



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club

Wanderer - August 2009

Commodore

Commodore's Report

It would appear that GLYC members just can not get enough on water time as even in the off season there is a race every Tuesday along with the Winter Series race on the first Saturday of the winter months. Can we fit in any more? Just ask Lofty.



I am delighted that all bar one of the old Committee has again stepped forward to manage the Club. I would like to also welcome Ben Maskiell and Peter Avery for filling in the two vacancies. Ben has volunteered to handle Major Events and with the Taipans' at Christmas, the Timpennys' in February and the Fifteens' in March he will have his work cut out. Peter Avery is no new comer to Committee having run the Yard and Marina in previous years. Welcome aboard. And congratulations to Stuart Loft, our newly elected Sailing Captain.

Lofty has been busy forming a Sailing Committee with input from all divisions and is already on draft three of the forthcoming seasons' sailing calendar. There will be some changes, starting with season opening a week later than usual to allow the fifteens and multihulls to attend interstate and regional regattas. The Opening Weekend will be much the same format as last year with the first two races of the five race Commodores Series commencing after the Sailpast.

Twilight sailing will again commence on Cup Night, the first Tuesday in November with much the same shenanigans as last year. The Tuesday night Sternchaser is a very popular event and much of it's success is due to Brian Collins juggling of Handicaps and Calvin and Cathy Collins efforts in the kitchen. And of course, those who set the course and pull it up afterwards.

We plan to have a working bee to tidy up the club grounds before the season commences and to avoid the AFL Grand Final we may have to make it on the weekend before Opening. This will coincide with the last heat of our Winter Series. So come and mow the lawn, sweep the boatshed or weed the garden before setting sail. A busy weekend.

Last year MSV supported a grant application to help fund a Powerboat Handling Course and Rescue endorsement. We still have those funds available and are looking to run the course late winter. Any interested members please let me know or put your name on the notice on the board in the foyer.

The Club is hosting the Taipan Catamaran National Titles over the Xmas New Year break. A hectic but fun time for those involved whether afloat or ashore. The Association is expecting about 50 boats to compete which will make for a colourful and vibrant week.

The four Club minnows are currently being refurbished and will be ready, I have been assured, for the start of the season and the Sail Training program that Jacqui Cooper & Co will again run this spring. We are hoping to have many of the past participants back to further their training as well as introducing a new bunch of juniors to the joys of sailing. The Club training fleet has grown with addition of another near new GRP Pacer.

Gippsland Ports have installed power bollards for the itinerant berths on the North Marina and with the newly installed "Sailability" jetty on the Grassy Point jetty members and public alike will reap the benefit of the now completed marina facility.

Tim Shepperd and Andrew Thistlethwaite are working on an e-wanderer that will be accessible from our website. This will make contact with members easier. It will also mean that more people browse our site. For those without internet savy there will be a hardcopy available. Details are, I believe, to be sent out with membership renewals.

Even in the depths of winter the crowd in the Loft on Friday nights doesn't appear to diminish. Lucky Lessells won the pot in mid July and shouted the bar. Great for those who were there.

Opening Weekend is but a couple of months way. See you then, if not before.

James

Wanderer

Now available online!

The format of the Wanderer has changed for the 2009/2010 season, to a simpler format which will be more regularly produced. In addition it is now being delivered by email where possible, and can be viewed on the GLYC website. This will help the club and the committee greatly by saving time, paper and postage.

If you have received a paper copy of this Wanderer and would prefer to receive it by email, then please send the club an email at glyc@sailglyc.com



Calendar

5th Sept - Winter race 1pm start

TBA October - 2009/2010 Season Opening Weekend

Club racing

Season 09/10 updates

Hello all , firstly welcome to our first e- wanderer! Things are getting very high tech indeed. We now have a final plan for the upcoming season, with a few small tweaks here and there, but with the promise of a varied and interesting calendar of events we ALL should have a wonderful season.

We are introducing a couple of new events to the year, the first being a "boating for cancer" day, raising money for a nominated cancer charity. It will be a fun day consisting of BBQ brekkies to a fun race involving both power and sail, then to finish with a live band and after party. We are also planning to have a new non point score event known as the three Bays Race. This will consist of a start at the club and taking in Eagle Bay, Lady Bay and Birrills Bay (Newlands Arm).

We are having sailing meetings with all members very welcome to attend, we will also in the next few weeks have a pre season briefing for all interested skippers and crews. I feel we need input from all sectors of the club and having these get togethers really makes things flow smoothly. Again all are welcome to attend sailing meetings. We are putting together a very experienced and professional race management team for the season and will have a meet and greet very soon.

Our sailors are once again representing our wonderful club at many local, state and national events, including our Cat sailors, Sabres , Flying Fifteens and Trailerables. Watch out for some excellent results from all.

Yours in sailing, Lofty.

Membership Renewal

It is that time of the year. Membership fees for the coming year remain the same as last year. The boat storage rates will be reviewed over the year and presented to the membership next AGM. There will be plenty of time to get your views across on how best and fairly the Club should charge for storage.

The renewal forms will not be sent out until after the next Committee meeting in August so that there is opportunity for CoM to review wording and Club requirements. The aim is to make things simpler yet again.

