PROPELLER

FROM THE COMMODORE'S DESK

From the Commodores Desk.
October 2011

The official opening of our 108th season went off with a real bang thanks to the assistance of the Historical Re-Enactment Group and thanks to Geoff Dougall for his assistance in organising their participation. It seemed to be a fitting salute for Ron Elliott who sadly passed away early that morning.

There was also greater participation by the TS Voyager Cadets and they were all most appreciative of the welcome they received especially the invitation to be part of the sail past and for the great barbeque organised by Richard Sharpe. Community engagement is an important part of our Club and greater association with the Cadets can be a valuable contribution in this area.

Our first Nav Rally of the season was regrettably postponed but we have the Marconi Trophy coming up on 6th November and this is always a great day so come down and be involved.

It is really encouraging to see the response of Members and their guests in relation to the recent drive to encourage all guests to sign in.
We are currently looking at the situation in the barbeque area as it appears that whilst there is no restriction on Members being served drinks at the bar to take to this area, it is not allowable for guests to be served. I will clarify this requirement and will keep you posted.

Happy and safe boating to all!

Mark Rindfleish,

Commodore

RVMYC MEMBERS DRAW
OCTOBER 2011

OCT 26 - WINNER
SANDY ELLUL $450

OCT 5: 'MNIA' - LEE VITIELLO,
OCT 12: 'MNIA',
OCT 19: 'MNIA' - KEVIN NEWLANDS,

NEW PRIZE RESETS TO $250
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AND A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO WIN.

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME.
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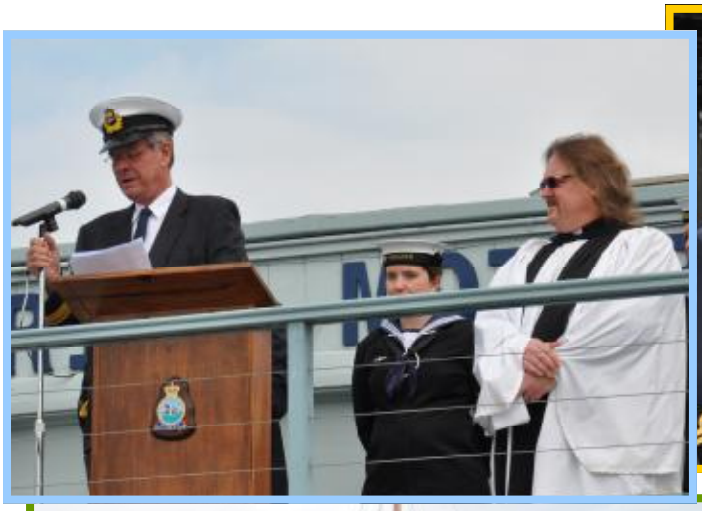
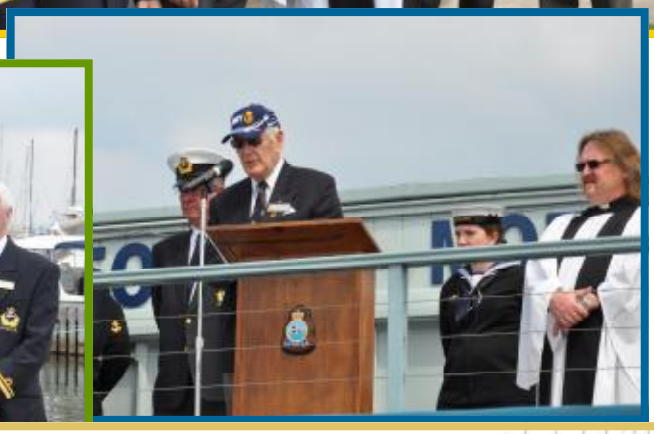
‘ 2011 OPENING DAY ’





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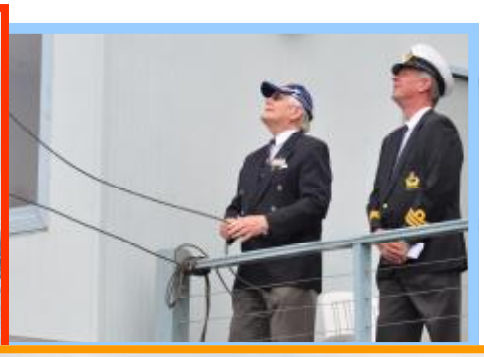

‘ Volunteer Harbour Patrol ’

A transcript of the speech given by Commander John M. Wilkins RFD* RANR Ret’d, at our Opening Day ceremony.

Volunteer Harbour Patrol 1939 - June 1941
NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL June 1941 - April 1942
RANVR(NAP) April 1942 - August 1945

Researched by Commander John M Wilkins RFD* RANR – Oct 2011

The past history of the Royal Victorian Motor Club, its amalgamation with the Little Ships Club and the operation of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol of World War 2 is a story we should take time to revisit on occasions like this.

