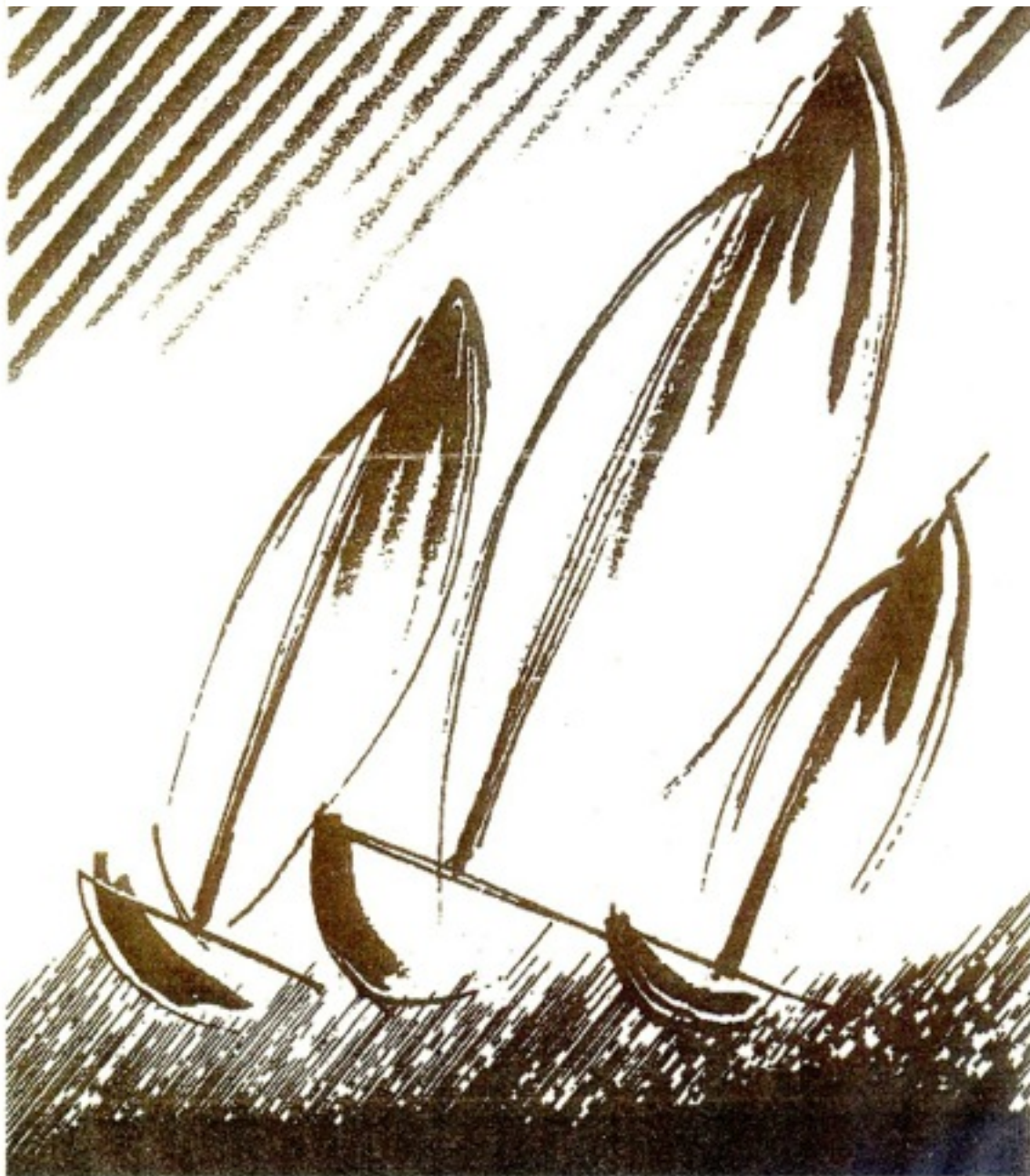
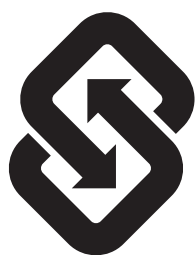


