Flinders Yacht Club
WEST HEADINGS
May 2016

Another bumper edition of West Headings with many contributions. Thank you to you all! This will be the last of WH for a little while as we seek a new editor as I head to editorial retirement! See ad on page 26.

As this is such a biggie…you might like to know some of the contents:

- **Mothers day Walk - this weekend**
- **Presentation Night Dinner – 18th June at the Club**
- **AGM Notice – AGM 19th June at the club**
- **OTB and KB news and results**
- **Member News and adventures**
- **Wedding and history stories**
- **And so much more to keep you amused!**

Whilst I have put together the editions of WH for many years I could not have done it without the many, many contributors received (and edited!) over the years. I will happily hand over to the next incumbent who will, I am sure, make their mark and enjoy the experience as much as I have.
Thank you,

Mary Iles

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Message From The Commodore

As this will be my last West Headings 'column' as Commodore, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support over the past couple of years. Flinders Yacht Club has gone from strength to strength over recent years and this has been due, in no small part to your efforts…members, friends, family, volunteers, sponsors and Committee members. Thank you all. A special vote of thanks to the Committee who work so hard to ensure that our Club meets your needs and expectations, whether it's great sailing, fun social activities, beautifully kept grounds or any other aspect of the Club's running, thank you, Committee. And thanks too, to those quiet contributors who do so much in the background without any recognition, managing our complex insurance needs, managing races, looking after rescue boats, publishing West Headings, managing the website, helping at social functions, working in the grounds and the list goes on. What would we do without you all?

As you can see, we rely heavily on the efforts of volunteers and so I would encourage you all to play more active roles in the Club in the years ahead, consider joining the Committee or one of our Sub-Committees, volunteering for race tower or crash boat duty, running or helping to run a social function, there are so many ways that you can become more active in Club life, and it all contributes to the success that we enjoy, aside from which it will undoubtedly add to the pleasure that you get from the Club. I would also ask that you consider supporting our sponsors who give so generously to the Club each year. They support us, let's support them in return.

We are a small Club, but a very successful one, our facilities are modest, but who could think of a better place for members and their families to be on a warm summer's day? And there have been plenty of them this year. Members often joke that they have the best bathing box in Victoria, and there is some truth in this, with a lovely club house and front deck, now with extensive shade, a modern new kitchen, showers, and bathrooms. I would encourage you to make as much use of the Club facilities as you can, don't wait for race days, use the club house at any time, it is there for you to enjoy.

Weather plays an important role for us, and we have been very lucky this season, with more races conducted for both the Off-The-Beach and Keel Boat classes than we have experienced in many years. Hopefully we will experience another warm summer this year, with sunshine and 'fair' winds as they say. I can't think of a lovelier site than seeing our club boats racing on the bay in front of the Club, and a bit further afield for the keel boats. You just want to be out there sailing with them. If you are a non-sailing member and would like to try sailing, then there are plenty of opportunities to do so, either on one of the OTB yachts that the Club owns, or, on one of our keel boat fleet. Speak to one of the Committee members and they will help arrange it for you. If you simply want to enjoy the social side of the Club, then again, there are plenty of opportunities for doing so; it's all in West Headings.

I would also like to mention that we have established a strategy working group to consider the longer term future of the Club, what we would like to 'look like' in 5 to 10 years time, what facilities and services we should be providing for members and importantly, how we should be seeking to attract new members. We are particularly interested in younger members, what can we do to attract more young families? If you have any ideas then we would like to hear them.

Let me conclude by thanking one person in particular, my wife, Sue. Flinders Yacht Club has had something of a tradition which calls on the wife of the Commodore to take on the role of Social Secretary and this Sue has done without a moment's hesitation. It's a tradition that I think should be changed as we move forward, however, Sue, thank you for taking the role on, and thank you for your tremendous support over the past two years.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club and on the water in the next season.

Rod.

