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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

LEON ALEXANDER

Well as often is the case I sat down to write when lo and behold I received the notification regarding the HFPP from the council. It appears that no further consultation or comment is being sought so we will consider the proposal being put forward to council (released as Council meeting papers June 20th) for approval (June 26th). Each individual person who put in an objection should have access to the papers as indicated in Jessica Dee's advisory email.

Welcome to the Winter series, and note that the best thing will occur June 21st..... Winter solstice.

I came across a sign at Chelsea Yacht Club, it reads:

## *SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING LINES*

*Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed  
Or are you just content  
That your name is on the list?*

*Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock  
Or stay at home in comfort  
To criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part  
To help the work along  
Or are you merely satisfied  
Just to simply belong?*

*Think it over member  
You know right from wrong  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?*



So what is an active member? Just my thoughts.

Consider the HYC constitution under clause 2 Purpose. It basically states that “we promote and encourage the sport of sailing and yachting including racing and cruising”. It then continues on indicating all that is necessary to support this goal.

HYC achieves these goals by membership involvement, membership expertise and hence minimal expenditure.

So an active member is one who has a passion regarding our sport, is involved in HYC activities, maintains their sporting activities using our facilities, and shares camaraderie and experience. We have a range of age groups and that includes “elders” who have had long standing membership and have had various levels of involvement over the years. They remain rightly members to enjoy the club vibe.

It is also understood that members do have a life outside HYC and that responsibilities (eg family commitments) can be considerable. Hence ability to contribute may be limited.

An active member is therefore one who will engage and share their expertise when able to do so. So where do you fit?

Wet weather gear and thermals for all.

Cheers, Leon  
Commodore 2017/18

# SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

JOSIE HAMILTON

I can't believe half the year has already gone.

The Boat Jumble Sale held in March was a success for those attending. The weather wasn't too kind for us but we will look at organising another one some time in the near future.

The Annual Dinner and Presentation Night was held at the Club House this year and everyone that came along seemed to enjoy the night. Cheryl from Gourmet Catering served a yummy main meal and dessert. Congratulations to all the Trophy Winners for the Winter and Summer Series 2017/18 Racing. Congratulations to Snez Plunkett for being the Club Person of the Year awarded by Commodore Leon Alexander for the 2017/18 Club Year.

The Winter Series racing has begun, so the bar will be open each race day from 12.30 and the post race BBQ will also be available. Any helpers to come along and cook the sausages would be very much appreciated. The Sunday Trailables will start their series on Sunday 15th July so once again the bar will be open and post race BBQ will be cooking.

Josie Hamilton  
HYC Social Secretary & Life Member

## *Dates to Diarise*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



**Winter Series Saturday Racing - 8 Races**



**Pie Night - Red Hill Bakery**



**Winter Series Sunday Racing - 8 Races**



**Annual General Meeting**



**Annual Working Bee - 9.30am**



**Open Day for 2018/19 Sailing Season**

# HASTINGS FORESHORE PRECINCT PLAN

The HFPP revised plans will be presented to Council next Tuesday 26th June. The revision has acknowledged our concerns and specifically calls for lease extensions East and West, CG to maintain a rescue vessel onsite (no buildings), and requests a substantial open fence similar in appearance to our gates to be installed along the NE corner. There are no major issues of concern in the document.

At this stage I am comfortable with the revised HFPP to go forward for acceptance.

Members who have any concerns with other aspects of the revised HFPP, eg the Angling Club or other local details, please raise your concerns as individuals rather than HYC members. This will leave clear air for us to negotiate process with Council.

Once again my sincere thanks should go to Martin for his strategic management and our initial submission drafting, Snez for her detailed input on planning issues, the small committee of Martin, Snez, Sean, Josie and myself, and members for their enthusiastic response especially at the public forum. Brilliant.

Commodore  
Leon Alexander

## **Snez has advised;**

The Foreshore plan starts on page 73 of the attachment to the council agenda.  
<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/About-Our-Council/Council-Meetings/CouncilCommittee-Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes>

Anyone wishing to attend both meetings (briefing at 5pm where they will presumably present the plan, among other things & the Ordinary meeting of Council at 7pm) and/or dinner between the two - should contact Governance Manager Joseph Spiteri on [Joseph.Spiteri@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:Joseph.Spiteri@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or ring him on 0359 501422



# ANNUAL DINNER



# TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2017 - 2018

## PHIL JENKINS MEMORIAL CUP

D1 FAST LANE  
D2 MATILDA  
D3 SKNOT

## HYC 2017 WINTER SERIES

D1 1<sup>ST</sup> FAST LANE  
D2 1<sup>ST</sup> LADY PENRHYN  
D2 2<sup>ND</sup> EAGLEHAWK  
D2 3<sup>RD</sup> JOSEPHINE  
D3 1<sup>ST</sup> MAHAL BANGKA

