



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

August 2023



Horizontal Falls, Kimberley, Western Australia



From the Poop Deck

Steve Vines, Commodore

Greetings to all members and a particular shout out to those that turned up to our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, and congratulations and thanks to those members who stood tall and were elected to Committee positions.

The AGM is our most important meeting of the year and is chaired by the Commodore and follows formal meeting procedures. These procedures ensure all members have a chance to speak about the issues that are to be scheduled to be determined.

One of the most important tasks at the AGM is to elect the incoming Committee and there are clear rules in place around how these appointments are to be made. The AGM is also able to discuss and make decisions on formal motions brought to the meeting.

Sometimes there can be disappointment when a member turns up to an AGM expecting to be able to use this meeting to force decisions on ordinary day-to-day concerns, grievances or just an idea, only to be called into line by the Chair. Where you have such routine matters please bring them to the Committee - best to refer them to the relevant Committee person as listed in the Haven - at any time through the year. Our monthly Committee meetings are open to all members and we will make an opportunity for any member to engage with the Committee at these meetings.

There are special rules about how members can change the constitution and by-laws of the club and at this most recent AGM we saw a change to our Constitution that enables spouses/partners of members to become full members. Any one keen to take up this opportunity is encouraged to contact the Secretary. There was also a change in our bylaws around the way craft can use the maintenance wharf and further advice will follow regarding this.

Don't forget our annual sail-past coming up soon and stay safe on the water and in your communities.



Steve Vines Commodore (again)



August Calendar

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| Friday 4 August | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 6 August | Bar Open 1500 hrs |
| Friday 11 August | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 13 August | Bar Open 1500 hrs |
| Monday 14 August | Committee Meeting at 1900 hrs |
| Friday 18 August | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 20 August | Bar Open 1500 hrs |
| Friday 25 August | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 27 August | Bar Open 1500 hrs |

Coming Up:

RSAYS Visit 8 September

Commodore's Cup Race 13 October

Opening Day 22 October



MENU

4th August

*Lasagna (Meat and Vegetarian)
Crusty Bread
Self-saucing chocolate pudding*

11th August

Yiros with Lynn and Paul

18th August

Chicken Schnitzel with Carol and Peter

25th August

Irish Stew with Alana

Always looking for cooks to help,
Either with the main or a desert
If you can help please contact Alana
0412617996

Quiz Night

Thanks to Katie Francis for the photos
Good strong teams
Hilarious celebrity charades
Cassie stunned us with her music knowledge the Cassinators secret weapon
Congratulations Even Keel on winning the night
I wonder how many players used funifugal in a conversation after the night



The Perils of the Sea

The past month has seen three dramatic and newsworthy events involving Australian sailors, a good reminder that you can get into trouble on waters if you want too.

Tim Shaddock, 54, originally from Sydney, had made his way to Mexico in his sailing catamaran designed in a traditional Polynesian style, and was lost at sea after departing from La Paz Mexico in May.



Tim survived on raw fish and rainwater while spending three months adrift in the Pacific Ocean. His “amazing” dog Bella had survived alongside him, with Shaddock deciding to leave her in Mexico after a crew member from the rescue boat promised to give her a happy and loving home. The Australian man said the last time he saw land was in early May as he sailed out of the Sea of Cortez with the aim of reaching French Polynesia.

The boat became lost after the electronics were wiped out by a storm, leaving him unable to call for help. They were spotted by a helicopter and rescued by a tuna fishing boat and taken to the Mexican city of Manzanillo.

Xavier Doerr



The Queensland sailor was trying to break the record for solo non-stop circumnavigating Australia in a single hull boat, set at 58 days by Lisa Blair in 2018. His 6.5 M carbon fibre boat ran into a submerged object which knocked down his boat about 630 km south of Kangaroo Island.

The Perils of the Sea



Xavier's battered boat with the FV Challenge in the background.

After activating his EPIRB at 5PM Friday 7 July a search and rescue effort involving two Australian Maritime Authority aircraft and a bulk carrier was initiated, and Xavier was rescued the next day in 40 knot winds with 8 metre waves, being winched from the sea by a helicopter.

Having recovered from head, neck and back injuries, Doerr contracted a Port Lincoln fishing boat the FV Challenge to attempt to retrieve his boat. Conditions were still bad but the boat was located and eventually brought into Port Lincoln. FV Challenge captain Bernie Henderson said the retrieval wasn't without difficulty and was "not much fun", because the crew had to contend with rough seas and windy conditions.

Helsal II



Paul Crouch –thinking of making an offer?

Former Sydney-Hobarter Helsal II, based at the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, was found aground just metres from the Grange jetty after a sea-trial off Adelaide that went badly on Saturday evening 15 July. Although details are not clear, the yacht was several kilometers out to sea when the problems arose and it drifted shoreward and eventually grounded on a sand bar just metres from the Grange jetty. Some locals feared the mast could be at risk of impacting the jetty if strong winds or tides were to sway the vessel. A Marine Safety team from South Australia's Department of Infrastructure and Transport were able to secure the boat to prevent it from moving. Helsal II was eventually freed and towed home for repairs.



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