As members of the RVMYC you are custodians of a history which honours all of you for the past volunteer support of your club members gave the Royal Australian Navy, and Australia, an essential wartime patrol of ports and harbours for national defence.

When war started September 1939, Navy Office Melbourne quickly received offers to assist from members of Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club (RVMYC) located at North Wharf on the Yarra River and the Hobson’s Bay Yacht Club.

The RVMYC offer to convene a meeting of Port Phillip yacht clubs, saw members of the Hobson’s Bay Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, also volunteer to perform harbour patrol work.

Navy accepted their offer, and they patrolled the Yarra River, Williamstown harbour and Hobson’s Bay shipping lanes, under Navy Office guidance. They were to use their own motor boats at no charge to the Commonwealth, and commenced patrols in early 1940.

1941, June 12th – The Naval Board formally approved of a **Naval Auxiliary Patrol (NAP)**, in order to utilise the resources of private owners of yachts, launches, fishing vessels and other suitable vessels located around Australia for Auxiliary Patrols to augment Australia’s Home Defence capability.

Navy’s operating conditions for the NAP were:

A Navy bears cost of alterations of special equipment needed to fit out their vessels, including .303 Vickers Machine Guns, Depth Charges, search lights, rifles, revolvers and hand grenades.

B Navy supplied scarce rationed fuel and lubricating oil for NAP Patrol duties.

C Vessel owners pay the cost of engine and equipment maintenance Navy accepting no liability for damage to boats on Patrol.

D Uniforms not compulsory but uniforms and badges, if worn, a personal responsibility.

E Navy would issue Official Warrants to approved NAP owners of vessels.

F Naval Board accepts liability for death or injury of NAP members.

G Navy to issue all NAP members with a specially designed button with anchor, no Royal Crown, and letters “N.A.P.” a design worn for 25 years by RN Warrant officers 1787-1812, the Trafalgar period.

NAP members took these duties very seriously and trained hard to become more efficient in navigation, signalling, intelligence gathering, life saving, first aid, medical emergencies and knot-tying, attending training one night a week, patrol duties on another night and returning to their daytime employment during the daylight hours.
Their patrols were vital for they made it **more difficult for enemy forces to successfully deliver surprise attacks** along our coastline and in our harbours.

1941, June, 25th. - The Naval Auxiliary Patrol (NAP) in Victoria comprised two 32 boat flotillas drawn from available former pleasure yachts and motor boats, and ranged in size from 60 foot auxiliary yachts to 20 foot open motor boats.

1941, Dec 7 - The British Cabinet’s Top Secret Appreciation on the defence capability of the Far East was captured by the German Merchant Raider, *Atlantis* from the SS Automedon in 1940 and passed to the Japanese at the end of 1940. This was a deciding factor in the attack on the Far East and Pearl Harbour on 7 Dec 1941, 11 months later. Within eight weeks of Japan‘s attack they were at our northern borders and the work of volunteer harbour patrols by the NAP became top priority on the home front.

1942, April - For personnel security reasons the NAP were immediately inducted into the **RANVR (NAP)** as part of the RAN. A few NAP boats elected not to become RANVR but continue their original volunteer role but they ran the risk, if captured, of being executed as spies, not that that distinction worried the enemy.

1942, May - The most famous NAP action was in Sydney harbour on the night of 31st May, 1942.
NAP vessels ***HMAS Lauriana, HMAS Sea Mist, HMAS Steady Hour and HMAS Yarroma*** very aggressively harrassed and attacked a Japanese midget submarine No.21 in Port Jackson. The NAP reported the sighting to the RAN Port War Signal Station and HMAS *Yandra*, 900 ton Auxiliary A/S ship, sank the submarine.

Ports with NAP vessels were-

Merauke - New Guinea 1943;	Torres Strait 1939 - 45;
Darwin harbour 1939 - 45;	Brisbane QLD 1939 - 45;
Sydney Harbour 1939 - 45;	NSW Port Kembla - 1944;
Port Melbourne, VIC 1939 - 44;	
Williamstown, VIC1939 - 44;	Hobart -TAS 1941 - 44;
Port Adelaide, SA 1941- 44;	Fremantle, W.A. 1942- 45;
Geraldton, W.A. 1942- 45;	Point Walter, W.A. 1943;

Many more smaller ports around Australia also had NAP.

By August 1942, the number of Victorian NAP boats now exceeded 100. By October 1942 the total Australian strength of RANVR(NAP) exceeded 7,000 including mobilised and unmobilised Reserves.

By June 1944, the war had moved north as Japanese forces were being defeated and pushed back. August 1944, NAP security patrols in the south ceased.

