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Officer of the Day:

3 rd May	L. Feliciano B. Chaplin
4 th	R. Bell M. Williamsz
10 th	P. Beresford O. Church
11 th	N. Blake F. Cascio
17 th	R. Blizzard D. Bock
18 th	P. Brooker K. Brosnan
24 th	H. Brown C. Begbie
25 th	M. Brown S. Beal
31 st	M. Cahill T. Campbell
1 st June	G. Cantelo P. Caruso

HBVC House Captains Report...

Kevin LeNepveu

A Giant Step Forward for the CBC...

The club architects have distributed to 5 selected potential building contractors the tender documents for the development of the clubhouse. These builders will be walked through the building and club property to assist them in understanding what the club requires at the end of this month. The Tender closes at the end of May.

The CBC will then make recommendations to the General Committee for approval, this will include the scope of works of stage 1, a financial capacity / business plan for at least the next 5 years to show the cash flow analysis of the club to ensure our sustainability.

Once the General Committee is in agreement with the total CBC package the recommendations will be given to the voting members to give your final acceptance and permission to proceed at a Special General Meeting.

Anybody that thinks this process has been not fully evaluated, step by step, should talk to the partners of the CBC members.

Lease Renewal...

Just to keep everybody on their toes and **to ensure that "the water is always muddy" the General Committee has also instigated a sub-committee to begin Strategic Planning discussions with Parks Vic and other governmental bodies in relationship to our current lease, which is due for renewal due in late 2016.**

This becomes important, as our current lease requires us to continue to improve our facilities, which we have done, but

now could also allow Parks Vic to increase our lease payments and conditions in line with our improved property value (ie; clubhouse development). This lease renewal process is being led by Pat Caruso, Stephen Cheney, Tony Blackwell and myself and will report directly back to the General Committee.

The sub-committee has sought expert external advice on how to best address all the issues on the lease renewal and extension application and this will be developing over the next month. My opinion is that if we are about to be made to suffer due to our compliance by meeting our current lease conditions, then we should get a recompense in some form (lease years) to balance the scales.

Clubhouse Fund Raising...

The General Committee has approved a fund raising scheme for the clubhouse and voting right members will shortly receive an invitation to forward purchase 5 years of annual membership fees to assist with the financing of the clubhouse. This will be limited to the first 50-60 members who apply. We need to restrict the acceptance numbers to ensure that we have an ongoing cash flow income over the 5 years period to **stabilize our cash flow into the club. If we don't get at least 30 takers of the proposal, then we will have to rethink our position.**

The advantage to the club is that we can do more work on the club house development and the advantage to the members is that they will have 5 years membership without any annual CPI or otherwise increases.

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House Captains Report...

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Marina Decking...

Some members may have noticed that there is a dip in the decking of the north arm decking, on investigation it was found that a decking pile has failed and a number of other piles in the same area are close to failure.

As these are decking piles and it will require that a number of stern piles are removed to gain access for the pile driver to the deck area. The General Committee has approved the replacement of the piles up to \$35000.

It is obvious that an update on the survey is again due, our last was 2011. We are committed to maintain the condition of the existing marina until we establish our next move to replace and extend the marina in the future.

Ferry meets Samskara...

Has anybody noticed that it costs \$\$\$ to keep the "water outside the boat" even though the objective is for boat to "live in the water"? How do we eliminate the water aspect of this equation, answer is keep your sump/bilge pumps alive and operative.

Somebody once said "Even when you are at home watching TV and minding your own business it can still go wrong".

Just before Christmas, David Stoopman and crew were happily planning their assault on Tasmania, when a passing Syd-

ney ferry party boat managed to collide with Samskara and a stern pile of the marina pen. The result was much stress to David to get replacement parts, including importing rigging parts from the USA and flying all over the country to pick up parts to get Samskara to the start line. The outcome of the story was David, the crew and Samskara did get to Tasmania and did do very well in the race results as well.

The stern pile does not have such a happy ending, it will need to be lifted out and replaced at the same time as the others.

Strategic Planning "Vision 2020" Review...