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Next Committee Meeting Friday 11 July

Mainsheet deadline: before 7.00 pm Sunday 13 July

BeYC inc. Commodore's Report – June 2014

In this report I would firstly like to congratulate the outgoing committee on the work they have achieved over the past twelve months. Whilst I have only been standing in as Commodore for a short while, it has been an honour and a pleasure to work and socialise with such a dedicated bunch of people. Whilst much of the work performed goes unseen such as the Club's accounts, Secretary's notes, incoming and outgoing mail and other general and mundane business that is far too comprehensive to list in this report. This work is extremely time consuming, requires very competent skills and knowledge and is no less important than the major tasks that the committee has accomplished that we can all easily see and have benefited from over the past season. Having said this we, as a committee, are very proud of what has been achieved over and above the general running of the club. Some of the highlights that have been accomplished by the committee and our members are the:

- development and lodging of a new club rules, formally known as the constitution.

- drafting and updating of the club by-laws, other guidelines and procedure statements
- developing and keeping up to date a more engaging web site
- running of several working bees that were very productive and extremely well attended
- development of and coordinating two excellent and well attended Discover Sailing days
- completing, modification and re-building of the main Jetty
- re-design and development of the camping and caravan area
- acquisition and building of a new garden shed
- acquisition of a new club rescue/training boat
- provision of many social functions that we all had the opportunity to indulge in and enjoy
- acquisition of a new training fleet of Pacers with big thanks to Colin, Mick, Phillip and Helen for their fund raising efforts.
- running of a well organised and attended sailing program (let's not forget Dennis and the ladies race)
- delivery of yet another super successful sailing school with many thanks to all the sailing school committee development and coordination of a comprehensive club survey

Whilst these achievements were, in most cases, required and all are beneficial to the club, they have come at significant costs. The good news is these projects were managed well and with the help and support of our club members we were able to come in well within our budgets and overall, the club has been left in a very stable and sound financial position.

One area we are committed to and have been concentrating on is "communication", so you as members, are more informed about what we are doing, what is going on around the club, allow you to have input in the overall direction of the club's future and how you would like the committee to go about it. Whilst its early days we are planning on building this capability by introducing club forums and further surveys, such as the one recently completed by club members. Now I have to admit I did ask for each committee member to forward me information to assist me in developing this report. Steve Phillis, a relatively new member to the committee and the club who has done an incredible job thus far by producing/coordinating the club survey and developing/maintaining the web site that we all enjoy, did forward me a very well written piece where I made the decision not to work into my own report but include it unedited to do both Steve and his work the full justice deserves.

In today's world websites are like a 'shop-front' of any organisation, business or community group; providing valuable information and is a great way to share member stories. This year we have changed our website platform which you will notice is more user friendly and appealing. Over the next 12 months we will further develop its potential to provide weather reports and more – stay tuned! The member survey was well received, with close to 50 people providing feedback on how we can improve the club. Feedback was clear and has provided the committee with a number of key directions including facility upgrade and enhancement, building further variety into sailing activities, increase social activities, mentoring, skill building and encouraging racing, and more... What we have learnt from this survey is that members are keen to contribute and to see the club prosper in many ways.

Steve Phillis' report sums up the overall attitude of each member of the committee in explaining that we are not about asking the questions but we are trying to listen and implement what the members feel are relevant and important to them. Due to this input and consultation we have put together a list of priorities to work towards in the coming season. These include:

- member forums, to keep fresh about the members needs
- increase number of social functions
- club house refurbishments, to make the club more user friendly and update the overall appearance
- disabled access and toilets/showers
- access road repairs and redevelopment
- security systems, to keep the club and members property safer rescue boat modifications and improvements, to make the boats more fit for purpose
- adding more variety to the sailing and training programs, a high priority from the recent survey results
- boat parking and storage area development modification and use of the second jetty, to ease congestion on race days
- upgrades in the Mainsheet format, to be more engaging and interesting to our members
- improved marketing and communication, to build membership and keep members informed
- rewiring of fuse box to incorporate safety switches, to assist with members and visitors safety
- development of simplified user guides for equipment usage and running events

If we can achieve just some of the above, (we intend to do all), the club should be a safer, more enjoyable and aesthetically pleasing place for us all.

