



# ***THE HAVEN***

## **NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB**

**July 2023**



**Mid-winter at the marina**



## From the Poop Deck

Steve Vines, Commodore

Greetings members and apologies for not being around the club much recently. I've been struggling with a tooth that has been an ongoing issue for weeks. My regular dentist finally referred me to an endodontist last week and root canal work will hopefully finally fix the issue. Now, despite the significant pain involved, this health issue is minor compared to the travails that have faced a few of my friends and fellow SKBC members of late. The fact is, that as a group, we are mainly middle aged and male with all the usual health challenges that this cohort faces. Please, don't ignore your health. Take advantage of the available screening services, listen to your partners, visit a GP and pay attention to little signs and symptoms.

On a brighter note, we have passed the winter solstice and while the coldest, wettest part of the year will be with us for a while yet, summer and the boating season are now in sight. Please remember the AGM is coming up soon and I encourage anyone who would like to contribute as a member of the committee to put their hand up.

Stay safe on the water and in your communities.

Steve Vines  
Commodore



# July Calendar

<b>Sunday 2 July</b>	<b>Bar Open 1500 hrs</b>
<b>Friday 7 July</b>	<b>Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs</b>
<b>Sunday 9 July</b>	<b>Bar Open 1500 hrs</b>
<b>Monday 10 July</b>	<b>Committee Meeting at 1900 hrs</b>
<b>Friday 14 July</b>	<b>Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs</b>
<b>Saturday 15 July</b>	<b>Trivia Quiz Night</b>
<b>Sunday 16 July</b>	<b>Bar Open 1500 hrs</b>
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs</b>
<b>Sunday 23 July</b>	<b>Bar Open 1500 hrs</b>
<b>Friday 28 July</b>	<b>Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs</b>
<b>Sunday 30 July</b>	<b>Bar Open 1500 hrs</b>

## Coming Up:

**Annual General Meeting—end of August**



# MENU

**7th July**

*Fish and Chips with Mel, Sam and Florence*

**14th July**

*Yiros with Lynn and Paul*

**21st July**

*Authentic homemade Pasta with Maria and Domenic*

**28th July**

*Irish Stew with Alana*

Always looking for cooks to help,

Either with the main or a desert

If you can help please contact Alana

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test your brain



# TRIVIA NIGHT

*Saturday,*  
**JULY 15**

at St Kilda Boat Club  
Doors open at: 06:00pm  
Game starts at: 07:00pm

\$2 per person  
tables of 8

*Fill a table or join one to  
meet other members*

*For registration & further information*

Alana 0412617996

# On the Waters



Beacon 4 will temporarily be replaced by a red buoy carrying a red light, flashing once every 2 seconds. Beacon 4 is in the approach channel to Outer Harbor, 34° 47.2608'S, 138° 25.23252'E.

18 June, 2023  
BOM prediction 2.78M  
(Outer Harbour)

Glad we made the pilings long enough!

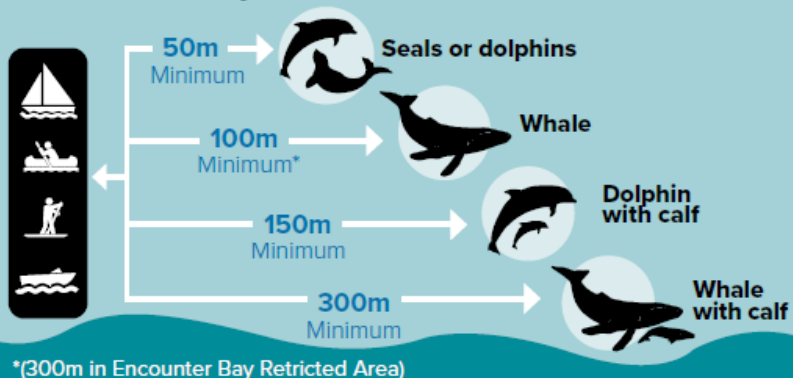
(Photo thanks to Dave Gittins)



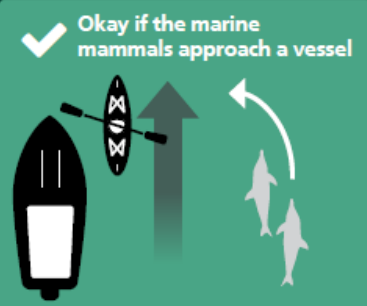
Yes, it is the whale spotting season, and while we are not likely to see them in Barker Inlet (at least live ones), two years ago I had a good shore viewing at Christie's Beach. So when you're out and about in your boat, see below.

