



MYCT Newsletter

September and October 2003

MYCT 80th OPENING DAY

Photos Courtesy of Beth Hansen, on board George Chambers Boat "Brookwood"



12 October 2003 marked the 80th Opening Day for The Motor Yacht Club.

Sensational weather greeted the fleet for the sail past, with the salute being taken by the Club's Patron Ralph King and Commodore Bryan Rumley aboard the Waireka 11

The Rev. Robert Legg blessed the Fleet at 1.10pm and the Clarence City Council Band entertained the Official Guests and Members while they boarded their boats for the Sail Past.



The Best Dressed Boat award went to "Encounter" Patrick and Diane Peterson with "Impetuous" Rudi and Leoni Van Dort and "Warrior" Ron and Christine Butterworth in equal second place.

Boats from all eras were represented with the 20' Huon Pine Steam powered river launch SL Jennifer (pictured below), participating in the days activities, following her "pre-launch" trial at New Norfolk recently. The launch has been lovingly restored by Brian Jones and Jennie Johnson. The restoration has taken place over the last two years.

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ON THE MARINA

"LATURA"



The photograph left is one of two races held in 1925 by the newly formed MYCT. A "Bang and Go Back Race" means that after the start the gun is later refired (Bang) signaling the boats to turn and race back. Latura was built by Boye's Bros. (Battery Point, 1924) for Henry Inkerman Featherstone who is standing in the fore-hatch. She was launched as an open boat. Later additions were a hutch roof (later partly glassed in) and a mast.



After a period of plywood cabin "modernization" and extensive use she lost her mooring and was holed. After recovery she sat neglected in a paddock for 8 years.



Purchased in 1996, by Lew & Liz Garnham for some "quite easy repairs", the sweet dreams hid the rebuild nightmare. Latura has again been restored in her period style and in February 2003, after a lapse of 80 years she is once again a member of the MYCT.

FROM THE CLUB HOUSE

Wine of the Month Kellys Promise \$10.00 Chardonnay & Cab-Merlot

Beer of the Month Cascade Draught Cans \$34.00

MEMBERS' NOTICE BOARD

MARINA BERTH for sale Balance of 5 Year lease

Phone Barry Curtain 62651272

MEMBERSHIP

The Club would like to welcome the following new members.

August 2003: Full Members - Winston Henry. Family Members - James Bonham Wendy Auchinclose **Social Members** – Barry Wilson, Sandra Wilson

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WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

“ROAD RUNNERS” MYCT Twilight Sailing Series

Following the successful introduction of serious twilight racing for the latter part of last season under the Sponsorship of Maurice Drent Boating Services, Des and Brett Clark, it was decided to attempt a full season of races this year.

Lindisfarne Sailing Club agreed to take on the race management role and Road Runners Transport (David Bean, yacht Trecento) at Mornington delivered the goods as far as sponsorship of the series was concerned. The committee made some minor improvements to courses, Sailing instructions prepared and planning for a twelve race series over the whole of the daylight saving period was undertaken.

A small hiccup was discovered prior to the issue of the Sailing instructions in that our first race on 3 October was prior to daylight saving time and a previous competitor from last season politely pointed out that it was mighty dark at 1900 when the first boats should be finishing. A suggestion that the owner in question should consider bringing a torch or some candles along was not all that well received and in view of the dull overcast weather we were getting at that time the race start time was adjusted to 1730.

Race 1 saw 14 boats at the start line with a dying SE breeze of around 5-7 knots, two laps of the course were completed although some of the last boats were caught by lack of breeze and a strong outgoing current and finished in very dark conditions. Apart from some rusty crew work on the start boat, the race officer getting his port and starboard hand course flags mixed up, couldn't tell red from green, and some difficulty in finding the course marks in the dark a lot of fun was had by all.

Blue Chip the largest boat in the fleet was first across, however Kaos a little twenty four footer that had ventured up from the RYCT cleaned them up on handicap.

Race 2 on 17 October was again sailed in SE breeze between 7 to 9 knots and 18 boats fronted for the start at 1800. The stronger breeze made for some close racing to the first mark with the two big boats of the fleet Trecento and Blue Chip being given a run for their money by the likes of smaller boats Planet X and Totally Wild. A rule infringement by Trecento saw them take a penalty and drop back a few places leaving Blue Chip to lead the fleet home in just on an hour and Planet X get a win on corrected time.

The confined waters off just north of the Bridge makes for very interesting and challenging sailing for the keel boats, having to dodge channel markers, tide barges, strong current influences and the need to be wary of the various shallows around a tight 1 hour course has added a bit of excitement to the standard keel boat calendar and we are anticipating entries will soon exceed 20.

A BBQ is put on after the race at the MYCT and first across the line and handicap winner prizes. All entrants boat names are placed in a draw with a spot prize being drawn, a representative of the boat must be present to collect or a redraw occurs. Cascade have provided a number giveaways to support this aspect of the evening. Overall trophy winners at the end of the series will be awarded a pennant and other prizes for their efforts.

