



## MYCT Newsletter

November, December, January 2003/2004

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### BOAT SHOW CONTINUES TO GROW

Record crowds flocked to the MYCT for the second annual Tasmanian Boating Leisure and Water Sports Expo held over the weekend of the 8th & 9th November.

Chairman of the Organising Committee, Colin Courtney thanked his sub-committee for their support.

He said that the initial plan of having the Expo being established as the premier Leisure and Water Sports Expo in Tasmania to be achieved within 3 years was now a very achievable objective.

The positive feedback from the exhibitors had identified that a large percentage were prepared to undertake an on going commitment which would not only ensure the success of the event but may necessitate a review on Exhibitor space allocation to accommodate the Traders.



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### COMMODORE'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2004

Well the silly season is now over and it appears that our summer cruising has gone with it as well. Over the holiday period we spent some two and half weeks cruising mainly in the Great Taylor's Bay and Partridge Island area. These areas are very scenic with many protective bays and inlets which I can assure you were put to good use trying to hide from those persistent winds which seemed intent on changing from NW to SW and back again with relentless regularity. As we all know that's boating, however it is still great to be able to get away and enjoy our great coastlines and protected cruising waters, and above all to have the opportunity of cruising in company with good friends and other club members.

Back on the home front, firstly I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Vice Commodore Ron Butterworth on his latest appointments. Ron has just recently been appointed President of the Tasmanian branch of the Boating Industry of Australia (BIA)

and has also been appointed as the Tasmanian representative on the board of the Australian Marina Industries Federation (AMIF). These latest appointments are additional to his Chairmanship of the Tasmanian chapter of the Marina Association of Australia (MAA) and as a member of the Board of the Clean Marina Program.

I believe Ron's appointment to these various boards will ensure that not only will the MYCT interests be preserved and promoted during deliberations at the various meetings but all boat owners can now feel confident that their interests will continue to be discussed at this higher level.

The big news around at the moment is the forthcoming heat of the Australian Offshore Power Boat Club which will be held in Hobart on the 21st March. At this stage there will be about 19 boats coming from the mainland to compete on a set course probably from the Domain to the John Garrow Light and return to the Domain via Bellerive. Scrutineering will take place in the MYCT lower car park on Saturday the 20th; this will give all members and the public the opportunity to view these boats at close quarters. In addition there will be a BBQ held at the club on the Saturday night.

This is another big weekend for speed boat enthusiasts and as was the case last year when the Formula One boats raced at the Domain I'm sure it will be again supported by a big Tasmanian crowd.

Due to renovations all members should note that the downstairs showers and toilets will be unavailable from the end of this month for about three weeks.

Upon my return from leave last month it was disappointing to be informed that there had been an incident of tyre spiking of a vehicle in the car park. In view of this I urge all members to keep a keen lookout at all times not only in the car parks but also on the marina and its environs for any suspicious behaviour, and to report any such behaviour to either the club office or to the relevant authorities.

Before closing I would like give a well deserved thankyou to Noel and Joy Fannon. Noel and Joy have both been attending to the arrangements, providing the morning teas etc for the past 13 years for both the women's and men's Probus meetings which are held in the clubhouse every month. During this time their efforts have raised in the vicinity of \$25000.00 for the MYCT. This is a tremendous effort spread over a long period and on behalf of the Committee and all members of the MYCT I say again **thankyou** for your dedication for a job well done.

Don't forget to keep your eyes on the club calendar there is some great events coming up both socially and on the water. Please come along bring your family and friends and support these activities, remember they are for your enjoyment.

Best regards and safe boating

Bryan Rumley

Lee Harris was the lucky name drawn out of the barrel at last Thursday Nights Jackpot draw. Unlucky for Lee though he wasn't present at the time, would you believe he arrived at the club 10 minutes too late. The jackpot will now increase to \$660.00 for next weeks draw. Remember you must be in the club at the time of the draw to claim the prize.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE JULY 1970 NEWSLETTER

Commodore Byron Horne after 18 years of umpiring football might have second thoughts about doing any more MYCT games. At the conclusion of the Ladies match he won the race to the change rooms being hotly pursued by the two ladies teams. They forcible dragged him from the change room back on to the oval and rolled him the muddiest patch they could find. When the men's match finished as he was walking off the ground obviously pleased that he had done his duty well, he was picked up bodily by two burley ruckman and rolled in the same mud patch again. Not content with this they picked up handfuls of mud and caked his face, hair and ears. (boy was he dirty). To make things worse his wife Betty had forgot to put in his usual change of clothing when she packed his bag that morning.

