



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

December 2024



A wonderful celebration for Ray Brown's 90th birthday



Message from the Commodore

I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been another fantastic year at our club. It's hard to believe that we have just celebrated some remarkable milestones including the 60th anniversary of our open sail past and the 90th birthday of our beloved Ray Brown. These events remind us of the vibrant history we share and the community we have built together. I am thrilled to report that our membership continues to grow steadily. This is not just a number. It represents new friends, new experiences, and a bright future for our club. The more we grow, the more opportunities we create. It's exciting to think about what lies ahead and how we can continue to enhance our club for everyone. But as many of you know, our club is not just about the numbers. It's about the people who make it thrive. We rely heavily on our volunteers, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed to our success this year. Whether you've been volunteering for working bees, bar duties, Friday night meals, or helping out in small ways, your efforts make a huge difference. It is the dedication and passion of our volunteers that truly brings our community to life. Looking ahead, one of our biggest tasks for next year will be to complete the maintenance pontoon. This project has already begun with the refurbishment of the pontoon donated to us by the council. With the help of our incredible volunteers, I am hopeful that we can get this finished early next year. I know it is a project that will benefit all of us, and I appreciate everyone's commitment to seeing this through. Now, I want to remind you all about our Christmas party this year. Get ready for a night filled with fun and excitement as we embrace a James Bond theme. It promises to be a great evening, and I encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, and celebrate the season together. As we approach the holiday season, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Merry Christmas and may the new year bring you joy and prosperity. Let's look forward to more adventures together, whether it's seeing you down at the club or out on the water. Thank you all for being such an essential part of our club. Here's to another year of friendship, fun, and fabulous memories.

Paul Crouch



December/January Calendar

Friday 6th December	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 8th December	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 13th December	Bar Galley Open 1800 hrs Christmas celebration bring a basket to share (1900)
Sunday 15th October	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 9th December	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs
Sunday 22nd December	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Sunday January 5th	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Sunday January 12th	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Sunday January 19th	Bar Open 1500 hrs

December Menu



MENU

6th December

Lasagne with Maria and Domenic

13th December

A Very Bond Christmas

Basket supper to share

7th February

Meals resume for 2025

If you can help us with doing a Friday night meal or a dessert please contact Alana 0412617996

Our meals rely on volunteers to cook and clean up.

Please book in for the meal on **Thursdays** to assist the volunteer cook with planning



Around the Grounds/Club

A reminder from the committee;

The galley is free to be used by all members but if you are using the galley please clean and put away the things you have used.

For general house keeping and tidiness around the hard stands and boats, a skip is provided by the club for your use

Thank you

Thanks to the crew of Dave Bassett, Richie Low, and Paul Crouch who were press-ganged by Art Hohmann to re-install the refurbished A Row security gate (thanks to Dave Bassett); and to Daniel Robin and Graham Cox who, unfortunately for them, but fortunately for all, happened to show up at just the right time! And of course, to Paul Davison for re-connecting the wiring.

Our Commodore (Paul Crouch) has managed to get the St Kilda Boat Club Facebook page up and running . It would be great if we can get more members to join. This is another medium we can use to connect and inform our members about the club. The face book page address is ;

StKilda Boat Club



Ray Browns 90th Birthday

90th Birthday: Thankyou from Ray Brown

Thanks to all the members, friends and family for making my day so special. The feeling I experienced was truly magical and I was overwhelmed by the support I received.

Thanks to the committee members for supporting me.

Paul our Commodore, I thank you, appreciated your support.

My daughter Denise, thank you for all the work you did getting all the finger food, lots of time needed.

To Alana who organized the clubroom and helped Denise a big thank you.

And of course, my wife Maxine who is always there for me
I am a lucky man.

Best regards to all,
Ray Brown



Social Activities—Christmas

SKBC cordially invites you to our

Very Bond Christmas

Friday 13th December

7PM

*Do you like your Christmas shaken not stirred
Come as your favorite 007, Q, Villain or bond girl*

Basket supper to share

**RSVP Children under 12 with Name and age
for Father Christmas
to bring them a surprise to Alana
0412617996 by 6/12/24**



Up and Coming Events — December and February 2024/2025

Christmas Dinner

All members are invited to join together on **Friday December 13th at 6-7 PM** for a Basket Supper to share.

Xmas gifts will be provided for all the Children <12 years

New Years Eve

The club usually has a raft up on New Years Eve in the Barker inlet to see the New Year in and watch the fire-works, It would be great to see some boats out this year. If you are interested can you contact Ray Brown for an expression of interest on **0437 633 332** .

Thankyou

Sand bank Cricket

Please note that the Sand bank match will be held on **February Sunday 16th**. (Garden Island Yacht Club will be joining us this day). Should be a great day

Lost and found



Kids esky was left on boat ramp a few weeks ago.

Please collect on the lost and found table in the club rooms



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