Just to sign off, whilst I began this report by thanking the committee, none of the works performed, fun around the club, good racing and much more would have been possible without the help and participation by the general membership of the club.



For this I thank you all.
Russ.
Russell Denholm
Commodore

Women and Girls in Sailing Survey



from Sam Watson, Club Services Manager, Yachting Victoria

The Women and Girls in Sailing committee are looking to survey all women involved in the sailing community to learn more about how we can increase female participation. Can you please click the below link and fill out our survey.

You can complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZLHBNDW> and go into the draw to win 1 of 5 bottles of Moët.

Thanks to Helen Sharrock for forwarding this information.

A few Photos from the 2014 Presentation of Awards

submitted by Rowan Gillies





Rowan points out that a list of all trophy winners are on the club website:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3113621

Great photos. Thanks Rowan.

General Committee News

The membership resolved at the Annual General Meeting that the BeYC Annual Subscription (i.e the Ordinary Member membership fee) will remain unchanged at \$250. In accordance with the updated club Rules, the fees for the other membership categories are prescribed as a proportion of the Ordinary Member fee.

The General Committee has now determined the other fees that will apply in 2014/15. The fees are listed on the rear of the Membership renewal form which is enclosed with the posted Mainsheet this month, and mailed out to the members who receive their Mainsheet by email. (Note that email is our preferred communication method to help contain costs and volunteer workload.)

Please action the renewal as soon as possible to assist the Club's cashflow. Direct Debit is the preferred option but you must still return your completed form by post.

Included also in the mail out are the Racing Entry Form, and a draft club rooms renovation plan, which is being circulated to allow member feedback.

Bernie Young
Secretary

Winter Race Series 2014

The series is open to all sailors. There will be a maximum of two races per day Sailed in Kimbolton Pool with the first warning at 1400 hours. on the following dates:

Race 2 28 June
Race 3 26 July
Race 4 30 August

For further details contact Phil Mann on 0408 507 385.

From the Cruising Committee

The Cruising Committee has developed a preliminary itinerary, subject to further details and planning.

Proposed cruises:

2014

September 13 – 21 Murray River from Morgan to Mannum SA. 9 days duration.
October 18 – 19 Yarra River Melbourne. 2 day weekend.
November 28 – 30 Goulburn River Winery Cruise. 3 days/2 nights duration.

2015

March Geelong/Queenscliff Cruise. 6 days duration.
April Gippsland Lakes - Paynesville to Sale. 8 days duration.
September Fraser Island whale watching cruise.

Members interested please email Ken jenkencoulson@bigpond.com or phone 54 353380.

Interview with an Editor

With the milestone 500th edition coming up, Mainsheet has new editors. Jenny Coulson and Andrea McGregor will share the role. Ian Wallis will continue as proofreader and production manager.

Recently, the past Mainsheet Editor John Snowdon caught up with Jenny for a chat.

Congratulations on your appointment as coeditor in these exciting times for The Club, Jen. What are your plans for Mainsheet?

I'd like to see Mainsheet be an interesting newsletter with articles that all our members can enjoy.

We've all enjoyed the articles that you've written for Mainsheet. Have you had a long-time interest in writing and editing?

I've enjoyed occasionally writing articles for Mainsheet for the past 9 years, but I hadn't given any thoughts on editing until quite recently.

Are there other sailing stories and articles that have inspired you?