Ralph King can look back on a record season with two Australian Titles in the 45 c.i. outboard class plus the Tasmanian Titles in the same class as well as the State 100 c.i. family pleasure class. Brian Mahoney with Ro-Anne gained two state titles for the MYCT, while Nigel Lovell with Cyne-Sue gathered in a further three State Championships. He also gained his official A.P.B.A. 100 mph badge.

*An invitation to all members and friends of the MYCT  
You are cordially invited*

To  
**MYCT PROGRESSIVE DINNER**



**MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 2004**

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Well I have now completed a full year as Rear Commodore and now realise how time consuming it is. I remain in awe of past RC's who did this job for many years. The social committee has been very active since my last report to you at the AGM. Opening Day and the Boat Show required a big effort by many people, to ensure success. These events however don't just happen, much time and effort is required by the members of the organizing sub-committees for many months before the actual day of the event.

From time to time I hear complaints from members regarding the cost of Club membership and services. One practise that helps reduce costs to any club is the use of volunteer labour wherever possible. There is however a truism in the old adage 'more hands make light work'. Unfortunately in a lot of club activities it is the same old group of people who perform all the work, as people seem less willing to become involved in the organisation or running of the various events conducted by the Club.

There is no doubt this is general trend within all community based organizations as witnessed by the declining membership of the major service clubs. Much of this is because people with young families and both parents working are time poor and simply have little time available outside of their normal work and family commitments.

I therefore ask that those members whose families have 'left the nest' and now have more time, to give consideration to becoming more involved in our Club so as to share the workload of the current volunteers, and to enable more to be achieved by volunteer labour. You will not only gain a great sense of achievement, but have a lot of fun and make new friends.

The alternative will be ever increasing price pressure on the cost of membership and the pricing of services offered by the Club.

As you will have read in the Commodore's report, the Club is host to the Australian Offshore Power Boats on the Saturday 20th March. There is no doubt this weekend will be huge, attracting a lot of media coverage for the Club.

We will be providing BBQ snacks throughout the day, and on the Saturday evening a BBQ meal. This will require a great deal of organization and work on the day and to be successful we need plenty of volunteer helpers. If you are able to assist in any way please call the Club office on 62439021 and leave your contact details and I will get in touch.

Barry Woods

Rear Commodore

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## FROM THE CLUB HOUSE

### Summer Trading Hours

Members are asked to note the amended Summer Trading Hours

MONDAY 12 - 7.30  
TUESDAY 12 - 7.30  
WEDNESDAY 12 - 7.30  
THURSDAY 12 - 10  
FRIDAY 12 - 10  
SATURDAY 12 - 10  
SUNDAY 12 - 7.30

### Bar & Happy Hour Pricing

Effective from the 1st January Happy Hour prices have been amended. Some day to day bar pricing has also been altered.

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## MEMBERS' NOTICE BOARD

Members are advised that the downstairs showers and toilets will be closed for approximately 4 weeks from Monday 23rd February whilst renovations take place.

The Main Jetty and Floating Pontoon are for pick up and drop off only unless a booking has been made and entered into the Jetty Book which is available at the Club House bar. Charges of \$12 per night will apply for stays in excess of one night.

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Club would like to welcome the following new members.

**October 2003: Full Members** - Brian Forster, Robert Aitkins, Steve Jaenke. **Family Members** - Barry & Wendy Turnbull. **Social members** - Jennie Johnson, Ted Homeyer, Jane Bennett, Pip Tyrrell, Stanley Barker.

**November 2003: Full Members** - Greg Thompson, Paul Carew. **Family Members** - Doug Walker, Phillip Barton. **Social Members** - Scott Dunn, Noel Leary, Charlie Micallef.

**December 2003: Full Members** - Bruce Davies, Andrew Farr. **Family Members** - Phillip Keal. **Country Members** - John Newell, David Woods. **Social Members** - Nicholas Cowell.

