



PROPELLER

FROM THE COMMODORE'S DESK

Greetings all for this month of the Propeller.

Dear members, by now you should have received your nomination forms for the upcoming Committee elections for anyone interested in joining the committee next year. I am available if you would like a 'chin-wag' about this. One initiative that the Committee are going to implement in the future, as part of a plan to encourage members to participate in club responsibilities, is a programme where Members will be trained and then act as the duty officer for the day.

Boating activities have seen two boats Ranui and Nor 'West return from their eight week trip down to Deal Island, Flinders, Tasmania and King Island, with a lot of others islands and stops along the way. Four club boats went out to meet them on the last leg back into Hobson's Bay.

Elanste also went down to Tasmania for about three weeks and they were also welcomed back by a club boat.

It is good to see our members getting away and I have heard there are more members planning trips in the future.

The Boating Sub-Committee had a weekend down to Geelong over Easter with nine boats participating and fun was had by all. Bill Prokopiou hired a 22-seater bus and 19 members went to a local winery for lunch, with a stopover at the local pub for a pool competition, several showing some real talent while others were a bit disappointing, including the writer.

The Ricketts Point Regatta is this weekend and the Miss Australia Cup is the following Sunday. As you have been notified already, there is a trip to Marina YE overnight on Saturday 15th with a

dingy and appropriate boat trip to Herring Island for a picnic on Sunday 16th.

The Mariners have a Jewellery afternoon on Saturday 1st May from 2.00pm, all are invited to attend. The Mothers Day lunch is on May 9th at the club, please book with Jarmila.

Club clothing is selling well and if you need some help please see Tracey, check out our website for merchandise. The Friday night raffle is drawing the crowds and the footy tipping is challenging the members especially with all the upsets last weekend.

Until next month, I hope to see you down the club enjoying the club's dining or out on the water using our boats.

Enjoyable boating!

Darren Keast,

Commodore

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'MANU-KAI: The Journey...'

By Barry Chambers

For some time I had been looking around for a walk-around deck boat and something I could move around in without hitting my head.

Frank Wilkes introduced me to the Fielding family, Garth and Andrew, who are based in Southport, QLD. They 'kept an eye out' for me and finally Manu-Kai 'popped-up' for sale. An old friend of theirs, at eighty three years of age, decided to 'pull the plug' and sell his boat. Frank Wilkes, Len Dockrill and I headed to QLD to look at the boat. I must say, I knew it was 'the one' and after a few weeks two hire cars, loaded to the hilt, headed north.



On arriving at Southport, we set up our accommodation and then went for a sea trial and slipping. There were a few hull problems, that were addressed by the owner, then it was back into the water to await a departure date.

After some 3-4 days delay, a result of Cyclone Olga, we headed out of Southport on 31st January. Unfortunately, we had to return and so we went looking for John Holland, as we progressed up the canals, the depth becomes a problem, so we had to abandon our task. We returned to Bum Bay, dropped the 'pick' and then went about cooking the evening meal.

After that we headed off to Coomera for a final check and found out that the auto-pilot pump was unserviceable, so after a kind gesture from Dean of Mariner Services, I drove his car to near Brisbane and picked up a new pump to be fitted.

We left our mooring at Coomera to head for Sanctuary Cove. Now that was an interesting experience, with me catching a bus to the local supermarket and then returning by taxi, as the others serviced the boat.

On arriving at Sanctuary Cove, I left the taxi and then had to carry all the groceries; a kind local with one of those electrical carts assisted me to carry all of my stuff to the boat, another kind gesture!

We left Bum Bay at 0640hrs on the 3rd February, passed Yamba and notified the coast guard that we would refuel at Coffs Harbour. We left Coffs Harbour at 0825hrs the next morning, the seas were NE with a swell of 1 – 1.5 metres.

Along the way, we had the pleasure of dolphins visiting us, at the bow and effortlessly swimming at 8 knots, they turned on their sides and their big black eyes were so piercing, a magnificent experience.

At times, we experienced squalls, lightning and severe rain, to the point where we could not see ahead, however the tracker and compass were instrumental in our voyage.

Along the way, we had a few fuel filter clogs and to the point of one change of a filter, I didn't hear the engine stop, they (the others) even thought I was 'bludging' on them.

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three drowned rats.”**

Our next water stop was 'Newport' in the Pittwater area, we were greeted by lightning, rain and thunder, a few days there with friends and family, then we headed off to Port Hacking. I daresay, Frank and Len could comment on the 'spectacular' scenery in the water, but that is for them to tell. We slipped the 'pick' at 0245hrs in this morning and were awakened to a loud noise on the aft desk. A salmon had jumped onto our boat, but we sent it back to the seas.

Our next stop was Batemans Bay, as we entered we came across a large family of locals, that had netted a large quantity of mullet, in due course they delivered the fish to the Bermagui Fish Co-op, however because of the late delivery, they were only good for bait fish. Next stop Bermagui, refuelled, did some shopping and headed out.

Approximately 20nm south of Bermagui, we heard a radio message from the coast guard that a milling log from the pulp mill at Wapengo (Tago) area was afloat somewhere. On my watch at approximately 1000hrs, we hit the log, it bounced under the hull 4 or 5 times and then went to the surface behind us. What an experience! “Thump - thump – thump”.

As we crossed the NSW/VIC border, we celebrated with 'Kirks Lemon Squash' yuk!

During the night there were fluorescent trails from the dolphin, running parallel to our boat, it was quite majestic.