It has been interesting watching one particular long term “Stink Boat” owner gaining his stripes as a “yachtie”, he has hardly missed a race across both seasons and has a grin from ear to ear as grinds the winches on Raven. Or perhaps for Chris Debnam it is an opportunity to develop a legitimate and well earned thirst. If any other club member of the non yachtie breed would like to try their hand at crewing or just go along for the ride let Mark or myself know and we will see what can be arranged it is good fun. Or as it is a Friday night and the end of the week get your own boats and mates out on the water to watch the rivalry from close quarters then join in the Club afterwards.

Don't forget Road Runners delivered the goods for us so if you need fast efficient courier services for your business contact David Bean and his team at Mornington.

Safe Boating

Graeme Foale (Race Officer)



	Line Honours	Handicap Winner	Spot Prize Winner
Race 1	Blue Chip (C.Denny) Totally Wild (B.Clark) Kaos (K.Roberts)	Kaos (K.Roberts) Mishima (J.Nibbs) Tara(K.Bolton)	Raven (C.Langham)
Race 2	Blue Chip (C Denny) Planet X (S.Rowley) Totally Wild (B.Clark)	Planet X (S.Rowley) Mishima (J.Nibbs) Watershed (A.Shaw)	Bahloo (N.Grey)



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MYCT ON THE WEB!!!

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

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

New Dinghy Racks Completed

Members are advised that spaces are now available on the new Dinghy Racks, now located at the top of the Launching Ramp.

Annual Cost is \$110

Spaces will be allocated on a first in basis. Please contact Mark or Christine at the Office for more information.

NEWS FROM THE LINDISFARNE SAILING CLUB

Lindisfarne Sailing Club is pleased to be able to include its newsletter within the Motor Yacht Club's Newsletter. Members who have access to email are requested to place their details on the form provided on the Lindisfarne Sailing Club Notice Board.

OPENING OF 2003/2004 SAILING SEASON

The season got off to a great start on Sunday 28 September 2003 with a good turn up of boats to participate in the sail past/trophy race. The Commodore of the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania (Brian Rumley) and the Vice Commodore of the RYCT (Marion Cooper) and their partners joined with Commodore (John Mills) and immediate past Commodore (Vicki Flukes) of the LSC to witness the event from the warmth of Tony & Roseanne Garrett's motorboat "Solandri" Afternoon tea and a BBQ followed the water activities and the first of the Club's regular after race presentations for "interesting sailing techniques"; "brave or silly happenings", etc took place.

Thank you to all those people who attended and helped make the Opening Day enjoyable and successful.

WOODPECKER FLEET

Affectionately known as the "Woodpecker Fleet", because of their ability to knock on the topsides of the moored boats in the bay, the Woodpecker fleet is out in force again this season. The Club is once again running its very successful training program each Sunday morning with Matt Westland as the "Head Trainer" along with a crew of experienced and qualified trainers and coaches. The LSC has a fleet of 13 Sabots, 1 Laser and 2 rowing dinghies that are made available to registered trainees to learn all the skills in the curriculum. A Magic 25 sports boat is also made available for some of the bigger kids to learn in. We have approximately 40 people learning to sail this season, three quarters of whom would be under the age of 12. So far the highlight of training has been the capsizing morning at the Glenorchy Pool where three boats were used to practise bailing, righting and generally get a feel of what it feels like to be under an upturned boat in a warm, calm and safe environment. The fleet makes a wonderful sight early on Sunday mornings as the trainees bob around the bay. The parents watch pensively from the shoreline or help out on the ramps, or enjoy a coffee and read the paper from the comfort of the clubhouse.

CLUB SECURITY

The Club is about to install a security system which will provide greater security to the Club and Members assets. When installed registered key holders will be given a PIN number that can be used to gain access to buildings. When the installation is complete registered key holders can contact Andrew Montgomery on 6244 1586 to be allocated their PIN number.

BBQ SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2003

The next after race BBQ will be held on Sunday 30 November 2003 at the conclusion of the days racing. This is for the whole family to attend (and saves cooking when everyone arrives home) Donations of salads would be appreciated.

OLD BUFFERS DAY/TRAINERS PRESENTATIONS/PRE XMAS BBQ LUNCH

This event will be held on Sunday 14 December 2003 commencing at 10.30am with the Old Buffers Race. All Club Members are invited to attend – bring along your water pistols and water bombs to hinder the Old Buffers. Parents of trainees qualify as Old Buffers, as does any other oldies. If there are any interested MYCT members please come over and join in the fun! Stay for lunch and presentations.

FRIDAY NIGHT TWILIGHTS

Lindisfarne Sailing Club is pleased to provide their race management for Friday Night Twilight Series hosted by MYCT. Races are held every second Friday night. Fleet numbers have been good and any body wishing to sail their own boat can enter at the MYCT or turn up at the marina to find a boat for a crewing position. It's a great way to finish the working week, to make new friends and to have fun. For further details contact the MYCT.