

## RMYS News - 2005

**6 January 2005**

### **47th Place is Just Fine - 14363**

*Karen Hannan, News, Thursday, 6 January 2005*

Jeff Whiteside's account of Addiction's trip in the 2004 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Cheers to all those silly sailors who went to play in Bass Straight over Christmas and cheers to all the smart ones who stayed home and watched it on TV. No we weren't the slowest boat out of the harbour, our tracker was a problem right through the race. After a crew lunch on Christmas day at the McGarvie apartment and a couple of quiet ones back at CYC we had an early night. Race day excitement was outstanding and a good start and a good first day until the southwester hit.

All turned ugly for a short time with the masthead still up, during the retrieval of the spinnaker I was well and truly dunked on the low side and badly bruised my calf and knee. The crew pushed on until after Eden but as conditions got worse the decision was made to return to Eden and wait out the worst of the storm. Repaired the broken headboard car, replaced the spinnaker halyard, a good feed and rest for all and back into it fourteen hours later. One night of 25 to gusts of 35, nothing unusual for the crew, with two crew down sick being Matt and myself, but this didn't last too long.

With the appearance of the ABC chopper Richard thought it was time the world had a good look at his thermal underwear - what a laugh for all - then we had an awesome 17 hour spinnaker run with all the helmsmen vying for top speed, tricky Ricky top the score card at 19.8 knots and an average for the day of 12.5, we knew we had picked up a few places.

Around Tasman Island with the kite still up but we had to change to the reacher and carried it into storm bay, we slowed to puffs for several hours until the south-wester finally started and we worked the east bank. At the iron pot we could see one sail silhouetted against the Tasman Bridge and the hunt was on, slowly caught Sailmaker and overtook them only to find another boat ahead and in striking distance. By now the breeze was building in the early hours of the morning and we were after Quality Equipment and overhauled them about three miles from the finish, crossing the line doing 12kn. The welcome was great and the beers on the dock were well deserved by all. And then the party started and I am still recovering. I am sure there will be a lot more gossip to come out over the next few weeks and looking forward to catching up with many of you.

Thanks to all the crew and the two owners of Addiction for a great race and the fulfilment of a dream and a goal.

Happy New Year to all.

Cheers

Jeff Whiteside

ADDICTION RMYS S16

**7 January 2005**

**Congratulations to all of the entrants in the races to Tasmania - 14391**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 7 January 2005*

A huge congratulations to all RMYS members that competed in the races to Tasmania over the Christmas and New Year period, in what turned out to be very difficult and trying conditions. Beyond Outrageous was the first Royal Melbourne boat to cross the line in the Sydney to Hobart. This was the first Sydney to Hobart the boat and its current owner, Tony Warren, have completed together. A huge effort!

RMYS was also represented in this race by Addiction and Outlaw. Outlaw unfortunately was unable to complete the race, however Addiction managed to cross the line at approx. 5:45am New Year's Day. A valiant effort by all. RMYS Yard Manager, Jeff Whiteside, was aboard Addiction and has written a [brief account](#) of their trip to Hobart.

After tearing a hole in their main just after leaving Port Phillip Heads on their way to Hobart, Sea Eagle made the decision to join the Melbourne to Launceston fleet. Despite crossing the line first and finishing an hour and a half ahead of the rest of the fleet on corrected time, Sea Eagle were unfortunately ineligible to win as they were not entered in the race!! Even though their win was not official, their fantastic performance was recognised and acknowledged by the race organisers.

For all the other RMYS boats who either had to pull out or decided not to start (we don't blame you!), and to those also that competed in the Cock of the Bay, we look forward to seeing you back ready to sail in December 2005, with hopefully perfect conditions....

**New Twilight Spinnaker Series - 14392**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 7 January 2005*

Commencing on Wednesday 12 January 2005, there will be a Twilight Spinnaker Series at 1815 hours every Wednesday.

The Series will be run in conjunction with the L.A. Nangle Dorlon Series, in the same way the Jo Johannesen Series and Spinnaker Series have just been run.

You can collect an entry form from the RMYS website or from The Triad. If you would like to enter, please lodge your form by 5pm Friday 7 January 2005. If you already have a bulk entry for the Wednesday races, there will be no additional charge.

## **12 January 2005**

### **Top of the Bay Keelboat Regatta - 14087**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 14 December 2004*

The Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) invites owners and crews of eligible yachts to compete in the inaugural [Top of the Bay Regatta](#) to be held in northern Port Phillip on March 11 to 14, 2005.

For more information please contact: Sailing Administration, Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Phone: 03 9592 3092

Fax: 03 9592 9633

Email: [sailing@rbyc.org.au](mailto:sailing@rbyc.org.au)

## **13 January 2005**

### **More Sydney to Hobart Congratulations - 14574**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 13 January 2005*

We accidentally omitted from last week's e-news a RMYS boat that sailed in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

MCQ Polaris, owned and skippered by RMYS member Chris Dawe, finished 52nd over the line, 2/4 in the 30 year Veteran division, 35/89 in IRC Overall and 4/14 in IRC Div E.

Another wonderful result by a club boat.

## **20 January 2005**

### **Geelong Week - 14890**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 20 January 2005*

Agar Wynne

If you haven't already entered the Agar Wynne (the passage race to Geelong this Saturday) please do by 5pm today. Boats must have already entered with Geelong to be eligible to enter the RMYS Agar Wynne Trophy. Please download the Notice of Race and Entry Form from the RMYS website.

Signing Off

There has been some confusion regarding the Signing Off procedure for the Skandia Geelong Week Regatta. Please read your Sailing Instructions carefully as failure to Sign Off correctly will result in a scoring penalty. Alternatively, contact RGYC on 5223 2768.

Rolls available

Rolls will be available for purchase from 7am Saturday morning. Please let us know if you require a large order of rolls.

'Cruise in Company' back to Melbourne

There will be an informal cruise/race back to Melbourne from Geelong this Sunday (for those unfortunate people who have to return to work on Monday!). Start time is 1030am at the Entrance to the Channel, No. 10 Beacon. Record your own finish time on a GPS as you cross the finish line (Breakwater Tower and 'A' mark). Finish times to be submitted to Fiona in the office by 11am Monday, and winners will be acknowledged in the coming e-news.

### **Workboat Service - 14891**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 20 January 2005*

Further to a meeting of all workboat users held in November, we have purchased a larger tinny and new outboard motor. As agreed at the meeting in an effort to be able to provide a service without a considerable increase in cost, this service will now operate in place of the combined workboat and tin fish. The workboat with driver service will no longer operate.

By this coming weekend, the tinny will be on the new davit, which has been installed just inside the second gate.

This service is available to all members who pay the quarterly workboat fee, and purchase a key from the office.

All members who pay for this service have been notified separately.

### **Congratulations - 14892**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 20 January 2005*

S80 Championships

Congratulations should be given to co-owners Mitch Batson and Steve Cartlidge of Jack Tar of RMYS. They came 7th overall in both the State and National S80 Championships held at SYC over 3 days this last weekend. Out of 28 boats in total, they should not only be congratulated on doing so well but also in coming away completely unscathed (boat wise).

Also from RMYS, Take One who did very well, coming in at a credible 19th overall. Well done to all involved.

## 27 February 2005

### Coastal Navigation Course - 15019

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 27 January 2005*

RMYS will be conducting a Coastal Navigation Course commencing in March.

The course will be run over 10 consecutive Thursdays evenings in the Committee Room from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, the first week starting Thursday 10 March. Cost will be \$125. The Booking form is available on the RMYS Website.

*(Note: The link has been removed as the page is no longer available.)*

## 3 February 2005

### 2-Handed Series - 15097

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

This Sunday is the first race of a Summer/Autumn 2 handed Series, run in conjunction with RBYC.

There will be 7 races in total. A Notice of Race and Entry Form will be available tomorrow. Please contact [Fiona](#) for your copy.

Race 1 - 6 Feb RMYS

Race 2 - 20 Feb RBYC

Race 3 - 20 March RMYS (also part of the RMYS Summer Series)

Race 4 - 3 April RBYC (also part of the RMYS Summer Series)

Race 5 - 17 April RBYC

Race 6 - 15 May RBYC

Race 7 - 29 May RBYC

The RMYS Summer 2-handed Series will still continue as scheduled. There are 6 races in total with 2 more to be run on 20 March & 3 April. Note the race planned for the 13 March has been moved to 20 March on account of the long weekend and other race clashes.

Please contact [Fiona](#) if you have any other queries.

### Agar Wynne Trophy - 15098

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

Provisional results for the Passage race from Melbourne to Geelong are on the RMYS website, however they are subject to a protest hearing. Final results will hopefully be posted on the website tomorrow afternoon.

### **Geelong to Melbourne Race - 15100**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

It must have been a big Saturday night in Geelong as only Wise of Time and Addiction made it out for the start at 1030 hours Sunday morning for the race home to Melbourne. Wise of Time crossed the finish line at 16:23:31 and Addiction at 16:13:46. Silhouette slept in and left Geelong at 1300 and arrived home at approx. the same time as the others!

### **Jennifer F. Goldsmith Trophy - 15101**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

From 2005, the traditional Royal Melbourne Lady Skippers' Spinnaker race has been re-dedicated as the: Jennifer F Goldsmith Trophy

Still to be conducted on a Sunday in February each year, the race remains open to female skippers of all ages and levels of experience. However, the Goldsmith family, in memory of former RMYS member Jennifer, has provided a perpetual trophy and substantial prizes for the first, second and third placegetters.

In 2005, the individual prizes will include:

First: Jewellery piece from Tiffany & Co., Collins Street, Melbourne

Second: Jewellery piece from Swarovski Crystals

Third: Jewellery piece from Swarovski Crystals

The Goldsmith family will continue to provide prizes of substantial calibre for all future years of the race.

The 2005 Jennifer F Goldsmith Trophy is scheduled for Sunday, 27 February 2005.

### **Women's Elliot Regatta - 15102**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

This Regatta will be held at RYCV on Sunday 13th February.

It will be a one day event with a series of heats followed by a final later in the day. Contact Kathleen at the RYCV office on 9397 1277 for an entry form.

There will be a training day at RYCV on Saturday 5th February from 9am until 12pm at RYCV. Cost will be \$20 and all crews entered in the Elliot Regatta should attend.

### **Offer Sought To Lay Ply In The Marina - 15103**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 3 February 2005*

The club is seeking interested members to lay 100 sheets of ply on the marina walkways.

The sheets of ply which are currently in the yard have been cut to size and painted, so they can be laid without further cutting on the main walkway and the arms. Could any members interested in tendering for the work please contact Steve Morrison on 0418 372 598.

## **10 February 2005**

### **St. Kilda Festival - 15229**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 10 February 2005*

The big day of the St Kilda Festival is this Sunday, 13th Feb. Jacka Boulevard, Pier Road, Fitzroy Street and Acland Street will all be closed to traffic from 5am until midnight.

Please be aware that it will be difficult to access the squadron on this day (due to the road closures) and parking in St Kilda will be very limited.

### **Coastal Navigation Course - Fully Booked - 15230**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 10 February 2005*

Due to the overwhelming response we received, we will look at running another course in a couple of month's time.

## **16 February 2005**

### **Mornington Peninsula Winery Weekend Cruise - 15305**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 16 February 2005*

Saturday March 12 – Monday March 14 2005

Come join the RMYS Cruising Division's long weekend voyage to the Mornington Peninsula wineries. Depart from St Kilda on Saturday for a leisurely sail to Mornington, before dining ensemble on Saturday evening.

Sunday prepare your Taste Buds for a wine experience around the Mornington Peninsula wineries by bus.

Monday sees us sailing back to St Kilda. What more pleasurable way to spend your long weekend on the Bay?

For further information, please contact Lindy at [barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au)

However, please do take note that with limitations on berthing at Mornington, you'll need to be quick.

## **18 February 2005**

### **Jennifer F Goldsmith Trophy - 15339**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 18 February 2005*

The RMYS Lady Skipper's Race has now been running for over 40 years and last year became a spinnaker race in recognition of the depth of skills amongst the women who regularly sail competitively in Melbourne.

2005 will see the race become the inaugural Jennifer F Goldsmith Trophy in recognition of Jennifer's contribution to the club during the years in which she was a member.

Why Compete: This is a fantastic opportunity for women who normally crew to skipper a race. You don't need to have an all female crew and can therefore sail with your regular crew but this time you get to tell them what to do.

So come on all you women out there, talk to your skippers and convince them that this is an opportunity you can't pass up. We want to see YOU at RMYS on Sunday February 27th 2005.

Entry: This year there will be a \$20 entry fee per boat, which will be donated in full to Cancer at Bay. The closing date for entries is Tuesday February 22nd.

Prizes:

1st: Jewellery piece from Tiffany & Co

2nd: Jewellery piece from Swarovski Crystals

3rd: Jewellery piece from Swarovski Crystals

There will also be a Perpetual Trophy, which will be awarded to the winner on presentation night. After the race there will be a barbeque, held in the Wet Bar.

\*\*If you have any items suitable for a raffle, please contact Fiona in the office.

### **Keeping Cancer At Bay - 15340**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 18 February 2005*

The Range series race on the 26th February will attract a \$25 entry, with all proceeds going to Keeping Cancer at Bay. Boat owners can pick up their entry envelope from the office.

This entry allows boat owners to go to the party at SYC. All others need to pay \$25 admission fee.

There is also a social rally on this day for those boats that are not competing in the Range Series. Please see the Notice of Yachting Rally on The Triad in the Member's Bar for more info.

There is something for everyone to get involved in next Saturday. It is all for a good cause so get a few friends/crew together and enter one of the events.

## **Marina - 15341**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 18 February 2005*

We will be starting some re-decking works on the worst affected areas of the marina this week.

Please remove all your hoses, ropes, gearboxes and rubbish adjacent to your pen so that we can work to lay the decking with minimum delays.

If we have to remove your things, they may be difficult to find again.

## **24 February 2005**

### **Big Bay Race - 4 to 6 March, 2005 - 15437**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 24 February 2005*

Entries for the Big Bay Race close at 5pm tomorrow.

We are looking for volunteers to assist manning the radios (in shifts) during the BBR. If you have a Radio Operators Licence and are able to help out at some stage throughout the race, please contact Fiona.

### **Range Series - N.B. 13:00 Start This Weekend - 15438**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 24 February 2005*

Please note that the Range Series race this Saturday 26 February commences at 1300 hours (NOT 1400 hours) as per the Notice of Race.

Warning Signal is at 1255 hours.

## **10 March 2005**

### **Big Bay Race - 15711**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 10 March 2005*

Congratulations to Peter Davison, Richard McGarvie and crew of Addiction.

The only boat left racing in the Big Bay Race after 40+ knot winds forced the other competitors to retire Saturday afternoon. A wonderful effort by all in not so wonderful conditions....

### **Working Bee Day - 15712**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 10 March 2005*

The next club Working Bee will be held on Sunday 20 March, which is just over a week away.

With Squadron Open Day only a few weeks later, we really need your help in getting the clubhouse into tip-top shape. The more hands the better...So that you are suited to a job, we are putting together a

roster. Please contact the office on 9534 0227 and let us know what your expertise is or what you would like to do.

This is one of two scheduled workdays this year that will count to a refund from your Working Bee levy. We prefer the time to the money so please come along and help out your fellow members.

## **22 March 2005**

### **Easter Cruise to Queenscliff - 15856**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 22 March 2005*

Join with the RMYS Cruising Division for one of the highlights of the cruising year, our annual pilgrimage to Queenscliff.

