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Commodore's Report

Since the last Newsletter in July the Club has been reasonably quiet, apart from the social highlight of Christmas in July which was again a huge success. Some eighty people attended for pre-dinner nibbles in the Bar followed by a Spit Roast lunch, dessert and coffee, ably catered by Coast to Coast Golden Roast. One of the highlights of the day was the drawing of the multi-prize raffle, first prize being a flight around the Bay by Seaplane for two. This prize was actually raffled at QCYC when the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria visited in May, and the winner then kindly donated the flights back to QCYC to use as it wished. Thanks to Royals and the congratulations to the winner!

These events do take considerable time in planning, setting up, and at the end of the day, cleaning up. I would like to thank all those who assisted. Special thanks must also go to the then Commodore Darryl Morrison and his wife Betty for all the arrangements, especially for collecting so many wonderful prizes that made the day so special.

Even though this has been the quiet time of the year things are still happening in the background. We have commenced a survey of the road to redirect it from the western side of the clubhouse to the east, allowing direct access from the club to the water. We have also had a demonstration of a portable fire cart that would go a long way towards meeting our needs. The process of collecting quotes and opinions for the refurbishment of the North and South wharves has commenced and it is hoped that the North wharf piles could be restored prior to the busy period over Christmas and New Year.



This is a very busy time on the Club's calendar, now that we've conducted the 46th AGM, and with a new committee duly elected, we commence the new season of the Club. I look forward to serving with our new committee which has a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and consists of:

Michael Bowe	Commodore
Ken Gayler	Vice Commodore
Brian Golland	Rear Commodore
Naomi Wilbraham	Honorary Secretary
Peter Geary	Honorary Treasurer
Mal Billings	Committee
Mark Fox	Committee
John Gleeson	Committee
Brian Phillips	Committee
Rex Prosser	Committee
David Seath	Committee

The day following the AGM saw the Alvis Car Club visit our clubhouse for lunch, with thirty-five vehicles and some seventy people driving down from Williamstown as part of the Julian Collins Memorial Rally. The visiting vehicles were built between the mid 1920s through the late 1960s and were all in excellent condition with about half of the cars from the United Kingdom and the others from all around Australia.

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Lunch was enjoyed by eighty-five people and consisted of soup and sandwiches with the occasional other variety of liquid refreshment thrown in from our Club bar. From Queenscliff the cars and crews returned to Geelong to spend the night prior to departing down the Great Ocean Road and then through Central Victoria.



Thank you Committee Member David Seath, who is also a member of the Alvis Car Club, for being instrumental in bringing the cars and crews to QCYC to show them what paradise is and so we could admire their fine motors. Thanks also to the regular band of committee members who helped set up the dining room, stock the bar for the function and then clean up after the event.



A New Members' Induction Day was held at the Club on Sunday 12th October. The number of new members was down a little on the last few held but again was very successful. The day was divided into a semi formal session explaining the workings of the Club, and then breaking to a Sausage Sizzle and drink with more informal discussions. We extend a welcome to these new members and trust that everyone will make them feel they belong.

At the AGM I took over as Commodore from our Immediate Past Commodore Darryl Morrison and must thank him for handing over the Club in such a great state with many major renovations and improvements completed during his watch. More importantly the Club has gained momentum and enthusiasm from projects coming to completion, generally on time and budget with visibly improved facilities. Thanks again Past Commodore.

I said at the AGM that I would like to see more Member involvement with our ceremonies, cruises and functions. There are two events coming up in the next month:

- the Club Working Bee on Sunday the 16th November
- the Club's 47th Opening Day on Sunday 23rd November.

I encourage all members to attend these events.

Over the past few years our Opening Days have seen less members attending and more invited guests. This year I intend to cut back on the invited guests and make the day slightly less formal. I invite all members back to their Club on this important day and ask everyone to bring a plate of some type of 'finger food'. If you plan to attend, please complete the RSVP slip included in this Newsletter to give me some idea of numbers.

Finally, thank you for your support and the good faith you have shown by selecting me as the Club's Commodore. If there is anything at any time that you wish to raise, please feel free to contact me directly.

Michael Bowe
Commodore

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Honorary Secretary Report

At the recent 2008-2009 AGM a new committee was elected. Please find below details of your new committee. On behalf of the committee, we look forward to meeting and working with members of QCYC.

Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club
Flag Officers and Committee
2008-2009



Commodore
Michael Bowe



Vice Commodore
Ken Gayler



Rear Commodore
Brian Golland



Honorary Treasurer
Peter Geary



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Naomi Wilbraham
Honorary Secretary

Introducing your new committee

In this section we will introduce your new committee members progressively over the next few newsletters

Michael Bowe – Commodore

I have been a member of QCYC since the mid nineties and a member of RBYC since the mid eighties. I served as Hon. Secretary for about five years before joining the Flag Officers for a quick progression through the ranks. I have owned several keelboats over that period and currently have a Phantom 40 sloop. Although I have done some racing, my true passion is cruising. I have been visiting QCYC for the last twenty years and have a profound love and respect for the place and the fellowship of the members. Professionally, I am involved in the Information Technology industry.