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NOTICE OF AGM

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NOTICE OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT FLINDERS YACHT CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the 40th Annual General Meeting of Flinders Yacht Club will be held on Sunday, 18th June, 2016 at 11.00am at the Club House

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes : Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting**
3. **Reports : Commodore's Report**
   Club Captain's Report
   Treasurer's Report
4. **Election of Office Bearers:**
   Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, & Treasurer.
5. **Election of Members of Committee :**
   Club Captain, Power Boat Captain, Social Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Members of Committee (up to 4)
6. **Appointment of the Club Auditor**
7. **To set Entrance fees & Annual Subscriptions for the 2016 / 2017**
9. **Any other business**
10. **MEETING CLOSE**

NB.: Nomination forms are attached to the email sent with this newsletter. Don't forget you can nominate for the committee. We need volunteers for Social, House and Grounds, Marketing & Sponsorship etc etc

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PRESENTATION NIGHT DINNER

Saturday 18th June 2016 -7pm

Menu:

Roast beef and pork, roast vegetables and greens
followed by Apple Pie ' n cream!

Price: $25 per adult $10 per junior member 5yrs to 18yrs

Please book on Try bookings
https://www.trybooking.com/199952

Format:

6.30pm Start
6.45pm Commodores Welcome
7.00pm Main Course
8.00pm Presentation of Trophies
9.00pm Dessert

Assistance with the catering:

Is anyone able to help by cooking a dish of mixed roast vegetables to serve 8 people please?
Please call Sue Slater 0419 598 821

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Flinders Yacht Club Mothers Day Walk May 8th

Join the fun by starting the day at the FYC for the classic Mothers day walk

http://mothersdayclassic.com.au/event-info/regional-event-locations/victoria/flinders

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OTB Beach results and report

Hi All

Latest results are available at http://flindersyc.com.au/sailing/race-results

Thanks to John S, Clay, John I and Mary for the excellent race management on our final OTB race day for the season.

And what season! 54 Club Races Scheduled with 51 sailed!

Congratulations to John and Warwick on fine seasons, the scoring in the Aggregate (Handicap) series was really tight and ended in a tie for first that was won on a countback by Warwick (sob!)

I have enjoyed the company, the competition and the camaraderie of all the sailors and extended family during the season thanks for your interest and participation. Thanks to all who helped on the boats, in the tower or generally around the Club. Particular thanks to Greg Reed for taking on the safety boat maintenance and doing a great job keeping them going.
Rick Barker

FINAL RESULTS OTB 2016 SEASON	1st	2nd	3rd
Club Championship (Yardstick)	John Derham (Masters Apprentice)	Rick Barker (Mild Thing)	Leigh Glover (Rocket)
Club Aggregate	Warwick Mitchell (Weta the Beta)	Rick Barker (Mild Thing)	John Derham (Masters Apprentice)
Spring Series (Yardstick)	Rick Barker (Mild Thing)	John Derham (Masters Apprentice)	Leigh Glover (Rocket)
Summer Cup	Rick & Lucy Barker (Chase)	Warwick Mitchell (Weta the Beta)	Leigh Glover (Rocket)
Junior Championship	Charlie O'Hara & Hugo Bogdan	Isabel Farronato & Will Milenkovic	Angus Cramond & Luca Lawson
Twilight Series	Leigh Glover (Rocket)	Rick Barker (Mild Thing)	Ed Wright (Spindrift)
Brian Coleman Cup (Australia Day)	Warren Joel et al (Sleepy)	Brian Coleman & David Hayne (Sea Vixen 2)	Warwick Mitchell (Weta the Beta)
Labor Day Series (Yardstick)	Brian Coleman & David Hayne (Sea Vixen 2)	Angus Cramond & Charles O'Hara (Argo)	Ed Wright (Spindrift)
Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy OTB (Easter)	Brian Coleman & David Hayne (Sea Vixen 2)	Rick & Lucy Barker (Chase)	Ed Wright (Spindrift)

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Keel Boat News

FYC Keelboats Season 2015-16.

