



IN PORT
The PMYC
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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2006

Wed 11			Evening sailing
Sat 14	Aggregate		
Wed 18th			Evening sailing
Sat 21			Port Tackers restart
Sat 28 th	Aggregate	1400	2 races
Sat 28th	Hobie 16 x 3 races		After sailing pizza

FEBRUARY

4 Saturday	Top of The Bay (at Port Melb YC)	0930	Briefing at 0830
4 Saturday	VOLVO IN PORT RACE	1230	Stay and view from the Club.
4 th Sat	After Race Party	6.30pm	Bookings essential
Thursday 9th	Sail training	7.30	Race Rules
Sat 11 th	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	1400	2 races
Sat 18 th	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP		3 races
Sunday 19 th	VOLVO Boats		Boats depart
Sat 25 th	Aggregate	1400	2 races
Sat 25 th	Hobie 16 x 3 races		After sailing pizza
Sunday 26 th	OPEN DAY GO SAILING DAY	1000- 4pm	



TOP OF THE BAY

What will the day hold this year?
 If you think you've been deprived of exciting sailing this season, be sure to turn up for Top of The Bay!
 This event held between Elwood, Williamstown, Altona and Albert Park Clubs at Port Melbourne Yacht Club is famous for it's weather.
 Port Melbourne Yacht Club rarely wins the event so come and see if this is our Year!

This year it is also the date and venue of the In-port Races for the VOLVO Round The World Race. They will be racing off Station Pier area so a great view for members (and friends)
 Because of the Big Boat's Race the arrangements of Top Of The Bay are different this year.

It will be a morning race
Briefing at 8:30 (so early to bed Friday night!)
Racing at 0930

All finished before the exclusion zone comes into play
 But don't go home! Stay for lunch, watch the big boats and then return for a Club Party: Spit roast bar open and music from 6:30pm (see details next page)

Commodore's Report

A New Year's welcome to all Port sailors and their families.

The second half of season 2005/2006 promises to have many highlights on the sailing front. Many events are centred on the *Melbourne Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race* (VOR), with arrivals expected from Tuesday 17 January onwards. The *Top of the Bay regatta*, to be held on the morning of Sat 4 February at PMYC, precedes the VOR In-Port race starting at 2 pm off Station Pier. The Club will be open to visitors and the public on the Saturday afternoon to enjoy the spectacle and regatta atmosphere from the comfort of the Clubhouse. A *Go Sailing Day* is scheduled for Sun 26 February two weeks after the departure of the "Volvos", so please come down and support the Club. And wedged between these events is the Club Championship, to be held on two successive Saturdays!

By the time this Newsletter is received, most sailors who campaigned at national events at other venues would be returning to club based activities for a while. Hopefully the experiences were memorable and please pass on any constructive advice on how we can improve things at the Club.

The new external disabled lift has now been installed, which provides access to the first level of the Clubhouse. The lift will be fully operational very shortly and other improvements are being considered to upgrade the ground level access to the lift. Once commissioned the building will be one of the few sailing / yacht clubs in Victoria to provide full disabled access. Given the design of the lift and selection of finishes, the lift is proving to be virtually invisible, so much so that several club members had not even noticed it had been installed. Thanks should go to Geoff Graco in his role as project manager and to Ian Wight, for preparing and following up on the initial submission that secured the grant. The State

Government and COPP contributed about 50% and 25%, respectively, to the grant with the Club making up the balance.

In terms of boat safety on the racecourse there have been several near misses, and one or two actual comings together, but perhaps no more than in previous years. Because of the vast speed difference between the types of boats sailed at Port, typically the courses have been separated to reduce potential incidents at mark roundings and crossings. However, in events where it is not feasible to run separate course extra vigilance is required especially where junior boats are involved. And remember Paul Elvstrom's comment, "The best way to avoid problems is still to sail against others in the same way that we wish to be sailed against".

With regard to the change rooms project it is moving forward. The general committee has authorised that the architect prepare the detailed plans and documents. The general arrangement drawings of the new change rooms have been on display in the Clubhouse for some two months. When these documents are available it is the committee's intention to go out to tender to obtain firm, realistic prices and to compare these against the budget.

Michael Broise **COMMODORE**

CREW as MEMBERS

Skippers are reminded that it is a requirement of racing results that all visiting crew may sail for 3 weeks before it is expected that they take up Club Membership. Please encourage your crew to act on this Application Forms are available on the web or at the club each week or by emailing pmyc@bigpond.net.au

What size boat next?



Now that our Juniors are getting bigger, the Club is keen to encourage the development of a class that will allow competition rather than a motley collection of boats.

Saturday March 4th 2006

is confirmed as the Tasar and 29er Demo day. Boats will be at the club ready for trying out at 10am. Great opportunity to come down and go for a sail in different classes. Also possibly available is the Laser with all its rigs.

Club Profiles

The Gillies Family.



The Gillies family epitomises the benefits of the decision taken a couple of years ago to make a commitment to encourage family participation to ensure its long-term growth.

Ian Gillies was one of the first fathers to volunteer to help run Port Tackers on Saturday mornings with

Michele Meehan and David English and his two boys, 12 year old Andrew and 9 year old Nicholas are now star sabot sailors.

Andrew (Havoc) is part of the Victorian team and Nicholas part of the squad who sails in Sabot Week have both excelled with plenty of support from their dad and the club.

Having returned to sailing after a circa 30 year gap some nine years ago, Ian sails a cat rigged Taipan 4.9 (CCE Consulting).