**January 2004: Full Members** – Andrew Hood, Gordon McQueen, Greg Franks, Graham Fox, Paul Gregg, Ronald Payne, Paul Beltz, David Harper, Jason Vesinger, Stephen Gilbert, Brian Watson, Peter Langridge, Noel Doepel. **Family Members** – Gary

## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

### "ROAD RUNNERS" MYCT Twilight Sailing Series

This season we have seen the twilight racing grow dramatically in size and competition. Average starting numbers have been around 15 yachts in each race and certainly the calibre has been very high and overall some 30 yachts have participated at various times.

Friday 20 February will see race ten of the twelve race series and it is expected that the racing will be very intense as the skippers endeavour to consolidate their point score in anticipation that the complete series will be sailed thus allowing them to drop their two worst placings.

Line honours is set to be a duel between the big boats of the fleet Blue Chip(Colin Denney) and Interum (Craig King). Craig has missed most of the pre Christmas racing due to work and Sydney to Hobart commitments however he is back with a vengeance and has won the last four races and if his present run of successes continues will be in there with a chance at season end. Blue Chip has competed in all races and has the advantage of being able to drop her worst performances. Kaos a J24 from the RYCT has also participated in all races and despite being one of the smallest boats in the fleet has raced very consistently and is only 22 points behind Blue Chip. Des and Brett Clark sailing Totally Wild have also been giving the big boats a run for their money however they have recently upgraded their boat with a later version of Totally Wild called Wild One and if race 9 was any indication the newer boat is going to be very hard to shake off in the tight unpredictable Lindsfarne Bay Course. Watch out Craig and Colin this boat has the potential to get under your feet when you least expect it.

On Handicap John Nibbs in Mishima has a very slender lead over Kaos with Orizuru and Super Freaky not far behind and as at race nine only 20 points separated these four yachts.

The after race debriefing around the Bar has created quite an atmosphere as the tactics or in some cases lack thereof, wind shifts and currents are all analysed. I overheard one discussion last race where several hot water boat people recently converted to the quiet life under sail (albeit on rare and special occasions) could not understand the efforts, abuse and almost disastrous collisions that occur when several yachts attempt to round a mark at the same time. Well Chris this is the skilful art of manoeuvring a vessel underway without power and twin engines guided only by the fate of the wind and good judgement and at the same time trying to appease your insurance broker. Oh!!! and by the way hasn't Colin told you they really are racing for sheep stations???????

Friday 19 March will be the final race of the Road Runners Transport MYCT Twilight Series, an invitation is extended to all entrants and fellow MYCT members to come along to the BBQ after the race for Championship Pennant presentations.

Graeme Foale

Principal Race Officer

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Blue Chip (Colin Denny)



Totally Wild - Blue Chip



Orizuru (Koje Hatano)



Cavalier Lady (Gary Tew)

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We are up and running.

You can go to [www.motoryachtclub.org](http://www.motoryachtclub.org) to read your newsletter and get caught up on happenings at the clubhouse.

By reading the newsletter on the web you can save your club the expense of printing and mailing.

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#### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE**

Some Members have still to collect their Membership Cards from the Clubhouse. They are available from the Bar.

#### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Full Member \$145

Family Member \$200

Social Membership \$ 26

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#### **Expressions of Interest**

Our first working bee for this year is planned for Sat 28th Feb from 9am till 12 noon. If you are available to help out please turn up on the day.

For further information please contact  
Rob Foale 0438314061

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#### **Dates to Remember for March**

6 / 7th Cruise in Company – New Norfolk

6 / 7th King Of The River Powerboat Racing, Granton Circuit

7th Dinner & Prize giving for King Of The River, MYCT Club House, Ford Parade

13th Progressive Dinner

20th Scrutineering Australian Offshore Powerboat Series, MYCT Car Park

21st Australian Offshore Powerboat Series, Queens Domain

27th Commemoration Day Time Trial, Sponsored By Cascade Brewery

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Members are advised that the MYCT Car Park will be closed to all vehicles from 3pm Friday 19th March until 8am Sunday 21st March so that scrutineering for the Offshore Powerboat Series can take place.