



**IN PORT**  
**The PMYC**  
**Newsletter**

**OCTOBER 2007**

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**COMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	Aggregate 1 race	Briefing 1pm
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Aggregate 1 race	
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Adult Sailing School	0900
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Tackers & Juniors	1000
<b>20th</b>	Adult Sailing School	0900
<b>20th</b>	Tackers & Juniors	1000
<b>20th</b>	Short Course Racing	Briefing 1pm
<b>Wed 24th</b>	<b>Dinner with Guest</b>	<b>details pg 4</b>
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Aggregate X 2	
<b>27th</b>	Adult Sailing School	0900
<b>27th</b>	Tackers & Juniors	1000
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	TASAR Try Sailing	1000

**Port Tackers and Juniors Sailing Schools**  
**Program 2007 – 2008**



**Introduction**

In October 2007, PMYC launches a new program for both Port Tackers and Juniors. This program, reserved for PMYC's family members, aims to teach sailing to our children in a safe and fun manner. Professional instructors, most accredited with Yachting Victoria, will lead the sailing lessons.

**Port Tackers**

*"The sooner, the better"*

Port Tackers is the PMYC program for the introduction to sailing for children from 6 to around 11 years old (depending on skill), based on the Yachting Victoria sailing program. The children will discover their new environment, the base practices of boat handling and the joy of being on the water. They will be taught how to steer and trim the sails in a fun



manner. Port Tackers will be held on Saturday mornings.

**Juniors**

The junior sailing school is for children from around 11 to 16 years of age (depending on skill). It can be accessed by either beginners or experienced young sailors. Saturday morning will be dedicated to learning sailing. Depending on his/her abilities, the child will learn basic practices or more complicated things about boat handling, sail trimming and the rudimentaries of racing.

Along with Saturday morning, the Juniors will have a Saturday afternoon lesson as well. The afternoon program will be more focused on a transition to racing. Starting on small courses in front of the club, this afternoon program aims to bring the children to



the "main" racing course in a step-by-step process. Depending on their experience and the conditions of the day, the juniors should be able to participate in the club racing on a

small course (division 1), before the end of the term. An instructor will be stationed on the club's inflatable boat during the afternoon for both rescue and teaching functions. The inflatable boat will be primarily dedicated to the juniors.

**Responsibilities of Parents and Instructors**

Because water sports can be dangerous, it is important that all participants follow PMYC's safety procedures and instructors' directions.

Every Saturday an Officer of the Day (designated by



the Port Melbourne Yacht Club Race Management Committee) will oversee the briefing, the sign in/sign off, the rescue boats' assignment, the

weather monitoring etc. The decision to sail or not will be made between the Officer of the Day and the instructors. The instructor of each program will be responsible for the definition of the content of each lesson.

In order to facilitate some parts of the lessons, the instructor may invite a proportion of the parents to help (rigging the boats, starting kids off from the beach, carrying boats, etc). The instructors will explain to the nominated parents at the beginning of the lesson what is expected of them.

As with conventional schooling, the instructor's job can be easier and the kids can do better if their parents do not distract them, particularly with the juniors. So parents not assisting should enjoy this opportunity, watching from the clubhouse with a nice



cappuccino, away from the lesson itself.

### Registration

Each family should register the children at the beginning of each lesson, and a sign on / sign off procedure will be in place every day. The instructors will describe this procedure, and other important information during the first day. The club asks all parents to carefully follow these processes. A registration form is attached to this program.

### Fees

The Port Tackers' and Juniors' Sailing Schools are heavily subsidized by PMYC. However the participation of the family is necessary to establish a program of good quality. The fees for 2007-2008 have been fixed by the PMYC General Committee at \$90 per term, per child.

To support the initiation of the new program in October, the Club Committee has offered to fully subsidize the first term (October to December 2007). The fees will apply only to the second term (February to May 2008) and to the following years. The fees covering the full term will be due at the registration before the first day.

### Calendar

2 terms will be held this year.

