



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

November 2023



Teeny Dee passing the Committee boat at the Sailpast Opening Day, 22 October



From the Poop Deck

Greetings Members and a special shout out to those who participated in another excellent sail past event this month. A particularly big thank you to those volunteers who made the day work so well and those who worked at the working bee in preparation for the event.

Enjoying ourselves at this annual event is important but showcasing our club to our wonderful City of Salisbury Councillors is vital as we continue to maintain strong relationships with the Council that nurtures our club and does so much to facilitate the ongoing tenure of our site.

We were also able to host folks from other clubs and having Sam and Mel Whiting make their beautiful new yacht – Calypso - available as our official boat really left a great impression on everyone, thank you so much to Sam and Mel.

The Commodores Twilight race series is off and running with two races having been conducted and, as promised, 2 different winners so far – Twisted and Susan – well done to skippers and crew.

To recap, this club racing series is a fun and friendly way to get into the enjoyment of sailing your boat in the company of other club boats in the safe and sheltered waters of Barker Inlet – right outside the St Kilda channel.

The series has an emphasis on participation, enjoyment and learning. If your passion is for formal race handicaps, protests, the intricacies of IOR regulations and the fastest boat winning every race then maybe this series isn't for you.

But . . . if you are new to sailing or you have a boat you'd like to test in mildly competitive circumstances or just enjoy a friendly easy-going sailing scene then consider joining in.

The Commodore uses a special combination of ratings, past performance and secret inputs to determine the winner of each race and amazingly almost every boat competing manages to win or get close at least once during the series.

The course is pre-set and simply involves using the Point Grey Light pole and the adjacent #13 starboard channel marker as the start line, then sailing south toward Garden Island, making sure you pass all the navigation markers on the correct side, until you go anti-clockwise around the green starboard channel marker #25 near the mouth of French Toms Creek and then back to the start line again which now becomes the finish line (passing the channel markers on the correct side as you go). Note your time to the nearest second as you cross the line and let the Commodore know once you get back to the Club.

All races begin at 5:00pm on a Friday evening and, depending on how much tacking/gybing, going off course while getting drinks etc goes on, the length is around 4.5 nautical miles and shouldn't take more than an hour which gives the fleet plenty of time to get back to the club, packed up and ready to enjoy a meal, drinks and tales of woe from the losers. We will only proceed with a race if the weather is kindly so expect a cancellation if the wind is likely to be consistently over 15 knots but the usual breeze will be from the south west below 10-12kts with very little by way of wave action.

Races are set for the following dates this year – November 10 and 24, December 8 and 22.

Stay safe on the water and in your communities.

Steve Vines

Commodore

November Calendar

Friday 3 November	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 5 November	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 10 November	Commodore's Cup Race 3; 1700 hrs Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 12 November	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 13 November	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs
Friday 17 November	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 19 November	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 24 November	Commodore's Cup Race 4; 1700 hrs Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 26 November	Bar Open 1500 hrs

Menu

3rd November

Fish and Chips with Mel, Sam and Florence

10th November

Yiros with Paul and Lynn

17th November

Pasta with Maria and Domenic

24th November

Post Race BBQ

Always looking for cooks to help, either with Main or Dessert

If you can help, please call Alana 0412 617 996



Working Bee 8 October



Many thanks to all the industrious workers whose efforts resulted in very noticeable improvements to our club house, grounds and marina. Special thanks to Ramon Brown who went far beyond his required duties, which leads me to thank the unplanned attendance of Ashlea and Dave from the Golden Grove ambulance station. Ramon, by the way, is making a rapid and full recov-



Hungry workers receiving their just rewards.



Opening Day and Sailpast 2023 Sunday, 22 October



The parade out the channel

Bullet, Dawn Star, Shilo, Calypso II, Shalimar, Run Rig, Teeny Dee, Susan and Flight of Fancy. Many thanks to Dave Gittins for these photos.



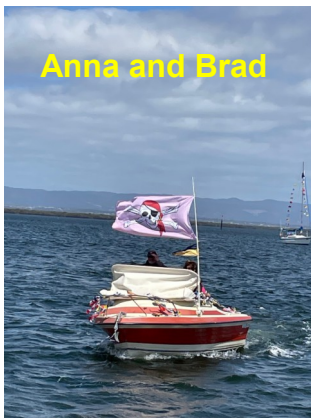
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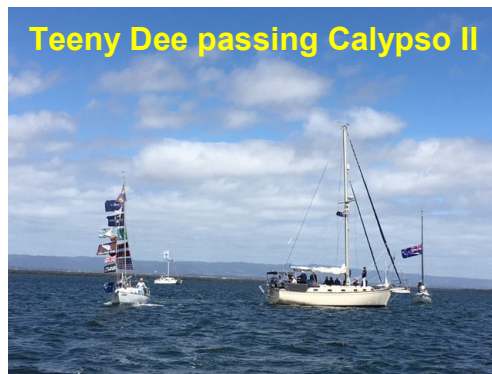
Dawn Star



Susan



Anna and Brad



Teeny Dee passing Calypso II



Bullet



RunRig



Flight of Fancy



Little Hammer



Shilo

The Sailpast
Thanks to Jaqui Heffernan for the photos, and to Sam and Mel for providing their luxurious committee boat, Calypso II.

Opening Day 2023



The assembled crowd



Anna (and Brad)
Best Novelty Boat Presentation
Presented by Jacquie Heffernan



Peter Burke (and Carol)
Best Boat Presentation



Ramon Brown
for Services to SKBC



Ilan Cole—Yacht Race Trophy
Presented by Bryan Andrew
(Former Commodore, GIBC)



Richie Low
Yacht Race Trophy



Paul Crouch
Yacht Race Trophy



Dan Tucker
Yacht Race Trophy



Alana Francis
Yacht Race Trophy

A note from Ramon Brown

I have been a member of the St Kilda Boat Club for over 40 years and have participated in many sail pasts. This one was so different! I had to sit this one out in the clubroom because of an injury to my femur bone. Upon arrival at the club with my wife Maxine, I slowly made my way into the clubroom and was greeted by Steve Vines, our Commodore, and warmly greeted by other St Kilda members and guests and was told that a table was available for me and my family and the commodore's chair with arms was at the end of the table so I could be more comfortable. It was such a lovely surprise. While sitting at the table lots of my fellow members came to ask me how I was managing. Later in the day I had more surprises (see photo above). I had a great day. To everyone I want to say a big thank you, with special thanks to Alana; very much appreciated.

As I said in the beginning I have been a long time member. I wonder if anyone knows how blue and yellow were chosen for club colours? It's an unusual story and interesting.



Notice to Mariners No 63 of 2023

Thursday, 26 October 2023

HARBORS AND NAVIGATION ACT 1993

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – GULF ST VINCENT – WIRRINA COVE – LEAD BEACONS REMOVED

Mariners are advised that the front and rear lead beacons in position 35° 30' 04.07"S 138° 14' 21.24"E and 35° 30' 05.68"S 138° 14' 21.19"E respectively (bearing 181.4°) marking the entrance to the Marina St Vincent at Wirrina Cove have been removed.

(with thanks to Dave Gittins)

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