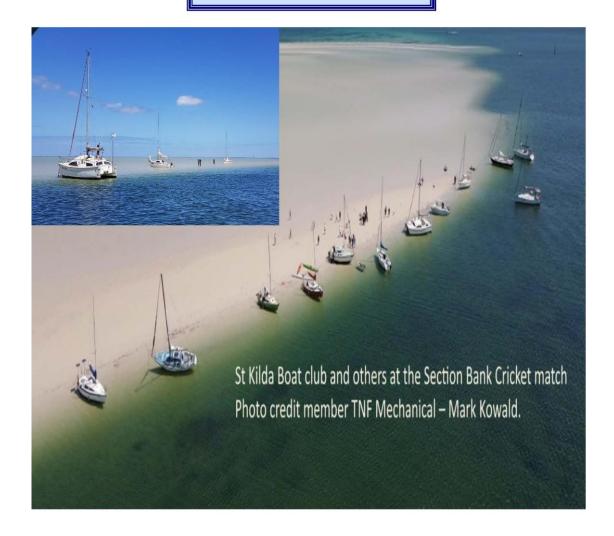


THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

March 2025



Message from the Commodore

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has been managing to stay cool during this stretch of hot weather we've been experiencing.

First, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all who participated in our recent survey. Your feedback has been invaluable. The key areas you've identified for improvement are:

- Enhanced communication
- Expanded parking facilities for cars and trailers
- Improved docking facilities
- A more comprehensive calendar of events

I'm pleased to report that the committee is actively working on addressing each of these priorities.

It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout at the Section Bank Cricket Day. With over 50 participants from all three clubs, the event was a tremendous success. This enthusiasm has inspired us to plan more inter-club events in the future.

Our recent visit to Garden Island was another highlight, with an exceptional turnout. I must extend a special thank you to Craig and his team for the amazing roast dinner they prepared – it truly was a memorable evening.

Looking forward, we have our popular crabbing day approaching. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

I'd like to give a special shout-out to Ken Millard, Paul Davidson, Richie Low, and Ian Cope for their dedication in refurbishing the pontoon for our maintenance dock. Your hard work and commitment to improving our facilities is greatly appreciated.

As autumn approaches, we're optimistic about experiencing some of the best fishing and sailing weather of the year.

Stay safe out on the water, and enjoy all that our wonderful club has to offer.

Best regards,

March Calendar

Sunday 2nd March	Bar Open 1500 hrs	
Friday 7th March	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs	
Sunday 9th March	Bar Open 1500 hrs	
Tuesday 11th March	Committee Meeting 1900 hrs	
Friday 14th March	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs	
Sunday 16th March	Bar Open 1500 hrs	
Friday 21st March	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs	
Sunday 23rd March	Bar Open 1500 hrs	
Friday 28th March	Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs	
Sunday 30th March	Bar Open 1500 hrs	

March Menu

MENU

7th March

Pasta with Maria and Domenic(please contact Paul Crouch for booking this night)

14th March

Yiros with Lynn and Paul (please contact Paul Crouch for booking this night 0403834621)

21st March

Chicken Cacciatore with Carol and Peter

28th March

Fish and Chips with Alana

If you can help us with doing a Friday night meal or a dessert please contact Alana 0412617996

Our meals rely on volunteers to cook and clean up.

Please book in for the meal on **Thursdays** to assist the volunteer with planning

It would be really appreciated if you can let Alana know you are coming for dinner as it assists catering numbers. We cater for a certain number and if members turn up late there is a risk you might miss out. On the other hand we had a lot of wastage of food when Alana cleaned the fridge and freezer out after xmas.





Autumn Sailing Calendar



St Kilda Boat Club Autumn Racing 2025

SUNDAY RACE DAYS 4 race days, 8 races Enter the SKBC . Day 1: 9th March racing series Racing starts @ 11.30 am. Day 2: 23rd March Warning signal 11:20 am. . Day 3: 6th April Two races each race day a short tactical race and longer No racing over Easter race. Friendly tides Day 4: SKBC / GIYC Inter-Race briefing and entry club challenge Trophy included 11.15am VHF Channel 77 in the series on one day of the ANZAC holiday weekend

Visitors welcome to join in and enjoy SKBC hospitality and marinas.

Entry fee: \$5 per race day towards prizes

TBC

Prize giving & BBQ at the club after racing, contact/txt, Steve 0450430321 to book or more info. BAR open!

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Around the Grounds/Club

Caution Around the club

A member has had 2 full Diesel containers stolen from his boat on the marina B row. They were stored in the cockpit lockers and the ladder was also lowered down for access to the boat. Please take extra care and ensure your belongings are safely stored.

Work Bee — date TBA

Watch this space for a work bee to be organized soon for the problem of calthrop and other work needed around the club

NAVIGATION NOTES.

From Dave Gittins.

Members are advised that a new edition of chart Aus130 will be issued soon. This chart shows the area around Outer Harbor, including the approach to St Kilda. It will show new amendments, including new soundings. It will also show how several beacons in the approach channel to Outer Harbor have been removed and replaced by virtual navigation marks, visible to those with AIS receivers.



Sand bank Cricket Match











Fishing comp won by Beluga (nice crab Rob -GIYC) and Pre race won by Paul and Alana (on handicap). Great job SKBC



Visit to Garden Island Yacht Club by SKBC— Friday February 21st







A great show (over 20 members) from SKBC to the diner at GIYC. Great food, company and camaraderie between the two clubs



Up and Coming Events March/ April 2025

Crab, Catch and Cook day Sunday March 16th

Please come along with the family and catch a crab and enjoy the day cooking and socializing - Bar open

Cruise to the Squadron and Stay over April 12th

SKBC has been invited to cruise and stay over on April 12th. BYO BBQ

Please see flyer over page

SKBC Versus GIYC Interclub Challenge Trophy — ANZAC weekend

SKBC Vs GIYC Interclub challenge Trophy.

Will be held on one day over the ANZAC day weekend

Day TBC

Lets win the trophy back!!





Visit tot the Squadron — Flyer (information)



St Kilda Boat Club

Visit to the Squadron and the Offshore Power Boats: 12th of April 2025

Cruise to the Squadron for a BYO BBQ, stay over, then watch the Power Boat racing off Largs Bay!



The exciting Offshore Superboat Championships, 4th round is sponsored by the City of PAE. With racing from North Haven to Largs, the boats staged and launched from the CYCA.

Contact Alana 0412617996 to book or more info.

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