Participation is on the up this season with slightly more boats sailing a lot more often. While everyone out there is a winner the stand out is Act of Faith sailing the most with 24 of the possible 28 races. Only one Aggregate, one Ocean, and one Twilight were abandoned due to weather. The Act also won the greatest number of different crew with 18 family and friends partaking at least once, with the odd solo excursion.

Starts were delayed on four occasions as some boats weren't ready. Ok the fleet may have to wait 5 or 10 minutes but the gain of all out there being fairly included overrides rigid conformity to rules, fun being rule number 1? We have another home rule, that if you run aground you can motor off with no penalty, ok?

The Ocean Series provided passages to wider horizons, Merricks, Somers, Cowes there and back. If the weather had been kinder and less fickle those first two races would have turned out awesomely, but that's yacht racing!
The visit from St. Kilda was fun and the pursuit race a lot less hair raising for the start yet a pretty tight finish.

Gerrard's Couta boat washed up this morning reminds us to check our lines after this week of northerlies. Thankfully not much damage. Winter gives time to service the engine, winches and pulleys with maybe a little sneak away to a charter in warmer climes, just to keep the hand in as it were.
Tedd Warden

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2015-16 Participation								
Boat	Agg	Easter	Oz	Ocean	Twi 1	Twi 2	Total	%
# Races	12	2	2	4	5	3	28	100%
Act of Faith	9	2	1	4	5	3	24	86%
Coromandel	7		1	4	5	2	19	68%
Flying Cloud	9		1	2	5	1	18	64%
Wasabi	6	2	2	2	4	2	18	64%
Valkyrie	6	1	2	2	3	2	16	57%
Supergoof	5	2	1	1	2	2	13	46%
Montalto	6	0	2	2	1		11	39%
J70	6	1			1	3	11	39%
Scaramouche	5	2	2	2			11	39%
Foxy Lady	3	1		3	2	2	11	39%
Alto	1					1	2	7%

If Act of Faith had not missed a mark thus retire, then rounded wrongly another time losing 15 minutes to unwind and get back to where he was. If Coromandel had not had a daughter from England, a 60th birthday and a house to sell. If Supergoof had not gone to hospital, Italy and the Air Shows. If my Aunty had balls she'd be my uncle. Which is all a prelude to the big surprise of Flying Cloud doing a Bradbury take out our top award, the Keelboat Season's Aggregate, for the umpteenth time! Not taking anything away from them for they were as surprised as anyone, they started, did the courses, and finished and deserve this result more than anyone else, congratulations Mike, Chris, Fiona, Colleen and Peter.

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Aggregate Series		total	rank
Class	Boat		
Sigma 29	Flying Cloud	24	1
Adams 10	Act of Faith	28	2
Jarkin 30	Coromandel	33	3
J70	J70	42	4
Couta 26'6"	Montalto	43	5
Folkboat M26	Super goof	47	6
Catamaran	Wasabi	47	6
Compass 28	Valkyrie	50	8
Petersen 30	Scaramouche	57	9
X Yachts 38	Foxy Lady	61	10
Folkboat M26	Alto 2	81	11

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The joys of FYC membership 15/16

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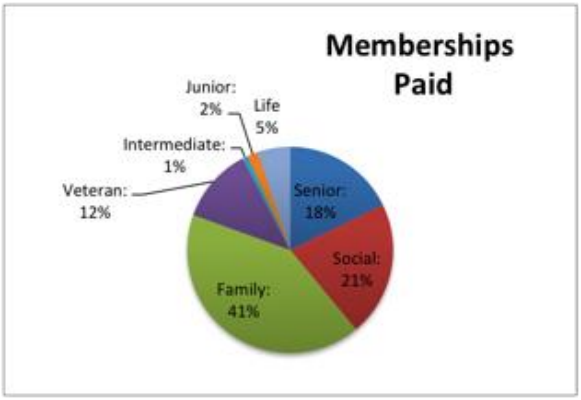

