



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

October 2024



A very successful dinner with our guests from the Squadron.
A great night had by all with about 50 people attending.
More photos inside



Message from the Commodore

I hope this message finds you well and eager to get back on the water as the weather warms up. I have some exciting updates to share from around the club, along with a few important reminders.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who made our recent visit from the Squadron such a great success. Despite the challenging weather conditions, we managed to host one boat and I've received fantastic feedback on our hospitality.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Friday 11th Garden Island will be staying over night. Have been invited to join them, racing on Saturday Morning the 12th, so start tuning those boats and sharpening your sailing skills.

Speaking of significant events, don't forget to book your place for the Sail Past. This year's event is going to be extra special as we celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. It's a milestone few clubs reach, and we'll be marking it in style. I really look forward to seeing you all there.

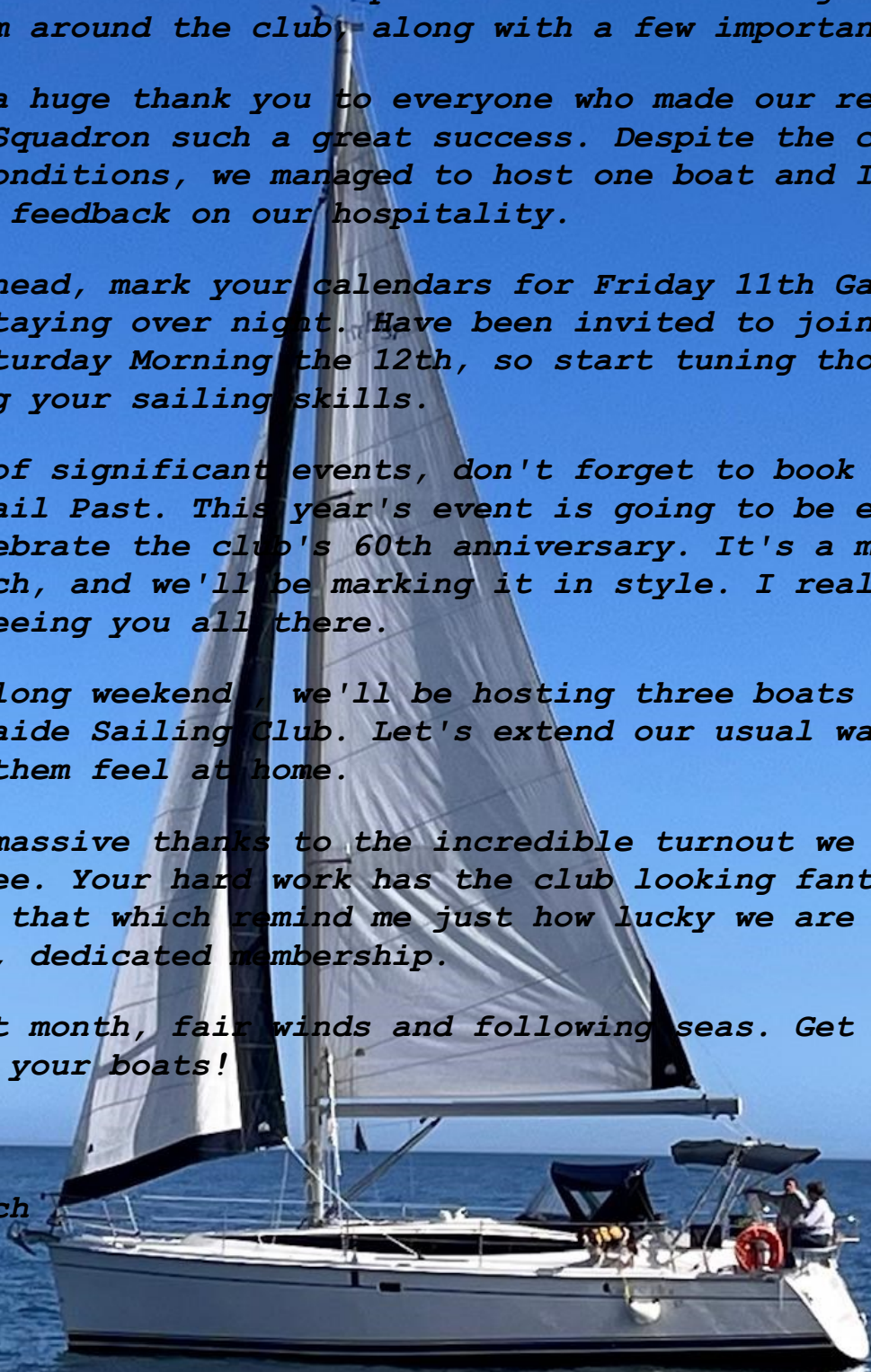
Over the long weekend, we'll be hosting three boats from the Port Adelaide Sailing Club. Let's extend our usual warm welcome and make them feel at home.

