



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

September 2023



Édouard Manet, Claude Monet in Argenteuil, 1874 That is, a painter painting a painter painting. One of the many pleasures available on board a boat.



From the Poop Deck

Steve Vines, Commodore

The Commodores Cup Race Series

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 and the intricacies of IOR regulations 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 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 red starboard channel marker #21 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 the 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 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 at around 10-12kts with very little by way of wave action.

The particular Fridays that we race on have been selected to ensure the tide is either so high that running aground is unlikely or the tide is rising so that any grounding should only be temporary, but as always, good seamanship is required. Please wear a life vest and remember that all the standard rules apply. If you are unsure what the important ones are please ask, but in the main, remember that boats on a starboard tack have right of way over those on a port tack, give room to boats passing markers, no spinnakers and remember it's a club friendly not the Sydney to Hobart so give others plenty of room and enjoy the water.

Interested?? Then lock in these initial dates (further dates will be announced later in the year), be organised to be ready to go at the end of the St Kilda boat channel for a 5:00pm start and remember that yacht racing started the minute the second yacht was launched so get involved and enjoy your boat.

Racing Dates: 13 and 27 October, 10 and 24 November



September Calendar

Friday 1 September	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 3 September	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 8 September	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs RSAYS visiting
Sunday 10 September	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Monday 11 September	Committee Meeting at 1900 hrs
Friday 15 September	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 17 September	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 22 September	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs
Sunday 24 September	Bar Open 1500 hrs
Friday 29 September	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs

Coming Up:

RSAYS Visit 8 September

Working Bee 8 October

Commodore's Cup Race 1; 13 October

Opening Day 22 October



MENU

1st September

Fish and Chips with Mel, Sam and Florence

8th September

Yiros with Lynn and Paul

15th September

Pasta with Maria and Dominic

21st September

Pizza with Alana

29th September

Baked Potatoes with Sandra and Steve

Always looking for cooks to help.

the summer evenings race season just to cook
the bbq no shopping/ preparation required

If you can help please contact Alana
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Your New Committee 2023-24



Paul Davison (Treasurer), Ian Cope (Maintenance Manager), Richie Low (Mooring Master), Alana Francis (Social Activities), Steve Vines (Commodore), Paul Crouch (Vice Commodore), Reg Webb, Kev Knott (On-water activities), Sam Whiting (Communications), Inset; Art Hohmann (Secretary).

Registration Labels








From Sept 1 Boat registration labels are no longer required to be displayed on your boat. You will still receive an invitation to renew your registration and you will receive a registration certificate but no more sticky label. Well life just gets easier all the time, n'cest pas?

Safety Page

Spring is here and we're all looking forward to more time on the water. It's time to check your safety equipment. Significant fines apply for not carrying the required equipment so it's best not to ruin your day through an oversight. In particular, remember it is illegal not to have the required flares, and it may be illegal to carry expired flares.

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Required safety equipment checklists

Required safety equipment	Protected Waters	Semi-protected Waters	Unprotected Waters
Vessels less than 8 metres long			
 Approved lifejacket per person ^	✓	✓ Level 100 or above	✓ Level 100 or above
 Bucket with line attached or bilge pump(s)	✓	✓	✓
 Fire bucket	✓	✓	✓
 One approved fire extinguisher (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)	✓	✓	✓
 Anchor and cable	✓	✓	✓
 Waterproof and buoyant torch	✓ if operating at night	✓	✓
 Approved compass fitted to the vessel			✓
 Four litres fresh water			✓
 Two approved flares and smoke signals		✓	✓
 Marine radio			✓
 Paddles/oars (if your vessel is under six metres)	✓	✓	✓

(If your boat is longer than 8M, you are required to carry all the above and 2 fire extinguishers.)

In marine settings, Semi-Protected waters are essentially less than 2 nautical miles from the high water mark. For reference, the Black Pole is approximately 2nM from the western end of the St Kilda channel. Barker Inlet and Port Adelaide River are classified as semi-protected waters. If you are going more than 3, 5 or 10nM from shore, consult the safety equipment checklist (p43 of the South Australian Boating Safety Handbook).

Red hand flare These flares can be seen up to ten kilometers away. You must carry two red hand flares (flares must not be expired) when operating in semi-protected and unprotected waters.

Orange smoke flare This type of flare is visible up to four kilometres away and is for daytime use only. You must carry two orange smoke flares (flares must not be expired) when operating in semi-protected and unprotected waters.

Parachute (rocket flare - red) These flares are capable of reaching a height of 300 metres and can be seen for up to 40 kilometres at night and 15 kilometres by day in good weather conditions. You must carry two parachute rocket flares (flares must not be expired) if operating in unprotected waters more than 10 nautical miles from shore.



2 Red Hand Flares and 2 Orange Smoke Flares available from Whitworths for \$89.99.

Around the Grounds



Flight of Fancy coming out for a clean with Paul and Art on the ropes.



Nice job Heinz. Bridle's spring clean.



Our new Mini-Scaff. Thanks to Ian Cope for arranging this– we will all thank you . As with all club equipment, you are welcome to use this as appropriate. It can be used around your boat where elevation is required. Check with Ian for instructions and availability.



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