## HYC WINTER SERIES PERPETUAL TROPHY 2017

D1 FAST LANE  
D2 LADY PENRHYN  
D3 MAHAL BANGKA

## HYC BILL TAMO NIGHT RACE 2018

D2 1<sup>ST</sup> EAGLEHAWK  
D2 2<sup>ND</sup> SIREN

## HYC FLINDERS TROPHY 2017/2018

D2 1<sup>ST</sup> MATILDA  
D2 2<sup>ND</sup> KNOT EASY

## LADY HELSMAN 2018

D2 1<sup>ST</sup> SIREN  
D2 2<sup>ND</sup> CHARLOTTE

## HASTINGS BIGHT TRAILABLE SERIES WINTER 2017

1<sup>ST</sup> KNOT A CLEW  
2<sup>ND</sup> FIVE PENNIES  
2<sup>ND</sup> THRILLER

## HYC 2017/2018 SUMMER SERIES

D1 1<sup>ST</sup> FIVE PENNIES  
D2 1<sup>ST</sup> MERCEDES V  
D2 2<sup>ND</sup> MATILDA  
D2 3<sup>RD</sup> MAITRESSE  
D3 1<sup>ST</sup> MAHAL BANGKA

## COMMODORES CUP

D1 SILK DEPARTMENT  
D2 MERCEDES V  
D3 MAHAL BANGKA

## HASTINGS BIGHT TRAILABLE SERIES SUMMER 2017/2018

1<sup>ST</sup> UPTOWN GIRL

## SARGES SUNDAY TRAILABLES

(SHARED BY WINNERS OF Winter and Summer Series)

KNOT A CLEW and UPTOWN GIRL

## SANDSTONE TROPHY

(FOR THE BOAT THAT GIVES MOST PLEASURE TO MOST PEOPLE!!! DECIDED CBY PETER DONALDSON)

SHARED THIS YEAR BY MAITRESSE AND MATILDA BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS OUT THERE TRYING TO OUT TACTIC EACH OTHER AND ALWAYS RETURN TO SUPPORT THE BAR!!!!!!



# SUNDAY TRAILABLES SERIES



At Hastings Yacht Club we race both Saturdays and Sundays on a fortnightly basis, due to tides.

On Saturday's there is a very competitive fleet of Keelboats, Trailables and Multihulls.

On Sunday's racing consists of Off the Beach boats but more recently a large fleet of Trailables sailing in the Hastings Bight.

Sundays being the more casual day however both very competitive.

Everyone is welcome, if you are wanting to learn to crew or just want to get out on the water, come on down to our pre-race briefing and we will get you on board!!

And it wouldn't be HYC if it wasn't for our very social after race BBQ and drinks.

Without our dedicated volunteers we would have no race. For more information or if you want to get involved please contact our Club Captain, Peter Donaldson.



• GEOFF CUNNINGTON •

# Deal Island

## HASTINGS TO DEAL ISLAND & RETURN ON 'SILHOUETIC'

*The crew consisted of...*

*The skipper; Geoff Cunnington with his twin brother...*

*The adventurer; Ian Cunnington and their longtime friend...*

*The cook; Geoff Nicol*

*Saturday 3 Feb, 2018*

### Hastings to Red Rocks Phillip Island

Leading up to today, the skipper and his twin, Ian have installed a mast head TV antenna. Silhouetic is full of fuel and water with additional containers of both. Geoff Nicol has prepared numerous dehydrated meals and condiments and arrives at Hastings pier at 18:30hrs He has been shopping for extra last minute items. We load the yacht and talk about options. Geoff Cunnington initiates his plan to go to Red Rocks, Phillip Island. (Low tide 21:41hrs). So it's farewell and we are off at 20:00hrs into a fresh S/E.

After 2.5 bumpy hours under motor, Ian Cunnington sets the anchor and we have a quick meal of Instant Noodle soup with vegetables before bed at 23:30hrs. Geoff & Ian continue to watch 'The Wild Bunch' on the TV. They think the new 'ufo' antenna on top of mast is amazing. A good calm anchorage.

*Sunday 4 Feb, 2018*

### Red Rocks to the Prom

Clear Sky and no wind.

Alarm (clock) goes off at 04:00hrs. All action stations and away by 04:45hrs under motor. We thread Between Nobbies and Seal Rocks. Skipper radios MRV and logs our intentions) 15kn S/Easterly. Set the sails and head due south expecting wind to swing around from West by the afternoon.

Geoff Nicol chucks while down below and loses his breakfast. The wind gradually eases and we change coarse to motor SSEast to the tip of Wilsons Promontory. Seeing many schools of sardines, harassed by big flocks of Shearwaters, Dolphins and the occasional Blacked Browed Albatross and Australian Gannet. The water boils as silvery fish leap out of the water to avoid other underwater predators.

Arrive off Wilsons Prom at 20:00hrs. The skipper radios MRV with an update. Continue to motor through and around large rocky granite islands until we at last get to the Prom light house. With an absolutely brilliant sunset, we turn the corner and continue northwards to Refuge Cove.

We ease our way forward in the pitch darkness with chart plotter and torch. With only the stars and other masthead lights in the sky and drop anchor at 22:30hrs. The skipper radios MRV and logs off.

Good time for a quick Spag Bol before bed at 23:30hrs. We are all tired, but feel exhilarated despite the long day.



*Monday 5 Feb, 2018***Refuge Cove - Wilsons Promontory**

Sunny with light winds. Awake to bird calls from surrounding bush. Including mournful calls from Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos. Anchored about 30 metres from a beautiful beach with fringing eucalyptus forest. We have decided to have a rest day. So we get organised and go to explore the camp site. Checking out the toilets before walking 3.6km to Kersops Peak for a view of Waterloo Bay, Bass Strait and Refuge Cove. Whilst at Kersops Peak we see many White Throated Needle Tails whistling overhead as they catch insects on the wing. Very impressive and special birds.