I think we all agree that being a member of FYC offers enumerable benefits:
unique position, right on the water snuggled in behind West Head at the end of Kennon Cove, great amenities; easy parking, an expansive deck to watch the water activities or enjoy the day quietening towards sunset, built in gas barbecue, bathroom facilities and a fully equipped kitchen – all in all the best Bathing Box on the Peninsula. This is complemented by a beautiful ambience and the opportunity to enjoy it, both on and off the water, with family and friends or meet like-minded people and create new friends.

Our BBQ's on the deck after the Friday Twilights were a huge success and enjoyed by sailors, families and friends alike. The casual spontaneity, byo everything and then sharing of food, wine, tall stories and bad jokes was the recipe that worked well. Likewise the gathering on Sunday afternoons after racing was well patronised and the shade sails were much appreciated. We also took delight in some evenings at FYC after a hot day – a swim to cool down and then a chilled rose´ with nibbles, enjoying the company of other members' who had a similar idea.

We have been very pleased to welcome 22 new memberships this year. These memberships are a mixture of Family, Senior, Junior and Social (Non-Sailing). Some have embraced the club with absolute zeal, like Hugh Dolan, Medine Simmons and sons Thomas, Charlie & Rupert Dolan. Hugh, often with Thomas aboard issuing encouragement & advice, has enthusiastically skippered his 125 "Lucinda" in most of our OTB races with Medine and the other boys cheering on from the deck or paddling about in kayaks. The Dolans have been great company at many of our official and casual social events.

Other "newbies" have also enjoyed some fun racing round the buoys, the various social activities of FYC and also volunteered valuable assistance at many of our events. Thank you all for your participation and company.
Helen Kent

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ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

What a fun day…and we raised a whisker over $5000 for the CFA fire station fund! With the enthusiasm from everyone involved we created a fun community event, but NOTHING would have worked without the help of many volunteers and contributors.

- Warren's stamina is phenomenal and without him the day could not have happened.
- All the local contributors and donors.
- Helen Kent – who created beautiful gourmet boxes, soup and sausages and co-ordinated the team to hand them out!
- Oliver and Jan from the CFA - along with Frank who attended with fire trucks all day and Oliver who maintained communication with media prior to the day.
- Jan and all the people/ladies from the CFA who baked and delivered really lovely cakes and slices!!
- Oliver's nephew Evan and his Sapphir Guitar Quartet made the day really special.
- And all the FYC helpers on the day: Susan Matthews, Jennie Sweeney, Sarah Kings, Jan O'Connell, Michelle Wilson, Annie Austin and Genevieve in the kitchen. Andrew Kings, Geoff Barnett and Tedd Warden on the BBQ and Grant Matthews and John Iles on the door...thank you all. Thanks to Tedd who did secret rubbish collections during the day and also made sure (with Ken Lacey) to have the club grounds spic and span for the day!
- And lastly to someone 'up above' who ensured we had perfect weather with boats bobbing, sea glistening and fluffy clouds scudding across a blue sky!!
- The village was abuzz on Sunday and Monday so I suspect another similar event may be on the cards, so watch this space!!
- YOU CAN STILL DONATE TO THE CFA….JUST LET ME KNOW!