Brian Phillips - Committee member

Being the owner of a motor boat, I thought that joining a yacht club may be frowned upon, however, I was admitted as a member last year and have found the members and visitors alike are quite prepared to have stink-boaters in their midst. The QCYC is uniquely located so close to the entrance to the bay, and with a fascinating road access via the Swan island causeway. The recently upgrade clubhouse provides a welcoming haven for visitors and is a great place to meet fellow sailors and keep in touch with members. As a recently elected committee member, I'm looking forward to working with the Club to help maintain the wonderful facilities and ambience that make the QCYC a favourite destination.

Coming Events

Sunday 16th November	Annual Working Bee	0930hrs
Sunday 23rd November 2008	QCYC Opening Day	1200hrs
Wednesday 31st Dec 2008	New Year's Eve Spit Roast	1930hrs
Thursday 1st January 2009	Prawn and Oyster Luncheon	1200hrs

Members' Corner

This section enables Members to share any information on cruising activities. Email your cruising highlights or tips to: Vice.commodore@qcy.org.au

A tip from the Bradley family - Would you like to know how to beat the crowds at Queenscliff? Here's a scene from September.

Lost a hot knife? The kind used for cutting synthetic rope? Still appears to work and so very useful – call Robert 0418574360 but be quick, I'm getting very attached to it!



Cruising Notes

The Port Phillip Cruising Rally was conducted over the Melbourne Cup weekend with the fleet of 21 yachts gathering at Royal Geelong Yacht Club on Saturday November 1st. In the evening some sixty members and friends enjoyed a lovely dinner in the clubhouse. A prize, provided by Four Winds Marine, was awarded for the best menu for lunch whilst on the voyage from Melbourne.

The next day in a light east to south east wind the fleet generally motor sailed to Queenscliff for the night. During the night, a cold front passed through with some overcast conditions and plenty of wind from the south. The fleet remained at QCYC whilst some sixty-five people from our Rally caught the ferry instead of sailing to Sorrento Couta Boat Club for lunch. Nick Cable was a fine host for lunch and an excellent meal was provided in a beautiful setting, overlooking the beach. All duly returned by ferry to stay overnight at QCYC.

Tuesday morning saw the fleet depart for home in fine downwind conditions. Many of the participants had not visited QCYC before and as a result there were a number of applications for membership received. Many yachts also sailed directly from Melbourne to enjoy the long weekend at QCYC.

A reminder that entries close on 30th November, 2008 for the Western Port and Surrounds Cruise from the 17th to 26th January, 2009. A briefing will be held at RYCV Saturday, 6th December, 2008 at 1000 hours. Full details are available on the website.

On 3rd January, 2008 a cruise will be conducted to Blairgowrie for lunch with a stay overnight and return to QCYC the next day.

The Bass Strait Cruise will commence on 1st March, 2009, heading to Corner Inlet and Wilson's Promontory for 10 days. Full details are also available on the website.

Following the two Bass Strait Cruises a reunion dinner will be conducted at R.Y.C.V in May.

We anticipate strong support for these events.

Darryl Morrison
Cruise Director

QCYC Cruising Programme 2008 - 2009

- 3rd – 4th January 2009 **Ross Farrow Cruise to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron**
Saturday - overnight stay
Lunch Sunday - Sorrento Sailing & Couta Boat Club
- 17th – 26th January 2009 **Westernport 'Restaurant' Cruise in Company**
Flinders, Yaringa, Hastings, Rhyll
Restaurant Cruise
- 1st – 11th March 2009 **Bass Strait Offshore Cruise**
Cleelands Bight, Refuge Cove
Corner Inlet, Port Welshpool, Freshwater Cove
Chinaman's Cove, Miranda Bay/Rabbit Island
and return to Port Phillip
- 12th April 2009 **Easter Sunday**
Coles Channel Picnic Cruise

For more details please contact the Commodore.

Gate Operating Times

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate **until 31st November, 2008** are:

Sunday to Friday	0700 - 1900 hours
Saturday and Public Holidays	0700 - 2000 hours

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate **from 1st December, 2008 until further notice** are yet to be confirmed but are expected to be:

Sunday to Friday	0700 - 2000 hours
Saturday and Public Holidays	0700 - 2100 hours

Unfortunately the person responsible for the official gate opening times appears to be on leave. If it transpires that these times are not correct then a separate notice will be published via the web site.

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COMING EVENTS RSVP SLIP

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Please book me in for the following events:

QCYC Opening Day, Sunday 23rd November 2008

Number attending: _____

New Year's Eve Spit Roast, Wednesday 31st December 2008
Cost \$30.00 per head

Number Attending: _____

New Year's Prawn & Oyster Luncheon, Thursday 1st January 2008
Cost to be determined

Number Attending: _____

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