- **Term 1:** Spring to Christmas:  
 October: 13, 20, 27  
 November: 10, 17, 24  
 December: 1, 8, 15
- **Term 2:** Christmas to Autumn Dates to be defined in November

### Equipment and recommendations

It is mandatory that children joining the Sailing Schools have basic swimming skills. The Club provides the boats, the rescue boat, the life jacket (PFD). The parents should organise the personal equipment of each child. The following is recommended:

- shorts and jumper (wet suit if available)
- wind proof jacket
- a pair of old running shoes (no bare feet on board!)
- a cap or hat
- heaps of sun screen
- after sailing change of clothes and a towel

### Organisation of the day



9h30	Welcome - Briefing of parents and children (juniors and Port Tackers)
9h30-10h	Preparation of boats, equipment of children
10h – 12h	Sailing lesson with the instructor and the “special” parents
12h – 12h30	De-rigging of the boat
12h30	Port Tackers and non-racing juniors are back with their parents
12h30-13h00	Lunch under supervision of parents
13h-16h	Afternoon race for the juniors
16h-16h30	de-rigging and cleaning of the boats
16h30	End of sailing day

### Contacts

For registration, please contact Margaret at PMYC [school@pmyc.asn.au](mailto:school@pmyc.asn.au)

For more information, please contact Hamish Hunt [hamish.hunt@bhm.com.au](mailto:hamish.hunt@bhm.com.au)

## Commodore Report

Welcome to all members, this is my first report as Commodore of PMYC and I wish to first thank all the members for their support at the AGM, and I promise to do my best, so that we continue to have a successful club.

I am not the best person for writing reports so I am planning to keep my report brief and to the point.

- The committee has approved a large number of sub committees; these committees will be doing the work and making recommendations to the main committee. If you wish to be part of any of the sub committees please contact the appropriate person
- The sub committees are as follows

Sailing	Michael Broise
Sailing Schools (Juniors, adults & Tackers)	Dominic Grounds
Maintenance & Facilities	Geoff Graco
Canteen and Refreshments	Marcel Bours
Social Gatherings	John Riley
Membership	Peter Mews
Polices and Procedures	Deb Tyler

(including Risk management)	
Race Management Team and Volunteers	Walter Edgar
Grants and Funding	John Carrig
News Letter & Media	Michele Meehan Amber Fletcher
Web Site and Flash	Don McDonell
Storage	Stephen Owen

All committees may be contacted through email [office@pmvc.asn.au](mailto:office@pmvc.asn.au) with the committee name in the subject line.

- There is still some work to be done on the piles in the dinghy shed. Once this is completed the west wall of the shed will be replaced. At this stage we will be optimizing and reconfiguring the racking so that we can increase the number of boats we store. At present we are relocating all items taking up valuable storage space. *We have already successfully sold all the unclaimed wind surfers.*
- The late penalty for payment of membership fees has been successful, resulting in 95% of all members paying their fees on time. Thank you.
- A new junior and Port Tacker program will start in October with qualified instructors. We also have an instructor for the afternoon to encourage the juniors to join the racing.
- We now have 4 members on the junior Victorian sailing squad. Congratulations to them all.
- We want to utilize the club more often; therefore the canteen and bar will be open on all calendar days, including Social Sundays and twilight sailing.
- We have had the naval cadets from Bendigo as our guests for the past week. They had a great time and want to visit us again.
- A new honour board listing all the Life Members is about to go up on the clubhouse wall.
- All members with validated storage will be receiving a storage sticker to place on their boats. This will help us to manage the storage in the future. Reminder - storage is for boats that are used on a regular basis.
- A new heater has been installed upstairs and is much appreciated, especially by members meeting on cold nights.
- A computer has been placed next to the notice board for members to browse the web (Sailing related only please). Wireless access is still available at PMYC - see the notice board for the password.

- Spring series went well, however only a small number of yachts participated.
- Members can have a say - we have installed a **suggestion box** near the front desk.
- We plan to collate **the history of the club** and publish it on the web, so please let us know if you have any information for us.
- Members please make new faces welcome, if they require information about the club it is available at the front desk. Please assist us in greeting all new faces.
- The club will only be cleaned twice a week, a small clean on Monday and a major clean on Friday so that it is ready for the weekend sailing. So please tidy up behind you especially if you use the club during the week.
- Please can all members observe the shed and beach rules, which can be found on the wall by the toilet entrance.
- We are introducing a "Dinner and Guest Speaker" night and our first night will be on Wednesday 24th October. Details on Page and in the flash.