As a special highlight for lovers of the "fruits of the sea", there is a Seafood Festival at Queenscliff on Good Friday, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.30pm.

Saturday or Sunday day sail to Sorrento and Portsea.

For further information and details, please contact Lindy Scott at [barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au)

## **24 March 2005**

### **Easter Trading Hours - 15919**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 24 March 2005*

The office will be closed from Good Friday through to Easter Monday inclusive.

Bar Hours:

Good Friday    Closed

Easter Saturday 12noon - 8-00pm

Easter Sunday  2pm - 7-30pm

Easter Monday 2pm - 7-30pm

Our Bar Manager David Labrum is in Frankston hospital with pneumonia. It maybe some time before he is back. We will keep you informed. We have sent flowers on behalf of staff and members. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## **Working Bee Day - 15920**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 24 March 2005*

I am truly amazed and extremely proud to have attended and witnessed the work completed at last Sunday's Working Bee. Some 35 members had turned up before 11am which is a fantastic showing of support for the club. Not only did the Members Lounge get a face lift but the Wet Bar kitchen has been re-benched, external handrails repainted, a repaint for the bar, a new fascia installed on the roof over the front balcony, garden hedge trimmed, locker doors repaired, windows cleaned and the office repainted and recarpeted. It was a great team effort by all concerned and on behalf of the General Committee, I extend a very warm thank-you to all those who assisted.

One of the advantages I noticed at the Working Bee was the opportunity of members to meet other members as small work groups were established for various tasks. (Almost as good as being on a Committee!)

Thanks again to all contributors.

Rohan Brownlee

Vice Commodore

## **31 March 2005**

### **Range Race 6 Photos - 15995**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 31 March 2005*

Photographs taken during Range Race 6 are now on the web at [Steb Fisher Photography](#) (they can be found under Sailing 03/04 Season).

### **RMYS Golf Day - 15996**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 31 March 2005*

The RMYS Golf Day is on again this year on Sunday, 17th April at Albert Park Golf Course.

As usual, it will be Ambrose rules. Sabina Rosser and Brian McDermott will work out the groups and starting order once we have an idea of numbers.

There will be a BBQ on the 19th hole after the event; food is included in your entry fee, BYO drinks and chair.

Cost will be \$30.00, which covers the game, bbq and trophies. We have booked for twenty but are happy to accommodate extras.

Please email your name to Brian [bmcderm@tpgi.com.au](mailto:bmcderm@tpgi.com.au) or ring him on 0425-721-860. We are keen to confirm the booking on the 8th April. At this point we have 9 starters.

### **Road Closure 3rd April - 15997**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 31 March 2005*

Beaconsfield Parade will be closed this Sunday (3rd April) from 6:30am - 10:30am.

Access to Pier Road will be via Cowderoy Street.

### **6 April 2005**

#### **Mussel Madness - Cruise to Portarlington - 16090**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 6 April 2005*

Anzac Day Weekend, Saturday April 23 – Monday April 25, 2005

You may have heard of The Muscle Beach Party, Muscle Cars and Mussolini...

Now it's time to join with the Cruising Division on the annual "Mussel Madness" weekend at Portarlington.

If you're interested, please make sure to contact Lindy Scott at [barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au) by Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **14 April 2005**

#### **Invitation for crew interest - 2005 Hamilton Is, Hogs Breath, Gosford-Lord Howe, Syd Hobart, + more - 16145**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 14 April 2005*

As you may or may not be aware Beyond Outrageous set out to complete the cat 1 double in 2004. Gosford to Lord Howe and Sydney to Hobart ocean races. This is a rare achievement for a yacht from Melbourne but with hard work and dedication we completed our goal.

For 2005 and into 06 we are planning to repeat the Cat 1 effort and also compete in as many East Coast Offshore events as possible. These will include Hamilton Island, Hogs Breath race weeks and feeder races to those events.

We are in the process of putting together a complete calendar of events for our season and this will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime please see our short list of events

Sydney-Gold Coast July 31

Southport-Mackay 5-7th August

Hogs Breath Race Week August 11-18

Hahn Hamilton Race Week 20th-27th August

Gosford Lord Howe Late October

Sydney - Hobart 26th Dec.  
Melbourne – Hobart (TBC)

We realise we cannot field a single complete crew for the whole deal so instead we are inviting those that may wish to crew for either Cat 1 race, offshore races and/or deliveries to participate in various aspects of the challenge.

If you are interested in being part of this challenge or for further information please contact us via email [tonywarren777@aol.com](mailto:tonywarren777@aol.com) or [beyond@yachtsport.com.au](mailto:beyond@yachtsport.com.au) or Tony by phone 0413 424 361.

Regards  
Tony Warren  
Beyond Outrageous  
[beyondoutrageous.yachtsport.com.au](http://beyondoutrageous.yachtsport.com.au)

*(Note: The link has been removed as the page is no longer available.)*

### **Flotsam And Jetsam Nautical Swap Meet And Cruising Expo At RBYC - 16147**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 14 April 2005*

Sunday 17th April from 9.00am to 4.00pm. RBYC Olympic Lounge and downstairs balcony.

Keep all your unwanted nautical gear from toilet flushers to spinnaker poles and earn cash at our Swap Meet. Come along on the day and check out what's for sale, it might be just what you have been looking for. Other people's cast offs can be some people's treasures.

Breakfast will be available in the Members' Lounge from 8am until 11 am.

No entry fee payable. The cost of a trestle table to display your unwanted items will be \$10, or you may like to bring your own card table, wheelbarrow or tarpaulin which will cost you \$5. These monies will go to Cruising Group and any money you acquire from the sale of goods is yours.

During the course of the day there will be three information sessions in the Olympic Lounge which relate to cruising.

10.30 AM - ANCHORING YOUR YACHT

11.30 AM - NAVIGATION

1.30 PM - PROVISIONING FOR A CRUISE

There will be a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

If you wish to book a trestle table to display your goods for sale, please phone the office at the club. All members are welcome to come along and join in the activities on this day. Contact at RBYC is Lyn Bingham.

**19 April 2005**

**Important Notice to Competitors - Channel Mark 77 - 16198**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 19 April 2005*

Channel Mark 77, as described in the Sailing Instructions, has been renumbered by Port of Melbourne Corporation as 79. Any courses requiring 77 should be read as 79.

An amendment to the Sailing Instructions will be issued accordingly.

Fiona Welsh  
Race Administrator  
1200 hours, 19 April 2005.

**4 May 2005**

**Women's Keelboat Regatta Lecture Series - 16392**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 4 May 2005*

As a lead-up to the Women's Keelboat Regatta in June, RMYS will be conducting weekly presentations every Wednesday Evening at 7pm in the Harbour Room.

Both men and women are welcome.

There is no charge and no need to book.

Dinner will be available in the Member's Bar from 6-7pm on these evenings.

The Lecture Schedule is outlined on the Regatta [webpage](#).

**5 May 2005**

**It's The Start Of Winter Season Racing This Saturday - 16399**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 5 May 2005*

Entry forms are on the RMYS website.

*(Note: The link was removed as the page was no longer available.)*

If you haven't already lodged your entry, please do so ASAP.

### **Presentation Night - 16400**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 5 May 2005*

The RMYS Annual Trophy Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 28th May, at 7pm in the Harbour Room.

Cost: \$42 per head for a 2-course dinner, followed by coffee, Florentines and chocolate-dipped fruits. Drinks at bar prices.

Dress: Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen, After 5 for Ladies

Get a table together for your crew, family and friends, and celebrate the past 12 months of Racing. Look out for the flyer in this month's mail out.

### **Cigarette Machine - 16401**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 5 May 2005*

The cigarette machine will be removed in the next few days as we cannot comply with a Site Agreement which states that "Cigarette Vending Machines are not to be located in any non-smoking area of a licensed outlet, including the non-smoking sections of a liquor-service area, and are not to be located in any non-liquor service area or public area, to which persons under the age of 18 years have conditional access."

As Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron is a totally non-smoking venue indoors, and cannot comply with the Site Agreement, we are forced to remove the machine. The General Committee is aware that this decision may inconvenience some members but it is important to comply with legal requirements.

### **Committee Nomination Forms - 16402**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 5 May 2005*

Nomination Forms for the General Committee are now available on the Triad in the Member's Bar.

If you would like to nominate someone to stand for the Committee then you must complete a Nomination Form and return to the office no later than Friday 20 May.

Range Series & Association Cup Presentations

### ***Wendell Raven, Thursday, 5 May 2005 - 16403***

The presentation of trophies for the 2004-2005 Range Series and Association Cup will be held at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria on Wednesday 18 May at 6pm.

Drinks at bar prices. Dinner is available following the presentations - bookings are essential. Contact RYCV on 9397 1277 to make your reservation.

Whilst on the topic of the Association Cup, I would like to congratulate all RMYS members who represented the club in the Cup last weekend. For those who may not have read the e-news last week, the RMYS boats who raced were Addiction, Beyond Outrageous, Jack Tar, Mrs Overnewton, New

Morning II and Roller Coaster. Whilst we did not sail away with the Winner's Cup, it was a wonderful effort by all involved in what was 2 days of intense sailing. Congratulations.

## **12 May 2005**

### **Lecture Series - 16512**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 12 May 2005*

Last night's presentation by Rob Willis from the Bureau of Meteorology was well received, with all in attendance gaining some additional knowledge.

Next Wednesday @ 7pm: Frank Hammond from Horizon Sails will be talking about Spinnaker Handling.

## **19 May 2005**

### **WKR Lecture Series - 16593**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

Next Wednesday at 7pm in the Harbour Room:

Rob Ware, Deputy-Chairman of Racing Rules (Yachting Victoria) will be talking about Race Rules and Protests.

Don't forget there will be FREE WINE TASTINGS between 5:30pm - 6:30pm next week so make sure you arrive early!!

Dinner is available between 6 - 7pm in the Members Bar.

### **WKR Volunteers Wanted - 16594**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

We are looking for people to help out with the Women's Keelboat Regatta, 11 -13 June, for one or more days. If you can assist please contact [Fiona](#) with your details.

### **Presentation Night - 16595**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

The RMYS Annual Trophy Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 28th May, at 7pm in the Harbour Room.

There will also be the unveiling of a commemorative plaque which recognizes Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron as the Headquarters for Yachting for the 1956 Olympic Games.

Cost: \$42 per head for a 2-course dinner, followed by coffee, Florentines and chocolate-dipped fruits. Drinks at bar prices.

Dress: Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen, After 5 for Ladies

Get a table together for your crew, family and friends, and celebrate the past 12 months of Racing.

Bookings are essential. Please RSVP to [Jan Hurst](#) by next Monday 23 May.

### **Trophy Polishing Night - 16596**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

In preparation for Presentation night, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the polishing of trophies.

The polishing will take place after next Wednesday's lecture (ie: about 8pm). Please let Fiona know if you can assist.

### **Annual General Meeting - 16597**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 4th June at 11am in the Harbour Room.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend, however you must be financial to be eligible to vote. Proxy forms are available from the office if you are unable to attend the meeting.

### **Committee Nomination Forms - 16598**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 19 May 2005*

Nomination Forms for the General Committee are available on the Triad in the Member's Bar.

If you would like to nominate someone to stand for the Committee then you must complete a Nomination Form and return to the office no later than Friday 20 May.

## **28 May 2005**

### **Congratulations to Ray Semmens and crew from OUTLAW - 16702**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 28 May 2005*

winners of Performance Handicap Division A in the ORCV Melbourne to Apollo Bay Race last weekend.

A fantastic result.

### **WKR Lecture Series - 16703**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 28 May 2005*

Next Wednesday at 7pm in the Harbour Room: - Lex Bertrand, Olympic Sailing Coach.

Dinner is available between 6 - 7pm in the Members Bar.

### **Sponsorship For WKR - 16704**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 28 May 2005*

The 15th Annual Women's Keelboat Regatta is only a few weeks away and it appears that there will be close to 100 women competing this year.

The success of this regatta is dependent on fundraising efforts throughout the year and through the generosity of sponsors. If any members can assist in any way, be it a small monetary donation or prizes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact [Fiona](#) if you can help out.

### **Party Night!! - 16705**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 28 May 2005*

Come along to the RMYS Wet Bar on Saturday 4 June at 6pm for a night of fun and frivolity!!

Be entertained by The Titanics, have a delicious BBQ Dinner, win spot prizes throughout the night and socialise with your fellow members. All this for just \$15. Drinks at bar prices. Don't miss out on this PARTY NIGHT!!! Please RSVP by Wed 01 June.

### **Dinghy Storage - 16706**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 28 May 2005*

Any members that are interested in storing dinghies on the marina, please ensure that you have contacted [Jan Hurst](#) in the office by next Friday 3 June.

## **31 May 2005**

### **Lunching With The Royal's - 16735**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 31 May 2005*

Can you imagine a more idyllic Sunday, than catching up with your friends from The Royal Melbourne, for a delightful sail, a long lunch and a lazy Sunday afternoon at The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria?

**DATE:** Sunday June 19, 2005

**TIME:** Depart Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron at 10.30am

**LUNCH:** Royal Yacht Club of Victoria at 12.30pm until ????

So, if you'd love to join in on the Cruising Division's annual pilgrimage to the "other side", make sure to e-mail [Lindy Scott](#).

As we are required to advise in advance, the number of boat berths, as well as our dining numbers, could you please, please let me know, by Tuesday June 14.

Looking forward to seeing as many boats as possible, on this enjoyable event.

Kindest regards,

Lindy

## **2 June 2005**

### **Women's Keelboat Regatta - 16789**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 2 June 2005*

Next Wednesday at 7pm in the Harbour Room: Race Briefing for the competitors of the Women's Keelboat Regatta.

Dinner is available between 6 - 7pm in the Members Bar.

Those wishing to attend the WKR Presentation Dinner on Monday 13 June at 6:30pm, please make your booking with the office no later than next Tuesday 7 June. Booking Forms available on the WKR webpage.

*(Note: The link has been removed as the page is no longer available.)*

### **Car Parking At RMYS - 16790**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 2 June 2005*

You may have noticed that new signage has been erected in the RMYS carpark. Only authorised people (members and staff) are permitted to park here. Please ensure you have a current parking permit, otherwise you may be booked by the parking inspectors. If you happen to park there without a permit, please advise the office.

### **RBYC Cruising Group - 16791**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 2 June 2005*

Presents 'BEAUTIFUL MUSIC'.....A program of delightful music presented by

**Dr David Kram PhD, ARCM, FRSA – Piano**

**James Egglestone – Tenor**

**Emily Wang – Soprano**

Including music by Dvorak, Puccini, Verdi, Lehar, Strauss and others

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2005 AT 7 PM AT [RBYC](#)

Pre-Dinner drinks and savouries, followed by a three course dinner plus two complimentary bottles of wine per table

Tickets \$80 per person (drinks at bar prices)

Dress: Black Tie Tickets from Lyn Bingham 9589-5043

### **Antarctica Presentation - 16792**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 2 June 2005*

Peter Bland, first Australian to have adventured to the North and South Magnetic Poles, and Jay Watson, professional photographer and documentary maker, are conducting a slide and information night about their forthcoming trips to Antarctica and Cape Horn at 7pm, Wednesday the 15th June, in the Harbour Room at RMYS.

Their company [uniquefrontiers.com](http://uniquefrontiers.com) is offering guests trips to Antarctica, South Georgia and to Cape Horn and the Patagonian Channels this forthcoming season. They offer private expeditions to remote regions with all the comforts of home.