Back to yacht at 12:30hrs. Hot & bothered and immediately have a swim off the yacht. Ah so cool!

After a leisurely lunch and stuff-around, we head-out on the yacht to a small bay within Refuge Cove for a snorkel. On the way we spot a large rock from which to jump into water. Anchor in bay, gear-up and swim to rocks. Alas - There's no safe way up to the top of the rocks. Snorkelling only amongst the seaweed encrusted granite boulders lining the shoreline. Visibility not so good.

After a quick shower we motor back into the main cove and anchor off the Refuge Cove campsite beach. Start to prepare dinner - Chilli Con Carne with Polenta. Two other yachts arrive and anchor nearby. Rushcutter 2 and another. They too are off to Deal Island. We will have company.

Dinner of Spag Bol and Polenta. To bed at 22:00hrs. Lovely cool, calm evening, having decided to sail for Deal Island tomorrow morning.

*Tuesday 6 Feb, 2018*

Wind E/NE 15 - 20kn. Partially cloudy day.

Up at 06:00hrs. The Skipper decides he wants to go, so dinghy and anchor up. Kettle and porridge on and we are off at 06:15hrs. Motor out into a lumpy sea and 15 - 20kn ENE whilst trying to gulp coffee.

Some dolphins join us at the bow, the sun just on the horizon, glinting off their back and dorsal fin as they break the surface.

We hear the forecast from Melbourne Marine Radio on VHF. ENE winds, shifting to SE - No good for Deal. Decide to turn around and head back into Refuge with 'tail between the legs'. Ian nearly ends up in the drink. Decide that in these conditions, when on deck, to always wear life jackets.

Listen to weather forecast. Wednesday - Winds 20kn from east, no good! Thursday - NE's in morning tending to West - S/West in afternoon. Thursday maybe the day - will check with other yachts who are still safely anchored in Refuge Cove with crew still safe 'n sound in bed - much wiser than us.

Not much action today. Just spend the day reading, eating and sleeping. Do not even leave the boat. Rushcutter 2 and the other boat are still here.

Dinner of Chilli Con Carne and Polenta.

*Wednesday 7 Feb, 2018*

Wind ENE 15 - 20kn. A sunny day, quite warm.

The swell has decreased overnight. We listen to the MMR forecasting 15 - 20kn ENE with winds to 30kn offshore. A decision is made to wait till Thursday, with 20kn NE, 10kn variable late morning. Then 10 - 15kn SW to W in afternoon. A decision is made to walk to Sealers Cove. 6.2km each way. Lovely walk but warm and humid. Through tall stringy bark forests with fern and sword grass understory. Bassian Thrush, Caspian Tern and Eastern Yellow Robin were seen. Great views Sealers Cove and the Promontory coastline. We set off at 10:00hrs and notice the other two yachts have left. Sealers Cove is reached easily after a long and steady walk. We all take a refreshing swim in the brackish waters of Sealers Creek. The twins decide to challenge themselves and try to get to Tidal River and back.

Refuge Cove - Sealers 6.2

Sealers - Tidal 10.2

= 16.4

+ Return = 32.8 km in Total (\*without cheats)

At 12:00hr, the twins set off for Tidal River.

Walking to Telegraph Saddle car park the boys then \*hitched a ride each way into Tidal River for a feed of fish and chips.

Geoff Nicol expects them back at around 20:00hrs. (Which they did) and returns to read, swim & cook dinner.

*Thursday 8 Feb, 2018*

**Refuge Cove to Deal Is.**

NE 10kn. (Clear Sky)

After a quiet night we are all up at 06:00hrs and prepare for our departure to Deal Island.

The forecast is for 15 - 20kn winds becoming variable before SW 15 - 20kn then decreasing to 10 - 15kn in the afternoon. The anchor's hauled up and we depart Refuge Cove 06:30hrs.

There's not enough wind so we motor at 5.6kn towards Deal.

Geoff C (the skipper) has a heave over the side. We're half way as we pass the Hogan Group. Wind starts to pickup from SW. Set sail, the wind gradually increases to 25kn.

Silhouetic reaches speeds of 8knots at times. "Thrilling to say the least!" There's a universal decision to don lifejackets. Ian now throws-up - we are now one-all. Main sail is reefed (first reef point) and the jib furled to balance the yacht. An increasing SW wind creates seas that roll over the 1.5m E/NE swell.

As we come close to the northern end of Deal Is the wind and seas become affected by the islands presence and more difficult. Further reef the Main Sail! (second reef point).

Decide to anchor in the northern anchorage (Garden Cove) One other yacht there. (SAM). As we get close to Deal Island in the lee, we experience strong winds >30kn funnelling down the valleys and the main channel (Murray Pass) between Deal and Dover/Erith islands. We also start surfing the SW seas.

Entering the calm Garden Bay, the sails are stowed and we anchor with 5m of water below the hull. Approximately 15:30hr. Because of the wind, 30m of chain is deployed.

Then a Brief Late lunch. Wind is howling through the rigging. Silhouetic swinging broadly on the anchor - maybe 120° of swing.

