



# THE MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB

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## FROM THE COMMODORE : 3

Team, I meant it when I said *a Commodore could not wish for a better Board*. A truly amazing effort from the Board, Administration and Volunteers paid off last weekend with a wonderful Cocktail Party and an Opening Day every Commodore prays for. Speaking of praying, you will be pleased to know that the Reverend John Sharpe eventually made it to our Ceremony on Sunday and officially blessed the fleet from the water. Some very moving words from the Reverend were had aboard Javelin and I am thankful not to have been zapped from above for my impromptu blessing earlier.

Life is a bit like that; and I must confess it would be a bit boring if everything went exactly to plan. To this very understanding I would like to acknowledge all our members. It is when we need help or just a little encouragement that we really shine as a Club. Somehow we always seem to figure a way through whether it is say a regatta two years in the planning or a last minute boat repair. The members I have seen put their hand up over the years give me great hope and the appreciation as to what underpins a great club is *great people*.

Our Head Coach, Mel Hitchen-Haw, has assembled our youths into small groups that comprise juniors and an older youth mentor. An initiative of the *Volunteering Committee* has seen that each of these groups be allocated to either a RIB, Pacer or Feva (club boat). Each group will keep an eye on their club boat and work with our Club Captain, Bill Bennett, to ensure they are maintained and looked after. This is a good example of how we can work together intelligently and have members *collaborating at different levels in a very positive way*.

The *From the Commodore* news is not a new initiative. Yes, the style may be different and it is intended to be so in comparison to previous years. I am talking to you as if we were in a personal conversation and you get insight as to how I, along with our Leadership Team, are thinking. I do recognise this is a one way conversation. To that, I openly ask you to *invite me into your world*. I'd love to go for a sail with all our classes over the season and experience the Club through your eyes. A coffee is also a great setting for a chat if you do not sail.

I welcome any feedback from all our members and email is best [commodore@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:commodore@morningtonyc.net.au).  
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