



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

May 2023



Photo courtesy of Sandy Horne



From the Poop Deck

Steve Vines, Commodore

Greetings Members and thank you to those who were able to make it to the Special General Meeting on Sunday to set our fees for the coming year.

The decision to hold our fees at the current rate was driven by a couple of big picture imperatives. The first was the recognition that recreational boating in all the forms at our club – whether that be fishing, sailing or just somewhere to store your boat – is an entirely discretionary activity. None of us have to spend money on our boating recreation. In these particularly financially challenging times, with interest rates and inflation rising, increasing our fees was not something the Committee wanted to add to Members ongoing financial burdens.

The second big imperative was to ensure that SKBC continues to position itself as a very affordable boat club. As the completion of the B row project nears we will look to begin marketing our facilities and attracting new boats and members who will add to our financial security and, importantly, bring new ideas and enthusiasm with them.

May can be a great month to get out on the water with calm days between regular fronts and little to worry about in terms of sunburn so enjoy your boating. Stay safe on the water and in your communities.

Steve Vines
Commodore

Security Note

If you are the last to leave, make sure all doors are locked. This includes the shed, clubhouse of course, and the gate to the pontoon.



May Calendar



MENU

5th May

Chicken Schnitzel with Carol and Pete

12th May

Yiros with Lynn and Paul

19th May

Baked Potatoes with Sandra and Steve

26th May

Lasagne with Maria and Domenic

Always looking for cooks to help
If you can help please contact Alana
0412617996

Friday 5 May	Bar and Galley Open
Sunday 7 May	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 8 May	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs
Friday 12 May	Bar and Galley Open
Sunday 14 May	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 19 May	Bar and Galley Open
Saturday 20 May	Garden Island Visit and Games Challenge
Sunday 21 May	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 26 May	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 28 May	Bar Open 1500

Garden Island is coming 20 May for dinner and a sleep over. Naturally the challenge of "Games Champion" will be on. So brush up those table tennis, carpet bowls and dart board skills.



Coming up...

Annual General Meeting 30 July, 2023

Around the Clubhouse

EASTER PARTY

A fun night with good company, karaoke music, and lost of dancing.



Thanks to Alana and helpers for putting it all together



We are trialing a system of soft drinks in the Club fridge to be paid on the "Honour System", which will continue to run as long as everyone is honest. Soft drinks and bottled water are \$2.50. Enjoy!







Navigational Notes from Dave Gittins



As you know, the Black Pole wind speed indicator has been out of action for some time now. Dave Gittins is on the case, but it seems that, according to the Bureau, venturing out on the Barker Inlet (*“the middle of the ocean”*) in a boat is a risky operation. So we are advised!







 Date: 31/03/2023 

 Dear Dave,
Thank you for contacting the Bureau of Meteorology regarding Black Pole (Outer Harbour) 

 Our understanding is that the delay thus far, is due to the availability of a boat and skipper, great weather conditions and experienced staff. 

 We know the likely cause of the issue but replacing the faulty parts presents a certain amount of difficulty with WH&S risks associated with this repair being so high. As you may or may not know, we generally charter a small boat to get to the pole. The crew then mounts and climbs a vertical ladder in the middle of the ocean whilst the boat is in motion. As you can appreciate, for this to work we have to rely on the perfect weather and sea conditions and the prediction of that is often difficult. 

 We are looking at opportunities to bring Black Pole back online as soon as possible. We can assure you that we are working on it, but we have to jump over a few hurdles first.
 Thank you for your patience. 

 Kind Regards, 

 Fiona
 Weather Connect
 Bureau of Meteorology 



HARBORS AND NAVIGATION ACT 1993

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – GULF ST VINCENT – O’SULLIVAN BEACH BOAT RAMP CLOSURE

Mariners are advised that the O’Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp will be closed to all vessels between 26 April, 2023 to December, 2023.

The upgrade includes the construction of an additional boat lane, installation of a new L-shaped pontoon, replacement of existing pontoons, car park upgrade and enhancement to the existing concrete ramps.

On the Waters

April 16 saw the opening of the 23-24 racing season with 4 brave boats battling fairly strong winds and a lumpy sea. The wiser skippers (Kevin and Mel, Alana and Paul) retired to more comfortable surrounds, leaving *Bullet* and *Susan* to take 1st and 2nd.



Bullet nearly airborne



View from Shilo



Bullet



Susan shows her power



Ian Cope at the helm of Susan, who are well on their way to Tasmania as this goes to press.



And a much more sensible pursuit; Colin Whiting with his first Port Jackson shark.

Thanks to Alana Francis and Sam Whiting for photos



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