The 2014 review has now be approved by the General Committee after a number of additions from contributions of the members. The General Committee reviews this document bi annually and **uses this document to ensure its' decisions** and actions are consistent with the principles of our long term planning requirements

OH&S Policy review...

The review of the OH&S policy has also been approved by the General Committee during April and actions identified to ensure that we continue to make the club a safe work place for our staff and members.

Clubhouse Electrics...

The power board of the club has been upgraded with a new board with the assistance of club member Rod Langham, **undertaken at mates' rates. Thanks Rod**

Concrete jetty...

Club hardstand users will be glad to hear and see that John Erickson has finished the installation of larger mooring bollards along the jetty for easier mooring and also added more barge boards along the jetty, although there is still more of these to come with more to purchase prior to the next working bee.

For Kevin's full report, see the 'Latest News' section of the website.

Kevin LeNepveu

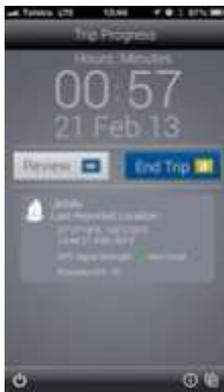
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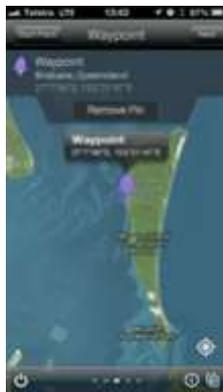


Australian Coast Guard SafeTrx App....

The new Coast Guard SafeTrx App monitors your boat journeys and alerts emergency contacts should you fail to return on time, your journey is recorded and monitored 24 hours per day, every day of the year.



It contains; maps, way points, logs, incident reporting, you can even SMS your sail plan.



You can download this app for free through the iPhone app store or Google play store.

Other Boating Apps...

There are many Navigation, Col Regs, knots and other boating related apps for Smartphone out now. Below is a list that the Ed has used previously and found to be good.

New Smartphone App

-  Navionics - full Australian & NZ charts for only \$21.99
-  Weather by WillyWeather - great weather program with localised weather with moon, tides, swell, sun, UV, rainfall, wind and more - Free
-  iTrim - The easy way to work out how to trim your sails. This is a great 'cheat sheet' for those who are just learning about sail trim. Only on iPhone or iPod Touch. Free

If you have any apps that you want to tell other members about, send the details to Newsletter@hbyc.org.au

Commodores Report...

The start of May, as always, signals the end of our summer sailing season. **It's now time to pack away the shorts** and t-shirts and dig the thermals out of the bottom of the wardrobe and get ready for the Brass Monkey Series.

Looking back at the summer season **we have plenty to celebrate, it's been** a busy 7 months with plenty going on both on the water and off.

I'd like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers that have made this all possible.

Without the countless hours put in, none of this would be possible. Thank you.

One of the jobs of our general com-

mittee is looking at ways to get new people join our club and over the last year we have made a few changes to make it more attractive **to become a Hobbo's member.**

Day memberships have now been introduced for new crew who would like to give sailing a go before committing to signing up for a full year, at a cost of \$15 a day, both crew and skippers are covered by Yachting Australia's silver card insurance.

We encourage all skippers to invite friends and family to give sailing a go and help grow our club and our sport.

When your new crew is ready to sign up as a crew member, the club will provide a free RYA Start Sailing course to ensure all new sailing members have the basic skills needed to get around the boat safely.

At the last general meeting of members we made a few changes to our constitution regarding our membership categories, we saw this neces-

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sary to update and clarify the rights and responsibilities of all membership categories.

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer season as much as I did, whether racing around the cans, out in the oceans, cruising around with friends and family or simply enjoying time at the club.

Ryan Blackstock

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Stop Press - Free RYA Course for New Members...

Struggling with trying to train new crew during a race? Can't quite get them to commit and join the club? Here's your big chance to squash two buggies with one brick - knock some of those annoying habits out of your crew and swell the clubs membership at the same time.

The General Committee has approved a scheme which offers any new Crew or Senior member the option of a two day "Start Yachting" course for no additional cost. Over \$800 of value for the cost of the first years membership.

This is made possible by the club's recent acquisition of "Satie" the S80, which is an ideal training boat to deliver a start yachting course.