Five Cape Baron Geese and a wallaby are on the beach. The hills surrounding Garden Bay are covered in Casuarina trees - no eucalypts. Scenic orange lichen covered rocks and coastal sea grass line the foreshore. There's people there too. They must be from East Bay, the main anchorage on Deal. Bed at 22:00hr, wind howling and hoping the anchor holds.

*Friday 9 Feb, 2018*

**Garden Cove Deal Is.**

Winds SW shifting to North. Fine and warm day.

The wind moderated overnight and we awake to a lovely bay with white sand, green clear water, dark where sea grass meadows are growing. Decide to head to the south of the Island. A walk of approximately 2.5 km along a valley lined with Casuarina and coastal spear grass all dotted with Bennetts wallabies and the occasional Cape Barron goose family. ie. mum, dad and the kids.

Arrive at the Keepers Station (group of houses, - the automated light house is 1hr walk away) and meet Murphy. He is the young son of the Island Keepers who are here for three months. Wandering around, we see their veggie garden and go on to learn about 'Friends of Deal' conducting a 2 week annual weed fest. There's also the museum there and we're told of the local walks to places of interest.

We head up to Barn Bluff for views of Murray Pass and the light house. Later the decision is made to pass-up on the lighthouse and side trip to Squally Bay, snorkelling on the ship wreck, in favour of a swim at the pier just below the Keepers Station. Here in East Cove we walk down to beautiful cool clear water, white sand and a rickety old pier with a rail and push trolley.

The flies are out with a vengeance!! The Island keepers wear a net over their face... good idea. Geoff C asks Jo if there is a (public) toilet. She says yes, just next to the shop...

"Ah great! - There's a shop here?" (No... he's been tricked!) There's only 2 dwellings, plus a Museum house and some workshops here.



*Friday 9 Feb, 2018 Continued*

We head back to the yacht. Arrive at the beach. The two Geoff's strip off and swim to boat 200m off shore while Ian rows the dinghy. Back on board for a late lunch 3:00pm and watch dolphins with 4 calves sticking closely to the mums.

The playful calves are learning to splash with their flukes.

The twins swim over to the large pod and are rewarded with the dolphins swimming around and below them.

Pack up and sail around to East Cove in Murray Pass and a safe anchorage for the expected SW change tomorrow night. On the way we meet a group of kayakers going to Tasmania. Paddling from Pt Welshpool - Refuge - Hogan - now to Deal. There's Wallabies and Cape Barron geese on beach at sunset. Mushroom Risotto for dinner and a half block of chocolate.

*Saturday 10 Feb, 2018***East Cove Deal Island**

Northerly 20 - 30kn. Mainly sunny.

After pancakes for breakfast we head off (10:00hr) to the Deal Island light house. Followed by a visit to Squally Cove to see the wreck of the Karitane. A steamship wrecked in 1921. The flies!!! Sticking to everything. The only thing that works is a constantly swishing twitch of Casuarine! We don't see as many wallabies today.

The lighthouse (1848) is approximately 1hr walk and the last third is fairly steep to finish at 282m. The flies however do become less of a problem. The track goes through sections of mallee forest with the occasional wattle thrown in. The view is not much because of low cloud. The Melbourne Bushwalkers arrive at the lighthouse just after us.

Geoff C takes the track down to the plane wreck about 700m and finds there the remains of two rotary engines, metal scraps but little else. A plaque describes the fateful story. Ian and Geoff N meet him coming back and they continue down to view the fateful scene.

Going back, we all arrive at the turn-off to Squally Cove and it's not long till we start descending steeply down switchbacks with the last section through a section of mallee forest (tallish) with a uniform understory of green bush ?? Quite interesting. We reach the bottom and the beach comprises of well rounded rocks of all sizes. 50mm to 500mm. Orangey brown granite or similar. (Granodiorite?)

On the beach is the fore peak of the Karitane,. Heavily corroded with deck timbers still intact. Probably Teak. The twins go in snorkelling and find the submerged, heavily encrusted wreck shape extends full length out into the cove. Boiler intact over the deep sea bed. Geoff Nicol is tempted but scrambling over the rocks may prove too difficult for him.

We finally head back and sweat some more, climbing back out of the cove. On the way we meet some of the Friends of Deal who are weeding (Sea Spurge, Here Hound, Ragwort) on a two week expedition via a vessel from Flinders Island. Eventually arrive back on board at 16:00hr, tired, hungry and thirsty. G&I regret not taking any water.

Birds seen - Welcome Swallows, Fire-tail Finch, Nankeen Kestrel? Sooty Oystercatcher, Cape Barren Geese.

We decide to weigh anchor and head across Murray Pass to West Cove on Erith Island. Being more sheltered than East Cove, particularly when the SW change roars in tonight. The relocation is only 0.2nm.

After dropping anchor (off the southern end of the beach) we have a late lunch and a nap. Cape Barren Geese on the beach. Dine on egg plant tacos with tortilla.



*Sunday 11 Feb, 2018*

**West Cove Erith Island**

Wind SW, 30+ knots.

Mainly sunny morning, cloud expected to increase in the afternoon. What a night! A huge thunderstorm at 22:00hr. Lots of sheet lightning and fork lightning. Wind from SW following the front. The boat swung around during night under impact of wind bullets blowing over the hill and swirling around the cove. The skipper is up several times during the night to check if the anchor was holding.

