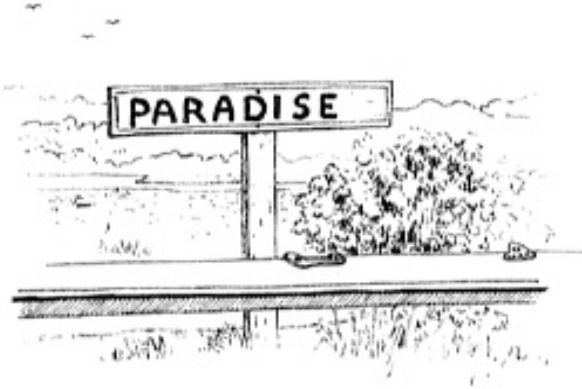




A MESSAGE FROM PARADISE



THE 89TH NEWSLETTER FROM THE QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB
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Australia Day Weekend 2014 at QCYC

In preparation for the long weekend I sailed Chaperone around to Queenscliff solo in the company of "Moonlighter" early on Friday morning. Obviously I was not the only one with this original idea of beating the rush as, within an hour or two of arriving, there were at least another 6 or 7 boats tied up alongside with the many already there from the week before.



A huge weekend, upwards of 30 boats dressed with bunting and flags flying saw all the crews enjoy good weather and some great entertainment making the weekend a memorable one in many ways. Interestingly one of the standouts of the weekend was the huge number of families enjoying their time in "Paradise" which I'm sure will continue to be a feature of the positive changes occurring around the club.

Dr Strange and his eclectic group of minstrels played sublime jazz into the early evening on Saturday 25, enjoyed by 80 plus and everyone had a great time.

It was without a doubt one of the most enjoyable nights of the summer and it was a true summer night, warm with hardly any breeze and the stars appearing to fill the night sky providing a fitting accompaniment to a memorable day, most people



staying outside cooking and enjoying their evening meal late into the night.



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Sunday was another day that will be remembered by many as one of those bucolic days from the days of yore. I woke early to the sound of people venturing out into the bay scalloping after a windless night and a deep sleep and lay back in bed savoring the thought that I too had the day off and I was free to do as I pleased. A quick walk around to make sure everything was as it should be and I ventured off to enjoy a day savoring all those things you don't always do just any weekend. Although I spied Judy hanging out yet another load of washing so some things never change

A lazy Sunday lunch with Pam and my sister in law added to the overall feeling of contentment of not having to work, even having members telling me not to rush around and asking what they could do to help added to my overall feeling of being on holiday.

Another very enjoyable evening meal was had outside with Richard and Ruth contributing to an evening meal that would be hard to beat anywhere, followed with Ian and Jenny Baxter taking 20 "would be" students on a journey of discovery of the humble "single malts of Scotland". Ian and Jenny spent approx 2 hours talking and leading a group of eager students on a spirited and informative journey about the mysteries of Whisky. To round off the weekend time for a quick quiz! The member with the first most complete answer to these questions will receive a 50th anniversary Club Tie.

What role does "e" have in "Scotch"????????????????????

**A BEGINNERS GUIDE
to SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY**



What qualifies a liquid as "Scotch"?



Thank you all for your support over the Summer, myself and your Flag Officers, Vice Commodore, John Mooney and Rear Commodore, Lee Renfree feel very privileged to be a part of this Club and enjoy watching everyone using the new facilities and relishing in the joys this special place brings to us all.

Sunday 2nd March: Working Bee 08:30 to 12:00 followed by a sausage sizzle.

Friday 7th March to Sunday 16th March: Bass Strait Cruise. See the website to register.

Saturday 22nd March: James Bond Cocktail Night @ QCYC. Register now to avoid missing out. See the attached and the website for details.

Sunday 6th April: New Member Orientation Day.

Sunday 20th April: Coles Channel Picnic Cruise.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Your Commodore,

Roger

Saturday 22nd March at QCYC Summer Gala Event James Bond 007

All Bond fans out there are invited to an elegant Evening of dancing and supper. This will be your chance to dress as your Favourite Bond character or dust off that dinner suit and shimmering cocktail frock.

The evening will commence at the sundowner cocktail hour 6pm. Canapes and supper will be served during the evening, and drinks at bar prices. No BYO please as this is a Club Fundraising Night.

Steve Murphy and the Commodores will charm you with "bondesque" tunes so you can trip the light fantastic and dance until 9pm. The DoD gates will stay open until 11 pm so you will not have to rush off.

Admission is \$50 per head and booking is essential and strictly limited.

Please complete attached booking form and forward to Sheryl Gray by 6th March to secure your place on the dance floor.

Please complete and forward to QCYC Events Coordinator

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Contact Email : _____

Total Attending: _____

Total Remitted / deposited \$ _____

To secure your booking payment must be made by 6th March 2014.

Preferably by direct deposit to the clubs Bank Account

Bank/Branch CBA Geelong

Acct. Name QCYC

BSB 063-512

Acct No. 00440011

Reference: " Initial Surname 007 Bond "

Or cheque or money order to address below.

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