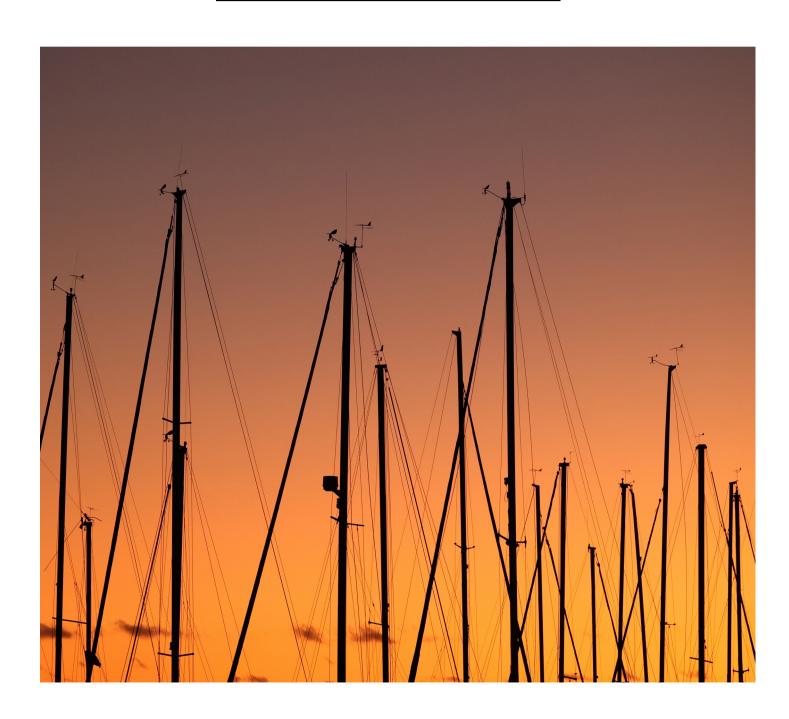


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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

May 2023







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.





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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



EASTER PARTY

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





Thanks to Alana and helpers for putting it all together

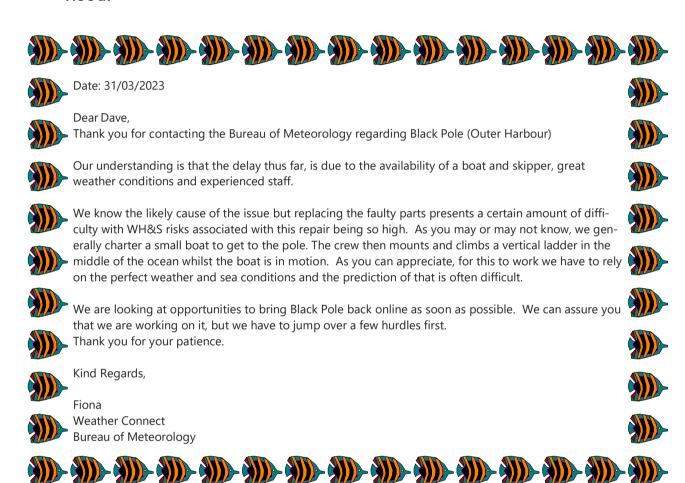


We are trialing a system of soft drinks in the Club fridge to be paid on the "Honour System", which will continue to run as long as everyone is honest. Soft drinks and bottled water are \$2.50. Enjoy!



ational om Dave Gitt

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!



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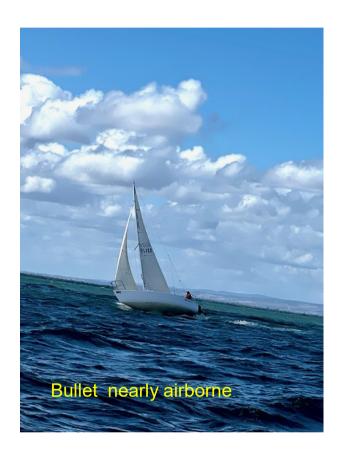
SOUTH AUSTRALIA – GULF ST VINCENT – O'SULLIVAN BEACH BOAT RAMP **CLOSURE**

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.













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

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