At Anchor was 'SAM' and the cat 'Nooramunga'.

Get up at 07:00hr Breaky and mooch around. Decide to go to the "Erith Mob" hut at the northern end of the cove. No one is in residence so we set up our laundry and clothes lines. Catch up on hand washing of 'wooffy' clothes. Beautiful and warm sitting in the sun waiting for our clothes to dry. Some time is also spent exploring the hill side, some old overgrown stockyards and hiking across the island. Catching sight of its western coast.

"Oh! impressive plus!" - We have 1 - 2 bars of mobile phone reception. Catch up on texts to loved ones. On the way back we meet the couple from SAM. They will may go to Garden Cove for a more sheltered anchorage. - A good idea. The washing is dry at 12:00hr and head back to the yacht.

We have lunch then weigh anchor and head to Garden Cove - occupied by SAM and Nooramunga. Upon seeing the yachts there, we decide to continue on around and anchor in Winter Cove to be different. The skipper goes to empty the holding tank, "Dohhh!!" the ball valve spindle has broken.

Wind bullets, very strong. Anchor at Winter Cove in 16' of water, lay out 40m chain. Rock solid! Kayakers are camped on shore, fishing successfully. They're waiting for a weather window to get to Flinders Is. There are wallabies on the beach - the scene is fantastic. Winter Cove is surrounded by tall rocky hills covered with large areas of Casuarina and a small tussock grass area. While the Cove is calm, the wind bullets cause Silhouetic to swing wildly.



*Monday 12 Feb, 2018*

**Winter Cove Deal Island**

Cloudy, Wind W, 15 - 20kn

A rather calm night regarding the vessel movement but wind bullets continue to cause the vessel to swing wildly on the anchor. Geoff Nicol bakes 'Light Buns' thanks to a CWA Cookbook. The yeast mixture been in the fridge overnight, it's gone into the oven this morning with great results!

Watched lots of DVD last night. A number of Buster Keaton movies and an Abbott & Costello. The Boys are obsessed with tv but unfortunately the new tv antenna didn't help in Winter Cove.

Going ashore and chatting to the kayakers, we learn their route is Port Welshpool - Refuge Cove - Hogan Island - Deal Island - Royder Island - West coast of Flinders Island to Bridport. Their biggest day, the 70km to Royder Island. Spoke to the Kayak designer and manufacturer Expedition Kayaks - very interesting. (See Facebook and website. [www.expeditionkayaks.com](http://www.expeditionkayaks.com))

Pack-up and start heading around to Garden Cove. Hear weather forecast at 10:30am and the skipper, Geoffrey Cunnington suddenly decides he wants to go to Wilsons Prom .."Let's go!" Mad flurry of activity until it dawns upon him that we will be heading into a westerly. So, no, we are not going now .. and Silhouetic motors into Garden Cove accompanied by the school of resident dolphins. Yacht SAM is moored anchored here too.

*Monday 12 Feb, 2018 Continued*

Garden Cove has one benefit in that TV reception is possible. As we enter, Ian is manning the remote and tuning for channels. There's too much movement and he can't get stable reception. The boys discuss deploying a stern anchor to improve reception. Eventually Ian can't stand it any longer and he has to get into his togs and dive to the bottom with the spare anchor and walk across the sea bed carrying the anchor. He free-dives a few times to position the anchor to their satisfaction. Unfortunately, it has not made much difference much to the chagrin of Ian.

We can't hear the forecast other than there will be a strong change from SW at some time Wednesday morning. It's decided to leave, early tomorrow, on the southerly wind. Then, after the forecast, whether to sail overnight to ensure we get to Hastings with the incoming tide and before the change. Rather than be held up somewhere for days.

*Tuesday 13 Feb, 2018***Garden Cove to Hastings**

Wind SW, 5 - 10kn. A quiet night, the wind has dropped.

The stern and bow anchors are recovered and stowed, we then depart Garden Cove at 06:15hr. Catching a glorious sunrise, motoring with just the Genoa but the wind drops so we furl it and continue on under power. SAM has already left. We see them on the horizon, heading north.

Mid afternoon the skipper takes Silhouetic into the tiny cove on Great Glennie Island for a look. We see fastening points have been set into rocks for mooring in the tight inlet.

After a nap, I come up to see Cape Woolamai far, far away on the horizon. The sun sets and we continue in fear if the impending gale expected mid morning. Geoff Nicol is sleeping as we pass through Seal Rocks late that night.

All hands are on deck as we made our way up past Stony point and the brightly illuminated ship moored there. With the lights of Hastings welcoming us, we arrive at last to Hastings jetty at 04:00hr and fall into our bunks. To sleep!!

I'm up at dawn and we all make steady progress to unload the yacht. Alas, when it comes time to head out to the Humbug mooring, the wind has increased. Motoring out, the wind is reaching gale force and it takes a great effort to line up the mooring buoy. It proves impossible and I struggle back, realising the shelter of the marina my only hope, than be dashed against the jetty. I tie-up easily and drive home.

*Geoff Cunnington*  
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# DUTY ROSTER

## Role of Duty Officer:

Between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30pm you will be the HYC representative who welcomes any visitors to the Club and assists them in enquiries they may have, whether it be regarding membership, races, yard space, etc. You can refer them to the appropriate committee member and give them a contact phone number.

