effected when the builder returns.

Perhaps it is a timely reminder to be aware there are snakes in our environment and acting on the snake catcher's advice there has been a great deal of cleaning up of foliage, rocks, sleepers, old rubbish and grass from around the club. There were many sites that snakes would love to nest quite close to the club.

Over the New Year period two very successful functions were conducted, firstly the New Years Eve event being fully catered by The Golden Roast, followed by a packed house for prawns and oysters on New Years Day. During the Christmas holiday period the bar takings were substantial. Members now appreciate the wider selection of



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wines and prefer to purchase them at the club instead of having to bring them. With the closure of Queenscliff Harbour we have had an increase in new visitors, which has translated into new member applications.

We are also seeing increasing applications for fleet visits. In mid January we received a visit from Blairgowrie Yacht Club under Commodore Michael Trumble with twelve yachts and sixty five visitors. They thoroughly enjoyed their BBQ lunch and the use of the bar. Again, there were ten expressions of interest to join the club so they can sail over to QCYC on a regular basis for lunch. On the weekend of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> we were due to be visited for the first time by Cameron's Bight Boat Club, unfortunately weather was not permitting. Later in the season we will be receiving fleet visits from Royal Geelong, Royal Brighton and the Royal Club of Victoria.

On Boxing Day we farewelled our Vice Commodore Paul Lobston in "Shearwater", as he departed from Queenscliff for Brisbane. I can report he has safely arrived in Brisbane after much motor sailing. He has taken up his new job and is very happy indeed. The Vice Commodore's resignation has meant a shifting of the guard and Michael Bowe will assume the role of Vice Commodore for the remainder of the season. I would like to welcome on board Ken Gayler of "Saltshaker" who has generously agreed to take on the role of Rear Commodore.

Please make yourself known to Ken when down at the club. We have had a vacancy on Committee and I am pleased to announce that Duncan McKenzie of "Trade Wind" has agreed to be co-opted to the Committee. I thank them both for giving their time to help in the running of the club.



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February after a one day delayed start, our third Bass Strait Cruise got underway with 17 yachts taking part in the cruise to Western Port and surrounds and to the Hunter Group, King Island and Apollo Bay. The Western Port fleet stopped for lunch at Flinders Yacht Club where a good time was had by all. We trusted the gods to provide us with good weather.

Your Committee is very concerned about the driving habits of members and visitors. Be aware there is a speed limit of 10 kilometres per hour in order to protect the road surfaces and for the safety of people crossing the road at various points. It is intended in the very near future that speed humps will be installed.

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Recently the state of repair of the Cygnet Bridge has come to the Committee's attention. Photographs have been taken, an engineer was engaged to report on its structure and a diving contractor has provided a written report on the condition of the piles. Currently there is a 2 tonne limit on the bridge until restoration work is carried out. I have met with Parks Victoria and they have agreed to pay for half the cost of the restoration of the bridge to a maximum 10 tonne limit. I do ask members to exercise restraint with your vehicles as we certainly do not want the bridge to collapse as this would be a disaster for the club as well as the dredging contractor.

Finally I wish to remind members that early March will indeed be a very busy period with Labour Day Weekend, followed by the H.M.A.S. Goorangai Race the next Saturday, then



Easter with the Peter Timm's Race on Easter Saturday and the annual Coles Channel Picnic on Easter Sunday. I encourage you all to take advantage of these events and bring your crew and friends to the club. One must also thank the bank of volunteers who willingly assist to make our club functions so successful.

Darryl Morrison  
Commodore

## Vice Commodore's Report

This is my first report in the position of Vice Commodore, a position that I accept with pride and pleasure. My promotion has been accelerated by the departure of Paul Lobston, the previous Vice Commodore, who decided to return to Brisbane to pursue his career, and family life.



I have a hard act to follow here, as Paul did an amazing amount of work for the Club. His decision to go north was definitely a hard one for him, and I would like to thank him personally for his contribution to QCYC and wish him all the best for the future. I must also thank all those Members who have supported my move to the position of Vice Commodore. It's gratifying that so many Members have been so positive.