The hidden benefit is that properly trained crew are more likely to enjoy their early sailing experiences and so will the skipper.

Upon completion of the course all participants will be presented with a YA/RYA "Start Yachting" certificate and a cruising scheme log book. The course covers -

☛ Safety aspects of sailing, helm-ing and the rules of the road

- ☛ Sail handling, reefing, flaking and use of halyards, sheets and winches
- ☛ Nautical terms, parts of the boat, sailing and rigging
- ☛ Rope work
- ☛ Sailing all points, going about, gybing, tacking, close reaching, running and reefing
- ☛ Man overboard
- ☛ Skippering, basic theory and sail trim

So start handing out those nomination forms now.

The Vice's View...

Passage Race to St Leonards...

The last race of the summer season was the Don Thompson Memorial Trophy race to St Leonards held on 26th April with 29 boats on the start line. The day started off looking like it would be a quick race down the bay with a strong northerly at the start. Unfortunately, shortly after, the wind turned cold from the southwest and from then on many competitors had everything from light to strong winds with a final beat into St Leonards.

The leading boats arrived around 1330 hours with the last finishing just after 1600 hours.

Congratulations to Blaise Pascal which won the performance handicap division. The AMS division was won by Paragon from RYCV with Harmony leading the HBYC boats. Penfold Audi Sport, also from RYCV, won the IRC division with Turbulence leading the HBYC boats in that division.

The St Leonards Race concluded a very successful long distance series for the 2013-14 season with all five races completed. The series winner under performance handicap was Karina followed by Blaise Pascal then Turbulence. Turbulence won the AMS division series followed by Le Cascadeur in second and Harmony in third. The IRC division series was also won by Turbulence with K2 from RYVC second and Merlion third. Overall, it was a very successful series for HBYC.

Brass Monkeys...

Remember that the first race of the Brass Monkey Series starts on Saturday 3rd May so make sure you have entered. We have a number of people in our Crew Available section

of the website, if any of you are **looking for someone, go to 'Sailing & HBYC' then select Crew - Wanted/Avail'.**

Volunteers...

Many thanks go to the volunteers who have given of their time so that HBYC can conduct all the races over the summer season. Without these volunteers there would either be no races or the race fees would be considerably higher for a paid race officer. Please show your appreciation with a thankyou after the race as these volunteers are a critical part of the club.

HBYC has an ongoing program supporting several volunteer race officers to undertake further training through Yachting Victoria Race Officer courses in order to increase their overall skill level in race management, powerboat handling and radio certification. This is a significant investment to ensure that the club develops the skills to continue to conduct races in a professional manner.

Organised Cruising Safety Requirements...

The General Committee has recently directed the Sailing Committee to implement minimum safety and management requirements for cruising events which are conducted under the HBYC banner. This follows concern expressed by other Commodores around the bay about the lack of safety procedures for organised club cruises and the sinking of two boats from one club during a recent cruise.

An example of the application of these safety procedures was the

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recent cruise from the finish of the St Leonards race to QCYC where boats were asked to notify their intention to go to Queenscliff through a cruise entry on our race entry system, Topyacht. HBYC then knew who was going and had the main and alternative contact details for each boat in case something went wrong.

These procedures being developed are NOT intended to impact on any skipper or group of skippers who wish to undertake cruises on their own volition and do not prevent anyone from deciding on Saturday morning to go down the bay for the weekend. The procedures only apply to events organised and conducted by HBYC and for which the club is organisationally responsible.

The safety procedures are being developed in conjunction with the cruising group and further details of these will be published as soon as they are finalised.

Port Phillip Women's Championship Series...

This series is made up of 5 races, **combining the Women's Skippers Races and Regatta Races** from SYC, HBYC, RBYC, RMYS & RYCV. Well **done girls, you making Hobbo's proud** once more with great series results after 3 races. La Cascadeur - Leo Eeckman - PHS 1st, AMS 1st
Moonraker - Marija Groen - PHS 13th, AMS 9th
Satie - Julianne Gibson - PHS 7th, AMS 4th
Kasam - Kate Wylie/Norma Malouf - PHS 15th, AMS 21st
Bookmaker - Kate Ribton-Turner - PHS 10th, IRC 2nd

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Nominations for Club Member of the Year...