The tasks are few. Raise the flags in the morning and lower them at the end of the day, write the weather report on the blackboard, etc.

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11-Aug-18	BRIAN	BUTLER	9397 8969
12-Aug-18	Philip	Cairns	5941 9298
18-Aug-18	Peter	Campbell	9815 1135
19-Aug-18	Phillip	Cecchini	03 9711 5924
25-Aug-18	Robert	Cecchini	03 5984 4268
26-Aug-18	Brian	Cerato	0427 804 121
01-Sep-18	Denis	Collins	5983 5799
02-Sep-18	Errol	Croll	5983 9352
08-Sep-18	NICHOLAS	CSABAFY	0418 561 387
09-Sep-18	Christopher	Culph	040167980
15-Sep-18	Geoffrey	Cunnington	0425 696 707
16-Sep-18	Steven	Dench	0421257241
22-Sep-18	Wendy	Downey	9775 9119
23-Sep-18	John	EASTON	0402242423
29-Sep-18	David	Edwards	9781 3803
30-Sep-18	Shaydon	English	03 5977 2441
06-Oct-18	Frederic	Esquetin	5979 2543 AH
07-Oct-18	Eric	Fabbri	9439 1509
13-Oct-18	Carolyn	Figgins	9787 1697
14-Oct-18	Shaun	FISHLEY	9796 2555
20-Oct-18	GEOFFREY	FLOYD	0413 984 962
21-Oct-18	Peter	GILES	5996 1094
27-Oct-18	Darren	Gould	5983 6256
28-Oct-18	Ed	Gregory	9803 5426
03-Nov-18	CHRISTOPHER	GUTHRIE	0407 544 864
04-Nov-18	Ron	Haigh	9789 4040
10-Nov-18	Kevin	Hall	0438 824 519
11-Nov-18	Mark	HALTON	9776 8279
17-Nov-18	Sean	Hamilton	9707 1824
18-Nov-18	Colin	Hammond	5979 4925
24-Nov-18	Tony	Harkin	0412 166 456

Whether it be a boat on the water which needs assistance, someone in the yard needing guidance, children in areas they should not be, or making sure rowers in dinghies reach their moored boats, it will be your responsibility to represent the Club and its members.

There is a folder in the radio room with instructions, emergency and committee/member phone numbers, etc for your referral.

## VALE

*Ian Bollard*

Former member Ian Bollard recently passed away from a heart attack.

While a member of the HYC, Ian spent several years on the committee and as Club captain, he also crewed with Ron Haigh on Knight rider for many years.

*Martin Clarkson*

Martin Clarkson was a fellow trailable yachtsman of Westernport, who passed away on the 17 April 2018.

Many of us have either sailed with him or raced against him, with his infamous Ross 780 Yellowbrick Road.

## BATTERIES

Members are encouraged to leave their used batteries at rear of shed. HYC organises for an external agency to buy the used batteries and the club uses funds for members facilities.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome to Hastings Yacht Club!

Steven Hollander & Family  
 Tedd Warden & Family  
 Valda & Tim Pedley  
 Ken Taylor & Family  
 Brian Cerato (re-joining)  
 Hendrik Hoogendoorn  
 Chris Brooks  
 John Catford  
 Ross Barnett  
 Brian Adams  
 Simon Aitchison  
 Brendon Hoogendoorn

# WINTER SAILING CALENDAR

## SATURDAY RACING *Multi Hull, Keel & Trailables*

Date	Event	High Tide (Hastings)	Tide Height	Start Time
02-Jun-18	Winter Series Race 1 Phil Jenkins Cup	1604	3.11	1100
16-Jun-18	Winter Series Race 2	1515	3.26	1100
30-Jun-18	Winter Series Race 3	1458	3.04	1100
14-Jul-18	Winter Series Race 4	1356	3.11	1100
28-Jul-18	Winter Series Race 5	1342	2.84	1100
11-Aug-18	Winter Series Race 6	1225	2.87	1100
25-Aug-18	Winter Series Race 7	1209	2.58	1100
08-Sep-18	Winter Series Race 8	1045	2.67	1100

## SUNDAY RACING *Trailables & Off The Beach*

Date	Event	High Tide (Hastings)	Tide Height	Start Time
15-Jul-18	Winter Series Race 1 Winter Series Race 2	1455	3.2	1330
29-Jul-18	Winter Series Race 3 Winter Series Race 4	1427	2.91	1300
12-Aug-18	Winter Series Race 5 Winter Series Race 6	1332	2.99	1200
26-Aug-18	Winter Series Race 7	1305	2.66	1200
09-Sep-18	Winter Series Race 8	1158	2.74	1100

HELGA'S

# Nautical Poems

Creative the sea just a few really see extending your mind to see what you find.  
 Just the noise it makes the waves as they roll, a crash on the rocks or lapping the shoals  
 Childhood memories rekindle in mind a one-night stand, those romantics and kind  
 Whatever the time, place or event the sea gives us pleasure, peace to the end  
 Such changes in times of weather you see, a terrible tragic powerful sea.  
 Explosive destructive unstoppable force until the weather changes its force  
 Glittering, iridescent mysterious ways, the sea at night gives a lingering stage.  
 With the moon out full shining on thee, a light bulb effect for the human to see  
 Amazing sights, fish jumping with height, or maybe the light playing fool to your sight.  
 A wonderful peace this time so real capture its essence and feel love to steal  
 For me its a night or morning when calm the sea so creative imagine beyond.