Finally, massive thanks to the incredible turnout we had for the working bee. Your hard work has the club looking fantastic. It's days like that which remind me just how lucky we are to have such an active, dedicated membership.

Until next month, fair winds and following seas. Get out there and enjoy your boats!

Paul Crouch

Commodore





October Calendar

Friday 4th October	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 6th October	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 11th October	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Saturday 12th	Garden Island Yacht Club visit Race 10am Sat morning
Sunday 13th October	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 14th October	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs
Friday 18th October	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 20th October	Sail Race 1200 Start Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 25th October	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs??
Sunday 27th October	OPEN DAY/Sailpast Dinner

October Menu

MENU

4th October

Steak and Onion sandwiches with Alana

11th October

*Yiros with Lynne and Paul NB Visit
GIYC*

18th October

Fish and Chips with Alana

25th October

Stroganoff with Carol and Peter

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 us with planning





On the Waters



RACE 6 Yacht	Outright Placing	Handicap Placing
Twisted	1	1
Bullet	2	2
Tumble Weed	3	3

Sail racing



Next race is : 20th October 12:00 Start

All welcome and no experience required



Around the Grounds

Some mayhem around the club in September.. Maybe the full moon at play.....
It did happen on Friday the 13th!!...Story below from Ian

Friday the 13th

It started out like any other day really crawled begrudgingly out of bed at the exceptionally early hour of 0730 am for me to join one of our newer fellow club members Kym Kinnear, who had kindly offered to assist me in spraying the weeds around the club. That process being expediently carried out between us in an amazing time of 2 hours and 15mins for the whole compound.

With that task swiftly brushed aside it was now time to go down and tackle the replacement of my old wet exhaust muffler with a new replacement one to finally get the new motor running after finally being commissioned.

It's all down hill from here folks.

In attempting to pull the old one out off the rear pipe it has suddenly let go causing me to break off a fitting on my prop shaft outer housing pipe which holds a water exit hose to stern of boat above the waterline. This now results in water coming into the boat at a considerable rate of knots, (he he) pardon the pun. Oh sh..!! was my immediate response or words to that effect Im sinking, so I quickly reached for the phone and immediately rang Richie our tireless mooring master; mate sorry to bother you at work but my boats sinking I need it pulled out. Can you stem the flow till 4pm he asks, yes no worries see you then.

I proceed to get everything ready tractor cables out etc ready for 4pm. Enter another new keen recent member to our club Mr Peter "have you been paying attention" Ledson who kindly offers to stick around and help us get the boat out.

Ok Peter, Richie has just arrived head over there and tell Richie I'm bringing the boat around to the maintenance dock and come down and meet me as I approach the dock as previously planned. My jinker is already at the top of the ramp, so I proceed to the boat start the engine and am about to pull away from my berth and I look up to see Peter not heading down the dock but instead waiting to hook jinker to tractor, Richie now starts down the ramp but Pete hasn't removed the chock causing the jinker wheels to bounce over the chock dislodging the attachment pin on the tractor, I now watch as my on the loose jinker goes hurtling down the ramp and disappears into the murky depths of the marina, oh sh... or words to that effect was my immediate response yet again.. I immediately start racing around to the dock with a long line as Ritchie grabs the club dinghy and heads down the ramp, I pass him the line and he attempts to row out and attach it to the jinker; boy this is hard work yes Ritchie that's because your still tied to the dock . ***Story continued next page***

Around the Grounds continued

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With the line now securely attached to the jinker and tractor Ritchie now attempts to haul it out however it's off the end of the ramp and won't budge.

Ritchie now returns to the dock and we decide to reattach the line to a different arm and try again. Step forward our ever helpful Peter who says I'll row out and attach the line this time and without further ado proceeds to give a lesson in how to board a small dinghy from the dock. As Ritchie and I hold on Peter steps into dinghy but not in the centre immediately losing his balance and performing what I think was an attempted three quarter twist with pike going head first into the drink with the dinghy finishing upside down above him...it's ok Ritchie I think he's in the air pocket I proceed to pull the dinghy off his head as Ritchie grabs his arms.. that's my phone f....!! or words to that effect were his immediate reaction, how's the water I exclaimed as we attempted to fish him out. You had better go and get changed before you freeze to death we'll take it from here.

It's a race against time now with the tide going out and dwindling daylight as Peter returns to the dock in some dry clothes just in time to witness myself doing a **Jacques Cousteau** and donning a mask and diving down to the jinker to attach a line at the base to finally rescue it.

