

## Commodore's Report

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 2006-2007 season commenced with the AGM at the R.Y.C.V. with a good attendance of members. Four members of the past committee did not seek re-election, namely Rob Hanke, Ron Scotland, Peter Harris and Raewyn Hansen. I would like to thank them for their significant contributions to running the club. Also, it was with deep regret that Karen Parker also tendered her resignation due to family and work commitments.

A number of new faces have been elected to the Committee and we welcome them on board. Martin Greasley has taken over the role of secretary as well as running our much improved website. David Seath has been seconded to join the Committee and given his vast experience in the hospitality industry has agreed to oversee our bar operations and has recommended a number of changes that will improve service to our members.

### **Working Bee**

In late October our annual working bee was well attended. Thank you to all who brought along chain saws, a variety of equipment including a bob cat as well as a generous donation of paint. The club looked in first class order at the end of the day. I must also thank Betty (my wife) for feeding the multitude over drinks at lunchtime. This was a wonderful team effort and much appreciated.

### **Open Day**

The official opening of the club season in November saw a number of yachts alongside in warm and at times blustery conditions. Commander Ken Walters R.A.N. again opened the season on behalf of our club patron Captain David Garnock RAN C.O. H.M.A.S. Cerberus. The Reverend Paul Wood blessed our fleet alongside. Throughout the afternoon we were entertained by a youthful, but excellent jazz ensemble who donated their C.D.'s for auction with the proceeds going to our charity "Cottage By The Sea".

Thank you to all the members who supplied food for our guests and to the ladies in the kitchen for your untiring efforts to cater for all. Gentlemen who were resident at the wharf, your support in arranging furniture and equipment was much appreciated.

### **Causeway**

For many of our members and guests who attended our opening, were greeted with the view of the new seawall along the causeway and the new entrance road which provides access at all states of the tide. This project was at significant capital expenditure and carried out for us by Australian Project Services. Congratulations to them on the final product. This has taken four decades to achieve an all weather access to our club without levying or borrowings.

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## Insurance

I have been concerned about our insurance coverage which basically dealt with property and contents with limited wharf coverage. I recently engaged Willis Australia, Yachting Australia's preferred broker to submit their recommendations. I can inform the members we have now bedded down an enhanced package that not only has coverage for property insurance, but directors and indemnity as well as public and product liability to allow our club to resume on the water activities.

## Research

In October Past Commodore Brian Cherry and Professor Rob Melchers from the University of Newcastle visited our site with a view to setting up a test site on the southern end of the south wharf. Rob has a five year Australian Research Council grant to develop engineering tools for the prediction of long-term corrosion of steel in and above seawater. The equipment will be installed in mid December and will not interfere with berthing at the wharf.

## Cruising

On the water, the club conducted a cruising rally to Geelong on Melbourne Cup weekend and twenty one yachts participated followed by dinner on the Saturday evening at R.G.Y.C.

At the time of writing a fleet of 14 yachts will participate in our joint cruise to Western Port or Wilson's Promontory and surrounds. Although entries have closed, late acceptances will be taken up till Christmas. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website. (see Notice of 2007 Races, Cruises, Fleet Visits)

## Club Maintenance

We have secured a painter to clean up the external façade of the clubhouse and this will be finished by mid December.

## COMING EVENTS

### New Years Day

In terms of coming events there will be New Years Eve, and Prawns and Oyster lunch on New Years Day. Do bring your friends and family and enjoy the day.

### Events

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January will see the return of the Ross Farrow Memorial Trophy Race to Blairgowrie 1000 hours start. All details will be posted on Website and at the clubhouse.

Note Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron vessels will visit on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January for lunch. Volunteers who can assist with berthing and the bar would be welcome.

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## “Cottage By The Sea”

On opening day the club made its usual presentation to the “Cottage By The Sea” to the value of \$4,277.05. Thank you to the members who generously donated or provided funds by purchasing tickets in our various raffles. There will be a Christmas Raffle again, purchase your tickets at the club. The raffle will be drawn at Prawns and Oysters luncheon on New Years Day.