## CANTEEN STAFF

We urgently need new staff for the Club Canteen so we can cover all shifts and allow the staff reasonable shift hours.

Contact the Club at [office@pmvc.asn.au](mailto:office@pmvc.asn.au) if you have any friends / family looking for a Saturday part time job over summer.

**GO SAILING DAY** Sunday November the 11th and January the 13th next year, all around Victoria Yacht Clubs open their doors to the public and give them a taste of the excitement that comes only from sailing and boating.

## Member's Fridge



Use of the Member's fridge now requires a deposit of \$50 to obtain a key. If you want access for a special event (eg training day) the organizer can get a key with the \$50 deposit and return the key after the event. All Stock

used must still be recorded!

## Grants & Funding Sub Committee

Three applications for grants have been submitted to Marine Safety Victoria for: Contribution to the cost of an additional RIB, Safety Boat driver training and

This will be a monthly event on last Wednesday of the month, consisting of the bar open followed by a simple meal catered by Peter Rowlands and followed by a guest speaker. This is open to all members and any friends interested as well.

**Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Bar open 6pm**

**Dinner** Traditional Italian Lasagna, salad and crusty breads

**Guest Speaker** Ross Kilborn CEO of Yachting Victoria (also pmyc member) talking about the role of YV in increasing sailing in OUR club,

**Bar close 9pm**

**COST \$12.50 per person.**

Bookings essential

**RSVP to Margaret a [office@pmyc.asn.au](mailto:office@pmyc.asn.au)**

**By Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Suggestions for future speakers or topics welcome

purchase of replacement UHF radios. Results are expected to be known by December.

### Publicity

Local papers were approached to write articles and take pictures of the Bendigo Navy Cadets operating from the Club for five days last week.

### Goodbye to the bucket & sponge - maybe!

PMYC has submitted an application for a Commonwealth Community Water Grant to install a system for boat rinsing and toilet flushing based on harvesting rain water from the dingy shed, storing it in a 30,000 litre underground tank and automatically pumping it to two boat rinsing points, one at the beach entrance to the shed, the other by the driveway near the change room entrance. The connection to the change room toilets, will be automatically backed-up by mains water. Results are expected to be known by the end of October

### Webcam Pictures on Club Website:

If any Club members have experience and expertise in setting up webcam system that could be used to put pictures of the sea off the Club, onto the website, please contact John Carrig 0419 55 88 08 or Don Cameron [dmcd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dmcd@bigpond.net.au)

*John Carrig*

## MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2007

Dear Members

In taking up this very important role within the overall function of your Committee, my approach is to firstly, gain a thorough understanding of the membership composition and the way in which our members use the Club. We will, during 07-08 sailing season, conduct a survey of members so we have direct input from the membership as to what they, as members regard as important functions and services, what services are well done, where we may be lacking, are there additional services members, by

consensus may require. Without waiting for the survey if any member has a suggestion or request please let me know

### New membership

The club is committed to continually building its membership, and during the year we will announce some initiatives to ensure appropriate promotion of the Club and the benefits of membership.

One of the best means of ensuring we keep our membership levels up is for existing members to encourage like minded friends and acquaintances to join.

### Boat storage capacity

One of the issues for members is boat storage. One of my tasks will be to work closely with the General committee to ensure facilities and capacities are maximized.

Meeting and greeting new members

The Commodore Walter Edgar, has made a special point to the Committee that we have a responsibility to make new members welcome. I would also ask all members to please wherever you can, take the time to say "hello", offer advice and generally help in their integration.

**Peter Mews**

### The Phabric Manipulators & Yarn Connoisseurs (PM & YC) group



during winter by a number of members and volunteers who are interested in textiles, and any other portable hand crafted activity to meet and exchange

ideas. **PM & YC** has commenced its first group project with the design of a spectacular wall hanging. The artwork has been designed by Philippa Stitchbury-Cooper and the fabric blocks prepared by Philippa and Rosemary. **PM&YC** will be using hand embroidery techniques to finish the work. The design incorporates images from France, Australia and of course PMYC and the colours and design are brilliant. Lessons will be provided to anyone who can't sew yet, but would like to participate. Working on a group project is a great way of meeting other members with a like interest. We have flushed out painters, book illustrators, creative artists, children's authors, patch workers and even a tarot card reader.