On their information night Peter and Jay will share with the audience slides taken from their numerous expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic, South Georgia and Shetland Islands. They will also show video footage taken from their adventure documentaries; 'Ice Break Heart' and ABC miniseries 'Hell on Ice'.

When: 7pm Wednesday the 15th June

Where: RMYS

Cost: Entry is free.

RSVP: [pjbland@uniquefrontiers.com](mailto:pjbland@uniquefrontiers.com) 0417 330 517 or

[jaywatson@uniquefrontiers.com](mailto:jaywatson@uniquefrontiers.com) 0419 389 417

More information on forthcoming trips, costs and availability visit:

[www.uniquefrontiers.com](http://www.uniquefrontiers.com)

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## **9 June 2005**

### **RMYS Merchandise - 16918**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 9 June 2005*

We now have in stock Champagne Glasses etched with the RMYS logo.



If you would like to purchase some glasses please contact the office, [order online](#), or come and see us! They are a fantastic gift idea. Cost: 6 for \$45

## **A Message From Barry Paterson - Distance Member UK - 16919**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 9 June 2005*

Hi fellow RMYS members. Just a quick update on my sailing time in the UK. I am sailing an old Stella built in 1960 which is a class that is slowly being revitalised. We recently anti-fouled the boat and done general repairs over the winter. We then put her back in water around 3 weeks ago. We are sailing on the Blackwater, an area out of West Mersea for those who have a general idea of the region. No racing last Sunday (Bank holiday weekend although I understand RMYS races on any day!) Had a brilliant race the previous weekend.

My mate has an Oyster that he keeps in Nice but I have not had time to have a sail on that yet. Trust all is well on Port Phillip Bay.

Regards, Barry Paterson

## **16 June 2005**

### **PDA version of website - 16996**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 16 June 2005*

There is now a cut-down version of the website for use on PDAs or low speed lines.

All the information that is available on the main site, other than the feature photo and welcome message are available on the cutdown version, but without the majority of the graphics.

From your PDA or other device go to the URL [www.rmys.com.au/pda](http://www.rmys.com.au/pda)

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### **Commodore's Comment - 16997**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 16 June 2005*

Hi all. Well, your new General Committee is getting itself organised for the next 2 years of steering the club in a forward direction. We held our first meeting last week with portfolios being allocated. Although each member of the General Committee has direct responsibility for their portfolio, they need the support of volunteers to make it all happen. So if you would like to contribute, please contact any of the GC members.

I congratulate and welcome Tony Warren as the new member of the committee who won the ballot for the vacant seat at the recent election of General Committee. It was also wonderful to see so many members turn up for the election and attend the Annual General Meeting. Thanks are extended to Max White and his able team of election scrutineers for their efforts on the day.

Over the long weekend just gone, the club hosted the 15th Annual Women's Keelboat Regatta. We saw some fantastic racing over the 3 days with exciting starts as 14 yachts from RMYS, RGYC, SYC, RYCV, HBYC and Apollo Bay fronted the starters gun each morning. The regatta was capped off by the traditional presentation held on the Monday evening. Some 130 plus attended this great evening with

the Titanics providing background, foreground and middle ground music. Thanks very much to all the RMYS organisers and supporters. Your efforts are most appreciated.

We have completed negotiations with Parks Victoria on remedial works to the Start Tower. You can expect to see work commencing on the tower very soon with completion before the start of our summer sailing season.

Enjoy the benefits your club has to offer and I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Rohan.

### **Firewood Needed - 16998**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 16 June 2005*

Does anyone have any firewood they could donate to the club?

Winter is now upon us so logs of up to 400mm length (red gum or heavy lumber) would be most appreciated.

### **23 June 2005**

#### **Women's Keelboat Regatta - 17122**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 23 June 2005*

Further to the results in last week's e-news, we are pleased to advise that RMYS boat SILHOUETTE, skippered by Kathy Wylie, was the overall winner of the AMS Division. They had 3 first places, 2 second places, and one 3rd - a fantastic result.

Furthermore, MERIDIAN PASSAGE, also from RMYS, was awarded the Sportsmanship award for the regatta. Meridian performed consistently well in all 6 races and whilst they did not receive a place they displayed great determination and team spirit over the 3 days.

A [gallery of photos](#) from the event has now been posted on the website.

The WKR page is still available as a link from the entry in the calendar or by [clicking here](#).

### **24 June 2005**

#### **RMYS Ski Weekend At Falls Creek - 17147**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 24 June 2005*

join us THU, FRI & SAT nights 1st/2nd/3rd September 2005  
or just FRI & SAT nights 2nd/3rd September 2005

3 NIGHTS - \$262/2 NIGHTS - \$175

To book email [Rob at Schuss Lodge](mailto:Rob at Schuss Lodge) and send a copy to [sabinakrosser@hotmail.com](mailto:sabinakrosser@hotmail.com)

(There are only 22 beds available in 8 rooms, so be quick to get in.)

## 29 June 2005

### **RMYS Email Temporarily Unavailable - 17202**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 29 June 2005*

Due to server problems in the office, RMYS office staff currently do not have access to their email.

Unfortunately the office staff will not be able to respond to your emails. If the matter is urgent, please phone the office on (03) 9534 0227.

Any outstanding emails will be actioned as soon as service is restored.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## 19 July 2005

### **ORCV The Latitude Race - 17520**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 19 July 2005*



#### THE NEW OCEAN RACE WITH LATITUDE

The Ocean Racing Club of Victoria has issued an invitation to all suitable yachts from RMYS to compete in the inaugural ORCV Latitude Race in the late November.

This short dash into Bass Strait, designed to attract newcomers to Ocean Racing, is already creating a great deal of interest at RMYS and at yacht clubs around the bay.

The Latitude Race will start off Queenscliff at 0900 on Saturday 26 November, 2005. Uniquely structured, the short Ocean Race is designed to get boats out into Bass Strait and back in through the Rip on the commencement of the next flood tide late that afternoon to finish in time for a barbecue and post race function at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron. On the Sunday, there will be a race back up the bay with a finish off Sandringham.

The format of the Category 3 race, designed to facilitate entry into ocean racing by aspirant ocean skippers and crew while at the same time offering a new challenge to old salts, is:

- a combined divisions start just inside the heads of Port Phillip Bay
- a race south for the rounding point - a latitude unique to each boat - determined on that boat's handicap

- a return to a “pursuit” finish just off Portsea Pier
- a tightly-fought competition for line honours placings, if the handicappers get it right and the sailors don't fluff it

As the race is designed to attract ocean newcomers as well as old hands, the ORCV will precede the event with a series of briefings, each designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of skippers and crew new to the world of Ocean Racing. These briefings will address yacht preparation, crew management and what participating in an Ocean Race involves.

It will also be mandatory, for skippers or navigators who have not recently sailed through the Heads, to have done an ORCV Rip Tour. With the emphasis on newcomers to the sport of ocean racing, and with structured mentoring support for those who ask for it, this special and unusual race will offer an opportunity for:

- skippers and crew new to Ocean Racing to test themselves in the very different ocean environment
- skilled Bay sailors and crew ready to take the next step up
- Ocean Racing die-hards wanting a test for what needs to be done on their boats before the Christmas ocean-racing rush
- navigators and tacticians who spent the winter on theoretical courses and new software who want to put their skills into practice.

For more information on this unique and exciting event visit the Latitude page on the ORCV website.

or contact Bob Tanner at the ORCV office on (03) 9689-1622.

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### **RMYS Office Servers Restored - 17521**

*Wendell Raven, Tuesday, 19 July 2005*

We thank you for your patience whilst the servers in the RMYS Office were restored.

They are now back on the air again and contactable via email.

### **21 July 2005**

#### **Commodore's Comments - 17565**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

It's been a few weeks since I last communicated to members through E-News with the delay being caused as a result of computer server problems. The problem has now been rectified and much thanks is extended to Andrew Russell for his efforts in getting the system back on line and running again as soon as possible.

I recently attended RBYC's Annual Presentation Night and was pleased to hear special mention of RMYS members Ari Sherr, Chris Brown, Stuart Brown Ben Blacket, Ryan Epstein and Kieren Stark who will be competing in the end of year Flying Fifteen National Championships in Canberra. I extend the member's best wishes to our fellow sailors.

The racing has finished; the results are all in, the numbers have been analysed and rechecked and a winner has been determined but not announced for the Centenary Trophy. Which yacht and crew has won this prestigious trophy? I know and if you want to find out if it was you and proudly receive this trophy, then you need to attend the Annual Ball.

Speaking of the Ball, this magnificent event is about to start! Saturday 06 August is the date you need to set aside with your partner and treat them to a night of splendour. This will again be an evening of formal dress with a WHITE TIE AND TIARA theme. Our Social Committee has arranged for another special night with many surprise packages to be won. Please make sure you book early to secure your table and avoid disappointment; especially if you have won the Centenary Trophy.

The objective of the recent Boat Owners meeting was to obtain endorsement on the extent of works required to the existing timber marina. Although a number of options were canvassed, it was considered appropriate to defer decision making to a later time to enable more boat owners to attend. This meeting has been planned for Thursday 11 August. It is very important that all boat owners attend to discuss the existing timber marina. Please make every effort to attend and have your say.

Finally, our new air-conditioners are providing a lovely warm ambiance on these cold Friday nights and coupled with the wonderful meals provided by Barry and Sue, why would you want to go anywhere else? Come to your club this Friday night with family and friends to enjoy the warm camaraderie on offer. Look forward to seeing you.

Regards,

Rohan

### **New Perpetual Trophy - 17566**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

There is a new Perpetual Trophy and it is for the yacht that starts closest to its scheduled start time for all Pursuit races on RMYS Pursuit courses (as per the operative RMYS Sailing Instructions) during the Winter season. As at 2005 these currently are the Wednesday - Mid Week Mariner series, Saturday - J H Mc Donald and the Winter Mixed Series (Pursuit races only)

Timing and recording of start times will be actioned by the Tower Race Officers.

Scoring will be only for the 4 best starting times in each race and points are accrued as follows:

Yacht/s with best start time will be awarded 3 points

Yacht/s with the second best start time will be awarded 2 points

Yacht/s with the third best start time will be awarded 1 point

Yacht/s with fourth best start time will be awarded .5 of a point

To score yachts starting in a race do not have to complete the race.

After the last Winter season Pursuit race the yacht with the highest number of points accrued will be the nominated trophy winner. Should multiple yachts in either 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions have the same point score a count back will be actioned and the yacht with the higher number of starting positions will score higher.

A silver Trophy will be donated and named: Lodder's Best Start Perpetual Trophy and will be presented on Presentation Night.

### **Nominations For YV Executive - 17567**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

The Executive of Yachting Victoria is comprised of eight members, and they are elected by YV member yacht clubs. The quality, skill and commitment of YV's Executive are crucial to the future success of our sport. Expressions of interest are sought from Senior members of RMYS, who wish to be nominated to YV's Executive Board. Please contact Fiona in the office for more information.

### **'Club Member Of The Year' Nominations - 17568**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

Nominations are sought for the prestigious 'Club Member of the Year' Award. To nominate one of your fellow members, please complete a nomination form (located on The Triad in the Member's Bar) and return to the office by 31 July, 2005. The winner will be announced at the Annual Ball on 6 August.

### **RMYS Ski Weekend - 17569**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

Join us at Falls Creek on:  
1st/2nd/3rd SEPTEMBER 2005  
OR JUST  
FRI AND SAT NIGHT  
2nd/3rd September 2005

3 NIGHTS - \$262  
2 NIGHTS - \$175

How to book:

Email Rob at Schuss Lodge - [falls@schuss.asn.au](mailto:falls@schuss.asn.au) and send a copy to [sabinakrosser@hotmail.com](mailto:sabinakrosser@hotmail.com) or  
Phone Rob on 5758-3372 and confirm your booking with Sabina on 9534-1809 (w) or 0400-160-353  
It's important to let Rob know you are with the R.M.Y.S. booking

There are only 20 beds available in 8 rooms, so be quick to get in.

**BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 23 JULY 2005. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED**

### **Firewood Needed - 17570**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

Any donations of firewood would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you can help out.

### **Cruising Division - 'Bright 'n Brunch' - 17571**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 21 July 2005*

What more delicious way to start your day!

Your RMYS Cruising Division cordially invites you for our annual pilgrimage to our 'cousins' at RBYC, for a delightful day on the Bay and a scrumptious Sunday Brunch.

Details are as follows:

DATE: Sunday 21st August

TIME: 10:00am at the RBYC Restaurant

DEPARTURE: By 9:00am from the RMYS Pens

Berthing has kindly been arranged by RBYC.

If you'd like to join us for another beautiful day on the Bay, please contact Lindy Scott at [barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au) or call on 9531 7007.

Thanking you in advance, we very much look forward to your company on Sunday 21st August.

### **25 July 2005**

### **Young Sailors On Course For Better Training - 17656**

*Wendell Raven, Monday, 25 July 2005*

Melbourne's young sailors will have a vastly improved training centre following the announcement of a joint venture between the Bracks Government, the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron and Port Phillip Council.

Media Release

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Junior Sailing Centre  
Announcement



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**4 August 2005**

**Commodore's Comment - 17834**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 4 August 2005*

I always enjoy my time at RMYS even if I don't sail on the day. It's great to join in the lively discussion and debates (the latter occurring more so after a race) that occurs around in the Members Lounge.

RMYS was successful in its recent application for a \$100,000 grant from Sports and Recreation to assist the establishment of the Sail Training Academy. Along with other members of the General Committee, it was a privilege to greet John Thwaites, our local member in State Parliament and Justin Madden, Minister for Sport and Recreation, who attended RMYS 2 weeks ago to announce the grant. Since then, we have submitted a Planning Application with the City of Port Phillip and we await their approval prior to moving to the next stage. Many thanks are owed to those members who have got us this far. More still needs to be done to see the completion of this exciting development and enhancement to our sailing activities.

The Annual Ball is on this Saturday night. It will be another gala affair as organised by your Social Committee. Many hours of hard planning and implementation have gone in to make this event one of our significant social events of the year. For those attending, I understand there are some magnificent prizes on offer as well as lively entertainment and of course the opportunity of swinging on the dance floor. I'm sure it will be another wonderful evening for you to enjoy. My deepest thanks to the Social Committee for their efforts.

The General Committee has approved a contract for the removal of the sand build-up away from the end of the slipway. This work will be completed by the end of next week (weather permitting) so enabling improved slipping of larger yachts.

See you at the club.

Safe Sailing,

Rohan

**Stocktake Sale - 17835**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 4 August 2005*

Don't forget that we are having a sale on merchandise. There are huge discounts on most of our Polar Fleece range, long sleeve tees, cotton vests, beanies, stubbie holders and lots more. Go to the [Merchandise Page](#) to view some our merchandise or come on down to the RMYS Office to have a look.

## **RMYS Wine Tasting - 17836**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 4 August 2005*

You are invited to attend the "Maritime Wines Tasting - Victoria vs Western Australia" in the Harbour Room on Wednesday 31 August, 2005. Time: 6pm.  
Dinner will be available in the Members Bar from 7:30pm.

What's it all about?

Taste 2 Whites and 2 Reds from Victoria and Western Australia. Learn a bit of impressive dinner party repartee' - or never be ripped off at a bottle shop again! Wines will be matched to cheeses and a tasting booklet will also be provided.