## Visiting the Club

A reminder to members visiting over the Christmas/New Year holiday period to take pride in the club and place your names on the daily roster for all the cleaning and maintenance duties. We do ask people to clean the crockery and cutlery properly and not leave items around the kitchen. It is also important to check the use by date of food in the refrigerators and the storage of such items, as we are subject to the health regulations of the Borough of Queenscliff.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

In closing I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, fair winds and safe voyages and I hope to see you during this period at Q.C.Y.C.

Darryl Morrison  
Commodore

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## Vice Commodore's Report

With this the last newsletter for the year, it is opportune to reflect on the past year and to look towards the next year. 2006 has been a spectacular year for QCYC, largely because of sound leadership and sensible management. 2007 is looking just as promising -

**Our Immediate Past Commodore:** Brian Cherry steered a good course throughout 2006 and will be missed by us all, as will retiring committee members Ron Scotland, Peter Harris, Rob Hanke, Raewyn Hansen and Karen Parker. All contributed so much.

**Our New Commodore:** Darryl Morrison brings with him a lifetime of sailing and club experience, his different management style will also work well. I will be assisting him as Vice and our long serving and highly respected Secretary, Michael Bowe has filled Rear.

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**The New Committee:** John Clark is continuing as committee person together with newly appointed Nick Cable, Brian Golland, John Gleeson, David Seath and Martin Greasley. Our totally committed Treasurer, Rex Prosser continues in the office while Martin replaces Michael as Secretary. Martin has also elected to continue as Webmaster. Each of the committee people bring skills and expertise, and if the first committee meeting is anything to go by, we have an awesome team.

Interesting to note that Brian Golland also serves as Commodore of Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club, not that this is a unique situation as members may recall a similar situation some time ago. We are hoping for even closer relations between the clubs.

**Honorary Club Solicitor:** The committee was so happy to receive Andrew Green's (Gedhill-Norton Solicitors) acceptance to continue as our Honorary Club Solicitor. Andrew's work during the past year dealing with the Harbour issues was largely unrecognised. So members, when you meet Andrew down the Club these holidays, be sure to shake his hand.

**No More Bar Tickets!** Our new committee member, David Seath, who is no stranger to what goes on (behind) a bar, has elected to tend to all matters related thereto. His first change is the elimination of bar tickets. Fear not, your old tickets will be redeemable. What a relief I hear you say (on both counts)! David is also acquiring a modern till to help with serving and accounting. Stock is already piling in ready for the holiday period, to meet your every need. The bar will be open most afternoons / evenings over the holidays so be sure to role-up and for those of you who haven't met David, please make your acquaintance. Bar opening will be heralded by short horn blasts and hoisting of the "Bar Open" flag, around 1700hrs. We are still seeking members (ideally with the "Responsible Serving of Alcohol" certificate) to volunteer for bar duties. It is a great way to meet others.

**Looking At Other Indicators:** membership is over the top, the boat list is growing, we are financial (despite unprecedented spending), and our clubhouse is looking absolutely splendid. From the moment you enter our new causeway you notice the difference.

**The Recent Working Bee:** QCYC's success has been largely attributed to the self-help concept, and judging by our recent Working Bee, the concept is alive and well. Piles of material from the causeway works were removed, and in the case of wood, it was recycled as firewood for next winter. Cleaning, painting, balcony railings, the fridges, and numerous other tasks were attended to by the gentlemen and their ladies – an inspiring effort. A special thanks to Committee man John Gleeson for providing his bobcat and truck on the day.

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**Opening Day:** Despite blustery winds, proceedings went well. A fine official opening by our old friend Commander Ken Walters RAN, Sailing Officer HMAS Cerbrus, and a blessing by Reverend Paul Wood, our local Anglican minister. I had the pleasure of presenting Cottage by the Sea with a \$4,000+ donation. Many past Commodores, including the Founding Commodore, were present to chat about the Club's interesting past. Meanwhile an accomplished jazz band from Geelong Grammar provided us with music throughout the day. A great start to the season.