Mary Iles

byjoel

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ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

THANK YOU to all our SPONSORS
and DONORS who have given
so generously to help raise funds for the CFA

Saffyr Guitar Quartet
The Artisan Storeroom – Cheese Board and French Knife
Mike Rings Gallery – Original Paining
Flinders Post Office – pre paid postal envelopes and free postage of the flyer
vEscape Hairdresser– Hair beauty products
Mezzys Pizza - Pizza for lunch
Willow Creek Vineyard – 2 bottles local pinot
The Nook – Limited edition Silvertag Bear
Flinders General Store – Large hamper
Cookies & Co – Locally made Chutneys
The Alpaca Shop – Alpaca wool scarf and gloves
Red Hill Kitchen – Locally made Jams
Peninsular Party Hire – Marquee
Forevernew Medispa – Beauty products and beach bag
Simply Sassy – Gift Voucher
Mornington Peninsular Chocolates – Gift box chocolates
Simba Global – Towels
Anonymous - Cookery book and recipe Journal
3 bottles Bluestone Lane wines – value
Anonymous - $1580 donations to CFA
8 x Georgie Bass Vouchers
Bel Tesa – Donation
The Flinders Shed - Voucher
Annie Austin - Coffee Machine and Coffee
Hugh Evans Gallery – original painting ' The Bay.'
Flinders Yacht Club - donation
Anonymous- 2 China serving dishes with lids
Anonymous - 6 "collectible" Hans Christian Anderson 'Fairy Tale' Plates
Flinders Golf Club – Round of golf for 4

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ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

CFA were on hand all day!

Sue from Sassy with a wonderful old map of Melbourne!

Jan on hand for every occasion

Helen, Sarah, Jan and Tricia!

John and his poster!

Tedd doing what he knows best! !

Helen the Gourmet Chef and Rck the sailor

John and Angela

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Saffyr Guitar Quartet on the FYC deck

John the door man!

Even the pets were valued!!

Interested Audience

Warren kissing a pig!...yes!

Warren's expertise was wonderful…paintings, ,jewellery, china, silver…he knew it all!

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420' association

Training weekend – Anzac Day w/e

Thank you to all the crew from the 420' association who so carefully kept out of the way of the antiques!! They provided a perfect backdrop to the Antique valuation Day and showed the world what a wonderful sailing location we can share. The members sailed in perfect conditions and enjoyed camping in the grounds of the club overnight

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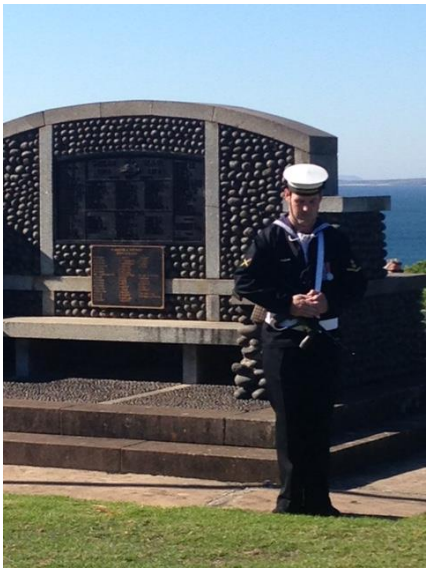
Anzac Day 2016



A large crowd enjoyed the sunshine looking out over Westernport . A sombre occasion remembered by many.

Watch FYC members High Dolan's documentary on IVIEW
' Gallipoli from above – the untold story'
http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/gallipoli-from-above-the-untold-story/ZX9937A001S00#playing

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Last days of the summer season

Sunday 24th April – last OTB sailing days celebrated with a CHEER to Rick Barker for a great sail management season!

Followed by a lovely invitation to Linda and Rick's place for a BBQ and reminisce of the season.

Sue and David Hayne and Lucy Barker

Hugh Sweeney, Hiding Annie and Jenny Sweeney

Ernest Hemmingway AKA Clay and host Rick Barker

Postmaster John and the whole Faranato family!

John Sweeney, Helen and boyfriend Tedd

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Member news

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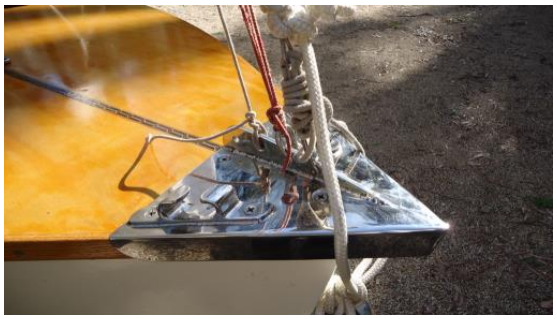

INGRIDA in the making…and in the finishing!