Finally we haul my boat safely onto the hard stand.

Author Ian Cope

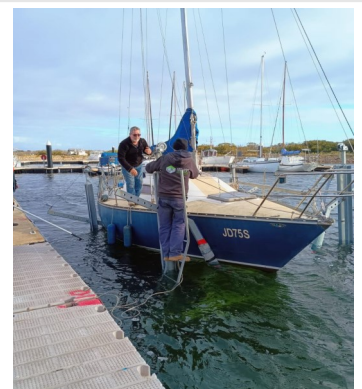
Busy day for the mooring master: 2 boats launched and one slipped



Susan and Curraweene launched



Mooring Master—Richie



And one slipped

Social Activates

Report from the Squadron on St Kilda visit Friday 20-22 September 2024

After much consultation, it was generally agreed that it would be too windy for a comfortable trip by boat to St Kilda club. Fourteen of us decided to go by car. Another deciding factor was that several of us wanted to be at the foundation fundraiser on Sunday and the tide doesn't allow boats out before mid-afternoon.

However with half us already there we look out across the marina and see Antigua sailing triumphantly into The St Kilda club.

When we went down to help them tie up skipper Padraic's comment was "I kept looking out for the other boats and was wondering, where are they?" I apologised for the communication lapse, but was immediately forgiven.

Nevertheless we all had a wonderful evening. The delicious Italian ravioli meal provided was preceded by entrée and soup and rounded off by a dessert for 9 dollars each! We were made so welcome. What a great club it is. Commodore Paul gave a moving speech about the importance of camaraderie between clubs.



Table tennis at the squadron evening



A big thankyou to the chefs



Our Commodore Paul and his partner Alana reciprocated a visit to the Squadron for the foundation Quizz on the Sunday afternoon.. And they won.. well done St Kilda

Open Day

SKBC Season Opening and Sail Past

Come and join us for Sail Past and Season
Opening celebrating 60 years of the club
27th October 2024

Sail Past starts 1500 hrs
(all boats welcome)
Meal and Presentations commence
1630hrs

registration ESSENTIAL to secure your
place for celebration dinner
RSVP Alana 0412617996
by Friday 18/10/24

**Please turn over for
more details/**



Up and Coming Events –October

SAILPAST

History

Boat clubs throughout the world mark the annual opening of the "sailing season" with a sail past in the tradition of the British Royal Navy. ALL boats are welcomed at ours. Our skippers take the opportunity to spruce up their beloved craft and maybe to festoon them with flags, streamers and anything else that takes their fancy to show off their pride and joy to its best (or most amusing) effect. There have been bagpipes to brass bands, use your imagination. Even the kayakers get in the spirit of things!

In fact, we present a trophy for the best presented craft in the two categories.

Best traditionally prepared boat. That is a clean, tidy craft traditionally decorated with flags etc.

Most innovative boat. This is the novelty section and provides much of the colour and fun of the day - anything goes.

You do not have to decorate your boat at all if you don't want to. Just join in on the day and have fun.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAILPAST

Sail and power boats are encouraged to participate.

How does it work?

Guests are asked to meet at the clubrooms by 1400 hours. The flagship of the day will be docked on maintenance wharf. The Commodore and the Club's guests (officials from other boat clubs, representatives of local government etc.) will board the flagship and depart around 1500 hours before anchoring near the Middle Ground Beacon. Wind and tide will determine the exact position on the day.

The boats that participate will then form up in Barker Inlet under the direction of Sail Marshal and proceed slowly past the flagship to give and receive the traditional salute Please be on the water early to commence the sail past at 1600 hours.

Procedure

When you reach the sail past area contact the Sail Marshal on 27Mhz Channel 94. The sail marshal will then co-ordinate the movement of the fleet. The boats will eventually form an extended line astern and at a signal from the Sail Marshal will proceed past the official boat.

As you approach the official boat:

1. Sail boats are encouraged, where practicable, to operate under sail.
2. Keep your speed as slow as possible as you approach the flagship in the direction indicated by the sail marshal
3. If you have an ensign or Club burgee then lower it as far as it will go and leave it lowered.
4. Call out the name of your boat as loudly as you can and with your crew give "Three cheers for the Commodore" lifting your hats with each cheer
5. The Official Party, led by the Commodore will return your cheer in a like manner, so make sure they hear your boat's name.
6. Once past the official boat raise your ensign.

Don't be too concerned about doing it all perfectly; the idea is to enjoy the occasion! After all the boats have given and received the salute we will then return to the clubrooms for a light dinner and presentations. Simple and great fun.... Please join in.



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