Acknowledgment must go to the committee and all the other members who made the day such a success. Our Commodore Darryl and Betty Morrison deserve special mention.

**QCYC Website:** If you who haven't visited our website recently then I recommend you take a look at Martin's fine work - colourful, informative, interesting and user friendly even for those of us from Jurassic Park.

**Melbourne Cup Cruise:** Commodore Darryl has done it again - yet another great organised cruise. Saturday across to RGYC with a fine meal at the club that night, then Monday down to Pt. Arlington for lunch and on to QCYC for another night of mirth and merriment. We look forward to the Blairgowrie visit in the New Year and of course the Bass Straight sail in February.

**Survey Results:** Many thanks to the forty members who responded. There were no surprises, most people want the Club to continue *pretty much* as it is. Change / development was supported (mainly in the short term) with QCYC lifting its profile within the yachting fraternity, QCYC affiliating with other clubs, QLYC included, development of closer ties with the local community, extension of the north wharf and more organised QCYC cruises. Members also want the Club to seek good relations with QHPL, the harbour developer. There is a wealth of data that is more generally expressed, both for and against, that will assist with preparation of the Club's Strategy Plan.

**The Strategy Plan:** With your survey results to hand the committee is now well placed to chart the Club's short, medium and long term future. In some respects the short term (say the next few years) is predictable as we merely need to tend to the obvious, as and when we have the cash to do so. However, the medium and long term phases will require careful planning – what do we develop and how do we finance it? Rest assured the committee will keep you posted along the way. It is imperative we preserve and provide for you, what you want. We are aware of the numerous sailing destinations that are appearing around the bay???

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**Xmas & New Year Greetings:** May the festive season and new-year bring you health, much joy and prosperity. More importantly, may your sailing season be a happy one. I hope to see you down at QCYC for Xmas and New Year, your Club is at your disposal. Xmas day will be the usual family get-togethers, and New Year will be the usual great night. Then there is the New Years Day Prawn and Oyster lunch – this is an event not to miss. More details to follow.

Paul Lobston  
Vice Commodore

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## Rear Commodore's Report

### **Cruise in Company to RGYC 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Over the Cup Day Weekend I participated in the inaugural QCYC Cruise in Company to RGYC. Overall there were some twenty one boats that entered for some or all of the activities. Following is a short account of my experience.

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Departed RBYC about 0930 bound for P2, where the fleet was to congregate and then head for RGYC in Company. Pretty light conditions for most of the day. Motor sailed with just the main hoisted. What wind there was, as Murphy would have it was on the nose.

There were six on board, and a multi cultural group they were. Two South Africans, one Frenchman, and three Aussies. Each provided a sample of their national cuisine, and that ranged from Quiche Lorraine and Pomme au Tarte through to Cheese and Vegemite rolls. Needless to say we didn't starve, and there was the occasional glass of liquid refreshment.

By around 1400 the sea breeze kicked in at about 15-18knots, whilst most of the fleet was in or nearing the Hopetoun Channel just off Point Henry, which provided a good sail for the last few miles into RGYC. As the fleet closed berth allocations were radioed out and after locating the allocated spot and making fast there was a general movement towards the bar at RGYC.

Quite a few partners and friends came down by road for dinner, which was a huge success. About seventy people attended the dinner, which was a gourmet barbeque, provided by the Yacht Club. After dinner, the tired sailors and some of their visitors retired to their respective boats for the night, whilst others made their way into the night. A very peaceful night!

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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Today was a lay day, where there were no official activities planned. Some of the fleet returned to their home yacht clubs due to other commitments, but our crew made their way to breakfast, again at the Yacht Club. Good, low cholesterol bacon and eggs, accompanied by the odd sausage and sauce, with that essential mug of coffee. Nothing better, after spending the night on the boat. After breakfast, most of our group made their way back to Melbourne by road for reality and work the following day. I stayed on with Greg, who had agreed to do the entire weekend with me.