Numbers are strictly limited to 40 so BOOK NOW with the RMYS Office. Phone: 9534 0227. All profits to go towards Junior Sailing.

## **8 August 2005**

### **Bright 'n' Brunch - 17878**

*Wendell Raven, Monday, 8 August 2005*

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Your RMYS Cruising Division cordially invites you for our annual pilgrimage to our 'cousins' at RBYC, for a delightful day on the Bay and a scrumptious Sunday Brunch.

Details are as follows:

DATE: Sunday 21st August

TIME: 11:00am at the Middle Brighton Baths - downstairs.

BRUNCH COST: Around \$20 a head.

DEPARTURE: By 10:00am from the RMYS Pens

Berthing has kindly been arranged by RBYC.

If you'd like to join us for another beautiful day on the Bay, please contact Lindy Scott ASAP at [barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:barrylindyscott@c031.aone.net.au) or call on 9531 7007.

Thanking you in advance, we very much look forward to your company on Sunday 21st August.

**18 August 2005**

## **Race Handicaps 2005 - 18278**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 18 August 2005*

AMS & IRC - Triple your chances

How often have you picked up your Saturday Race entrants list, looked at the Yachting Victoria (PHD) handicaps & proceeded to wonder why it always seems higher than it should be? (no offence to the handicappers). Handicaps are always a hot topic of conversation at the bar & you do not hear many people arguing that their handicap is too low!

Under PHD, the handicap changes regularly under a defined formula so that the better you perform the higher your handicap goes. It is a good system to get into sailing with as it allows many different types of yachts to compete together, but eventually as your boat & crew become more competent, there is a feeling that you are being penalized for sailing well! Ultimately no matter how well you sail, your handicap catches up with you & makes it very difficult to win. In fact the real measure of good performance is how high your handicap goes (together with how consistently you sail to it).

AMS

Measured handicaps are an alternative to PHD handicaps. Most people would have heard of the AMS (Australian Measurement System) handicap system which has been operating since about 1998 in Victoria. In contrast to some of its forerunners such as IMS (International Measurement System), AMS aims to provide a simple, inexpensive rating system for club and interclub competition. It is based purely on a yacht's "measurements" so that the handicap becomes fixed. The handicap is based on measurements such as length, width, weight & sail area. Once a handicap is allocated however, there are still future possibilities to modify your vessel's handicap. For example, by electing to use alternative sails (typically smaller spinnakers or headsails to reduce the handicap). Measuring is done by club representatives.

The best part of AMS is that it's FREE (at least for the first year). Subsequent yearly renewals cost a modest \$27.50 paid to Yachting Victoria. In addition, entry fees for most races including the Summer & Winter Aggregates cover both PHD as well as AMS divisions so you have a double chance of winning!

There are currently about 175 boats racing in Melbourne under AMS handicaps. However, one important fact to remember under measured handicaps is that it assumes that a boat cannot expect to do well unless the hull, rigging and sails are in top condition and the crew work is of the highest order. In other words there is a good reason why at the start line the top performing boats have good sails, a full crew & a clean bottom!

IRC

Another handicap system which has gained a large following is IRC. IRC is a true international system and has become the premium handicap system for yacht racing in Australia. It has effectively replaced IMS in major events such as Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and local events such as Range Series. In addition interclub contests such as Association Cup are now only contested under IRC & AMS handicaps. IRC is administered out of the UK by the [Royal Ocean Racing Club](#) (YV looks after local

issues & payment) and shares many common measurements with AMS. This means there is very little extra measuring to do to be able to apply for an IRC handicap if you are already AMS measured.

In 2005/2006, RMYS Series Aggregates will have trophies awarded for IRC in addition to AMS & PHD (again no extra cost for entry). Cost for IRC handicap is based on boat length & is about \$200 for a 30 foot yacht. Handicaps run from 1st July till 30th June.

IRC fleet sizes are growing rapidly with about 120 boats in Melbourne already measured. RMYS has about 9 IRC rated boats but needs more for future interclub events such as Association Cup. Why not give it a try?

There will be a Weighing Day on Sunday, 18 September at SYC. This will be the one and only Weighing Day for the year. To book in your boat, please contact Heather Cameron at Yachting Victoria on 9597 0066 (option 2).

For more details on AMS or IRC, see the YV website or contact the RMYS AMS Measurer, Steve Cartlidge on 0418 532 014.

*(Note: The link was removed as the page is no longer available.)*

Happy Racing.

Fiona Welsh

### **Dinghy Storage - 18280**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 18 August 2005*

Do you currently have a dinghy stored in the yard or out at the marina? All dinghies must be registered with the office so if you haven't yet contacted the office, then please do so ASAP. Those dinghies that are unidentified and unregistered will be auctioned, with the funds to go towards junior sailing.

### **RMYS Wine Tasting - 18281**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 18 August 2005*

You are invited to attend the "Maritime Wines Tasting - Victoria vs Western Australia" in the Harbour Room on Wednesday 31 August, 2005. Time: 6pm.

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**26 August 2005**

**Seabreeze - 18431**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 26 August 2005*

The hard-working editors of your quarterly publication Seabreeze are busily working on the next edition.

If you have any articles, news flashes, or the like that you would like included, then please forward to [peter.chapman@mclarensyoung.com](mailto:peter.chapman@mclarensyoung.com) by Monday 29th August at the latest.

**Boat Weighing Day - 18432**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 26 August 2005*

All AMS and IRC measured boats sailing on Provisional Handicaps (boats not weighed) or wishing to obtain a rating during September 2005 must be weighed prior to the revalidation of AMS or IRC handicaps, which is due to occur before 1 October. All boats intending to sail on AMS or IRC from October 1st should be weighed on Sunday September 18th 2005, at Sandringham Yacht Club

Please note the Terms and Conditions on the Trim Checklist, which must be signed by the boat owner before weighing.

All boat owners are invited to book a date and time slot by contacting Heather at the YV Office on 9597 0066 ext 2 (fax: 9598 7384, E-mail: [heather@yachtingvictoria.com.au](mailto:heather@yachtingvictoria.com.au)) to have their boat weighed.

Each boat will be allocated 10 minutes in order to occupy the crane area and it is important that boats are properly prepared in advance. Costs are based on time for using the crane and any delays may result in extra charges to the owner. The standard cost will be \$100 per boat (including GST) and is payable to the YV by cheque or credit card when the boat is booked.

Boats must be ready for inspection at SYC as close as possible to the time allocated and will be weighed as soon as possible thereafter.

For a copy of the Measurement Guide (which needs to be completed prior to weighing) please contact Heather at YV. Please ensure that the vessel is fitted out as requested so that it can be checked quickly on the day. Items can be put on the marina walkway and loaded back later if necessary.

It is the policy of the Measurement Handicap Committee to charge only the costs incurred and the weighing fee is calculated on hire costs per hour for the equipment and crane operator.

Please book to weigh as soon as possible as the schedule will allow for six boats to be weighed per hour and those wishing to race on that date should request an early time slot.

Please book early time slots first. We wish to complete weighing ASAP.

Boats with deep keels should book a time slot that coincides with high tide.

Regards,

YV Measurement Handicap Committee.

**3 September 2005**

**Commodore's Comment - 18833**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 3 September 2005*

Last week's Members Meeting was well attended and there was a good array of issues raised by members and fed back to the General Committee. Both directly after the meeting and later the next day, I personally had much and very encouraging feedback from members showing strong support for the decisions being taken by the General Committee. But what is obvious to members is that the cost to go sailing or use club facilities is no longer as low as it has been in the past. We at RMYS are no different to other clubs in having to raise funds to provide benefits to members. The General Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee, work to provide an optimum cost solution to the club's funding needs whether by increasing borrowing or raising capital direct from members. Each major project has a financing plan so there is a controlled and well thought out process to completing these projects. For the marina refurbishment work, it has been decided to raise the necessary funds by implementing a short term annual Marina Refurbishment Fee with all funds being directed specifically to completing this project. Once the project is completed, the fee can be deleted.

One of our key concerns at the moment is the low membership base. The strength and future of any club is based on having a sound membership and I encourage all members to get behind the General Committee and the Membership Committee in their drive to boost our numbers. Steve Morrison heads the Membership Committee and will be working the many ideas that have been submitted to increase our membership numbers. Of the 710 total memberships, the 3 largest categories of membership are Seniors (311), Probationary (98) and Social (78). Please encourage your crew to join, support the Day Pass system, introduce a friend to the club and sailing itself and promote any other ideas you may have that will build our membership base.

For those of you who have not done so, your feedback to the Annual Ball Survey whether you went to the Ball or not would be greatly appreciated. I have attached a copy for you to complete electronically or download to hard copy. Which ever way suits you, your feedback is valuable so I encourage you to complete and submit your response to the office.

Last night's Wine Tasting was a thrilling addition to the club's social program. With the theme being Maritime Wines (ie those grown close to the Australian coastline) I can certainly vouch for being more enlightened on some of our lesser known wines and what you should consider and look for at the time of selection and also at the time of consumption. Many thanks to Tom Ely and Stuart Addison for arranging this event.

Opening Day is on the 1 October shortly after our 2nd annual Working Bee on Sunday 25 September. Please support both events where you can.

See you at the club

Regards  
Rohan

### **Safety Declarations - 18834**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 3 September 2005*

With the move to the new Blue Book, it is important that your boat meets the new standards for your chosen safety category.

A new form is available from the Yachting Victoria web site (in the download section) at:

[www.yachtingvictoria.com.au](http://www.yachtingvictoria.com.au)

Note that the form makes reference to the Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (Blue Book) and must be completed in conjunction with the details available in the book. Noting, of course that item 4.10.3 is that you must have a copy of the (current) book - on board your boat

Note the availability of different forms depending on where you want to target your boat - the general form (cat 3-7) is the same format as the previous one and can be used as well.

These forms are available from the office in hard copy format if need be.

With the pending start to the summer season, time to check your boat and lodge the form with Fiona.

Into the new summer season, we will be offering an "Audit" service for your boat's safety rating - "watch this space"

If you have any questions or problems, please email [Alistair Hart](mailto:Alistair.Hart@yachtingvictoria.com.au).

### **Working Bee Day - 18835**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 3 September 2005*

Sunday 25th September

The RMYS Working Bee will be taking place on Sunday 25th September from 9am. There are many jobs to be done around the club and on the marina, in preparation for Season Opening Day on 1st October. The more hands we have, the greater amount of work we can achieve. The club only has two scheduled Working Bees a year so all members are encouraged to put in just a few hours to help get YOUR squadron in tip-top shape. Please ring the office with any tasks you are able to help with.

### **Attention - All Boat Owners - 18836**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 3 September 2005*

Due to kiosk works, the pier will be closed on the 6th & 7th September 2005. Parks Victoria will provide controlled access to the marina arm for members.

Parks Victoria have also notified RMYS that electricity supply will be temporarily shut down on Monday 5th September 2005 from 7.30am - 12 pm.

## 10 September 2005

### Boat Weighing Day - 18933

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 10 September 2005*

All AMS and IRC measured boats sailing on Provisional Handicaps (boats not weighed) or wishing to obtain a rating during September 2005 must be weighed prior to the revalidation of AMS or IRC handicaps, which is due to occur before 1 October. All boats intending to sail on AMS or IRC from October 1st should be weighed on Sunday September 18th 2005, at Sandringham Yacht Club.

Please note the Terms and Conditions on the Trim Checklist, which must be signed by the boat owner before weighing.

All boat owners are invited to book a date and time slot by contacting Heather at the YV Office on 9597 0066 ext 2 (fax: 9598 7384, E-mail: [heather@yachtingvictoria.com.au](mailto:heather@yachtingvictoria.com.au)) to have their boat weighed.

## 16 September 2005

### ORCV Winter Series - 19076

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 16 September 2005*

2005 Western Port Marina Queenscliff to Hastings Yacht Race Results

AMS B Silhouette 2nd

IRC B Silhouette 2nd

PHD B Silhouette 2nd

2005 ORCV Winter Series - Series Results

AMS A Addiction 8th

IRC A Beyond Outrageous 6th

IRC A Outlaw 8th

PHD A Beyond Outrageous 1st

PHD A Outlaw 5th

PHD A Addiction 7th

PHD A Matrix 14<sup>th</sup>

AMS B Silhouette 1st

IRC B Silhouette 4th

PHD B Silhouette 4<sup>th</sup>

ORCV presentation of the Winter Series trophies is at RMYS @ 7pm on the 23rd September. Please join me in congratulating all competitors in a difficult series weather wise. In particular we acknowledge the efforts of Tony Warren and his crew on Beyond Outrageous and Brian McDermott and his crew on Silhouette with placings in the Series.

A more detailed report will appear in Seabreeze.

## **Commodore's Comments - 19077**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 16 September 2005*

It was sad to see the yacht Matrix founder on the beach just north of the club house after running into difficulties when entering St Kilda Harbour last Sunday night. The Water Police attended but were unable to pull the yacht away from the beach. After the crew abandoned the yacht, the ensuing strong winds over night drove Matrix further up the beach. On Tuesday a crane lifted her onto a trailer where she is now at SYC for repairs. Fortunately there were no injuries. I extend my thanks to Mark Lawrence and Tara who happen to be at the club Sunday evening and were able to offer assistance to the Matrix crew.

The City of Port Phillip has released for public comment, its proposed redevelopment of the St Kilda foreshore from the St Kilda Marina north to Westbeach Pavilion. Of major concern to RMYS is the complete closure of Pier Road to all traffic. Not only does this mean the loss of some 155 car parking spaces, but also we lose the ability to have vehicle access to the clubhouse, the yard and proximity to St Kilda Pier. The General Committee had a briefing session last night with the Council's key Planner where-by we expressed extreme disappointment at the council's proposal. It could mean the end of the club if members are not able to adequate access to its facilities. The GC has developed a strategy to respond to the council's proposed redevelopment. A members meeting will be called for Monday 26 September at 1900 hrs, to outline the proposed redevelopment and advise members how they can assist the club in rejecting the closure of Pier Road. I urge you all to attend as public comments must be in to council by 6 October 2005. It would also be appreciated if any member who is associated with town planning matters and is able to assist preparing our response, leave their contact details with our General Manager Pauline Lister.

Don't forget our Working Bee on Sunday 25 September. This is a traditional time to do the odd jobs around the club house in preparation for the forthcoming Opening Day and summer season. Which reminds me, don't forget Opening Day on Saturday 1 October.

## **Closure of Pier Road - 19078**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 16 September 2005*

Further to comments from Commodore Rohan Brownlee in today's E-News, please find attached an invitation to attend a meeting of members on Monday 26 September regarding the future closure of Pier Road.

*(Note: The link was removed as the page was no longer available.)*

Continued access and parking are critical to the future of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. A working group has been established to formulate a response on behalf of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron to City of Port Phillip.

In the meantime we encourage you to view details on the City of Port Phillip website:

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au)

There is a limited questionnaire at this link that you should complete. Following the meeting you will be able to formulate a more fully informed response.

The foreshore promenade plans can be viewed on the large display boards at four locations: along the foreshore itself at Donovans, St Kilda Pier and West Beach, or in the St Kilda Library foyer, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda.

Your comments can also be emailed to:

[stkprom@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:stkprom@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

City of Port Phillip will be conducting briefings at the St Kilda Library on the following dates:

\* Monday September 26, 11.00-12 noon;

\* Tuesday October 4, 6.30-7.30 pm.

We would encourage you to attend these meetings and express your opinions.

