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# TATTLER



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29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## Current Office Hours.....

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS  
9.15am – 3.00pm (Closed 12.30pm to 1.30pm)  
THURSDAYS  
11.30am – 5.30pm (Closed 1.30pm to 2.30pm)  
SATURDAYS  
9.30am – 1.00pm

## Dates for your diary.....

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 15      **Ladies Lunch 12noon**  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 15      **Winter Sailing**  
*Please be rigged & ready to go at 12.30pm – just let Michelle  
Pickford know that you are coming!*  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 15      **Discover Sailing Day**

Hi everyone,

Apologies for the recent absence of our Tattler - the office is now getting back to normality after our great refurb...following is Graeme Alexander's speech which he read out at the AGM.....

"I would just like to add a bit to my written report about our club and what is happening....I need to go on a bit of a journey.....

I started sailing here in the late 60's & have sailed every class and more that this club offers. It has been and always will be a major part of my life. The most discussed topic in all that time was the harbour and the biggest need was how do we get more members to volunteer. Well guess what.....we still need to attract more volunteers and we didn't get our harbour which we spent a considerable amount of money and time over many years.

### So what do we do?

We at Mornington all share a common love of sailing, our bay, our great location and the commandery that comes from being a part of Team MYC!

We have just been through one of the most expensive and long running processes imaginable.

It is considered one of the longest running plan issues in Victorian State history, an extremely difficult time for all involved and particularly hard dealing with the aftermath.

However we did learn through that process the road to fully engage our community and to encourage

more community based programs that attract more local attention particularly that of the Shire. And I believe our efforts have gone some way in attracting the government funding the rebuilding of our pier, at least back to what we once had.

### So what did we do?

We maintained and grew our Sailing programs including our Junior & Training programs, gained new membership and wide spread accolade, being the recipients of some outstanding awards.

We managed to host and run the largest single class regatta ever held in this country gaining tremendous accolade and yet another award-one being a local community award and in doing so gaining valuable income for our club.

We were able to put together a diverse and enthusiastic committee with a variety of required skill sets all with a common vision and extremely dedicated to making Team MYC. In the first year of this committee we set 2 major important agenda goals to be completed over the following 2 years:

- To reorganise our clubs finances and management structure - firstly by stripping it back and going over all our accounting systems. The best part about the finance committee is the combined input in finding solutions.
- Secondly to re-establish new 21 year lease. This is so important obviously for us just being here, but it will also enable us to refinance the club helping to secure its future.

We have managed to almost achieve these goals in one year.....

So, going forward we have just completed our new strategic plan with our 4 main goals now being established. These 4 main goals were also reflected in your member's survey that you participated in following our AGM last year. We have some great visions for this club, some of which are:

- Finish off the clubhouse planned renovations from a few years ago: office; quartermaster store; back deck & BBQ area. Refurbish lower level reconnecting it with the entrance.
- Following the pier works and now the new forecourt car park works we need to now also put priority on our outer appearance – fences, entrance etc.
- Keeping and rebuilding the slipway
- Sorting out the cranes, raising landing etc. Sorting out the yard; reopen the ports & harbours traverser pit, fill in club pit; new environmental controls. Possible Junior club house on top of winch house & so on.....

Grab me anytime and I will elaborate on these visions as I just love talking about it – ask our committee!!!

Great plans, Visionary Plans - but how do we see ourselves getting there? In fact we have to get there.

One of the telling issues to come out of the lease process was that we are being watched very closely by both the council and the committee that also are very interested in the land and position this club holds.

If we think that we can simply stay here in this prime location and do nothing to improve it in community engagement, structure and management then we do need to think again. If we do not grow as a club and what we can offer the community then we simply won't be here.

To be able to implement this growth and amenity improvement over a number of years we will have to have good financial and sound management control.

Then hours required to develop are an ever increasing mine field that require experience and considerable time to negotiate.

Placed on an already time stretched volunteer committee - even the retired members would like to get away and they do in their boats and caravans.

Your current and future committee and staff members are increasingly challenged in being able to maintain consistent stable management.