Two new QCYC Committee members, David Seath and Nick Cable picked Greg and myself up and took us to Barwon Heads, where we meet up with their wives Jan Seath and Virginia Cable for a coffee (in Diver Dan's Shed no less, for those that watched the TV show Seachange) and a walk along the cliff. From there we were taken to David and Jan's for a very pleasant and unexpected lunch. Thank you once again. (I can't guarantee this kind of service in future cruises, but you can always hope!). Greg and I were then returned to the boat for a short afternoon siesta prior to contemplating dinner, which we had in one of the local hotels in Geelong.

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Don, who had been onboard for the sail on Saturday returned this morning for the day's adventure, which took the most the remaining fleet to Portarlington for lunch, and then us to QCYC. A bit windier this morning, maybe 20knots, and again right on the nose. We sailed for a while before winding up the heady and resorting to motor sailing again. After departing about 0930 we had Portarlington in sight by about 1230, and were looking around the west side of the pier for a suitable spot to anchor when *Kiandra* offered to let us raft up against them. Thanks Ken and Lorraine.

Getting ashore could have been easier and as there was only one rubber ducky with about seven boats to empty, this took a bit of time and logistics. But a big thank you to the guys who were operating that rubber ducky! Eventually we were in the pub at Portarlington for lunch, again shared with those other intrepid sailors who had made it ashore. The bottle of local red and the company made it all worthwhile, and by 1530 we were back on the pier, looking for a ride back to the boats. Our Vice Commodore Paul Lobston sped matters up by bringing *Shearwater* to the pier and using her as the ferry. Not an unreasonable feat you might think, however, he had another yacht rafted up against him!

On the pier there was some discussion about what the conditions might be like 'round the corner', as the wind was now 25knots from the South. We decided to continue on to QCYC as did some of the others.

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For me this was to be my first trip down Coles Channel in my boat. I decided to take the 'long' way round Prince George, even though I had been on the inside on different boats before and had been coached by Ken McAllister whilst waiting for the ferry ride into the pier. Despite the wind we were able to sail for most of the way, apart for about 5nm when the wind was right on the nose. This area is well marked and at no stage did we have any problem working out where we were, or were going. Once we turned out of the bottom of the West Channel towards Queenscliff we were sailing along at about five knots, with about 2 knots of ebb tide under the boat. Very exhilarating stuff.

For anyone who has ever sailed to QCYC, it is an unwritten law that the time you arrive is always "Sorrento Ferry Time". One is either coming, or going, which necessitates bobbing around when all you want to do is visit the QCYC bar after a hard day on the water. Need I say anymore!

Coming down the Cut I drop off Don, who needs to get back to town, and the Gate will be closed by the time we get in. Then on round the corner to QCYC. I notice *Escapade* about four metres off the jetty, facing the wrong way, but still attached by lines to boats at the wharf. It still doesn't register until I'm beside her that we're both stuck in the mud, on the bottom half of a falling tide. Much hilarity from those on the balcony at the bar! I never knew the Club had so many comedians. But it's been a great weekend filled with a high level of camaraderie, support, and sharing that even sitting in the mud off QCYC for four hours is not going to spoil it.

2330 and its back to Greg and I, and we're in the Clubhouse cooking dinner. Not long after I'm asleep!

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Karen, my wife comes down to give us a lift home. The boat I'll leave till after Opening Day.

It's been a good few days. And it's an interesting concept that members of a cruising yacht club actually go cruising. I think we owe our Commodore Darryl Morrison a debt of gratitude for organizing this and the other Cruises in Company. It's a great way to get to know and appreciate other club members, and it can be a learning exercise for you in terms of boat handling and sailing in different situations as well. I would recommend anyone who can do it to give it a try. The next one is in February 2007. Give it some thought.