Nominations are now called for **'Club Member of the Year'**. Members are invited to nominate another club member who has demonstrated significant recent and sustained contribution to club activities in one or more of the following:

-  Racing
-  Cruising
-  Onshore activities

Written nominations addressing the above criteria should be forwarded to Peter Coop by 5.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 May 2014.

Email: manager@hbyc.org.au

Facsimile: 9397 1045

Postal Address: PO Box 24

Williamstown Vic 3016

The General Committee will consider all nominations and will make their decision at the May meeting.

The successful nominee will award the **'Club Member of the Year Trophy'** at the Annual Presentation Night to be held on Fri. 20th June 2014

Wanna Advertise your Business in Hobson's Ahoy?...

The Hobsons Bay Yacht Club newsletter - Hobsons Ahoy - is published ten times annually. The newsletter is posted on our website (~200 visits per day) and Facebook page, (~180 likes & over 1,000 check-ins) as well as being sent to 500 member and another 100 newsletter subscribers. The Hobson Ahoy is published on the first week of each month except for, except for the combined months of December/January and August/September which published on the 1st December and 1st August respectfully.

The current advertising options are; Full (\$100), half (\$50), quarter (\$25) and primary sponsor (\$400 Yearly) advertisements. All prices are quoted per month and + GST unless otherwise stated.

Please note that HBYC will shortly be launching a 'mobile/smart phone friendly' version of the newsletter and will publish those advertising costs in due course.



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At Yaringa Boat Harbour we are able to provide Victoria's most competitive rates for all your slipping, hardstand and maintenance requirements. We have over 20 boating related trades on site. For further information ring:

Phone: 5977 4154

Women On Water Update...

Maureen Dickins

Committee News...

The WOW Committee has been meeting fortnightly of recent with the express aim of supporting all of our female club members in the quest for leadership on and off the water so watch this space for a range of courses being planned to enrich all.

Summer Sundays...

Over the summer period Garry Cook has generously given up his Sunday morning sleep-ins to help some of us improve our sailing skills on the club training boat Satie as well as some new chums who will hopefully become club members in due course

THANK YOU GAZZA!!!!!!!

Women & Girls in Sailing Leadership course...

There are still places available for a WGIS Leadership course being run at The Boatshed at Albert Park on Saturday May 31st - I, Maureen, am attending and would love a friendly face or two to join me.

Go to the Women and girls in sailing website for more details. Go to the bottom of the home page and select the article "Yachting Victoria - Developing Future Female

Leadership".

Port Phillip Womens Championship Series...

HBYC WOW have once again been a strong presence in the PPWCS series.

The first three races held by RMYS, RYCV & SYC have had an average of 20 boats from around the bay competing in a variety of races and conditions - club, windward/leeward, short and long courses in strong winds and gentle breezes.

HBYC has been sending a fleet of five boats crewed (manned!!!!) by 25 or so wonderful women and their even more wonderful male mentors.

Leo Eckman has steered Le Cascadeur to the top of the fleet with a clear and probably unbeatable lead (fingers crossed Leo !).

The Bookmaker and three of our S80's Kasam, Moonraker and Satie are all performing admirably.

HBYC Ladies Skippers Race...

The next race on the calendar is our own Lady Skippers Race on Sunday 18th May @ 1330 hours and it is hoped that once again a record fleet of over 20 boats will be out on the

water.



If there are any women or girls not already involved but who would like to be please email WOW@hbyc.org.au and we will try to organize a crew place for you.

Our after party this year will be a "BBQ with the BRASs @ \$10- a head.

Last years "Men with Aprons" tea party was an unqualified success so we hope all our men and women club members will come along and join in this year's festivities and have fun with us again.

Please RSVP WOW@hbyc.org.au by Wed 15th May so we can get the catering just right.

Don't forget the YV Sailor of the Year Nominations (featured in last months newsletter & on our website under news) are closing on the 9th of May.