Finally all the bits are complete

Stem head Custom Made by me / Spinnaker Wow / On Trailer / tested and all old boats are.
Its sailed on the trailer / 1 x more Maiden and its there.

Respects accordingly / old boat takes time she is complete

And all respects to the wonderful support of the Yacht Club its fabulous.
We love Red Hill and we love Flinders.

Peter Alexandrovics

Never knew you could sail at Red Hill!

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Member news

Is she coming….?

Whew, she's here!

We did it!!

Congratulations to
Peter and Colleen
on their marriage in Canada
celebrated in Flinders with family and friends
at the Flinders Golf course, on a starry starry night….just right!

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Sweeny adventure to Refuge Cove

On April 13 Coromandel sailed out from Flinders on a cruise to Refuge Cove crewed by Hugh and John Sweeney. This adventure challenge was most memorable and great experience in planning for safe passage in what we know as sometimes hostile waters. Sailing into dusk then through the night, brilliant sunsets, the dawn lights, abundant sea life and just the wild beauty of Bass Strait, The Prom and Refuge Cove were all magic moments enjoyed throughout the voyage.

We left the Nobbies at 1330 Wednesday and headed south east for our destination. As expected breezes were from S/SE over the afternoon and prevailed into the night at 12 to 15 knots in 1.5 to 2.0 meters of swell. Although a tad on the nose and requiring a number of tacks in the night the trip was most comfortable and the auto helm a blessing enabling time for watch and rest. Night sailing was a first time experience and at all times we felt quite safe as Coro bounded along in what was quite a dark night. With GPS and our maintaining position on charts, we could also see the far distant lights as we progresses along passing the Capes Woolami, Patterson, Liptrap and to arrive in the morning some 10 NM from the northern end of the famous Prom Glennies islands. At this time we were greeted by some 30 to 40 dolphins that played about Coro's bow enjoying the splash. From the Gelnnies in daylight we progressed as hoped in relatively calm waters and about a 8 knots of breeze to round the Prom into the shipping lanes and then on to Refuge. We arrived there at 1530 safe but tired after a 26 hour journey where we averaged 4.5 knots SOG.

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Sweeny adventure to Refuge Cove

Refuge Cove was a delight with scenic walks, fishing and sea life and our own resident seal that played about Coro during our 3 night stay over. As tradition calls we posted Coro's name on the beach boards alongside all the names of visitor sailing boats to Refuge over the many years. Plans for the return journey were again all about the weather in particular drawing on datum wind speed and direction, swell and synoptics. We got this after a climb to The Rock where we could collect G3 signal. After a days delay to plan good weather we left Refuge Sunday morning 1030 on NE/E of 15 knots, passed Cape Wellington, SE Point and again rounded The Prom and Anser Island in safe seas and weather. From the Glennies under spinnaker we then headed on a north west lay line and in the afternoon and throughout the night the winds lifted to the expected 20 to 25 knots SE providing a driving push towards home. So the conditions were sustained and solid and with swell of 2.5 to 3.0 meters and a SE current. It was a thrilling sail as Coro flew home with sessions reaching 8 knots. We arrived at The Nobbies in the early morning in darkness and were amazed at the abundance of shipping navigational lights in the cliffs of the Gunnery and channel markers. We reached our Flinders mooring at 0230 Monday April 18 after a brisk fun night sail of 16 hours averaging 6.3 knots.
A great time and super bonding experience.

Regards
John Sweeney

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Easter 2016

KB Ian Freeland Memorial Series.