If you are interested, talk to Margaret or Rosemary and we will let you know when we are meeting. We are not so organised that we have a regular time.

## Race Management team

As usual we had training during the winter months. However in order to gain experience in weather rougher than calm winter days, some of the training is going to be held on a few Sundays in October and November.

The training that was conducted over winter included;

- 4 RMT (Race Management Team) members undertook the radio operator's course and received their radio operator's license.
- 10 members attended a CPR and First Aid refresher course
- 2 RMT members received their Assistant Instructor Certificate
- A large number of RMT members attended Race Management courses.

The following courses will be run in October and November

- Basic power boat handling
- Safety boat course
- Race management course
- Safety boat refreshers course
- First Aid level 2 certificate

We have installed a new phone line in the tower to improve our communication with the Race Management Team and emergency groups. This number is a private number and will only be used by the RMT members.

Thanks go to all the team that gave up their time to attend these courses and congratulation to all members who successfully completed them. The RMT is always looking for new volunteers to join the team, so if you know of anyone who would like to help please ask them to contact the club at [rmt@pmyc.asn.au](mailto:rmt@pmyc.asn.au)

***We still need sailing members to fill in vacancies on the roster.*** This is one of your responsibilities as a member of PMYC so Please HELP by letting Walter know what day is best for you.

The following link leads to the roster

<http://www.pmyc.asn.au/default.asp?Page=31157&MenuID=Members/c13929/0/>

Thanks to those members who help with collecting the Marks from the beach and hanging them up.

## JOLLYBOAT ASHES CELEBRATION MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008

2008 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the development of the Jollyboat fleet in 1958 at PMYC. The fleet was built by members as a way of boosting membership and sailing activity, at a time when the Club was in a slump.

A big celebration is planned for the weekend of March 2nd 2008. It is planned to have an event with as many past JB sailors as possible and hopefully entice some of the English Jollies to join us. The racing is open to any member to sail in this team event.

We are collating all the old JB records, trophies, plans, lists, to archive the material so that the material can be used usefully in the future. We want to put together a comprehensive display at the Ashes weekend. We are especially looking for the World Championship Jollyboat cup won by Roger Byrne in the USA in 1969. If you have any old JB stuff, please contact Dave English or Roger Byrne and bring it along to the club.

### WANTED: A JOLLYBOAT

Jeremy Fisher (and ready to sail team) wants to buy a ready to go Jollyboat

Any available?

Contact [jeremynfisher@mac.com](mailto:jeremynfisher@mac.com)

415 759 862

[www.myspace.com/jeremynfisher](http://www.myspace.com/jeremynfisher)



As a club initiative in providing links and support to local community groups, ***Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company*** will be using the upstairs space over the next two months as a rehearsal space. They will be here 3-4 days a week at various times.(not weekends) The company is aware of the random presence of members, and we are sure mutual respect will enable this to be a successful endeavor. Information about the performance in November will be circulated to members who may be interested in attending. Further information is available on their web site. [somebodysdaughtertheatre.com](http://somebodysdaughtertheatre.com)

### TASER TRY SAILING DAY.

The Tasars (expect 6 min) will be a PMYC Sat 27th Oct for 'Try a Tasar from around 10am. Usual caveats, those with a serious interest get first crack -

all rights reserved to say no if they are just a joy rider and when time runs out...well time has run out. Tthe Tasars will sail in the PMYC club race in the afternoon as part of their traveler series.

## CLASS WEB PAGE

The Club would like to establish a separate page on the web for each class sailing at PMYC. Would any interested class reps like to submit information that Don can use to build a page for each Class.

## TROPHY CABINET

We are looking to place a Glass display cabinet in front of the window to the stairwell for our trophies (a better view from downstairs than our rubbish bins!!)

Does any member have any contacts for a quote on a Retail display cabinet?

Any ideas please email the club.

## MERCHANDISE



I am looking for someone to take over ordering and selling Club merchandise.

We will be having an order form on the Club homepage to be

faxed in with orders. When we have a small number (5) of any item we can order the stock. Please email the club [office@pmyc.asn.au](mailto:office@pmyc.asn.au)

With Merchandise as the subject.