Sail to sea, and let life be so free for the adventures will come to eternity.  
 Wind in your hair, rain on your face the sun shines so bright it burns with embrace  
 Sails are up were rolling the waves, cruising the waters to feel so engaged.  
 Rigging down, rushes of speed, as the crews into action like worker bees  
 The wind is gone, theirs cool in the air, our strengths were tested our minds right there.  
 Enter the bay, a serene sight indeed relaxed in your heart famished for a feed.  
 Sloop, sloop, as the waters hit the boat, evening cool, and the stars in full scope.  
 Silence so pure it reaches your soul, lets you remember for now to let go.  
 Sail away in your heart, and your head reaching the depths that the answers are met  
 A wonderous rhythm a touch of a boat a journey of love, which has come from this boat.  
 Such feeling of a calm as I stretch and yawn, the light on the hills showing such form.  
 A new day to breath, to treasure and lead into the sea, to sail and be free.

# IN MEMORY OF MARTY CLARKSON



Martin Clarkson was a dear friend & fellow trailable yachtsman of Westernport, who passed away on 17 April 2018. Many of us have either sailed with him or raced against him, with his infamous Ross 780 Yellowbrick Road.

Martin spent his early years sailing at Merricks Beach on a Pacer, then meeting many of us with his Castle 650 - Mr Squiggle, & later the Ross 780 - Yellowbrick Road.

Martin was a very talented & experienced sailor who not only raced hard but played hard. His knowledge of Westernport was amazing, including knowing all the best spots for camping. The Around French Island races, the Winter series, along with camping & fishing at Chicory Lane, Elizabeth Island & Sandy Point, is where many of us both young & old, remember Martin along with the laughs & his mischief.

Yellowbrick Road was a stalwart of The Around French Island race & the Marlay Point, always racing the other Ross Doin-it-ezy around the course. Often with the French Island race, he would roar to the start line with motor on, late of course, after a big night.

Many of us will remember & miss the nights round a fire at Sandy Point or just sitting in the water, in the warmer months with a cold beer, listen to Marty's stories.

Marty was always the life of the party. His smile, jokes & presences together with the "yellow polar fleece jumper", will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Written by dear friends, Jane Denehy and Graeme Smith.