For your information, the Councillor for the St Kilda Ward is Cr Karen Sait. Contact details are:

Telephone (03) 9209 6705 (Business Hours)

8598 9624(home)

0411 098 477 (mobile)

(03) 9536 2767 (fax)

e-mail [ksait@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:ksait@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 26th September.

Pauline Lister  
General Manager  
RMYS

Full details of the St Kilda's Foreshore Urban Design Framework (document is very large).

*(Note: The link was removed as the page is no longer available.)*

## **22 September 2005**

### **Working Bee This Sunday - 19194**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

The RMYS Working Bee is THIS SUNDAY starting from 9am.

There are many jobs to be done around the club and on the marina, in preparation for Season Opening Day on 1st October. The more hands we have, the greater amount of work we can achieve. The club only has two scheduled Working Bees a year so all members are encouraged to put in some hard work to help get YOUR squadron in tip-top shape. Those who attend who have their Working Bee Levy refunded. Please ring the office with any tasks you are able to help with.

## **AFL Grand Final Day - 19195**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

It's that time in September again...that's right...the AFL Grand Final is this Saturday.

And what better way to watch the big game than on the TV at RMYS. And in true footy style, there will be HOT food available throughout the afternoon. Why not stay after the Mixed Series race for some drinks with your fellow members?

## **Members Meeting - 19196**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

On Monday 12 September, the City of Port Phillip released their plan for the proposed redevelopment of foreshore from St Kilda Marina northwards to the Westbeach Pavilion. Plans of the proposed work have recently been displayed at the entrance to Pier Road, at the beginning of the pier, and near Donovan's Restaurant south of the pier. Public comments are to be submitted to council by 6 October 2005.

The most contentious aspect of this proposal is the closure of Pier Road to all traffic.

The implementation of this proposal is considered to spell the end of RMYS as members will not be able to park close to the club and so lose the ability for off loading boats, equipment or visitors anywhere near the club or St Kilda Pier.

A briefing meeting has been arranged in the Harbour Room at RMYS for 7pm on Monday 26 September to explain the council's proposal, to advise you on the actions being taken by your General Committee and suggest ways in which you can respond to council.

I urge all members to attend this briefing so that you can understand the full impact of council's proposed development, understand the response being put together by the General Committee, and learn how you can respond in person.

We look forward to your support.

## **Opening Day - 19197**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

Season Opening Day is upon us again and that means the commencement of a fun-filled Summer of sailing.

This year's Opening Day is on Saturday 1st October from 11am.

There are many activities planned for the day including the Blessing of the Fleet and the Sail Past at 1430 hrs. Please ring the office and register your participation (prizes will be given for the best dressed boat/crew).

There will also be a Carvery Roast Lunch in the Harbour Room from 12:15pm at a cost of \$21 per head.

Bookings are essential so please contact the office to make your booking. Telephone 9534 0227 or email [Jan](mailto:Jan)

## **Safety Declarations - 19198**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

With the move to the new Blue Book, it is important that your boat meets the new standards for your chosen safety category.

A new form is available from the Yachting Victoria web site (in the download section) at: [www.yachtingvictoria.com.au](http://www.yachtingvictoria.com.au).

*(Note: The link was removed as the page is no longer available.)*

These forms are available from the office in hard copy format or on The Triad in the Members Bar as well.

With the pending start to the summer season, time to check your boat and lodge the form with Fiona. If you have any questions or problems, please contact [Alistair Hart](#). Please ensure you complete the full checklist attached to the form as incomplete forms will not be completed.

## **Boat Insurance - 19199**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

If the office does not have a current certificate of insurance for your boat, please forward one to Fiona ASAP.

Boats wishing to race in the Summer Series will need to provide proof of their insurance, including a minimum of \$10 million public liability cover, to be eligible to enter any race at RMYS or at other clubs' races around the bay.

## **Block Entry Forms - 19200**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

Entry forms for the Summer Season will be available shortly.

You will be contacted via email once they have been issued.

## **Sunday Sail To Sandringham - 19201**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

Please take note that the new date for the Cruising Division [annual sail to Sandringham for lunch is now Sunday 9th October](#).

## **Congratulations - 19202**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 22 September 2005*

Congratulations to club member Katie Holroyd Trewin who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Robert James, on 31 August. 8lb 13oz. Both are doing well. Congrats to grandpa Jim too.

**30 September 2005**

**Commodore's Comments - 19326**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 30 September 2005*

Last Sunday's Working Bee was a bumper effort in the amount of small but necessary jobs completed around the club house. My deepest thanks are extended to those who were able to attend and assisted in completing a wide array of jobs. The outside of the club was almost completely repainted, old timbers in the yard cut and split in readiness for next winter, hedge trimmed, cable removed from the winch and a general clean-up of the yard amongst other jobs.

Hopefully all members will now be aware of City of Port Phillip council's proposed redevelopment of the foreshore from St Kilda marina northward to Westbeach. It was wonderful to see so many members attend last Monday's members meeting whereby I presented the actions being undertaken by the General Committee on behalf of all members and the means by which each member can also lodge their objections to the plans. As previously mentioned, the most contentious aspect of the council's plan is the complete closure of Pier Road to all vehicle traffic and the loss of parking along Jacka Boulevard through the installation of a dedicated bicycle lane. Comments from this meeting have been noted by the team preparing our response to the council. As advised at the meeting, I strongly urge all members to lodge their personal objection to the council on this plan. If you have not received information from the club identifying typical issues on how the closure of Pier Road and Jacka Boulevard for parking may affect you or your family, friends or neighbours, then please contact the office.

I welcome our Bar Manager David Labrum back to work after his recent absence due to illness. David has made a full recovery and is keen to resume duties.

The start of the summer sailing season is now only a day away. Many of the staff and volunteers have been busy planning the day's activities, so come to your club and enjoy this opportunity of welcoming in the new season. A magnificent prize of a joy flight for 4 people has been donated by our bar steward Daniel. Daniel will take our lucky winners on an all expense flight leaving Moorabbin Airport at a date to suit. All you have to do is be the best dressed yacht during the sail past on Saturday afternoon. A magnificent effort by the crew will be rewarded by a magnificent prize.

Look forward to seeing you all on the water and at your club. Best wishes for a safe and fun filled summer sailing season and thanks to all for your support, especially you Frank.

Regards

Rohan

**Opening Day And Sail Past - 19327**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 30 September 2005*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Saturday, 1st October 2005

1140 Hours Members and guests to move into Harbour Room

1145 Hours Welcome and special announcement from Commodore Rohan Brownlee

#### BLESSING OF THE FLEET CEREMONY

Father James Minchin

Christ Church, St. Kilda

1205 Hours Official Opening of 130th Season Cr Judith Klepner - Unfurling Burgee

1215 Hours Carvery Luncheon to be served

1345 Hours Board Official Vessels (William Patterson, Dauntless and Albatross) prior to Sail Past

1430 Hours SAIL PAST to commence Salute to be taken by Cr Judith Klepner, Councilor for Albert Park Ward aboard Official Vessel anchored off St. Kilda Breakwater

1700 Hours Sausage Sizzle and Entertainment

#### **Visiting Boats To QCYC - 19328**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 30 September 2005*

RMYS have been advised by QCYC that they have issued on their website [www.qcyc.yachting.org.au](http://www.qcyc.yachting.org.au) important information for visiting yachts. This concerns a new fee and regulations structure. It is recommended that all RMYS skippers and crew read the information continued therein if they any concerns on visiting QCYC to stay overnight.

#### **Are You Interested In Off-Shore Racing? - 19329**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 30 September 2005*

You are invited to attend the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's presentation at RMYS on Thursday 6th October, 2005 at 7pm.

This presentation is one of the Latitude Race lecture series and will focus on crew preparation for ocean racing. Go to the ORCV web site [www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au) to register your interest now!

### **6 October 2005**

#### **Commodore's Comments - 19423**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 6 October 2005*

Yesterday, I submitted the Squadron's response to the City of Port Phillip on their proposed redevelopment plan of the foreshore from St Kilda Marina to Westbeach. Our 17-page response centred on how the proposed works to Pier Road and Jacka Boulevard, with subsequent changes to vehicle access to the Squadron and the significantly reduced Council car parking facilities, will impact on the Squadron's operations and viability. I extend my sincere thanks to the many club members who contributed to our response.

Apart from those that put together the Squadron's official response, there was another small army of volunteers who made further follow-up contact with Squadron members to raise the deep concerns of the consequences of the changes to Pier Road. Again my deepest thanks to all those volunteers.

The Squadron was very well represented at each of the 3 public forums provided by the Council over the past 3 weeks. At the Interested Party Forum held on Wednesday evening last week, the Flag Officers and I again expressed to Council the serious impacts the changes to Pier Road will have on the operation and viability of the Squadron. As a consequence, Council has requested a special meeting to discuss these matters.

It is understood that a recommendation on the outcomes of the public display and feedback phase of the proposed redevelopment will be made by 19 October. Rest assured that the Flag Officers and I will continue to work hard and diligently and do all within our power to ensure the longevity of the Squadron. I will keep you informed of progress on this matter.

Our 130th Opening Day showed the continued strength and fellowship of our club. We had an enormous turnout for the lunch and Opening Ceremony which was again officiated by Father Jim Minchin. From the sounds emanating from the Harbour Room, I reckon we have the makings of a very good choir! Barbara Wilson from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron nominated Mrs Overnewton as the winner of the Best Dressed yacht; the prize being a Melbourne flyover generously donated by Daniel Meade, our pilot-come-bar person. Other yachts in winning contention were The Luuv Boat (alias New Morning III), Take One, Inspiration and Bushido.

Speaking of Bushido, I welcome this new yacht to the Squadron. Bushido is proudly owned by Peter Chapman and will be heavily campaigned this summer. Please don't get this red-hulled flyer confused with a yacht of a strikingly similar colour.

Which leads me on to a special request. I need 2 volunteers to assist the Commodore in winning this weekend's Bert Watts trophy on Meridian Passage. If you can partake in this prestigious event and be part responsible for the win, please give me a call on 0408 525 124. Race starts at 2:30pm after the Man Overboard drill in the clubhouse at 11:30am.

Regards, Rohan

## **Road Closure - 19424**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 6 October 2005*

On account of the Melbourne Marathon, the following roads in St Kilda will be closed this Sunday 9 October from approximately 7am - 1pm:

- Jacka Boulevard from Cavell St, Elwood to Fitzroy St, St Kilda
- Fitzroy St, eastbound lanes to St Kilda Rd, St Kilda
- St Kilda Road northbound service lane from Fitzroy St, St Kilda to Southbank Bvd, Southbank.

For other road closures on this day outside of St Kilda  
visit [www.melbournemarathon.com.au/melbmara05/coursemap.htm](http://www.melbournemarathon.com.au/melbmara05/coursemap.htm)

*(Note: The link was removed as the page is no longer available.)*

### **Tender Sought - 19425**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 6 October 2005*

Tenders are sought for the boat 'Circus' in pen A7. Boat MUST be removed from marina. No reserve price - best offer will be accepted.

Tenders can be sent to the office by [email](#) or in writing, and close 20 October.

### **Triathlon Road Closure - 19426**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 6 October 2005*

Triathlon Australia Commonwealth Games Selection Event. Saturday 15th October 2005, 7am - 1:00pm.

Triathlon Australia wish to advise the members of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron that on Saturday 15th October we will be holding the Triathlon Australia Commonwealth Games Selection Event At St Kilda.

Australia's best triathletes will be fighting it out on the streets of St Kilda for a spot in the Australian Commonwealth Games triathlon team. Joining them will be an international field of elite athletes with entries from New Zealand, Canada, Scotland, Wales and England.

Racing will begin with a swim in St Kilda Harbour at 7:00am for the women and about 9:30am for the men. We expect to be all clear of the water by about 10:15am.

We ask that you avoid two specific times, between 6:45am - 7:45am and 9:15am - 10:15am while the swim leg is held in the harbour.

Road closures will be in place from 4:00am to 1:00pm.

Special arrangements have been made for members of the RMYS.

As Beach Road, Fitzroy Street, The Esplanade and Grey Streets will be closed to traffic for the event, we ask that you access the Club via Cowderoy Street. There will be a crossing managed by Victoria Police at Cowderoy St and Pier Rd. The Police will be permitting you to cross at a suitable break in the race.

Please allow additional time as delays may be encountered depending on the progress of the race. Parking will be available near the Club.

Additional information may be obtained from your club, the trivic website [www.trivic.org.au](http://www.trivic.org.au), by emailing [eventinfo@trivic.org.au](mailto:eventinfo@trivic.org.au) or telephone the TA event line on 0413 766 400

We thank you for your co-operation.

## **The Anchorage Marina - Herald Sun Tour - 19428**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 6 October 2005*

The Anchorage Marina and Restaurant invite you for a great day out on the bay this Sunday 9th October.

The Herald Sun Tour is Australia's biggest bike tour now in its 54th year and commences in Williamstown this Sunday.

We are offering free visitors berthing at our new marina for this event with a front row view of stage 1 of the race from the restaurant.

Bookings are required for lunch with the race commencing at 1.00pm, ring now to reserve your berth and guarantee a table for your crew.

Each vessel will receive a complimentary bottle of champagne to kick the day off in style. Phone: 9397-7799

Between the river and the bay - 34 The Strand Williamstown

## **14 October 2005**

### **Members - We Need Your Help - 19573**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

It has come to my notice in the past 30 months of working on the committee that there is an energy level of committee members which is directly proportional to the number of volunteers who offer to help them. This is a problem as once the volunteers come on board the energy levels go up and there is a lot of frantic activity which burns out the volunteers and also the committee members. This is followed by a period where everybody goes back to their old ways, doing their chores at home, spending more time with the family etc.

Things wind down a little and then suddenly there is more work to do at the Squadron and the committee members look at the tasks and get discouraged by the amount of work involved and can actually feel guilty about asking for help. Finally things get so desperate that either volunteers are asked for or members see the work that needs doing and volunteer on their own.

Recently things have been a little desperate. Many members have been asked and many more have volunteered their time and efforts. I know it has certainly heartened all of us in the committee to see the members getting more involved. The effort and results at the working bee were absolutely fantastic and all those involved should be very proud of themselves.

I would like to tap into this heightened involvement for a few events coming up and ask for volunteers to step forward and give a little of their time to reduce the burden on the "usual" volunteers and the committee members.

Volunteers are needed for:

Junior Sailing

(one Sunday)

We need a roster filled with names of Senior members who can attend one Sunday morning (8:30 am until Midday) until the end of the year. They will be support for parents and Alistair Hart (or another sailing committee member) to help with Junior training in Extreme dinghies. - Please contact Fiona Welsh or Alistair Hart to volunteer for this roster.

Melbourne Cup Quinella

(Tuesday 1st November)

Boat Trip: We are planning a trip up the Maribyrnong River in 3 club motor-boats and we need volunteer drivers for William Patterson, Dauntless and Albatross. The volunteers will be rostered due to the length of the day but will be responsible for the boats and will need a TL3 or equivalent. (8:00am until 6:00pm). Numbers for this event will be strictly limited and bookings will open soon.

Olympic Room

The Olympic Room will host the usual fantastic Melbourne Cup FUNction, as always. We will need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and choose Best Hat, Best Outfit and run the games and sweeps. - Please contact the office to volunteer for both these events.