1945 – After the war the ex Victorian NAP members formed the Little Ships Club.

In 1948, they were honoured by a Royal Warrant granting them the right to fly a Blue Ensign with a six pointed white star in the fly, representing their war service in the dusk to dawn hours when the stars were their companions.

1955 - The LSC amalgamated with the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club in c1955.

Queensland LSC, an offshoot of the Victorian body, continues to fly the LSC Blue ensign granted in 1948 and still remain active to the present date.

So you, the present day members of this RVMYC are honoured by the past war service of your forebears who volunteered in support of the RAN in the defence of Australia in time of threat.

Remember your honoured heritage.

Commander John M. Wilkins RFD* RANR Ret’d

October 2011

‘ MARIBYRNONG RIVER TEAGARDENS CRUISE ’

From Chris Ackerman

Just a few photo’s from the RVMYC Maribyrnong River cruise on Sunday 23rd October, we had 5 boats and 1 tender, about 35 people in total.

‘ 2011 FASHION PARADE ’

A big thank you to all our beautiful & handsome volunteer models & to our Mariners Social Committee members for all their hard work.

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‘ 2011 FASHION PARADE continued ’

‘ Blessing of the Fleet ! ’

From Andrew Broadway

At the Mornington Yacht Club Opening Day, the vicar provided a printed copy of proceedings for the blessing of the fleet which included a mariners or sailor's paraphrase of the 23rd psalm. As none of us had ever heard it before we thought that our members may like to read it. Cheers Andrew

Sailor's Paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm.

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.
He lighteth me across the dark waters.
He steereth me in the deep channels.
He keepeth my log.
He guideth me beneath stars of his holiness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempest of life,
I shall dread no anger, for thou art with me;
Thy love and thy care, they shelter me.
Thou preparest a harbour for me in the homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waves with oil.
My ship rideth calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,
And I will rest in the port of God forever.

‘ ANTI-FOULING ’

The Australian and New Zealand governments, together with maritime and conservation representatives, have recently been involved in the drafting of the *Antifouling and In-water Cleaning Guidelines* to replace the *Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council Code of Practice on Antifouling and In-water Cleaning and Hull Maintenance 1997*.

Boating Industry Association of Victoria

The draft *Antifouling and In-water Cleaning Guidelines* relate to the ***application of antifouling paints and the process of cleaning underwater growth from hulls while vessels or structures remain in the water,*** and focus on biosecurity and contamination risks rather than vessel types or industries. The guidance is consistent with the International Maritime Organisation's Antifouling Systems Convention, and provides a clear and practical risk assessment and framework to facilitate consistent decision making about risks posed by in-water cleaning events.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is currently seeking views on the draft *Antifouling and In-water Cleaning Guidelines* from people or organisations with marine interests relating to the management of the submerged surfaces of vessels and movable structures and the affect these management activities have on the environment.

A consultation paper, the draft Guidelines, and full information on making a submission are at:
www.daff.gov.au/draft-antifouling-and-inwater-cleaning-guidelines

We encourage you to forward this information on to others whom you feel may have an interest in the draft Guidelines or in making a submission. **Please note that submissions are due 30 November 2011**. BIAV are looking into this along with other State BIA's and National body BIAA, however in the interim please be aware of the changes that may affect your operation.
If you have any concerns, please contact Ben: ben@biavic.com.au

‘ FIRST AID COURSES ’

From Chris Ackerman

We are seeking expressions of interest in first aid courses being held at RVMYC. In order to start the process of organising this type of training course, we need to establish how many members would be interested in attending.

We are yet to set the date(s); however we expect to run the course(s) on a Wednesday night and it may take two sessions to complete the training. If you would like to register your interest please email the Club at **rvmyc@optusnet.com.au** or call the office.

‘ NOTE YOUR DIARY.... ’

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH

ENTERTAINMENT @ RVMYC IS HERE!

NEW YEARS EVE

Come and enjoy an evening of good cheer to see-out the old year with music and dancing.

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Or Call 9397 5036

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The weekly prize jackpots by $50 until won

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Available (inc. drink)

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FRIDAY NIGHT MOB RAFFLE

CHANCE TO WIN $1000

Purchase your $1 ticket to win Prizes. More tickets mean more chances to win.

Includes the $1000 spin, Meat Tray, Veggie Tray and other prizes.

Come and enjoy the music and company of your fellow members

DRAWN EVERY FRIDAY 7.30pm

‘ 2011 TOP END INTERCLUB FISHING CHALLENGE ’

TOP END INTERCLUB FISHING CHALLENGE

FRIDAY 11TH - SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2011

Williamstown Sportfishing and Game Club and the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club are holding the Interclub Challenge and all members are invited to attend!

