



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

December 2023



Wishing you a great holiday season—see you on the water and at the Club in 2024.



From the Poop Deck

Greetings members and welcome especially to the many recent new members that have come on board over the last little while.

Our Club prides itself on being an affordable boating facility that has its roots in fostering opportunities for safe, enjoyable boating for people from all walks of life.

At the core of this proud heritage is our volunteer ethos and this month we've seen a herculean effort put in by our Social Activities Officer – Alana.

She has single-handedly negotiated her way through the new requirements around food handling safety and in the coming weeks and months we will all benefit from her work, particularly if we can upgrade our dishwashing facilities to cope with the new standards.

Stay safe on the water and in your communities.

All the best.

Commodore Steve Vines

New Years Eve Raft-Up

The traditional way to greet the New Year will be on again this 31 December. Join the gang for celebrations on the water and get a view of the coastal fireworks.





December Calendar

Friday 1 December	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 3 December	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 8 December	Commodore's Cup Race 1700 hrs Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 10 December	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 11 December	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs
Friday 15 December	Christmas Party 1900 hours
Sunday 17 December	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Sunday 31 December	New Year's Eve Raft-Up

The Galley and Bar will be closed during January. The Bar may be opened if there is a trained staff on site.

December Menu

1st December

Fish and Chips with Mel, Sam and Florence

8th December

Yiros with Paul and Lynn

15th December 7PM

A very Disney Christmas Party
Bring a basket dinner to share

Always looking for cooks to help, either with Main or Dessert
If you can help, please call Alana 0412 617 996

Party, Party, Party



**A VERY DISNEY
CHRISTMAS**

15/12/23
7pm

St Kilda Boat Club

Come dressed as you favourite Disney Character or just wear your Mickey Mouse watch!

(remember Star Wars is part of the Disney Universe now!)

Please Bring basket supper to share, Bar Open

A visit from someone in a red suit with something for each child under 12

Please register with Alana 0412617996 by 7/ 12/23 so she can let the elves know the ages and names of all the children attending

Games and entertainment





Tin Can Bay to Adelaide Adventures

Hi! Sam here, recounting the journey from Tin Can Bay to rest Calypso in her new home of Adelaide, a journey filled with challenges, breathtaking sights, and a new-found love for coastal passages.

The tale unfurls with my trusty mate and partner in crime, Ian, as we prepared Calypso for the adventure that lay ahead. Ian willingly worked on the steering problem that he discovered and many other jobs that popped up. We amounted four epic road trips, spanning over 200 kilometers each, because who knew Tin Can Bay the fishing/sailing village would have no supplies in sight!

Testing the waters behind Fraser Island just myself and Ian, giving Calypso her first run in two years was a blast. Enter Chris, our delivery captain, and Dave, to make up the crew. Together, we fine-tuned the final touches of Calypso.

Sailing into headwinds became our strategic move, aiming to outrun an approaching weather system in Bass Strait which meant a hefty bit of motoring. The journey was sprinkled with amazing whale sightings, blocked water pumps, some less-than-graceful man overboard attempts (the less said about those, the better), and the occasional hiccup consisting of stomach contents by few.

Bermagui marked a poignant pause in our adventure. Ian bid farewell, heading to visit his daughter and heal from the bumps and bruises of our early rough ride. We swiftly tackled engine issues, setting sail for the longer stretch with no real useful ports for a 300-400nm stretch — venturing into the waters of Bass Strait.

From Green Cape, we were blessed with some nice sailing weather, we swung into the shallow costal waters and made the most of the breeze at hand before hitting pond like waters beyond Wilson's prom. Apollo Bay, a picturesque fuel stop, provided a moment to rest and enjoy some great seafood, a brief respite before continuing the journey around the corner to Adelaide. This stretch introduced larger seas which took some getting used too which I admittedly found a bit challenging, but inspiring with some of the most spirited sailing and beautiful seas of the trip.

The voyage, challenging at times, became an introduction to the beauty and grew me a passion for coastal passages. I sailed into Adelaide harboring a deep appreciation for larger trips and the preparation and time that goes into them — a love born of challenges conquered and lessons learned on the unforgettable journey from Tin Can Bay to Adelaide.



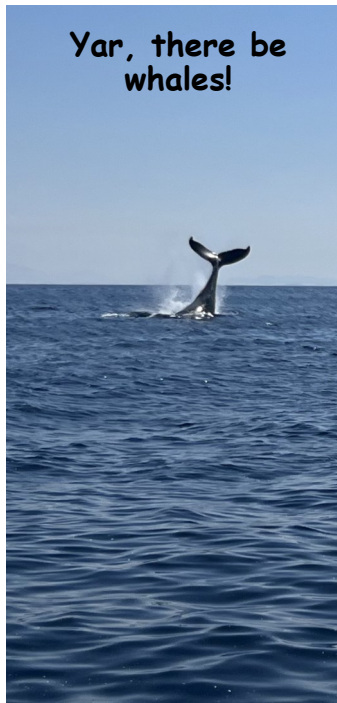
Ian repairing the "effin" wires



Bermagui Bay



Dave and his guitar



Yar, there be whales!



Tin Can Bay Marina



Ian testing genoa - Fraser Island in background





Winds near Wilson's Prom



Rounding Green Cape



Chris helps mooring at North Haven



Welcoming party-Susan with Ian at the helm



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