What's on at HBYC for the month

Free Trivia in the Hobbo's Bar...	Fri. 2 nd 6 pm
Training - Marine Radio VHF Certificate - <i>HBYC</i>	Fri. 2 nd 6.30 pm
Brass Monkeys Heat 1 - <i>HBYC</i>	Sat 3 rd 1:30 am
Double Handed Race - <i>ORCV</i>	Sun. 4 th 10 am
Classic Yacht Winter Race 1 - <i>HBYC</i>	10 am

Powerboat Certificate Course - <i>HBYC</i>	Thurs. 8 th 6:30 pm
Training - Marine Radio VHF Certificate - <i>HBYC</i>	Fri. 9 th 6:30pm
Powerboat Certificate Course - <i>HBYC</i>	Sat/Sun 10/11th 8:30 am

Melbourne To Apollo Bay - <i>ORCV</i>	Sat. 17 th 3 am
Brass Monkeys Heat 2 - <i>HBYC</i>	1:30 pm
Classic Yacht Winter Race 2 - <i>RYCV</i>	Sun. 18 th 10:30 am
PPWCS (Race 4) - <i>HBYC</i> Lady Skippers Race - <i>HBYC</i>	1:30 pm
Join us for a BBQ afterwards with the theme "BBQ with the BRASs", only \$10 a head! Please contact WOW@hbyc.org.au for more information and bookings	

BLISS Opening Night - <i>RBYC</i>	Fri. 23 th 6:30 pm
PPWCS (Race 5) - BLISS Sunday Race - <i>RBYC</i>	Sun. 25 th 1 pm

This is the last race in the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS). The series connects five women's races - each run by one of the keelboat clubs at the top of the bay - into one competitive series. As well as the race days, there are several training and coaching activities linked to the individual club events. If the first three races are anything to go by HBYC will be bringing home some series silverware!

Cruising Group Meeting - <i>HBYC</i>	Tues. 27 th 7:30 pm
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Winter Bar Hours

Saturday 4pm - 7pm

The bar will be open at other times for club events, so keep you eye on the calendar for updates

What	Deadline	Published	Email
E-News	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Newsletter@hbyc.org.au
Newsletter	28 th of the Month	1 st Week of the Month	Newsletter@hbyc.org.au
Monthly Calendars	28 th of the Month	1 st Week of the Month	RearCommodore@hbyc.org.au
Club Calendar (Website)	Send Anytime	Live updates	RearCommodore@hbyc.org.au Manager@hbyc.org.au
Website	Send Anytime	Live updates	RearCommodore@hbyc.org.au
FaceBook	Send Anytime	Live updates	
New Members Booklet (NMB)#		Updated when needed	RearCommodore@hbyc.org.au
Event Posters	Send Anytime	Live Updates	



HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB Merchandise Order Form

Style	Description	Colour	RRP	HBYC Price										Include Yacht Name (RHS Front)	Item Value	
				inc GST	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	City	City	City			City
- OUTERWEAR -																
SB0100CC	Sardinia Jacket	Navy	\$275.00	\$200.00												
SB010W00C	Sardinia Jacket (Women's)	Navy	\$275.00	\$200.00												
SB0150CC	Corsica Gilet	Navy	\$175.00	\$125.00												
- POLOS / RUGBYS -																
PLP01720C	Tipped Pique Polo (Men's)	Navy	\$110.00	\$55.00												
MP242270C	Pique Polo (Men's)	Red	\$110.00	\$55.00												
	Pique Polo (Men's)	White	\$110.00	\$55.00												
PLP01720C	Tipped Pique Polo (Women's)	Navy	\$110.00	\$55.00												
LP01720C	Pique Polo (Women's)	Red	\$110.00	\$55.00												
	Pique Polo (Women's)	White	\$110.00	\$55.00												
MY0200CC	Plain rugby	Antique Sail White	\$175.00	\$90.00												
	Plain rugby	Navy	\$175.00	\$90.00												
- ACCESSORIES -																
PAL0030CC	Fast Dry Crew Cap	Navy	\$70.00	\$20.00												
AL1410	Fast Dry Brim Hat S/M/L	Stone	\$35.00	\$25.00												
Yacht Name: (@ \$6 Per Item)																
Total Value																
Members Name: _____																
Card Details: Visa / Mastercard _____																
Expiry Date _____																

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