Registration Fee: Nil. **Fishing Times:** 6.00pm Friday 11th to 11.30am Sunday 13th November **Fishing Area:** Port Phillip Bay

Venue: The Briefing, all weigh ins and the BBQ will be at the clubrooms. The briefing will be **WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER @ approx 7.30pm. Please come and dine at the Club beforehand, you'll need to book your table in the dining room.**

BBQ: From 12noon Sunday, a BBQ has been arranged for all participating members including soft drink. There will be a charge of $12 for adults & $5 for kids aged 12 & under for the BBQ. Alcohol can be purchased at bar prices.

If you are able to offer a trip to others, including the WS&GC members club then please contact your club for further information.

MORE DETAILS WILL PROVIDED AT THE BRIEFING NIGHT AND WILL BE POSTED AROUND THE CLUB.

‘ ADVERTISING RATES ’

Did you know that you can advertise in this newsletter from as little as $24 an edition for a business card size ad? Ten editions are published each year and circulated to our members and friends.

Business Card Size: $240pa **Half Page Size: $720pa** ***Full Page Size: $1200pa**

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CLUB NEWS

CENTENARY CUP - NOV 20

Due to bad weather on Sunday Oct 16, this event has now been rescheduled to the alternate date.
Members who had registered for the original date, will remain registered for the new date unless we are advised otherwise.
New entrants are now welcome to register for this event. All boats welcome to compete, NON-BOAT owners most welcome!
(Contact Chris Ackerman for a Host Boat)

Individual start times will be issued to participants upon receipt of your entry form.
So please have them into the club well before our

Friday 18 NOVEMBER deadline

The Last, Last Friday of the month FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

The Friday lunches have been a great success, raising funds for our building redevelopment. The third lunch will be held on **NOV 25** and will be the last for this year, they will start again in the new year. So bring some friends, work colleagues or clients for lunch, maybe even as an early Christmas staff party. It's a fun, relaxed social event with fellow members and helps raise extra funds for our new Club House. Look out for details at www.rvmyc.com.au Also check our weekly emails & SMS.

WEBSITE

Hooray!

The website is finally up and running. Members are invited to check out the boating & social events; we have posted the calendar of events up to & including DEC 2011.
Check the Facilities / Social Events tab
for the latest social details.
Look out for it at www.rvmyc.com.au.

Also register for our weekly emails and SMS for the latest social and boating events news.

XMAS BAR TRADING HOURS

Members advised that the **BAR** will be **closed** on

SUNDAY DEC 25 - XMAS DAY,

DEC 26 - BOXING DAY &

DEC 27 - XMAS DAY HOLIDAY

CLUB CLOTHING

The days of dwindling clothing stock are nearly over. The new summer range will be in the club within the month. There are many old favourites & some useful and stylish new designs for members, both ladies and gents. Also, we have decorative items such as epaulettes in white and black for boat owners and epaulette shirts to fit them on to. Tie bars and cuff links will be available. The popular Australian made pullovers are still available, as are the zip up cardigans. Keep your eye on the cabinet in the foyer for the new stock.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

SANTA will be in attendance;

TREASURE HUNT;

We also have our much loved

ANIMAL PETTING ZOO

~ Bookings open now ~

RVMYC

MARCONI TROPHY NAV RALLY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

COME AND HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT ON THE WATER

NON-BOAT OWNERS MOST WELCOME!

OUR GENEROUS AND LONG TIME SPONSORS,
TONY WILLIS AND ANDY BAKER FROM 'MARCONI',
PROVIDE LUNCH FOR ALL SKIPPERS AND NAVIGATORS AFTER THE RACE

ENTRIES CLOSE NOV 4

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ENQUIRIES – CHRIS ACKERMAN (0414 273 518) OR SIMPLY EMAIL TO REGISTER RVMYC@OPTUSNET.COM.AU

EMAIL: RVMYC@OPTUSNET.COM.AU
OR CALL 9397 5036

November 2011

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CUP EVE 7.00pm	1 CUP DAY Bar open 11am	2 MEMBERS DRAW 8.00pm	3	4 'FNM' RAFFLE	5	6 MARCONI CUP
7	8	9 MEMBERS DRAW 8.00pm	10	11 FISHING COMP	12 FISHING COMP	13 FISHING COMP
14	15	16 MEMBERS DRAW 8.00pm	17	18 'FNM' RAFFLE	19	20 CENTENARY CUP
21	22	23 MEMBERS DRAW 8.00pm	24	25 *LAST* LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH	26 WERRIBEE RIVER DAY CRUISE	27
28	29	30 MEMBERS DRAW 8.00pm		FRIDAY NIGHT MOB 'FNM' RAFFLE, CHANCE TO WIN $1000		