"CoPP Commonwealth Games Warming Up For the Games Day"

( listed in Red Book as "Get Involved Day")

(Sunday 20th November) We need a roster filled to man an information tent on Westbeach that will promote sailing to the public (10:00am until 4:00pm). We also need volunteers to wrangle visitors and 3 or 4 boats (Extremes and Cadets) on the beach for sailing "experiences". We also need volunteers especially from the older juniors to sail the boats with visitors in them. - please contact Fiona Welsh or Tom Ely to volunteer for this day

Go Sailing Day

(Sunday 6th November) We support the YV days by opening the Squadron to visitors and offering sailing experiences on keelboats. We need volunteers in the club to show people around and talk about the joys of sailing. We also need owners and crews to volunteer their time to take people sailing for a short trip on the water to give them a taste of keelboat sailing. - please contact Fiona Welsh or Alistair Hart to volunteer for this day

Thanks and regards,

Tom Ely

### **Commodore's Comments - 19574**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

It seems (well at least to me) that we are really skipping through the Summer sailing season. Is it really 2 weeks ago that we had our Opening Day? Past Commodores have always told me (or joked I thought) that you will need to bring your bed to the club when you take on the Big C mantle. I'm not quite at that stage yet but since I'm there some 4 to 5 times a week, maybe its worth considering.

Much continues to happen around the club with the newest challenge facing RMYS being the closure of Pier Road. The Flag Officers and Directors of St Kilda Safe Harbour along with some key club personnel, met last Monday night with planning personnel from the City of Port Phillip. Council personnel are now very much aware of the operating needs of the club in regards to access and parking in Pier Road and Jacka Boulevard. We will also be sending a delegation to the St Kilda Edge Committee with CoPP to again present our needs in order to remain a viable club. There have been a large number of members who have contributed a tremendous amount of their time and effort into working this issue with the council and I thank them very much for the work done to-date. We will continue to lobby the council to ensure RMYS remains a viable yacht club that provides a sailing resource to people of all ages, local residents and others from many areas across the greater Melbourne area.

A replacement window will soon be installed to replace the window that opens out from the bar onto the balcony. This will improve member services and provide additional bench space for the bar staff.

On a very happy note, I am pleased to inform members that my name was drawn out of the bucket for last Friday night's KEY DRAW. The \$500 prize goes a long way to boat insurance or marina fees or some other worthy boat cost. On a very sad note though, I must inform you that I was not present at the club to collect my fairly won prize. It is also sad to see that there was no one in the club at the time that was prepared to impersonate me and so make an effort to collect my winnings. Such is the luck of the KEY DRAW! At least my name has been put back in the bucket in readiness for this Friday night. Will you be there at 7pm this Friday evening to collect the prize when your name is drawn out?

Enjoy your club.

Rohan

### **New Division Flags For Range Series - 19575**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

Due to changes in the colour and size of flags being used for the Range Races from the beginning of this summer season, RMYS will be adopting the same flags as well.

The implementation for this is as follows:

Range Races - From start of 2005/06 Summer Season - 1st Race Saturday 15 October

RMYS Races - From Start of 2005/06 Summer Season - Where division flags are required

The Colours are now:

Division 1 - Royal Blue

Division 2 - Orange

Division 3 - White

Size - At least that of an A4 piece of paper (210 X 297 mm)

These flags are available for purchase from the RMYS Office for \$5.00.

Alistair Hart

Club Captain

## **Handicapping - 19576**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

Just a reminder to all Skippers and Crew that with the beginning of the Summer Season we have returned to using the YV handicapping (full details of which can be found on the Yachting Victoria website).

The divisional splits are:

Div 1 0.880 & above

Div 2 0.800 to 0.879

Div 3 0.799 & below.

I will endeavour to keep the list of handicaps on the website up to date and if you have any questions feel free to speak to me (I drink Vodka Lime & Soda or G&T).

Matthew Morrison - RMYS Handicapper

## **Marina Refurbishment Fee - 19577**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

The marina refurbishment monies are and will be put to good use. Members will note that work has been carried out at the entry section of D row. The work has given us an indication on the costs that we will face to refurbish sections of the marina above the water line. A small part of the work was done at the recent working bee but most has been done by contractors. Our best assessment is that it will cost in excess of \$600 per metre.

The other task currently being undertaken is to arrange for a survey of all the piles in the marina. Once the survey has been completed we will establish a program for the refurbishment of the piles either by replacement, or repairing the existing piles. Quotes are currently being arranged for both repairs and replacement.

We will aim to keep all members informed on our progress.

## **Volunteers To Work On William Patterson - 19578**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

We plan to slip the "William Patterson" at Brighton (she is too heavy to slip on our slipway) and we would like volunteers to help in the scrubbing and sanding of the hull. Our aim is to slip her within the next two weeks so that she will be available for the Melbourne Cup Cruise. She needs to be slipped to repair a skin fitting otherwise the head cannot be operated.

Please let the [office](#) know if you are available to assist.

## **Slipway Repairs - 19579**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 14 October 2005*

Work is currently being carried out on our slipway. WorkSafe recently inspected the slip way and as a result we are required to replace the cable, to upgrade the barrier, and to establish safe working loads.

This is another cost to the club but because of the importance of the slipway we are proceeding as fast as possible.

## **20 October 2005**

### **Commodore's Comments - 19681**

*Rohan Brownlee, Thursday, 20 October 2005*

Yesterday afternoon, past Commodore Alan Saunders and I made a deputation to the St Kilda Edge Committee presenting our concerns and impacts to the operations of RMYS, on council's proposed foreshore redevelopment plans. This deputation was in addition to our extensive written submission made to council some 2 weeks ago. We are awaiting feedback from this committee on their recommendations but we strongly argued for retention of council car parking facilities in Pier Road as well as access for all aspects of the Squadron's operations including that at St Kilda Pier itself. We also offered RMYS's involvement in the development of any further plans to changes along Pier Road. Will keep members advised on the outcome of council's decision.

RMYS is well known for its friendly membership and warm club atmosphere. Why not share this with some of your friends? As I mentioned in the recent Seabreeze, I urge members to bring visitors to the club and introduce them to the wonderful experiences we share at RMYS.

We recently completed a detailed inspection and repair to the slipway. The winch cable has been replaced and rail alignment checked. A proof load test will also be undertaken to recertify the capacity of the slipway.

Works have commenced to improve the condition and longevity of the timber marina under the marina refurbishment. We are waiting on some details from a diver prior to undertaking the underwater inspection, but new timbers are already being installed where feasible and appropriate over those piles that are known to have a substantial amount of life left in them. Marina refurbishment works will be progressing so please be aware of the works and the stacked timbers that are placed along the marina.

Open Day (the first for this season where-by we open the club to the public), is set for Sunday 13 November. It is our opportunity of showing what RMYS is all about, both on water and off water. We will need volunteers to show visitors around the club, staff merchandise table, cook the sausage sizzle as well as take some for a short sail so they can experience the on-water thrill. Can you please register your interest with the office on how you can assist to make this a successful event for the Squadron.

As I mentioned last week, you need to be there to be a winner. What am I referring to? Why it's the famous key draw of course. Last Friday night saw Paul Davies scoop the prize. Congratulations to him and make sure you are there this Friday for your chance at winning the key draw.

## **Galloping Gourmet Trip To The Melbourne Cup By Boat! - 19682**

*Thursday, 20 October 2005*

Back by popular demand, RMYS is running a Gourmet Boat Cruise to the race that stops a nation - 'The Emirates Melbourne Cup', Tuesday 1st November.

Maximum of 25 passengers!

Bookings open tomorrow morning (Friday 21st October) at 1000hrs, first come first served.

Please phone Jan Hurst at the office: 9534 0227

A scrumptious Picnic Hamper provided by Barry and Sue.

Gourmet menu -

- Platter - Salami, olives, pastrami, fetta cheese, ham and asparagus rolls
- Chicken satay with Gado Gado and crispy noodles
- Greek lamb meatballs with hommous dip
- Thai beef sandwiches
- Continental biscuits

BYO flasks of hot water, coffee and tea provided.

Price per person - \$50.00

BYO DRINKS.

ICE AND GLASSES PROVIDED.

Entry to the course is \$50 General Admission (Not included)

Boats leave at 0900 hours. (mooring space is limited)

Boats return 30 minutes after last race.

(ladies wear deck shoes for gangplank but bring high fashion footwear if going on course)

**SWEEPS ON BOARD!**

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST HAT!**

**BEST OUTFIT!**

**BEST DRESSED MALE!**

(Bookings are very limited for this event, and it's the best way to see Victoria's spectacular social event of the year).

The function scheduled for the Olympic Room has been Cancelled.

## **27 October 2005**

### **Melbourne - Stanley Race - 19793**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 27 October 2005*

Good luck to the following RMYS boats who are competing in the ORCV Melbourne to Stanley Race this weekend: Addiction, Beyond Outrageous, New Morning II and Outlaw.

### **YV Go Sailing Day / RMYS Open Day - 19795**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 27 October 2005*

Sunday 13 November

In conjunction with Yachting Victoria's Go Sailing Day, RMYS will be opening the Squadron to visitors and offering sailing experiences on keelboats. As previously mentioned, we need volunteers in the club to show people around and talk about the joys of sailing. We also need owners and crews to volunteer their time to take people sailing for a short trip on the water to give them a taste of keelboat sailing.

If you can assist please contact Fiona Welsh to volunteer for this day. Those members that assist on the day will have their next Working Bee Levy refunded.

## **4 November 2005**

### **Seabreeze 130th Edition Contributions - 19903**

*Peter Chapman, Friday, 4 November 2005*

As you may be aware 2006 is our 130th year and we want to produce a bumper edition of SeaBreeze which becomes a collectors edition and a time capsule. You can make your mark for posterity but we need this by the end of the November.

#### **Yacht Owners**

We would like to include a copy of the yacht register with an image and very short history. Please send an image - action shot if possible and a few notes. For example: Competed in 3 Sydney - Hobart's; Squadron aggregate winner 2003 etc. The image can be hard copy or electronic.

#### **Everyone else**

A short story of a memorable event in which you were involved. About 1 typed page of A4. Include when you joined etc.

Please forward your contribution to [Fiona](#) by 30 November, 2005.

Thanks for your assistance.

Peter Chapman  
Seabreeze Editor  
RMYS

## **Melb – Stanley - 19904**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 4 November 2005*

Congratulations to all the RMYS boats who competed in the Melbourne to Stanley ocean race last weekend. Our boats performed exceptionally well – check out the results at [www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au). A special mention must go to Mark Buckley and the crew from New Morning II who won the PHD B Division. A fantastic effort.

## **Commonwealth Games ‘Get Involved Day’ - 19905**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 4 November 2005*

The Commonwealth Games are on the way, so why not try something new at “Get Involved Day” on Sunday 20 November at West beach, St Kilda. Click on the following link for more info:

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/warmingup.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/warmingup.html)

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## **Are You Interested In Off-Shore Racing? - 19906**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 4 November 2005*

You are invited to attend the ORCV presentation at RMYS on Thursday 10 November at 7pm.

This presentation is the last of the Latitude Race Lecture Series and will focus on the strategic differences between bay and ocean racing. Go to the [ORCV website](#) to register your interest NOW!

## **11 November 2005**

### **Cruising Lecture Series at RMYS - 20085**

*Les Norton, Friday, 11 November 2005*

The Cruising section of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron is embarking on a series of lectures to be held on two nights. This year they will be held on 25th November and 9th December. Next year it is hoped that they will be held fortnightly on topics of a nautical nature with reference to cruising.

Everybody, including the general public, is welcome. If you feel that there is a topic you would like to talk about you are welcome to do so. The meetings will commence in the New Year after the Geelong Regatta.

A further programme will be sent out in the near future for you to note the topics and times. It is intended to have these meetings in the wet bar or the conference room depending on the crowd. If you have any people you feel we should approach to do a topic, please contact me and I will see what I can do.

Les Norton  
Vice Commodore  
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

### **RMYS Open Day –This Sunday 13th November - 20086**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 11 November 2005*

In conjunction with Yachting Victoria's Go Sailing Day, RMYS will be opening the Squadron to visitors and offering sailing experiences on keelboats. As previously mentioned, we need volunteers in the club to show people around and talk about the joys of sailing. We also need owners and crews to volunteer their time to take people sailing for a short trip on the water to give them a taste of keelboat sailing.

Thanks to those members who have already volunteered their time. We still need more hands on deck though for Sunday, so if you can help out, even for a couple of hours, then please contact the office on 9534 0227.

### **Club Marine Challenge Rally–Saturday 21 Jan, 2006 - 20087**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 11 November 2005*

Timed to coincide with the Melbourne Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race, the Club marine Challenge Rally is a social event for the entire boating community to celebrate the arrival of the Volvo yachts, conclusion of Sail Melbourne, upcoming Skandia Geelong Week, Summer in Melbourne, and most importantly to raise funds for the Challenge charity – Supporting Kids with Cancer.

Lead by the tall ships, James Craig and the Enterprize, the rally involves boats joining in the Parade Fleet at various points around Port Phillip, arriving in time for a large public celebration at Melbourne Docklands.

More information is contained in the flyer on the website.

*(Note: The link was removed as the page was no longer available.)*

There will be an information night at RMYS on Monday 21 November 2005, at 7pm (nibbles provided).

### **Junior Sailing - 20088**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 11 November 2005*

Do you have children who are interested in learning to sail?

Now that the weather is getting better, why not bring them down to RMYS on a Sunday morning from 9am for some sailing classes.

We have two new, qualified and experienced instructors and a brand new sailing program.

For more information please contact Fiona on 9534 0227.

**19 November 2005**

## **Wharington's Sunergy And Friends Won't Give Up In Leg One Of Volvo Ocean Race - 20201**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 19 November 2005*

Australian skipper Grant Wharington's crew have vowed not to give up hope of catching the leaders in the Volvo Ocean Race after losing precious time stopping for repairs to the team's storm-battered yacht.

With the leaders locked in a tactical battle to find the best path through the Doldrums - an area of unstable weather either side of the Equator, Wharington and his crew have decided to plot a different course in the hope of making up ground on rivals ABN AMRO 1 and 2, Brasil 1 and Ericsson.

"Part of our strategy for the next 1000 miles or so is to set ourselves up a little differently as we are not going to catch the leaders by following them," said Sunergy and Friends navigator, New Zealander Campbell Field.

"I'll not go into too many details, but you would have to agree that we will have to be a little different to get back in the game. We are not rolling the dice on this one, just being aware that we have to be a little bit more clever.

"There were a few discussions on the boat about the fact that history has proven that a 500-600 mile deficit is not a disaster when you have around 5000 miles to go. In the last Volvo Ocean Race, 300 or 400 mile leads or deficits evaporated in days. So, a message to all our supporters out there, don't give up hope, we haven't!"

The team has resumed racing after a pit stop for repairs on the small island of Porto Santo, off Portugal, and has experienced 15-25 knots winds as they play catch up on leg one to Cape Town, South Africa.

Recent leader, Brasil 1, with Australian navigator Adrienne Cahalan on board, has relinquished ground to ABN AMRO 1 as they chart their course through the northern hemisphere tropics.

"It's been a tense 24 hours out here racing," Cahalan said.

"We've seen our lead decrease as we fight squall after squall. Squalls can be good for bringing more wind but they can also have areas of great calm after they pass which can decrease the wind to under five knots, which is very frustrating.

"The boats out to the west (ABN AMRO 1 and 2) did not seem to suffer so badly from this and so now the fleet is back very close together after a gap of almost 70 nautical miles. "

Meanwhile, storm casualty Movistar have discovered that a high-speed collision with an underwater object may have caused the structural damage to the yacht which has forced them out of leg one of the race.