# TIDES TIMES

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER											
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m										
1 0215	2.62	16 0146	2.72	1 0222	2.58	16 0228	2.79	1 0431	2.82	16 0536	3.00	1 0459	3.00	16 0644	2.96				
0809	0.54	0848	0.54	0818	0.62	0823	0.32	0913	0.70	0957	0.49	1010	0.76	1036	0.80	1221	0.84		
FR 1516	3.11	SA 1503	3.26	SU 1525	3.06	MO 1536	3.25	WE 1607	2.99	TH 1646	3.12	SA 1641	2.88	SU 1729	2.85	MO 1649	2.79	TU 1826	2.67
2058	1.08	2036	1.08	2108	1.12	2112	0.89	2153	0.93	2230	0.47	2235	0.58	2323	0.37	2248	0.37		
2 0253	2.64	17 0244	2.78	2 0303	2.62	17 0330	2.85	2 0406	2.67	17 0512	2.97	2 0513	2.84	17 0616	2.91	2 0541	2.97	17 0025	0.47
0848	0.54	0839	0.29	0858	0.64	0917	0.35	0949	0.73	1045	0.59	1049	0.80	1147	0.84	1116	0.86	17 0717	2.86
SA 1552	3.11	SU 1555	3.30	MO 1600	3.06	TU 1625	3.25	TH 1638	2.97	FR 1726	3.05	SU 1713	2.85	MO 1801	2.75	TU 1726	2.74	WE 1256	0.92
2135	1.06	2129	0.97	2145	1.07	2203	0.76	2227	0.85	2314	0.42	2312	0.52	MO 1801	2.75	MO 1801	2.75	MO 1859	2.58
3 0330	2.66	18 0339	2.82	3 0344	2.63	18 0428	2.89	3 0446	2.69	18 0600	2.92	3 0555	2.83	18 0000	0.45	3 0625	2.90	18 0100	0.58
0926	0.56	0932	0.30	0934	0.67	1010	0.43	1026	0.77	1130	0.72	1130	0.87	18 0655	2.81	1159	0.94	0752	2.75
SU 1627	3.09	MO 1644	3.28	TU 1633	3.04	WE 1711	3.20	FR 1708	2.94	SA 1802	2.95	MO 1746	2.80	TU 1225	0.94	WE 1804	2.67	TH 1330	1.00
2211	1.04	2219	0.88	2218	1.03	2251	0.65	2300	0.78	2355	0.43	MO 1746	2.80	TU 1834	2.64	WE 1804	2.67	TH 1934	2.48
4 0407	2.65	19 0434	2.83	4 0422	2.63	19 0523	2.89	4 0528	2.70	19 0647	2.86	4 0640	2.80	19 0037	0.56	4 0009	0.43	19 0135	0.71
1001	0.61	1023	0.38	1010	0.72	1100	0.55	1104	0.83	1213	0.85	1211	0.97	19 0734	2.69	0711	2.81	0828	2.63
MO 1700	3.06	TU 1730	3.23	WE 1704	3.00	TH 1752	3.12	SA 1739	2.90	SU 1837	2.84	TU 1822	2.73	WE 1302	1.06	TH 1241	1.02	FR 1407	1.08
2244	1.04	2308	0.81	2252	0.99	2338	0.58	2335	0.71					1908	2.53	1848	2.59	2014	2.38
5 0444	2.63	20 0530	2.82	5 0501	2.62	20 0617	2.86	5 0610	2.70	20 0035	0.48	5 0028	0.48	20 0115	0.68	5 0054	0.51	20 0213	0.85
1035	0.67	1113	0.50	1045	0.78	1148	0.70	1144	0.91	20 0732	2.77	0728	2.75	0815	2.58	0800	2.71	0909	2.52
TU 1730	3.00	WE 1814	3.14	TH 1735	2.96	FR 1832	3.02	SU 1811	2.84	MO 1254	0.99	WE 1254	1.07	TH 1343	1.17	FR 1329	1.08	SA 1449	1.15
2316	1.04	2356	0.76	2325	0.95	2359	0.90	MO 1254	0.99	1912	2.71	1902	2.65	1947	2.41	1944	2.51	2102	2.29
6 0520	2.59	21 0626	2.78	6 0543	2.60	21 0022	0.56	6 0011	2.65	21 0115	0.56	6 0111	0.49	21 0157	0.80	6 0145	0.61	21 0259	0.99
1109	0.75	1202	0.66	1121	0.85	0710	2.81	0657	2.69	0817	2.68	0821	2.70	0902	2.49	0859	2.63	0958	2.44
WE 1802	2.94	TH 1855	3.03	FR 1806	2.90	SA 1234	0.86	MO 1225	1.01	TU 1337	1.12	TH 1343	1.17	FR 1430	1.26	SA 1428	1.11	SU 1542	1.20
2348	1.04			2359	0.90	1910	2.90	1845	2.77	1947	2.59	1953	2.58	2036	2.31	2055	2.46	2207	2.24
7 0600	2.54	22 0043	0.73	7 0626	2.59	22 0105	0.58	7 0049	0.61	22 0156	0.66	7 0202	0.53	22 0247	0.92	7 0351	0.72	22 0359	1.14
1143	0.84	0723	2.73	1200	0.94	0801	2.74	0747	2.68	0955	2.60	0923	2.66	0959	2.44	1106	2.60	1057	2.39
TH 1834	2.86	FR 1251	0.84	SA 1838	2.84	SU 1321	1.02	TU 1311	1.12	WE 1423	1.24	FR 1442	1.24	SA 1531	1.32	SU 1640	1.08	MO 1648	1.18
2316	1.04	1937	2.91	1948	2.77	1948	2.77	1926	2.57	2029	2.47	2059	2.52	2141	2.25	2320	2.48	2325	2.27
8 0022	1.03	23 0130	0.72	8 0034	0.84	23 0149	0.62	8 0132	0.57	23 0242	0.76	8 0306	0.59	23 0353	1.00	8 0512	0.79	23 0515	1.16
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11 0231	0.90	26 0407	0.73	11 0254	0.65	26 0423	0.77	11 0444	0.51	26 0544	0.86	11 0104	2.73	26 0113	2.53	11 0303	2.97	26 0242	2.80
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2232	2.57	2357	2.49	2300	2.59					1925	1.14	2030	0.54	2150	0.31	2118	0.42		
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14 0544	0.56	29 0050	2.51	14 0613	2.63	29 0106	2.46	14 0219	2.82	29 0224	2.62	14 0405	3.05	29 0335	2.93	14 0530	3.11	29 0501	3.13
1308	3.02	0650	0.66	0619	0.41	0708	0.72	0810	0.40	0814	0.75	0942	0.57	29 0914	0.77	1106	0.72	29 1039	0.82
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2135	1.06	1944	1.23	1915	1.20	1958	1.19	2053	0.73	2047	0.88	2203	0.34	2130	0.47	2312	0.31	2244	0.27
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FR 1408	3.17	SA 1446	3.04	SU 1443	3.20	MO 1457	2.96	WE 1602											

## UPCOMING EVENTS



# Winter Get Together

All Members Welcome

**SATURDAY 14th JULY 2018**

**START TIME 6PM  
BAR WILL BE OPEN**

### **MENU: YUMMY PIES**

(LIMITED NUMBER OF PASTIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS)  
**MASH AND PEAS AND GRAVY, BREAD ROLLS**

**\$10.00 PER HEAD**

as it is a catered event

Please RSVP by Monday 9th July

to Josie on Mobile: **0416 003261**

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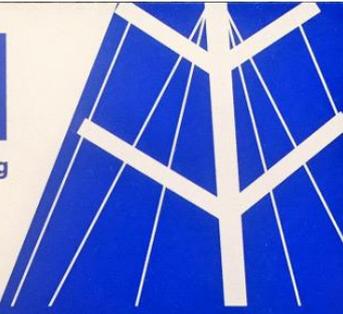
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