I would also like to introduce and welcome Ken Gayler to the position of Rear Commodore. Although Ken has been a reasonably recent addition to the Club, he comes with a wealth of Management and Sailing experience. He has the right sense of humour to fit in well at QCYC, and I'm sure his contribution will be a positive one over the coming years. Ken, I believe, has submitted a profile elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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I have had the pleasure of being involved in the initial stages of the preparation of the History of QCYC, under the supervision and direction of Ron Davies, who was appointed Honorary Historian at the last AGM, and Grahame Chapman. Initially, copies of the Minutes of the early Meetings of the General Committee of the Club are being used to gain a timeline of the early Club activities and major events. As the Club approaches its fiftieth anniversary, I think it is essential that we document our history. I'm sure that many Members have either memories or documentation of the early days of the Club and I would urge anyone with such material to contact Ron, or myself so that this is not lost to the Club and future generations of Members. Where QCYC came from and how it evolved is quite unique and it would be a shame not to preserve it. Please contact me if you have anything that you think may be suitable.

Well the Silly Season has come and gone once again and the Club has again seen a good number of Members' and Visitors' boats at the wharf. While I was at the Club, everyone appeared to be having a good time. QCYC has had a self-help philosophy since inception and I would like to take this opportunity to remind Members that while at the Club, the daily duties of cleaning, tidying and rubbish removal need to be carried out. Whilst there, it would be appreciated if you did your bit. Any new Members', who need some assistance or direction in carrying out these duties, please ask other residents.

Whilst on the Silly Season, I would like to thank all Members and their guests for their support and patronage for the Spit Roast Dinner on New Year's Eve and the Prawn and Oyster Luncheon on New Year's Day. About sixty people attended the dinner and one hundred the luncheon. Great effort, thank you all.



For those that have visited the Club since Christmas, you will have noticed a number of changes. Firstly, the new Ladies Bathroom facility is now operational, with a few minor omissions, which will be addressed and corrected before Easter. Feedback, so far, has been impressive and the additional shower has seemed to relieve a previous bottleneck.



Secondly, the new Garden Lounge has been a huge success with Members enjoying it from breakfast through dinner and in-between. Before Easter we hope to have stainless steel benches, barbecues, plumbing and power completed to the brick hobs. Once completed this will allow full utilisation of this area, as well as taking some pressure off the existing kitchen facilities. Thirdly, and obviously unknown to a lot of our Members is the Disabled Bathroom facility at the

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North West corner of the Clubhouse. Apart from having facilities for the disabled, it also has some facilities for families such as a fold down baby changing table. Any suggestion as to additional items in any of the Bathrooms should be given to the Committee.

The Disabled facility has an order of usage, which is as follows:

- Disabled;
- Families with young children;
- Overflow from the Ladies' Bathroom; and
- Overflow from the Men's Bathroom.

This facility is there to be used, but please respect other Members' needs.

The Club's third annual cruise to Western Port and Bass Strait was held in the middle of February. Weather this year has been a bit kinder than last year. I had the pleasure to join the cruise for the first two days, once again. Saturday, I sailed with the Commodore and crew on *Tiercel* from RGYV to QCYC and Sunday on *Alegria* with James and Bronwyn Ide from QCYC to Flinders, where the Flinders Yacht Club hosted a barbecue lunch for visiting cruisers. The first cruise to Western Port included a very successful dinner at Flinders Yacht Club, and lunch this year was no exception.

The Club has hosted visits from other clubs around the bay in the last month or so. These include BMYS, Hidden Harbour Boat Club, RBYC Cruising Group, and Cameron's Bight Boat Club. Hopefully, all that visited have enjoyed themselves, and will return again next year.

Easter is our next busy season, and is approaching quickly as it is early this year. As usual the HMAS Goorangai race is to be held the Saturday before Easter, this year on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are included elsewhere in this Newsletter. This year the start is at RBYC at 1030 hours, half an hour later than normal due to the RBYC racing schedule. The idea behind the Goorangai is to enable Members to get their boats to QCYC in time for family and friends to spend Easter at the Club. Think about coming along.



The day following the Goorangai, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March is the next scheduled Orientation Day. New Members who have not yet attended an Orientation Day will be notified individually. Orientation is to introduce New Members to the way the Club operates and is a requirement of Membership. A Sausage Sizzle will be held after the official part of the day to enable new Members to get to know each other and the Committee.

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The Committee Members are about to be issued with gold coloured polo shirts with “QCYC COMMITTEE” printed on the back, to be worn at QCYC whilst on duty. This is to make it easier for Members and visitors to identify those who will assist them in berthing and so on when at QCYC. Hopefully the shirts will be delivered in time for Easter, and they will be successful. Any feedback will be welcomed.

An Espresso Machine has been donated to the Club for the use of all at the Clubhouse. At this stage the Club has decided that Members who wish to make use of this machine need to supply their own coffee. An instruction manual is available at the Club. If you use the machine, please make sure you clean it so that it is ready for the next person to use. Please enjoy.