## Boating rules around marine mammals

### All boats and kayaks

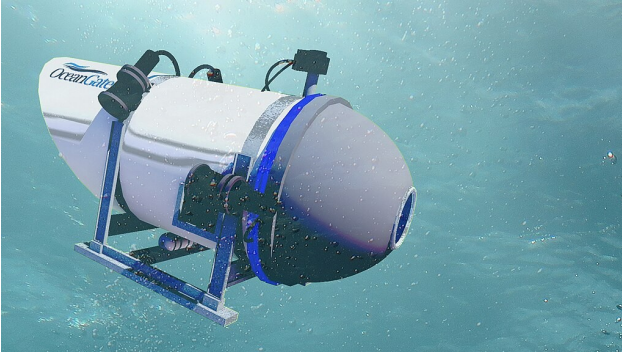


### Personal watercraft



Maintain a safe distance at all times to protect our natural wildlife.  
Penalties apply if people do not adhere to these limits.

# The Titan disaster



For the past few weeks much of the world has been transfixed by the Titan sub disaster which resulted in the loss of five lives. As with any vessel on the seas, perils always lurk but we do not stop venturing forth because of them.

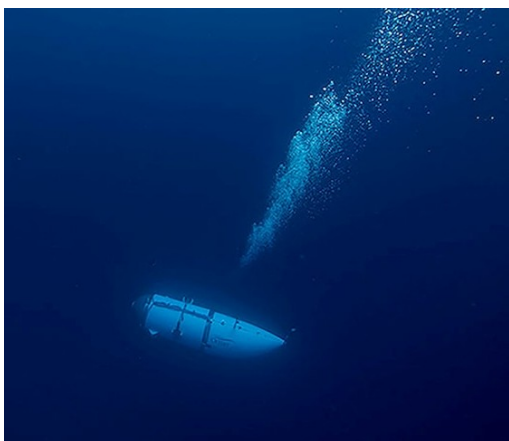
The Titan was designed and built by OceanGate Inc and although the company claimed to have involvement of Boeing and NASA in the project, both those companies deny that. The 7 metre long vessel is constructed of titanium and carbon fibre. Originally she was used for dives off the coast of California, Mexico and in the Atlantic. She had dived to the wreck of the Andrea Doria off the coast of Massachusetts, which lies at a depth of a mere 70 metres. However, the Titanic is where the big tourist bucks are spent, and lies at 3800 metres. Pressure at that depth is approximately 400 times normal atmospheric pressure. The Titan had made 6 dives to the Titanic in 2021 and 7 in 2022; her last dive was the only one she made in 2023.

The Titan had 7 back-up systems to allow it to return to the surface including ballast, thrusters and an inflatable balloons. Although the thruster controller (pictured) looks like something from K-Mart, it is not unusual to use these on submersibles.

The fatal dive began at 930 AM on 18 June and lasted perhaps for less than 2 hours, with a possible implosion detected at that time. Death would have been instantaneous.

At 1:18 PM on 22 June the finding of a debris field was announced, located by a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) launched from a research vessel. The identifiable debris consisted of the tail cone, and the forward and aft end bells and was approximately 500 metres from the bow of the Titanic.

There have been many comments about the safety and suitability of the Titan, including the use of carbon fibre and titanium sections, the relative strength of the Perspex window, the lack of certification of the vessel, and reports of incidents and unnerving noises that occurred on previous dives. No doubt, the story is not yet over.



Logitech F710 wireless game controller was modified to serve as the thrust controller.



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