I've read quite a lot of articles from Cruising Helmsmen magazine, and other boating magazines and of course on the internet, but I wouldn't say anything actually "inspired" me. I enjoy writing about our cruising destinations and the fun we have.

Your history at The Club has included both racing and cruising. How do you plan to report on both of these important activities?

Not only myself, but several of our cruising members have written articles and have taken some great photos on our expeditions and I hope that will continue. I believe that articles on racing need to be reported by someone with considerable sailing knowledge and I am determined to find the right person or persons to do this.

So, how did your own interest in sailing come about?

I started sailing with Ken at the age of 18. He had an XY 16 catamaran and we sailed at Mc Crae and Carrum. Ken started work with the Water Commission and following our marriage we were sent to the construction site of Dartmouth Dam in north east Victoria. A dam construction site surrounded by mountains wasn't the ideal place to sail. By that time we also had a young family, so the XY was sold and our sailing interest waned for quite a few years. It was rekindled on a trip to the Whitsundays when we sailed aboard Ragamuffin 2 and so began the hunt for a trailer sailer. Shamrock was found in Brisbane. Although I enjoy cruising I am a smooth water sailor, racing is not my passion. I leave that to Ken.

It's clear that you've developed this by taking Shamrock to some fantastic cruising locations. Do you have a particular magic moment that stands out?

We've cruised in some terrific areas but I believe it's difficult to beat Victoria's Gippsland Lakes as a cruising destination. A trip to Fraser Island stood out though. Sailing with whales surrounding us in beautiful clear water, and anchoring in the sheltered waters of Wathumba Creek and watching the magnificent sunsets was an utter delight.

What are your own plans for the future at BeYC?

I'd like to see BeYC have a much more social environment. I'd also like to see more young families involved, and the kids taught to sail properly, and, if they wish, to compete in regattas outside the Bendigo area.

Thanks for talking with us Jen, is there anything else that you'd like to add?

Yes John. I'd like to thank you and Ian for the fantastic job that you both have done in the past and only hope that Andrea and I can keep up the standard that you have set.

An Evening at the Pub

Our first evening at the Cambrian Hotel last Thursday was highly successful. Altogether 23 people attended and enjoyed the delicious food, great service and good company, with lots of catching up and laughs. Many thanks to Andrew Carswell and Tasha for their hospitality.

Our next 'Evening at the Pub' is on Tuesday July 22nd at the National Hotel 182-186 High Street, Bendigo, 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

We have booked our own room – The Crown Lounge, which is off the main bar. Meals can be ordered from either the Bar or Bistro menus. Children's meals are \$9.

Hope to see you there. It's a good chance to catch up with each other over the winter break and to form and strengthen friendships off the water.

Please **RSVP** to Judy Heath by **Wednesday July 16th**
Phone 5441 5598 Mobile: 0439 415 598 Email: rhe12838@bigpond.net.au

PS We are also planning to have a Sunday lunch later in August. More details in the July Mainsheet.

On the Sick List

Best wishes are sent to a few of our senior members who have not been the best of late. Veronica Burgess, Olive Mann and Hugh Ward (now at the great age 98) have had a spell in hospital.

Also birthday wishes go out to Anthony Wall and Doug Carswell.

For Sale

Laser + Beach Dolly. Some hull scratches, good beginners or social yacht \$550.00
Contact Colin Nankervis at home on 5443 5720, at work on 5441 4000, or mobile 0419 371 289.

Zodiac Cadet. 2.4 metres with 3.5hp Mercury motor. As new condition. \$1,200.00
Contact John Snowdon for details on 0407 506 974

The Resurrection of *Splash*

by Jenny Coulson



She was a sad sight. Once her bow had sliced through the waves and her flat deck had been awash with salt spray. Now she sat under a tree at the Bendigo Yacht Club, unloved, covered with gum nuts, leaves, green mossy mould and dirt. No one could remember the last time she had been in the water. The trailer sported rusted and collapsed rims and perished and split tyres.