His day job is busy enough as Australian head of Swiss based USB's financial planning division.

Financial Planning is a boom industry in Australia and UBS as one the top investment banks in the world has a highly successful private banking type wealth management business. His talents are recognised throughout the industry in Australia as shown by his membership of the Financial Planning Association's Certification Committee. This acts as the key gatekeeper to new entrants ensuring they meet minimum standards and qualifications. Ian helps design the qualifications and their application along with the two three hour exams new entrants are required to pass to enter the profession.

Ian told InPort a lot of people have an image of financial planners as sales people but "I firmly believe it is based on advice not sales." This is the message the association and Ian's committee is helping to promote.

A Queensland native, Ian sailed as a kid but pressure of other activities meant he didn't return for about 30 years and having worked out he and a mate were not going to make great progress on a Fireball turned to catamarans "because I used to think they would easy! We were looking at something, which could take us to locations and thought the netting would be good to transport people and a picnic. We were wrong on that score

because they go too fast. I also discovered trying to start again a lot older I didn't have the skills I once did."



Ian
Receiving
the Phil
Jacquemin
Club
Member of
the Year
award in
2005

Ian was attracted to the club by Kevin Duckett (Life Member) back in 1996 originally as a good place to store our boats.

"I soon found the club to be friendly, very relaxed, and inclusive and a great place to sail. Everyone is there to sail and it doesn't matter what class of boat you have, except for some friendly jibes everyone is there to sail and everyone is welcome," Ian said.

Ian quickly became active in the club and was a key member of the team that hosted the World Hobbies championships earlier this year in his role as "beach bitch" or what is generally known as beach master co-ordinating beach side logistics.

"There are plenty of people who do a lot more at the club, likes of Geoff Graco, Michael Broise, Walter Edgar and Michele Meehan are extraordinarily committed and with the creation of Port Tackers have taken a strategic step to ensuring membership thrives."

Note- InPort is keen to profile club members so if you have any ideas please contact John Durie on 92499954 or by email at jdurie@afrc.com.au

TRAINING NIGHT
Thursday February 9th
7:30pm

Racing strategies, how can the rules give me an advantage?

Top of the Bay Celebration

You're invited to join Port Melbourne Yacht Club for celebrations after the Volvo Round the World Ocean Race In-port Race.

Date Saturday 4th February
Time 6.30pm

Spit Roast, Bar open, & music to midnight

Cost \$20 pp Admission by Ticket only.

Bookings to pmyc@bigpond.net.au

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Kaye Beeson
- John Clayton
- Daniel Holmes
- Toby Lauchlan
- Joanna & Antony Peterson
- Philippa & Mark Stichbury-Cooper

It pays to be specific!!!

Fred wrote

Walter, Sept. 18, 2005

I was led to your address by Jack Findlater, and friends, who were training to be sailing instructors, on the river, a short distance inland from your club. I became acquainted and asked them questions about the Melbourne Yacht Club. They gave me the email address and I just saw the ad. For Volunteers Req.". I am retired and live at Buena Vida, an independent retirement facility on New Haven Ave. I might be interested in the position of Land Duty that you need. If you are interested, please call me at: 684-3299.

Walter

Hi Fred

Would love to have you join our Volunteer team
Would you like to come down to the Club this Sat at 12 noon and spend the afternoon with us. This will give you a good idea what we are all about
Thanks Walter

Fred wrote

Walter,

Sounds good I will be there on Sat. about noon to find out what this is about. Fred

Walter

Hi Fred

Missed you on Sat. Can you make it this coming Sat? Hope to see you. Walter

Fred

Walter.

I called the club (is 768-9921 OK?) Sat. about 11-am, talked with one of the members, asked for you, he and others did not know you. He asked what I wanted and I told him. He said they were about to race and they didn't need anyone so; I gave up. I will try to make it this coming Saturday. Please give me a phone number that I can call for verification Fred Hall (684 3299)

Walter

Hi Fred

I think you had the wrong club. We are at Port Melbourne, end of Bay street. Here are our address and contact details

PO BOX 174, PORT MELBOURNE, 3207, Australia

Telephone: +613 9645 3107

Facsimile: +613 9645 1028

Email: pmc@bigpond.net.au

Location: Beach St Port Melbourne

Melway Street Dir: (2JC7)

Thanks Walter

Fred

Walter, R U in the USA or Australia? I am in the USA. (This is no joke.)

I r'cd. your instructions but I do not know where your are located. I am located on Rt. 192 (W. New Haven Ave), in W. Melbourne, FL. just west from the mall. I don't know where Bay Street is. Are you north/south of 192 or would it be easier to come East on NASA to Rt.!? Fred

Walter

Hi Fred

We are in Melbourne Australia!!!

Little far for you to travel every Sat. Sorry about the confusion, if you every visit Australia please come and visit us

Regards Walter

Port Melbourne Yacht Club

Melbourne Australia

Fred

Walter.

I'm so glad I called the Melbourne Yacht Club (FL, USA) and asked the guy to call you to the phone.

He paused, asked locally and then shouted "Walter". If I had gone over there, I would really have felt foolish. I wonder which was founded first, your Melbourne or ours. Anyhow, I will visit you if I go to Australia. Fred Hall

Ed.

I'm sure we've all had the experience of searching on the web for something for Melbourne and occasionally being asked whether we want Melbourne Australia or Melbourne Florida.

The phone numbers must have started Walter questioning!