With the boat out of the water in Portimao, Portugal, the team were surprised to discover part of the port rudder missing and damage to the keel and hull.

The team has decided to make the repairs in Portugal and ship the boat to Cape Town for the start of leg two to Melbourne.

Also forced back to shore after the dramatic start to the Volvo Ocean Race, Pirates of the Caribbean have elected to ship their yacht directly to Cape Town for repairs.

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### **Commodores Comments - 20202**

*Rohan Brownlee, Saturday, 19 November 2005*

RMYS had its first Open Day for the 2005 sailing season. The weather was much kinder to us than in March this year and as a result, we had many more people come through the doors. Many thanks to Barry Scott, Mal Coram, Carol Wicher, Dick Warhurst, Kevin Barron, Neil Finlayson, Warwick Hutchins, Mia Spizzica, Margaret Ludowyk, Mark Buckley, Michael Eger and Lynda Turnbull who volunteered their time to show visitors around the club, explain the joys of sailing and being at RMYS, as well as taking some of the visitors out for a sail. Apologies if I have missed anyone.

Based on a recommendation by Terry (you're 3 seconds late) Hill, the club is implementing an aluminium can recycling process. Aluminium cans collected at the club will be placed in a dedicated collection bag for recycling. Although the club gets a small financial return, there are much bigger benefits to the community. I encourage all members coming in from a sail, to crush and place all their waste aluminium cans in the appropriate collection bin outside the rear of the club rather than in the general waste bins which goes to landfill. All waste aluminium cans generated from inside the club will be placed in these bins by the bar staff.

Support your Club - Support your Environment.

RMYS is keen to ensure sailing is maintained as a safe sport and in that regard, proposes to implement the mandatory wearing of PFD's under the following circumstances:

- For all racing between sunset and sunrise;
- For all two handed racing.
- For all yachts with non-complying lifelines. (refer Blue Book on Rules)

Please assist in maintaining sailing as a safe sport by having your boat comply with all AYF safety requirements and those of RMYS as noted in the Sailing Instructions, and all such required equipment is in good working condition.

The club is continuing its dialogue with the City of Port Phillip in relation to changes to Pier Road. We recently had a meeting with CoPP's Strategic Planner during the week and their CEO this morning to again stress the importance of RMYS being able to access and park in Pier Road. There will be some changes made prior to Christmas to the access conditions along Pier Road. These changes are aimed at reducing the through traffic along Pier Road which will be of great benefit to the community and RMYS. Parking is still an issue that is yet to reach agreement but both parties are determined to achieve a workable result.

Marina Refurbishment work is really progressing at a great rate and users of the marina will see the results of the work done to date. A diver will soon inspect the underwater areas of the piles to identify those that will need underwater repairs as well as those requiring complete replacement. Thanks to Mal Coram and his team for their diligence in undertaking the work.

RMYS is blessed with owning one of the best venues in Melbourne that has uninterrupted bay views. A small working party is being established to look at means to promote and increase the usage of this wonderful asset. If you would like to contribute to the working party, can you please contact General Committee member Cherry Birch on [birchconsulting@aapt.net.au](mailto:birchconsulting@aapt.net.au). Your assistance would be appreciated. For members who are interested in utilising this facility for either business or private functions, then please contact Jan Hurst in the office who will be more than happy to work with you in making your function a success.

There will be a number of new members coming to the club tomorrow night for a meet and greet session with the General Committee in the Committee Room. Please welcome these members when you see them in the Members Lounge at the end of our gathering.

We all know Tara does a wonderful job in the Members Bar but one of her many other talents is singing. So this Friday night, Tara, together with Mick Findlay and Rob Murraylee, will grace the Members Lounge to provide a night of wonderful entertainment. Come to your club tomorrow evening to show your support for Tara, Rob and Mick and enjoy a night of great music and dancing.

Rohan

### **Office Opening Hours - 20203**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 19 November 2005*

As a further service to our members, the office will be open until 5:30pm every Wednesday.

### **Road Closure - 20204**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 19 November 2005*

On account of a Triathlon this Sunday, Beaconsfield will be closed from 6:45am to 11am. Access to Pier Road will be via Cowderoy Street.

## **Win One Of Two \$500 Helly Hansen Vouchers - 20205**

*Wendell Raven, Saturday, 19 November 2005*

To enter the draw all you need to do is be a current paid up member of a yacht club in Victoria and have a correct email address in the Yachting Victoria MyClub / MySailor database.

Both RMYS and YV want to keep you informed of what is going on in the sailing and boating community – and the most cost-effective and popular way to do this is an e-newsletter. (YV sends one on the last day of each month to all club members). So to be in touch, and be in the draw for these great prizes, simply enter or check your registered email address in MyClub/MySailor by 30 November. In MySailor you can also update all your other details including your address, boat, insurance, qualifications and log.

To access MySailor simply go to [www.yachtingvictoria.com.au](http://www.yachtingvictoria.com.au) . Just enter your Silver Card number and password (which came with your silver card – if you can't remember it contact Sam at YV, [sailing@yachtingvictoria.com.au](mailto:sailing@yachtingvictoria.com.au)).

## **24 November 2005**

### **Food For Thought In Volvo Ocean Race 2005-2006 - 20275**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 24 November 2005*

The leading yachts in the Volvo Ocean Race 2005-06 are so fast that the teams are considering dumping food overboard in order to save weight as they speed towards Cape Town, South Africa.

The first four yachts have travelled over 3,500 nautical miles since the race began in Vigo, Spain, on November 12, and are expected to finish leg one of the race on December 3.

With the weight of the yachts crucial to performance, the crews eat freeze-dried food rehydrated with desalinated sea water.

"It doesn't look good and it doesn't taste very much," said Sydney's Tom Braidwood from aboard Ericsson. "But when you are exhausted and hungry out at sea, you don't care much about that. Most important is that the food keeps your mind and body going."

With stronger winds and bigger seas expected as the teams head south, the sailors may need to increase their calorie intake to cope with the additional physical exertion, so the extra supplies may still be needed.

Braidwood, 33, lost 12 kilos on the same leg four years ago when his boat was seven days late in to Cape Town.

Dutch boat ABN AMRO leads leg one of the Volvo Ocean Race, but Brasil 1, navigated by Australian Adrienne Cahalan, is well-placed to make up ground as the fleet turns east towards Cape Town.

Swedish entry Ericsson and ABN AMRO 2 are locked in a battle for third with the boats so close they are within sight of each other.

The Australian yacht, skippered by Grant Wharington, has had a miserable run through the Doldrums, just north of the Equator, and will arrive in Cape Town several days behind the leaders, having had to stop for repairs in Portugal just days into the race.

Movistar and Pirates of the Caribbean are expected to re-start their campaigns in leg two from Cape Town to Melbourne after suffering heavy damage in the wild storms that battered the fleet at the start of the race.

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## **1 December 2005**

### **Race To Finish Of Leg One Of Volvo Ocean Race - 20385**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

After smashing the monohull 24-hour world speed record, Dutch yacht ABN AMRO 1 is on course to arrive in Cape Town, South Africa, tomorrow night (Australian time), and take victory in leg one of the Volvo Ocean Race.

The win would place ABN AMRO 1 in the overall lead of the eight-month, 31, 250 nautical mile around the world race.

Surprise packet ABN AMRO 2, with Australians Nick Bice and Luke Molloy on board, are holding on to second place 141 miles behind and would love nothing better than to upstage their more experienced sister yacht by snatching line honours into Cape Town.

Brasil 1, navigated by Australian Adrienne Cahalan, is still challenging from third place a further 100 nautical miles back.

Swedish entry Ericsson has suffered a set-back with a failure in its keel's hydraulic system and has had to reduce sail speed to avoid further damage.

Australian entry, Sunergy and Friends, skippered by Grant Wharington, is almost 2000 nautical miles behind, thanks to an unscheduled pit-stop for repairs and unfavourable weather conditions, and is due to arrive in Cape Town several days later.

The crews will have a four-week stopover in Cape Town for rest and repairs before facing the Southern Ocean leg to Melbourne.

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### **RMYS Goes Offshore - 20408**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

Congratulations to all RMYS boats that competed in the inaugural ORCV Latitude Race last Saturday, and the return race from Blairgowrie to Sandringham on Sunday. Excellent competition and fantastic results! Congratulations!

Latitude Race Results – 26 Nov

AMS

5th BUSHIDO Peter Chapman

PHD

2nd ADDICTION Jeff Whiteside

3rd PORTOFINO Stuart Tait

4th MRS OVERNEWTON Les Norton

5th NEW MORNING II Mark Buckley

12th EVASION                      Geoff Chambers

17th PACESETTER                Chester Cairns

Unfortunately, Beyond Outrageous (Tony Warren) and Hotshot (Terry Swalwell) were retirees.

Blairgowrie to Sandringham Pursuit Race Results – 27 Nov

2nd NEW MORNING II

3rd ADDICTION

7th PORTOFINO

8th EVASION

11th MRS OVERNEWTON

16th PACESETTER

20th BUSHIDO

21st HOTSHOT

### **New Marine Regulations – Personal Flotation Devices - 2013**

*Alistair Hart, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

As many of you will probably be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced their much talked about regulation on safety equipment and PFDs. These regulations come into effect from 1 December 2005 (i.e. TODAY).

The details of the regulations can be found at the Marine Safety Victoria (MSV) Website at: [www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au)

We will be receiving some colour brochures in the near future and these will be available from the office and the bar, and in time, all Yachting Australia/Victoria members will be posted one.

The basis of the requirement is that PFD's must be worn on all power vessels under 4.8 metres in length (this includes a tender to a yacht), and on a yacht when at "Heightened Risk". The text from the MSV brochure reads:

Heightened risk

- When the vessel is crossing or attempting to cross an ocean bar or designated hazardous area
- When being operated by a solo operator
- When being operated at night or in periods of restricted visibility
- When there is significant likelihood that the vessel may capsize or be swamped by waves or the occupants of the vessel may fall overboard or be forced to enter the water

- When the vessel is operating in an area where: a gale warning, storm warning, severe thunderstorm warning or severe weather warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is current
- When the vessel is a yacht where there are no safety barriers, lifelines, rails, safety harnesses or jacklines in use.

Please note, that the reference to “Reduced or Reefed Sail” and a number of other factors have been removed from wording that was originally suggested – this follows lobbying from Yachting Victoria.

I urge you to read the brochure carefully. There are a number of other equipment provisions now in the regulations, amongst others, these include changes to the need for fire extinguishers (size and number) and life rafts.

Any questions, please feel free to call me. I will see if I can assist.

Alistair Hart  
Club Captain

### **Safety Category Stickers - 20414**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

### **Sunday Happy Hour - 20415**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

From this Sunday (4th Dec), there will be Happy Hour in the Member’s Bar from 3:30pm – 5pm.

\$2.40 Pots, \$3 House Wine, \$4 Basic Spirits. Enjoy a cheap cold drink on the balcony with the best view in Melbourne this and every Sunday.

This is in addition to Friday Happy Hour between 6 – 7pm.

All boats racing in the Range Series this Saturday should have a Safety Category Sticker displayed on the transom of your boat. If you haven’t already collected your sticker for the 2005 – 2006 season (they are bright orange this year) then please do so prior to Saturday’s race. The office will be open from 10am.

### **Volunteer Duty - 20416**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

Throughout the Summer Season, each boat is rostered on for Volunteer Duty just once for either a Wednesday Twilight (assisting in the Tower) or a Saturday club race (Tower or Committee Boat). To see when your boat is rostered, go Tower Duty Roster on the website.

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### **Road Closure - 20417**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

Beaconsfield Parade and the usual surrounding roads will be closed again this Sunday 4 December from 6:45am to 11am. Access to Pier Road will be via Cowderoy Street.

### **Lecture Series At RMYS - 20418**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

RMYS are conducting a Series of lectures in the coming months. Vice-Commodore Les Norton kick-started the series last Friday night, and next up is member Alan Hume. Alan will be giving a talk on what he had to do to make his boat suitable for long sailing as a retiree. Come along and listen to how he went about it and learn some useful tips.

Bookings are not needed and there is no charge.

Topic: Preparing a new boat for retirement

When: Next Friday 9 December

Where: RMYS Conference Room (adjacent to the Committee Room)

Time: 7:30pm

### **RMYS Xmas Lunch - 20419**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

Whilst most of us are yet to even think of the festive season, the reality is that Christmas is less than 4 weeks away!! RMYS will be having a Christmas Lunch on Sunday 11 December in the Harbour Room, and you and your family and friends are invited.

Enjoy a delicious lunch comprising all the usual Christmas favourites – turkey with cranberry sauce, ham off the bone, plum pudding with brandy custard, coffee/tea and chocolates.

Plus.....member Rob Murraylee will be playing Christmas Carols on the piano all day, and Santa might even pop by to say hello.

Book your table now with Jan in the office. Ph: 9534 0227.

Adults \$36 per head

Children under 12 - \$1 per year of age

### **Beach Party - 20421**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 1 December 2005*

More festive celebrations to be had at the Beach Party on Friday 16 December in the Wet Bar from 6:30pm. Enjoy a spit roast dinner, have fun with the Karaoke machine, and party with your fellow members and friends. Cost for the night is just \$18 per head. The Beach Party is one of the most enjoyable nights for the year so make sure you don't miss out. Bookings are essential so call the office to make your booking NOW.

**2 December 2005**

**ABN AMRO 1 Wins Leg One Of Volvo Ocean Race - Bice And Molloy First Aussies In To Cape Town - 20432**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 2 December 2005*

Dutch yacht ABN AMRO 1 has taken victory in leg one of the Volvo Ocean Race, while its sister boat ABN AMRO 2, with Australians Nick Bice and Luke Molloy on board, has upstaged more experienced teams to sail second into Cape Town.

Australia's Sunergy and Friends, skippered by Grant Wharington, is still 2000 nautical miles away from the finish, but has picked up more favourable winds and is on course to score valuable points for fifth place.

After sailing 6,400 nautical miles from Vigo, Spain, in 19 days, 24 minutes and two seconds, and clocking a new monohull 24-hour world speed record, ABN AMRO 1, skippered by New Zealander Mike Sanderson, is at the top of the points table, with eight legs still remaining in the around the world race.

Crewed by a team of rising stars all under 30 years old, ABN AMRO 2 was just over six hours behind its "big sister".

Brasil 1, navigated by Australian Adrienne Cahalan, finished third, while Swedish entry Ericsson, hampered by damage to its hydraulic keel system, is still 300 nautical miles out.

"It's unbelievable to be here," Sanderson said. "The team spirit has been fantastic and I'm so proud of all the guys.

"We clocked some pretty amazing speeds out there and the world record was definitely the icing on the cake. The scary thing is that if you ask any of the crew they'll all tell you that she is still capable of a lot more - and that's the difficulty, knowing when to ease off. Although we've won this leg we're all very conscious that there's still a long way to go in this race, and as we've already seen, anything can happen. For the moment though, we're just looking forward to seeing our families, getting some sleep and grabbing a cold beer."

Skippered by Frenchman Sebastien Josse, the relatively inexperienced crew aboard ABN AMRO 2 have exceeded all expectations since beating ABN AMRO 1 in the first in-port race in Spain a month ago.

They were the first team to break the monohull 24-hour world speed record in a Volvo Open 70 under racing conditions, before ABN AMRO 1 pipped them soon after.