Time and again the sailor was drawn to her. He knew boats and had sailed from a young age. Retirement was looming and he had been looking for a TS for some time. Close inspection showed that her rigging, sails and trailer were sound, but she needed work, and a lot of it. Again he ran his hand across her hull and the decision was made.

With new wheel bearings, rims, tyres, disc pads, brake override cable and a new power board added to the trailer, she was taken from under the trees where she had been for so many years and towed to Golden Square. The pressure wash began working overtime and ever so slowly the layers of grime began to lift. The sailor first thought that she would need a new paint job but with the

dirt removed this was found to be unnecessary. Above and below deck was scrubbed and she was given a cut and polish. Her cabin was fitted out and pots and pans were stowed under the two burner dual fuel stove. Plates and cups were stored in racks behind. The indispensable Porta Potti was stored under the V berth and she was made cosy and as comfortable as a trailer sailor can be. Two blue slashes were added along the shining white hull and finally her numbering and lettering were added. She was *Splash* the Cal 21, sail number 139.

At a cost of more than the boat and trailer combined, a new 15hp electric start 4 stroke Mercury outboard was added. With the work completed *Splash* returned to Bendigo Yacht Club and was slipped into the lake, the sails were raised and as she glided across the Kimbolton Pool her brilliant orange tri-radial mast head spinnaker was hoisted. The sailor had a clean, solid, comfortable cruising boat on a roadworthy trailer.

Since her relaunch *Splash* has become quite well known and readers of Mainsheet, Cruising Helmsman magazine and various trailer sailor web sites have followed her exploits. She has cruised the mighty Murray, the Yarra, Gippsland Lakes, Lake Mulwala and Botany Bay. She has frolicked with seals and dolphins on Port Phillip Bay, travelled to Goolwa and sailed the South Australian waters at the mouth of the Murray. She has explored the bays and inlets of Lake Tinaroo on the Atherton Tableland and has cruised the tropical waters of Far North Queensland to Green and Fitzroy Islands and has sailed in Cook's wake in the waters around Cairns and Cooktown.

Many boats lie at the back of yacht clubs, behind sheds or are seen in paddocks surrounded by thistles. Some, like *Splash*, are found and are given another life and provide enjoyment to their new owners. It's hoped we will see *Splash* back on the water again soon and her spinnaker once again prominent on the skyline.

Smooth sailing little *Splash*.

Doug and Chris Carswell in New Zealand

Doug and Chris spent a month travelling the north and south islands of New Zealand from 13th April-10th May, 2014. These diary extracts from Chris, and photos from the 'action hero' himself provide a pretty good snapshot to whet the appetite for anyone else considering a trip down that way.

What a well kept secret NZ is. So beautiful and green, friendly people and on the whole good weather.

We flew to Christchurch, on NZ South Island and picked up a hire car.

Arkaroav – A quaint town with a French influence. Did the harbour cruise, which went out into the Pacific ocean. Saw dolphins, seals and penguins.

Dunedin – wet and cold. The Cadbury factory warmed us up.

Te Anau – Did a boat tour of the glow worm cave. Unfortunately the weather not good enough to go to Milford Sound.

Queenstown – First sprinkling of snow for the season. Town reminded us of Bamf in Canada. Doug went on the jet speed boat on Shotover River. Spectacular!

Franz Josef Glacier – Stopped at Fox Glacier enroute. On arrival at FJ (Good Friday) discovered the whole district had no power for several days due to cyclone of 160Km winds. Motel owners supplied a shared generator to each unit so we could have showers. Quite an experience. Next day we went to wildlife centre to see the rare Kiwis.

Westport – Quiet town people there are called "Westies"

Blenhiem – Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc country. What more can I say other than superb. Drove up to Picton where Captain Cook landed in the 1870's. The ferries cross the Cook Straits to Wellington on NZ North Island.