During the pre-Christmas clean up a number of the old books, games and jig-saw puzzles were identified as being way beyond their use-by date, and were disposed of.

Unfortunately the cupboard looks a little bare now, so we are asking all Members if they



have any books, games and so on that they no longer require, the Club would be very appreciative of any donations. Anything that helps fill in the hours on a rainy day would be appropriate. Thanks.



And finally, anyone who visited the Club over Christmas will be aware that the Club’s refrigerators are getting pretty tired. At least one fridge was out of commission all the time, which placed increased pressure on the rest of them. The Club needs to come up with a Replacement / Refurbishment plan, as most of the fridges still use CFC’s, and are the best part of twenty plus years old. The Committee would be **VERY** interested in hearing from any Member who may be able to assist the Club in sourcing replacement refrigerators or assisting in planning the progressive replacement over the next few years. Hopefully there is someone out there.

Thankfully that’s it from me for the moment. I apologise that this is so long, but I think it’s all relevant to the Members. I look forward to meeting and listening to all Members, either about specific issues, or just to have a chat.

Michael Bowe  
Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore



My interest in sailing extends back to my childhood mucking around in boats with my grandfather and great uncle in the Bren Elma, flagship of the cruising yachts at Goolwa in South Australia in the 40's and 50's. After a brief distraction flying Sailplanes in my late teens and a few years to get my own children up to teenagers, I returned to sailing and raced a Taser for a number of years at Mordialloc. With the advent of wisdom brought about by aching limbs and a fifty fifth birthday, I began keel boat racing and became hooked. The last 10 years have been spent cruising and racing much of it in my current boat *Saltshaker* which seemed from the day we collected it from Beauty Point in the Tamar to have a natural tendency to find its way to QCYC on many occasions. As a consequence of the warm welcome extended to me by the members over the years on such visits, I added membership of QCYC to my other memberships at Sandringham YC and ORCV and more recently have been honoured to be invited to join the QCYC committee. It is my hope that the wonderful new facilities at the QCYC encourage greater participation by families of both members and visitors in experiencing the unique environment and friendship offered by the club. I look forward to encouraging even further the cruising activities of the club and the expansion of our interactions with the other clubs particularly those in the Southern part of the bay.

Ken Gayler  
Rear Commodore

## Honorary Secretary Report

### Children's safety

We do not want anyone drowning.

The committee strongly advise that children under 10 wear their life jackets when above deck, especially crossing boats when rafted up and near unfenced waterways.

### 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 contact [secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) or Tel: 9763 7784; Mob: 0407 353 784

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## Working Bee

**Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

**Time: 0930 hours**

The Club needs the painting finished on the upstairs railings, the outdoor furniture protecting and any number of items maintained.



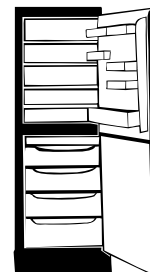
If you can give any small amount of your time it would be appreciated. Please let the secretary know the times you can attend so we can get organised.

[secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) or Tel: 9763 7784; Mob: 0407 353 784

## Fridges

The fridges are fast coming to the end of their life. If you know fridges, the committee would like to hear from you. We need a long term plan for replacement. Could you please contact:

[secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au) or Tel: 9763 7784; Mob: 0407 353 784



## Disabled Bathroom

Please read order of usage in the Vice Commodore's report.

## Duties Board

A new task board is being made. Remember we are a self help club, so when you're at the club, put your boat name on the board, make note of the duties listed for that task and take pride in doing your bit to keep the club clean.

Washing your own dishes is a requirement but does not exempt you from duties on the board.



NOTE: Ladies and Gents on Thursdays ONLY in PEAK PERIODS are cleaned by professional cleaners. On these particular Thursdays the Ladies and Gents are exempt from the duties list.

Martin Greasley

## GATE OPERATING TIMES

Gate Operating times from **Monday 3rd March, 2008 to Daylight saving date change** for the Swan Island Security Gate are:

<b>Sunday to Friday</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2000 hours</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Public Holidays</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2100 hours</b>

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QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC.  
P.O. Box 9024 Scoresby 3179  
QCYC Club House Phone No: (03) 5258 1692

## **NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS H.M.A.S. GOORANGAI MEMORIAL YACHT RACE Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – START TIME 1030 hrs**

The organising authority is the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc.

### **1. RULES**

The Race will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the International Regulations for prevention of Collision at Sea;
- “The Green Book” Cruising Safety Regulations of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Section i) Inshore to apply and adopted by QCYC with authority from the RPAYC;
- The Handicapping Rules for Yachting Victoria Performance Based Handicapping System (as modified by QCYC Race Control); and
- This Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Owners will be requested to show a copy of their current Comprehensive Insurance Policy, including Third Party (Legal Liability).