## 2007 NSW Youth Championships

PMYC sailor and Yachting Victoria Youth Sailing Team member Andrew Gillies who sails with James Sly from Mordialloc Sailing Club made the trek to Belmont 16s for the 2007 NSW Youth Championships with 2 other Victorian crews to benchmark progress to date of the 29er Associations 3 year plan to develop the Victorian fleet and sailors.

The other Victorian crews, Shane Voyer (MSC) sailing with Cam Dale (SYC) and Nick Taylor (BRYC) sailing with Tom Jenkins (RBYC), flew out Friday 29th September for Newcastle accompanied by Martyn Sly and Mark Taylor. David Voyer, who graciously offered his time and equipment to transport the boats to and from Newcastle, also made the trip but by road.

The Victorian crews found the weekend both enjoyable and informative. The racing was challenging with varying conditions from 10 to 30+

knots. One race was abandoned due to high winds with the last race being run in 30knts+.

In all there were 21 entries in the 29er class (out of 34 Senior Double handed entrants) for the regatta which was run as a combined yardstick regatta with entries from a Cherub, 13 ft Skiff, 10 x 420s and NS14.

James Sly and Andrew Gillies finished 6th in class. Shane Voyer and Cam Dale edged out Nick Taylor and Tom Jenkins after a count back to finish 8th with Nick and Tom a very creditable 9th. Congratulations to all crews on their performance.

For 3 Victorian crews to finish in the top half of the NSW Youth Regatta fleet in both class and combined double handed results is great news regarding their progress and just reward for their efforts since graduating from their junior classes earlier this year to sail the 29er. I look forward to seeing them continue to build on their present achievements with the same considered and determined approach.

Paul Jenkins and I greeted the Victorians upon their arrival at the Airport last Monday night and found them to be both excited with, and upbeat about, their experience as well as realistic about lessons learnt and yet to be learned.

The crews have identified focus areas given their Belmont experience and they intend to continue to develop their skills towards year-end – only 12 weeks away now.

The regatta placings are a very pleasing result for the sailors and confirmation that the 29er Class Coaching Program is presently meeting its objectives for sailor development. Clearly however, without sailor and parental commitment, a coaching program can only accomplish so much.

I know these three crews have been working hard to improve their teamwork and boat handling, as have most of our 29er crews. The importance of crews leveraging off each other, both in the program and on the water generally, cannot be overlooked.

**Ian Gillies – President and Coaching Coordinator - Victorian 29er Class sailing Association Inc.**

Well-done Andrew! Maybe we will see some of these young sailors and 29ers at PMYC soon.

## SECURITY

Locks have been placed on the change rooms doors for your security, so have your key with you do not leave rooms unlocked. **Please do NOT leave valuables in the Change rooms.**

## BOAT OWNERS

**A reminder that the boats listed on the Flash last week if not claimed will be disposed of for back storage costs.**

**Do you know who owns these boats??**

Owners have 3 weeks to remove the boats from the club. After that time PMYC will proceed to recuperate cost for unpaid storage and membership fees.

*Hobie 17 sail # 2914 on the deck  
Hobie 16 no ID apart from Westernport Yacht Club on the deck*

*Taipan 156 on the deck*

*Hobie 16 sail # 81251 on the deck*

*Outside Boat Storage* *Martin Jones*

## **THE ANNUAL REQUEST! BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

The proper identification on the rear of our boats is sometimes lacking in part or even in total. This often occurs on a boat someone may have bought second-hand, and is now housed at PMYC with another club named on the transom. Apart from the obvious practical reasons, it is also a requirement of the A.Y.F., and of course forms a part of the Registration Form and Storage Agreement, which all boat owners have signed. So those that are affected, please fix the proper identification right away;. Below is the format that is required.

### **A.Y.F. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PART 2 OFF THE BEACH BOATS**

#### **Hull Identification**

All boats other than sailboards shall bear the identification set out below in legible letters and figures of minimum height of 50mm and minimum thickness of 8mm except where otherwise specified, and of contrasting colour to the background located externally on the hull, or transom, or rear beam or both outboard sides of the hull(s) near the transom.

Name of boat

Registered sail number

In Victoria, Class name,

Name of Club, which in Victoria must be in full except that the words "Sailing club", etc may be abbreviated to "SC", etc

Club and class name may be in letters and figures of minimum height of 20mm and minimum thickness of 4mm

#### **Hull identification example:**