Christchurch – spent 3 days staying on the 15th floor of the only high rise left in Christchurch. This gave us a frightening look at the destruction caused by the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. There is so much rebuilding to be done with new buildings under very strict regulations of not being any higher than 7 stories.

Visited the "cardboard cathedral" which is the temporary Anglican church made out of cardboard cylinders, a replacement for the Gothic cathedral destroyed in the earthquake.

Also saw the 158 chairs of all types i.e. wheel chair, baby capsule, office chair, bean bag, lounge chairs etc. all painted white, representing the victims of the quake.

A small shopping centre, made up of shipping containers, has sprung up in the city. Rather an ingenious idea. We were both saddened and shocked at the devastation of Christchurch. We would describe it like a movie set on a gigantic scale.

Auckland – Surprised how large this city is. Stayed right at the marina. This was an excellent location for Doug to look at all the yachts coming and going in the harbor. He had a 3 hour sail on one of the America's Cup yachts which was on his bucket list.

Went to the ANZAC Day dawn service with thousands of others. It was just like OZ, except they sang 3 Anthems.

Bay of Islands, Pathia – Drove the hire car to this very beautiful northern part of NZ for our 3-night stay. Went to the Whaitangi Treaty House and gardens. Doug was chosen to be the chief leading visitors into the meeting house. We were welcomed by a Maori Haka.

Cape Regina (pointy northern end of NZ) – Booked a tour bus for the 200kms trip to the Cape. It was one of our highlights where you get to see the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific ocean. Pretty awesome. Later our Action Hero, Doug, went down the sand dunes on a body board with all the young people. Fortunately no accidents.

Hamilton – Had a rest day when we arrived.

Rotorua – Smelly but interesting. Our Hero wanted to go to the Sky Line Park to try out the Zip Line (flying fox) which travels at 80kms per hour, followed by a leap of faith (10M jump of a plank). He then did the Luge. He was quite euphoric.

In the evening went to Te Puia for an evening of Maori culture and Hungi feast.

Orakei Korako – The Hidden Valley, is another must see. Quite mystic with thermal pools, geysers and historic cave. You could almost be in “middle earth”

Napier – In 1931 a massive earthquake flattened this city. It was rebuilt within 21 months in the Art Deco style of the time. It is such a treasure of a bygone era and passionately and lovingly preserved by the population.

Lake Taupo, Kinloch – We had three special days visiting Doug’s cousin. They had not seen each other since they were children growing up in Glasgow.



All the Action Hero stuff was leading up to this day, Doug’s 70th birthday on 6th May. It was celebrated with NZ roast lamb and all the trimmings, wine, tears laughter, music and the grand finale lots of fireworks in the backyard. A very memorable evening.

Melbourne – Arrived back in OZ 10th May. Chris & Doug Carswell

Happy hours at the helm of an Americas Cup boat. “I did have trouble with the smile,” said the man at the wheel. “It was incredible in winds up to 24 Knots. It just glided thru the waves!”

And many happy returns from all of us too, Doug!

BeYC Website

The website is updated regularly with featured articles, news, race results, up and coming events and more. If you haven't seen it please check it out (Google will get you there). We currently have a For Sale section, which is out of date and also has information missing. I will be removing all ads from the website on February the 15th and ask that if you wish to advertise on the site please email me on s.phillis@stlukes.org.au with your full name, basic description of your boat, price and a phone number, for me to place on the website. Please inform me when your boat has been sold so I can ensure this part of the website remains current. Thank you in anticipation. Steve Phillis.

BeYC Polo Shirts

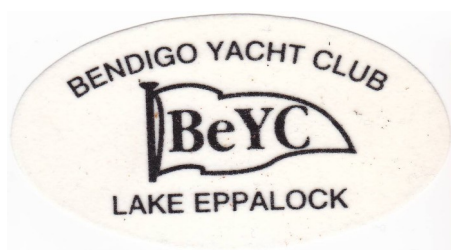
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