Weather was perfect for a little sail around our Kennon Cove over two days this Easter. Mild 10 knot breezes from the South. Sunny, for summer's last gasp before winter sets in? Our modern forecasting makes course setting a reliable function now, with advice from Cape Schank, No 8 channel mark, BoM, and Balnarring Bight weather station. Complement that with observation as you drive down the hill to our clubhouse to hang the course board number from the Freeland Tower, fly the flags and set up the start/finish video. While 'you can't change the wind, you can alter the set of your sails to suit'. Wasabi, Valkyrie, and Super Goof did this to great effect, relishing the 35' windshift after the starts. This wind shift on both days led to no need for any real tacking, so the catamaran could fly up and down the course, and the full keel yachts weren't held back so much upwind by their larger wetted surface. All right for some, but upwind flyers Act of Faith, Scaramouche and Foxy lady were left wallowing by comparison. J70 was pretty happy and had the kite working well.

The big black kite on Andrews boat is pictured in full flight, apparently the knack is to give up on the furler and launch from the bag the old fashioned way. Meanwhile, Wasabi has its kite worked out; the importance of keeping tension on the furling rope and have Alex as reliable crew- for when it is flying, it flies. The Act on Saturday gave his kite its first fly for the season and managed a tight wineglass tangle on each of the four jibes, to end up not too much the worse off for having tried it. Lesson learnt though and Tedd has sworn off the infernal thing for at least 10 more years. Super goof knows his kite and Ant used it quietly and effectively. Sue on Foxy had a monster light number one jib so no need for kiting, but instead had the handicap of 4 skippers for crew making 5 decision makers. She obviously wasn't troubled by their gratuitous advice and held a solid second in race 1 to the flying Wasabi. Alan on Scaramouche has finished the Adelaide commitment for the time being and was able to get a good weekend on the water so his handicap may better reflect reality for next season.

Clay and Dawsy were very happy with the courses and were free with their bribes to the handicapper afterwards. Another half of the fleet wanted the handicapper's blood for such a crappy course, so on average everyone was happy? That's yacht racing! The deck after both races was jolly and full of fun as experiences were shared and advice for improvement freely given. Helsie's little snacks were enjoyed with a drop of whatever you bought. Grant had helped Sue and Jo and Linda with finish times, thanks heaps, and there was much interest for the results on the Sunday. The handicapper usually needs a few days to steel himself for this task, the real result of a happy time on the water already having been awarded. But with the help, encouragement, indeed pushiness of Wasa's Rae, Super's Ant and Scara's Kate the task was done in quick time, the victors duly and deservedly saluted, lauded and hurrahed

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Discovering Ian Freeland – Who built the tower?