ABN AMRO 2 rounded the first scoring gate at Fernando de Noronha, off the coast of Brazil, in fourth place, but the team has proven their sailing skill and tactical know-how to overtake rivals Brasil 1 and Ericsson.

Molloy, 25, from Gladstone, Queensland, was one of 10 selected to join the team - chosen through an international internet application process.

"It's been fast, exciting and an all-round good time," Molloy said. "We had a great time and we've definitely shown what we've got.

"We were pretty luck with the wind. We sailed a lot more distance to stay in the breeze, so it was good. It's what the boat likes. We did it in record time - which is what we hoped to do.

"Hopefully we can improve and maybe knock off a first spot - that would be nice.

"Next we're going to prepare the boat for leg two to Melbourne, have a couple of days off, a bit more sleep and a bit of partying."

Bice, 27, from Adelaide, is a qualified boat builder and watch captain aboard ABN AMRO 2.

"This is something really special for us and all of TEAM ABN AMRO to have one-two across the line," Bice said.

"We're very proud and very happy with the result for both ourselves and the team."

The ABN AMRO yachts, designed by Argentinean Juan Kouyoumdjian and crewed by just 10 sailors, averaged almost 16 knots and covered around 400 miles per day in an action-packed first leg.

ABN AMRO 1 survived a massive wipeout on day two which broke the steering pedestal and injured two crew, and dealt with a fire on-board which took out the boat's navigation and communications systems.

The wild seas that battered the fleet in the first 36 hours of the race forced Australia's Sunergy and Friends, Spain's movistar and USA's Pirates of the Caribbean back into port for repairs, with only the Australian entry able to continue the leg.

Movistar and Pirates of the Caribbean will re-start their campaign on leg two of the Volvo Ocean Race from Cape Town to Melbourne, with the fleet expected to arrive at Waterfront City, Melbourne Docklands, on January 17.

ABN AMRO 1 is in first place with 11.5 points, Brasil 1 and Ericsson are expected to be equal third on 10.5 points, with ABN AMRO 2 fourth on 9.5 and Sunergy and Friends fifth on 4.5.

Team score points from the in-port races, scoring gates within the ocean racing legs and their finishing position at the end of each leg.

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Volvo Ocean Race 2005 / 06, the world's premier ocean race, features nine offshore legs, starting in Vigo, Spain in November 2005 and finishing in Gothenburg - [www.volvoceanrace.org](http://www.volvoceanrace.org). The Melbourne Stopover is scheduled from 17+ January - 12 February 2006 at Waterfront City, Docklands. Key dates are Leg #2 Finish from 17+ Jan, In-Port Race on Sat 4 Feb and Leg #3 Start on Sun 12 Feb 2006 - [www.melbournestopover.com.au](http://www.melbournestopover.com.au).

*(Note: The link has been removed as the page is no longer available.)*

### **Members Meeting - 20433**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 2 December 2005*

Tuesday 13 December 2005 at 1900 hours.

St Kilda Safe Harbour is completing its Planning Permit Application in readiness for submission to the City of Port Phillip before end December 2005. This is the first phase in the development of a new marina for RMYS. There has been extensive public consultation along with discussions with groups such as Earthcare, local businesses, mooring holders and key state government bodies. The proposed works include:

- Construction of a new marina with 230 berths adjacent to the existing marina,
- A new floating wave attenuator on the northern side;
- A small extension to the existing rock breakwater on the southern side.

GHD Pty Ltd has been engaged by St Kilda Safe Harbour to manage the consultation process, undertake wave studies and prepare the Planning Permit Application.

It is important that members are aware of the outcomes of this phase of the work. The Members Meeting is to update all members on the status of the project. Please come along to learn what is happening within the harbour.

### **8 December 2005**

#### **Friday Night Talk - Preparing a new boat for retirement - 20544**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 8 December 2005*

This Friday night member Alan Hume will be giving a talk on what he had to do to make his boat suitable for long sailing as a retiree. Come along and listen to how he went about it and learn some useful tips. Bookings are not needed and there is no charge.

7:30pm in the RMYS Conference Room (adjacent to the Committee Room).

#### **New Years Eve - 20545**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 8 December 2005*

Welcome in the New Year with a big bang in the Harbour Room at RMYS! Indulge in a "Caribbean Buffet" including prawns, oysters and scallops, plus boogie the night away to the party tunes from our DJ. The night kicks off at 7pm. Cost is just \$75 pp. Drinks at bar prices. Please book with the office by Friday 23 December.

## **Sunday Happy Hour - 20546**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 8 December 2005*

Every Sunday there will be Happy Hour in the Member's Bar from 3:30pm - 5pm.

\$2.40 Pots, \$3 House Wine, \$4 Basic Spirits. This is in addition to Friday Happy Hour between 6 - 7pm.

## **15 December 2005**

### **Commodores Comments - 20684**

*Rohan Brownlee, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

RMYS held its annual Christmas Luncheon last Sunday and what a blast it was! Members and their guests were treated to a wonderful day of top entertainment and food in the Harbour Room overlooking sunny Port Phillip Bay. I guess it doesn't get much better than that. Rob Murraylee provided the necessary light fingers on the piano and wooed the attendees with some great Christmas carol tunes. There was much laughter and applause from the assembled throng as each table was required to sing one of the many carols listed on the sheet. Table 1, I understand, took out first prize. Not too sure whether it was for the singing, the stage performance or hysterics that erupted during the performance. It was great to see the creativity that various tables went to in order to win the prize. We certainly are a creative mob. I look forward to next year's big event again.

There was a very good turnout at last Tuesday night's meeting to hear me speak on the status of the Planning Permit for the floating marina. The presentation consisted of running through the two separate presentations put together by the consultants GHD, as well as the open forum held at the end. It is most pleasing to see the full support for this major project. The outcome from GHD's review of wind/waves actions, coastal study, parking and traffic study and public consultations is to be provided in four separate reports that will accompany the Planning Permit Application. The directors of St Kilda Safe Harbour have planned to have the application in to the City of Port Phillip prior to Christmas 2005 and I'm pleased to say that the submission will be made by next Tuesday, 20 December.

Members were shown the results of the wave studies done by GHD. In summary, these amounted to wave height contours expected in the harbour with and without the breakwater extensions and northern wave attenuator for winds up to 1 in 50 year and blowing from the south through to the northwest. So there was quite an extensive array of possibilities considered in the study.

There will be some improvements made for mooring holders in that a small floating pontoon will be provided to improve the safety of launching dinghies from out at the pier along with better dinghy storage facilities. It is also proposed to isolate A-Row from the marina and convert this into publicly available end pile mooring under the management of RMYS.

So where to after the application is submitted? The submission will need to be reviewed and commented on by various government departments, authorities, special interest groups and the public. It is envisaged that the duration for CoPP to complete their review and issue a Planning Permit,

will be shortened because of the extensive planning and consultation held with these groups over the past few years. The directors will also be finalising their plans to move forward once a permit is issued.

The directors of St Kilda Safe Harbour look forward to your continued support on this exciting development.

Don't forget the annual Beach party tomorrow at RMYS. Bring your beach gear, wear your beach attire and join in the fun.

See at the club.

Rohan

### **Beach Party - 20686**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

Bookings for tomorrow night's Beach Party have closed. For those that are attending, please arrive by 7pm for dinner. There will be a \$5 cover charge for those that want to come along later in the night to enjoy the entertainment.

Friday Night

On account of the Beach Party, the Members Bar will be closing at 6pm tomorrow night (Friday 16 December).

### **New Years Eve - 20687**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

Welcome in the New Year with a big bang in the Harbour Room at RMYS! Indulge in a "Caribbean Buffet" including prawns, oysters and scallops, plus a selection of main course items to tantalise your palate....then boogy the night away to the party tunes from our DJ. The night kicks off at 7pm.

The cost for the night is now only \$55 pp. Please book with the office by Friday 23 December.

### **RMYS Merchandise - 20688**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

Have you left all your Christmas shopping to the last minute?? Don't despair....RMYS has a range of merchandise such as polo's, shorts, caps and champagne glasses for sale. Don't battle the crowds at Chadstone, just drop in to your club to purchase some Xmas gifts for your loved ones.

Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 9-5pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm.

Check out the [RMYS website](#) for just some of our club merchandise.

## **Car Parking - 20689**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

A reminder to members that a club foreshore parking permit is required for the car park on the northern side of the building.

Foreshore permits are available to members through the City of Port Phillip.

Application forms are available from the office.

A minimum fine of \$100 applies to cars without a valid parking permit.

## **Friday Night Dinner – 23 December 2005 - 20690**

*Wendell Raven, Thursday, 15 December 2005*

Please note that there will be no dinner at the club on Friday 23 December.

The Member's Bar will be open though for those wishing to have a Christmas drink.

## **21 December 2005**

### **Rolex Sydney - Hobart start broadcast on Sail-World - 20814**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 21 December 2005*

For the first time in the 61 years, Nokia and the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia have arranged for uninterrupted three hour radio coverage to be broadcast over the web for keen sailing fans around the world to tune in and further enhance the spectacular start of the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race on Boxing Day.

Somehow having gained access to the highly restricted and classified Royal Australian Naval Degaussing Range on Steele Point directly above the start line, the crew from the cult "Sailors Radio Show" which broadcasts around Australia to sailors each weekend, will broadcast from 11:30am to 2:30pm on Boxing Day (Eastern Summer Time - Australia).

While promising to tone down some aspects of the shows usual bawdy sailing humour, the sailors radio show crew have promised not to pretend they are the BBC world service and look forward to sharing the skill, the adrenalin and the madness that is an integral part of this iconic race.

Visitors to Sail-world.com will hear a detailed narrative on the entire fleet, commentary to assist spectators understand what they are seeing on the water and live crosses from some of the smallest and biggest boats in the race to share the pre-race chaos and tension.

Anchored by Andrew 'AP' Powell, the Sailors Radio Show crew includes Australian Olympian, multiple world champion and international yachting Umpire Mr Neville 'ShyMo' Wittey; Leading yachting journalist Di 'Possum' Pearson and with many 'Hobarts' under his belt, Australia's leading Chandler and Ocean Racer, 'Gentleman' John Sturrock.

With limited Television coverage and only sporadic radio coverage, spectators have suffered from a lack of information necessary to fully enjoy the day.

Sail-World will provide the live streaming audio output for the international audience, with test files on line in the next few days. Sailors watching the Boxing Day test cricket or tucked up in bed in the northern hemisphere at race start time, will be able to download and listen to the full broadcast later in the day.

Sail-World will break the broadcast into segments for sailors who want to hear particular parts of the broadcast.

This is far from new technology for the Sail-World team, who automatically record and archive the weekly Sailors Radio programs for the program website each week.

Sail-World's coverage of the 2005 Race, will be more detailed than ever with Peter Campbell and Rob Kothe providing news from the boats and dockside in Hobart.

The full boat notes, still being updated by the skippers, can be downloaded from [www.sail-world.com](http://www.sail-world.com) now.

### **RMYS New Years Eve – 2005 In The Harbour Room - 20820**

*Wendell Raven, Wednesday, 21 December 2005*

Welcome in the New Year with a bang at RMYS.

Indulge in a "Caribbean Buffet", then dance the night away to the party tunes with our DJ

Price: \$55.00 p.p.

Time: 1900hrs

RSVP: Thursday 22nd December 2005-midday

Bookings are essential. Please ring the office on 9534 0227 or email [office@rmys.com.au](mailto:office@rmys.com.au)

### **23 December 2005**

#### **Commodores Comments - 20849**

*Rohan Brownlee, Friday, 23 December 2005*

Christmas time is now well on to us and I take this opportunity to wish all members and their family the very best for a safe and joyous festive season. For those travelling over the waters during the holidays, I wish you safe sailing and a successful outcome to your event. Our keen ocean racers are again heading to the open waters during the holidays. Addition is competing in this year's Sydney to Hobart whilst Beyond Outrageous and New Morning II will front the starters gun in the Melbourne to Hobart, and Outlaw and Tango will venture across to Launceston in the Melbourne to Launceston race. I wish both yachts and crew safe passage. The lead up to these events is the Cock of the Bay race which starts near Station Pier at 10:30am on Boxing Day. The first mark of the course is the RMYS A-Mark just off the breakwater. This is always a good spot to watch the fleet and cheer on the RMYS competitors. Please ensure you do not hinder the yachts in any way and I would suggest you stay on the seaward side of the mark as the competitors will leave the mark to starboard on their approach from Station Pier.

We also have many of our talented cadets heading to Largs Bay Sailing Club near Adelaide to compete in the 2005/06 12ft Cadet Lord Stonehaven Cup. I was most proud to present pockets to our junior members at the club on Saturday 10 December. The racing starts of 27 December and runs right through until 7 January 2006. Best wishes to RMYS members Shea & Imogen Wilding, Matt Fordham, Katherine Peric, Maia Hester, Simon Youl, Joanna Robin, Ben Blacket, and James Kellett.

We had glorious weather yesterday for the last of our pre-Christmas twilight races for the year. The overall winner for the Jo Johanessen Series was ANASTASIA and the overall winner of the Spinnaker Series was WOODSTOCK. Congratulations to the successful winners and also to all who participated and enjoyed the after-race hospitality of your club.

Much good news affords RMYS. Firstly the plans have been submitted to the City of Port Phillip for the Sail Training Academy, which will be an extension on the western side of the current building. Secondly, St Kilda Safe Harbour has also lodged the Planning Permit for the floating marina. Full details of the proposed project were submitted comprising a Planning Report, Wave Modelling Report, Coastal Report, Environmental Report and Traffic and Parking Studies Report. Coastal Management Consent has also been submitted. The directors of St Kilda Safe Harbour also met this week with key representatives from Parks Victoria and the Coastal Management Authority to provide further briefings on the project.

Next year will also see the start of changes to traffic management in Pier Road. Temporary barriers will be erected to restrict traffic passing across the back of the clubhouse and so reduce traffic congestion at this pinch point in Pier Road. Suitable signage such as Authorised Vehicles Excepted (or similar) will be erected to signify this restriction to traffic. Vehicles associated with RMYS and its associated businesses and events and any vehicle displaying a valid Council foreshore parking permit will be allowed to access the parking spaces within these restrictions for the period to end May 2006. The success of this trial will be evaluated before further changes are made. In addition, some minor capital works are being planned over the next 6 months (post Commonwealth Games) for the area of pier entry (from say the restriction near the Seabaths entrance to where the footpath in Pier Road widens and probably up to the point of the turnaround) specifically to improve actual and perceived pedestrian and cycle safety. This will most likely involve the removal of the narrow footpath and some surface changes on the pavement to delineate an increased pedestrian priority. The timing for this works is still to be advised by council. So please be aware of the above changes to traffic management when you visit the club in the New Year.

My thanks and best wishes for Christmas to our General Manager Pauline and the staff for their efforts during the year.

Finally, I must extend a big vote of thanks to the General Committee for their tireless efforts over the past year in making RMYS an even better club for all its members. Well done team and I trust you will enjoy your holidays. It has been a very busy year and the new members of the General Committee have been able to quickly come up to speed on the many issues being worked by the club.

Best wishes to all members and please take care over the holidays. I look forward to seeing you all early next year.

Sincerely,  
Rohan Brownlee

## **New Years Eve - 20850**

*Wendell Raven, Friday, 23 December 2005*

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the New Years Party. The club will still be open though for those wishing to come down and enjoy a drink with your friends, and to watch the fireworks. There is no cover charge but it would be appreciated if you could please let the office know if you will be coming so that we can organise staffing. Any further questions please contact the office.