Our data base (GLIMS) is a work in progress and it is important that all requested information is forwarded with your renewal. It just makes recording easier and more efficient if everything arrives in the one envelope so that our Sec/Treas don't have to do any follow up. Do them a favour please.

Division 2 news

Trailerable and Keel boat Rumours and Lies....

With the new season fast coming our way things are getting serious indeed... What with new ,faster boats in the fleet...

Skippers opening wallets to sailmakers and I actually saw one skipper putting new PANIC rails on his gallant stead for his troops to hang and hike harder from... gee Brian your sooo keen.

Also overheard in some secret mens business was the fact that one of our VERY competitive admirals was taking a chainsaw to his boat and increasing its waterline length. Watch out for the new Timpenny 900 . GIDDY UP.

We also have welcomed a new member to our Division ,a member from years ago , Anthony Despard. He has purchased Brian Collins "Tantrum" and is now planning on beating the Ross 830 of Brians on various times during the season.

Chris and Lesley Avery have purchased a new and very nice looking mainsail for the season, on their first sail they managed to have a win!

On the Five o' clock somewhere front we have the same crew sailing this season and according to Lofty HE is going to wear the Mankini for any times the boat fouls the pin end mark. Not a good thought indeed. No cameras needed.

Our smiling assassin Dave "RAGER" Holmewood has been recruiting some new crew members also, rumour has it that he has got the services of one Peter "O Farrel" who many of you may know from his Atkinson 770 and Elliott 780 days at the club. The boat also has some new Pentex sails which according to "Rager" Dave has made him 2 knots faster and 10 degrees higher.

Our man in the division which has had more boats than Lofty lately is the new owner of a Soling with a lid , go get em Geoff , boat looks good on the water ,make sure you stay on board and enjoy her!

Another boat getting going is Colin Alchins Timpenny ,Col loves to ask questions.. ohh and stir up other sailors in his very unique way.

One of more "Senior" members has hung up his PFD and has retired to a life of sailing the Status 19 with the family. Rons still got it and will be like an old fox out there this season. So looks like we are in for a great season , and keep up the rumours and lies to me!!

The short man.



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Division 4 news

New competitors

Since the season ended we have four new Mosquitoes in the club. Nick Baglioni and Mitch Meade have traded in their Arrows for Boyer Mosquitoes (**Purr** and **Moggie Power** respectively), which they both sailed for the first time at the Latrobe Valley YC Sauna Sail in June. Watch out for **Moggie Power** - it has some distinctive graphics and definitely stands out amongst the generally plain white Mosquitoes.

Gary Maskiell has swapped his Blade F16 for a Fay Mosquito which he also sailed for the first time at the Sauna Sail, winning the Mosquito division (from a fleet of 24 Mosquitoes).

John Foley and Tim Heaney have bought themselves a ply Mosquito **Smik** from Sydney, which they are in the process of improving. **Smik** should look quite spectacular when they have finished with it.



Online forum

Have your say!

The club now has an online forum. This is part of the GLYC website that allows any member to write up questions, answer questions and discuss anything that they feel like discussing.

Click on the link below to go to the forum. You can read the current posts straight away (we've only just started so there's not much yet), but to join in you will need to register for a username and password. This is really simple and will only take a few seconds. The only thing you will need is an email address. Just click the button marked "Register".



Club Merchandise

Get your order in now!

Hi All, I am in the process of updating our stock of club merchandise. We are low, or out of stock on some items and/or sizes of apparel and I will be preparing an order to top up our stock. With the new sailing season fast approaching, now is the time to replace those old faded items that have given you great service for some years. I will endeavour to post pictures on the notice board showing items and colours available together with prices as soon as possible. Purchases can be made on Friday nights or during the week by appointment when convenient.

So please give me a call or let me know on Friday night and I will order in items required.

Regards Pete Avery

Sauna Sail 2009

GLYC tops the Mosquito division

In addition to the usual Gippsland Lakes representatives Neil Joiner and Tim Shepperd, this year there were 3 more Mosquitoes from GLYC competing. Mitch Meade, Nick Baglioni and Gary Maskiell were all racing their newly acquired Mosquitoes for the first time.

The Sauna Sail again lived up to its reputation as a great event with 184 entries in 11 divisions - rumoured to now be the largest off-the-beach regatta in Australia). This year the winds were mainly light - 5 to 10 knots except for the final race when it built to a more interesting 15 knots. The Mosquito class topped the numbers, with 24 boats racing.

Nick sailed with Mitch for the first race as he was still waiting for his swollen hand to shrink down to normal after a hockey "incident" during the week. After that Nick got his own boat on the water and finally managed to beat Mitch in the last race. Mitch did well with a couple of 10th places, meanwhile Gary made few mistakes despite a boat that was being sailed "as delivered". Between races he could be seen tying bits back on to the boat but this didn't stop him winning overall with a 1 3 1 2 3 scoreline. Tim and Neil took 2nd and 3rd to give the GLYC boats a clean sweep.

All the GLYC competitors went home with a collection of glasses, mugs or other hardware!



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