Lakes entrance was our next stop, a quick refuel and back out over the bar. Seas were S/SE at 10knots, so the trip was good.

Our next destination was Refuge cove; we arrived at 2200hrs, dropped the anchor and had a short rest.

Shortly before the heads, a big squall came through, that eventually cleared and then we tied up at Queenscliff. After securing our mooring, we headed up to the pub, only to be hit by another squall, so we arrived as three drowned rats. After dinner, I asked the staff for some eggs they refused, but the publican (Vic Hotel) overheard my request, so we ended up with seven eggs, a bottle of red & white, how's that!

The next morning we headed off to RVMYC, arriving at 1230hrs, our journey was over.

**A big thanks to Frank and Len,
for their company, seamanship
and sharing of knowledge.**

RVMYC MARINERS
Present

**Fifth Avenue
Jewellery
Collection**

**SATURDAY
MAY 1,
2.00PM**

**IDEAL MOTHER'S DAY
GIFTS**

Light afternoon
tea available

“THAT’S GARBAGE !”

By Dawn Holmes

Well done to all those members and guests who diligently recycle.

However, according to our garbage contractor J.J. Richards, the RVMYC along with just one other are the worst recyclers in Williamstown.

Our bins are marked, but obviously not enough care is taken to separate our refuse. Batteries have also been placed in the bottom of bins. This is totally unacceptable. This is a disgrace and a reputation we don't want and don't need to have.

Let's pick up our act and do our best for the environment and get this sorted.

“ ...the worst recyclers in Williamstown.”



NO CLOTH'S



NO PLASTICS BAGS

CLUB CRUISING - MAY 15/16

Members are advised that a cruise to the Docklands, (Marina YE) is planned for the 15th of May.

Staying overnight at Marina YE (\$50) on the south side of the Docklands. There are restaurants there and it's a short walk along the river to the new South Wharf shopping district, the casino, with the Southbank precinct a further walk along.

On Sunday 16, the group will be cruising to Herring island (along the Yarra) via our rubber ducks, tenders (or members suitable boat), all vessels must be able to clear the bridges along the way, the lowest clearance being the Spencer Street bridge with a maximum clearance at high tide of 2.47metres.

Herring Island is accessible only by boat, it is 3.2 hectares in size, just 3 km from the city and the only substantial island in the

Yarra River. This informal parkland is home to a concept in which artists were commissioned to create site-specific sculptures.

Created from natural materials such as stone, earth and wood, the sculptures appear as part of the landscape to reflect the island's unique and tranquil setting. Visit the Sculpture park, the Native Wild garden and the Herring Island gallery.

On Herring island, we will have a picnic lunch, so BYO everything. Free electric BBQ's are also available.

Members without boats are most welcome.

Please register your interest with the office, so that details can be arranged.

For more details on the cruise, please call John Zammit on 0418 587 799

**To register with the office
Email: rvmc@optusnet.com.au
or Call 9397 5036.**



CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR BBQ AREA



Members are responsible for the conduct of their group as follows:

- Maximum 36 people in any one self catered party
- No smoking in enclosed areas
- Dogs are not permitted in or near eating areas
- Children to be supervised at all times
- Alcohol consumed in this area to be purchased from bar
- Area to be cleared and cleaned on day of use
- Refuse and recyclables to be placed in separate bins
- Clears and blinds to be secured after use

CLUB NEWS

Committee Nominations

Nomination forms for Committee positions have been mailed to all members in the last week.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please fill in the form and return it to the office.

If you want to make a positive contribution to your club, we encourage you to apply and have a direct influence on how your club operates.

Nominations close **MAY 15**, all correspondence must be received by the Secretary before 8pm.

Duty Officers

All members are invited to volunteer to assist the Duty Officers' on the weekends.

Instruction will be provided. Please contact the office to advise your availability.



2010/11 Fees

Members are reminded to **quote their surname** on any electronic payments.

The Club encourages members to pay their accounts by this convenient method, but already two payments have been received in April, that cannot be identified.

If you have made an EFT payment and your account has not been credited, please forward the EFT receipt to the club for reconciliation.

‘ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ’

OUR BEST WISHES TO RON ON HIS 90th BIRTHDAY!



RON & PEGGY ELLIOTT

For those of you who don't know, Ron Elliott has been a club member since 1965.

In 1987 Ron was honoured with life membership.

Ron served for 21 years as Honorary Secretary, retiring in 1998.

‘ THANKS AGAIN GIBSONS ’

Once again we pay tribute to Rhonda & Graeme Gibson's selfless efforts to beautify the club.



They volunteered many hours of their time, to landscape the garden around the old house. We hope the aching muscles and sore backs were soon gone. Thank you for your efforts

SOCIAL CALENDAR





Commodore Darren Keast
On behalf of the
ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB
Invites all members to the
2010 ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT
SATURDAY, MAY 22nd
 Includes a three course dinner for \$ 55 per person.
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May 2010

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2 Ricketts Point Regatta BMYC
3	4	5	6	7 "Friday Night Mob" RAFFLE drawn 7.30pm	8	9 MOTHERS DAY LUNCH Miss Aust Cup
10	11	12	13	14 "Friday Night Mob" RAFFLE drawn 7.30pm	15 CLUB CRUISING Docklands to Herring Island	16 CLUB CRUISING Docklands to Herring Island
17	18	19	20	21 "Friday Night Mob" RAFFLE drawn 7.30pm	22 Awards Dinner	23
24	25	26	27	28 "Friday Night Mob" RAFFLE drawn 7.30pm	29	30
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