Michael Bowe  
Rear Commodore

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## Secretary's Report

### **Water Restrictions**

Sand Island is now subject to STAGE 4 water restrictions. Please limit your showers and water usage.

For more information on STAGE 4 visit

<http://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/emplibrary/EED61C42-05D3-41C5-1ACD7E0B707E5069.pdf?CFID=251649&CFTOKEN=54029104>

### **Membership Subscription**

Final reminder: if you have an outstanding account, please pay immediately. The Club relies on your support for prompt payment. We have a waiting list!!!

### **Ideas - Web Site or Newsletters**

If you have any ideas for the website, or would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email to [secretary@qcyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qcyc.org.au)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, fun filled sailing New Year.

Martin Greasley  
Secretary

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## Notice of 2007 Races, Cruises, Fleet Visits

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ross Farrow memorial Trophy Queenscliff to Blairgowrie Notice of Race at Club and Entry Forms Entry Fee \$10.00 Website Details	1000 hours start
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron visit for lunch	1200 hours
February 10 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Cruise to Western Port and surrounds Wilson's Promontory and surrounds Fleet gathering Q.C.Y.C. Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Cruise departure 0700 Port Phillip Heads Website details	

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March 31 <sup>st</sup>	H.M.A.S. Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race Brighton to Q.C.Y.C. Notice of Race Website Entry Fee \$10.00	
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Saturday Peter Timms Trophy Notice of Race Website Entry Fee \$10.00	1400 hours start
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday Kids Easter Egg Hunt Coles Channel Cruise Picnic at Red Bluff	0900 hours 1000 hours start
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	R.G.Y.C. McAllister Trophy Race Geelong to Q.C.Y.C. Fleet Visit - Pursuit-race	0900 hours start
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	R.Y.C.V. Phoenix Trophy Williamstown to Q.C.Y.C. – Pursuit race	0900 hours start

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## Swan Island Golf Club invitation

### **Swan Island Golf Club invites you to attend:**

The golf club will commence our summer "Twilight" comp next Friday 8/12/06 - teeing off anytime between 3.00pm and 5.30pm - all welcome - no green fee - \$3.00 entry fee only per player. **This will be a weekly event as long as daylight saving is in place.**

We will also have our own caterer providing meals on the Friday nights (as well as Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday brunch/lunch/afternoon tea etc).

The caterer is Benito's who have an existing outlet in Pt Lonsdale - they will be known on the golf course as "Benito's on the Island". Bar prices are very reasonable as well.

The menu on Friday nights will typically be a fish meal, a meat dish, another seafood and a pasta. Meal prices will be in the \$11.00 - \$15.00 range with desserts also available from around \$8.00 per serve. The menu choices for the opening night will be Crusted Rock-Ling, Moroccan Lamb Shanks, Benito's Mussells and Beef Lasagne.

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We would love to see your members join us for an evening of fun, food and a great atmosphere! For catering purposes it would be appreciated if we could receive some indication (if possible) of numbers likely to attend - perhaps your members could call the club on 5258 1951 - this will evolve over time I am sure.

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## **Fantastic Seaphone Closure Promotion from Globalstar!**

Globalstar Australia is pleased to announce a range of great introductory satellite phone options for ex-Seaphone service users, helping them to upgrade to a satellite communications system, in preparation for the closure of the Seaphone service. We are most happy to also extend these offers through to all members of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club!

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- Service and support all the way via our dedicated marine sales and installer channel throughout Australia.

**Offers only available until 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2006**

### **Offer 1 (SP01)\*\***

Purchase a new GSP1600 satellite phone and receive up to **12 months free access on the Gstar 35 plan** with \$10 of included call value per month. A saving of up to \$420.00!

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### **Offer 2 (SP02)\*\***

Purchase a new GSP1600 satellite phone and receive **half price satellite minutes for 12 months** when connecting to a Gstar 70 plan or above. A 50% saving on satellite calls made from the boat during the 12 month period!

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