Spinnakers may be used

### **2. LIABILITY – INDEMNITY**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility and are responsible for the sea-worthiness of the boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc., their servants or volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after the event.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

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All members' yachts on the QCYC Yacht Register above will be accepted. All skippers must have a current YA Silver Card. Yachts without a Yachting Victoria handicap may compete and may be issued a handicap by QCYC.

Entries on the prescribed form (copy attached) shall be lodged with:

Honorary Secretary  
Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc.  
PO Box 9024  
Scoresby 3197

Entries close on WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008, and shall be accompanied by an entry fee of \$10.00 per boat.

## **4. STARTING LINE**

The starting line will be an imaginary line between the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Race Control Tower and RBYC Mark No 6 (Yellow Cone numbered '6' approximately 100 metres west of RBYC Race Control Tower).

## **5. STARTING PROCEDURE**

1025 hours – WARNING	CLASS FLAG (CODE FLAG "R")	1 SOUND SIGNAL
1026 hours – PREP.	CODE FLAG "P" RAISED	1 SOUND SIGNAL
1029 hours – ONE MINUTE LOWERED		CODE FLAG "P"
	1 SOUND SIGNAL	
1030 hours – START	CODE FLAG "R" LOWERED	1 SOUND SIGNAL

## **6. RECALLS**

A boat starting prematurely will be notified by the making of an additional sound signal from the Control Tower and the onus shall remain with each premature starter to return and start correctly.

## **7. THE COURSE**

Boats shall cross the starting line in a southerly direction and proceed to QUEENSCLIFF leaving Fawkner Beacon, West Channel pile light, S.S. (Swan Spit) and Q.A. (Queenscliff Approach) all to Starboard, then to finish.

## **8. FINISH LINE**

The Finish line will be an imaginary line between the Port hand mark at the entrance to the Queenscliff cut (located approximately LAT 38° 16.15'S – LONG 144° 40.50'E) and the Eastern Balcony of QCYC Clubhouse. It is recommended to pass this Port

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hand mark by no more than 40 metres to the west. In the event of the Ferry manoeuvring in this position, you may pass to the East of the Port Hand Mark as near as possible using the same transit.

TAKE YOUR OWN FINISHING TIME – No finishing signal will be made, but times may be recorded from QCYC Clubhouse.

Competitors are asked to call QCYC on VHF CH.73 when abeam of the Q.A. Mark or phone (03) 5258 1692 to have an accurate time recorded.

## **9. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course shall not be shortened.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

Leading boat to finish by 1800 hours and the remainder have a further one-hour to finish.

## **11. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING**

Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Port Phillip, requires small vessels IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES to keep clear of commercial shipping.

Boats found to have contravened this rule will be subject to disqualification (after protest).

## **12. PROTEST**

The time limit for protests is 1 Hr. after finish time of the last boat.

## **13. PRESENTATION**

The winner may be announced at the QCYC Bar as soon as possible after the last boat has finished.

## **14. TIDES**

Low water at Port Phillip Heads - 1200 Hrs.

High water at Port Phillip Heads - 1900 Hrs.

## **15. COMMUNICATION**

Competitors shall include details of VHF radio and mobile phone number on the Entry Form, to allow QCYC to contact them during the race, should the need arise.

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## HMAS “GOORANGAI” MEMORIAL TROPHY

### ENTRY FORM

To Mr. Martin Greasley,  
Honorary Secretary, Q.C.Y.C.  
P.O. Box 9024 Scoresby, 3179



Please enter the yacht \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the H.M.A.S. “Goorangai” Memorial Trophy to be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

The yacht’s current YV handicap is \_\_\_\_\_

VHF radio CH.73 - Yes / No      Mobile Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Skipper.      YA Silver card No \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Entries close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008, and shall be accompanied by an entry fee of \$10.00 per boat.

QCYC Hon. Secretary - (03) 9763 7784 (Home) and (Fax)  
0417 014 013 (Mobile) – [Secretary@qcy.org.au](mailto:Secretary@qcy.org.au) (email).

**SPECIAL NOTE: ALL YACHTS WILL START AT 1030 HOURS**

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## QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC.

### *HMAS GOORANGAI MEMORIAL TROPHY*

#### YACHT LOG

SAIL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YV HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

FINISHING TIME \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT AHEAD \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT BEHIND \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Skipper

This log shall be lodged with a QCYC official as soon as possible after finishing and berthing at QCYC wharf.

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