Sitting on the club deck under Dino's shade sail nestling a can of Cooper's Light watching a full tide to welcome a visiting yacht anchor, the thought came 'how good was this weekend? We can only enjoy this thanks to all those before who created this club and its amenity. Cheers to Ian Freeland and his control tower - the plaque up there says so. I wondered, so who was this bloke? In all matters historic the first port of call is Ken Lacey. He thought '…there was something about World War II bombers and being architect for a big Melbourne firm. Ian was part of our 'Geriatric Gardeners' with Charles Byrne, who'd tidy up about the club. He was a doer, who shirked credit. Ian died on John Iles' Careel 22 with Chris Moran. Ian designed the tower, I remember we paid $20 per step to help fund the build.' Brian Coleman was in the Air Force for 30 years starting in 1951. He flew Mustangs, then the new jet Meteors and Sabres, went off to Korea, then Malaysia for 3 years ending up in Hercules aircraft. Brian had quite a story too, 'but despite many hours with Ian he really didn't know much of him. Except that he was a quiet modest achiever who loved sailing and Flinders. Ant Grage found him a great supporter of the club who enjoyed crewing on all the boats. Ant had a few walks along the beach beseeching him to stand for Commodore to no avail. Ant recalled something about Bomber command, maybe Lancasters. John Iles enjoyed Ian as a friend and crew. 'It was out near the Pilot Buoy with Ian on the foredeck dropping the kite when he collapsed on the deck. Chris got him into the cockpit and we radioed for help. Everyone was at the jetty with the ambulance but perhaps he was gone before he even hit our foredeck. As Commodore I put the little plaque up in the tower remembering Ian. He just came up with the idea the club could do with a Tower for Race Control, designed it and supervised working bees to put it up. John Alsop worked with Ian for decades 'he was a renaissance man with a high interest in the outdoors, nature. A fantastic guy'. "After the war Ian was still in his early 20's and someone suggested Ian would make a good Architect. He enrolled at the Gordon Institute, now Deakin University, at Geelong where he grew up. By now he had a wife, Pat, and child, and he moved to Melbourne when my father, through a mutual friend, offered him a position in Dad's Architectural practice in Melbourne, which was very busy in the post war boom. Ian became a partner, and stayed with the firm until his late 60's, making an enormous contribution to the practice. His particular projects including being Faculty Architect for Veterinary Science and Agriculture at Melbourne University. Another significant project was the Darwin Court House. When Ian should have become Managing Partner he stepped aside and said to me he would rather be number two, I found him great support with his quiet way and wisdom. When he spoke at partnership meetings we all listened. He and Pat had two daughters and a son, but one daughter tragically died in the early 60s when she contracted encephalitis while family camping on the Murray. Ian kept flying after the war, both for work with country projects.

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His aerial safari's through northern Australia with other mates in other aircraft became famous. Ian and Pat bought a small cattle farm in Point Leo Road, Red Hill and built a weekend retreat there. Years earlier Ian took up sailing with his young children and built a mirror dinghy. He sailed for many years from Mornington Yacht Club on a very fine Sparkman and Stephens 36, "Bandit of Bass Straight", both around the sticks and off shore, many summers doing the Devonport or Hobart races. I was sailing at FYC with the late Bob Boynton on his Cole 26 "Avanti", and we invited Ian to join us. When Bob sold Avanti we all joined David Kennedy on his Beneteau Quickmatch, had great fun and did well, Russell Barret being our helmsman. Ian was superb to have on a boat, a good helmsman, a good tactician and particularly good with sails. He also enjoyed the after race drink, but was never one for a big crowd. In the 50 years I knew him we had a lot of time together, in the practice, flying, sharing farming experiences and of course sailing. I knew him very well. In this time he never once spoke of his wartime experience, nor the daughter he lost. He took these very hard, and when you think about it he enlisted as a very sensitive teenager and saw terrible destruction and shocking injury to his companions. I know it took Ian years after the war to socially be at ease, but he never emotionally got over it. He was a very fine man with everything he did." To complete the sketch of Ian, the war path needed to be followed. Rory is thirty something and quite tech savvy. Frustrated with computers he advises me to keep clicking until it works. Onto the War Memorial website in Canberra and eventually with his advice get some results- 'Ian Andrew Freeland was born in Geelong and had a brother. In his early twenties after pilot training, he is assigned to 44th Bomber Squadron. His officer's report finds him an average officer who could improve his paper work. He is mentioned in RAAF Honours and Awards- Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation describes one example, there were more than one, where "before reaching the target, a synthetic oil plant in Politz, they were attacked by two enemy fighters, severely damaged and set on fire. All turrets were put out of action, the starboard elevator and rudder shot away and the port wing and flap damaged. Although in consequence the aircraft was difficult to control, he pressed on and successfully bombed the target. Later the fire was extinguished and the crippled bomber flown safely back to base where Flying Officer Freeland made a masterly landing without the use of the air speed indicator or flaps. Throughout his operational career this captain of aircraft has displayed outstanding gallantry, tenacity and devotion to duty, setting an inspiring example to members of his crew." Seems he'd done enough leading for one lifetime, indeed, Lest We Forget, and thanks Ian Freeland.

Thanks Tedd Warden
For a great story

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