**We need a CEO** – one that is experienced and capable in helping to drive this vision and make it a reality.

Lengthy committee discussions occurred at both general and finance committee levels before proceeding with the decision to approve Rod's appointment starting here on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Rod at the time was currently employed at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron and had just finished out seeing the Marina development.

Rod has also worked at Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club and has a great reputation as a yacht club manager. He has also been involved in the management of the Sail Melbourne and Couta Boat Regattas. This is an opportunity we had to fully explore. We were not at that time confident that we could pull it off as we felt it was probably a year too early in the planning.

Rod started a 3 month trial on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July with a one year contract and an option to extend. I hope you will extend Rod a welcoming invitation to join team MYC.

If you get a moment come by and check out our recently refurbished office to say hello....

On behalf of the general committee & staff here we welcome Rod to Team MYC!

*Graeme Alexander, Commodore*



### Session 3, Winter Sailing, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

by Geraldine McCarroll, *Fe Fi Fo Fum*

Saturday was a fantastic sunny afternoon and 10 boats enjoyed two short races in nice winds (for beginners!). 4 x 420s, 2 x Fevas and 4 x Flying Fifteens participated. Scheduled to be on the water at 1.30pm - rigging took longer than planned and so we were on the water at about 2.30pm. Still the rigging was fun and the co-operation and support was great – the atmosphere was great!

I think Des and I were the final boat out and headed off towards the bluff –almost immediately we were accompanied by 4-6 dolphins..... aren't they amazing and for me always a highlight.

Lots of muddling around the start line as some of us tried to remember (if we ever knew) what the flags and sounds meant in the start sequence and estimate how long it should take to tootle along near the start line...managed to not hit anyone which was a great achievement! Followed others and succeeded in getting around the first part of the course. While we DNF (did not finish) volunteers on speed boats came around and gave us tips and hints and we didn't manage to hit them either! Even better all the boats finished the second race and again it was great fun and we received lots of helpful sailing tips.

Congrats to Ella and Sophie on their 420 (55245) who won both races, Cinderella (Flying Fifteen) who came second in both and Femme Fatale (Flying Fifteen) who came third in both.

We all appreciated that the volunteers gave us their time so generously – from the committee boat, to the coaches and rescue boat....and for me thanks Des for all the helpful tips on racing and feedback.

And of course thanks Michelle for organising it. Great fun and great learning.....who says it's not the sailing season - I can't wait for the next sail! Thanks MYC ☺.....Geraldine



ISAF  
SAILING  
WORLD CUP

### ISAF Sailing World Cup, Melbourne- Seeking Volunteers

It will be great for MYC to be a Partner Club again at the ISAF Sailing World Cup, however in a slightly alternate manner the ISAF Sailing World Cup are asking for eight people to work across –

Echo course (420 and 29er), supporting RBYC & BYS,  
And  
Delta course (Opti, Bic, Minnow), supporting SSCBC & McCrae,

It is truly an international event and most likely a wonderful experience that you will never forget.

If interested please register on the link below and let us know of your interest by return email to Sarah.

<http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au/volunteer-registration>

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*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

A big Thank you to everyone that helped out on the BBQ last season.

Sue Beeson, **Ladies Lunch co-ordinator**

**Next Ladies Lunch:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 12noon  
Everyone welcome!**

### Sunday Morning Brekkie



Some of our members have been meeting for brekkie here on the last Sunday of each month & would like to let everyone know that you are more than welcome to come along too...so mark it in your diary and come along for a catch up!

BYO own food, meet in the club room from 10am.... come along and enjoy the company!

## 2015 420 World Championships

Nick Sharman and James Grogan were successful in making the gold fleet of the 2015 World 420 Championships held 17-25<sup>th</sup> July in Katatsu, Japan. A full report and results will follow. Nick has sent us a report on the first few days which is as follows:

“The opening ceremony was a really fun night; all the competitors were escorted into the yacht club by Japanese pre-schoolers. After speeches and greetings from many dignities, the Princess and the President of the international 420 association, we enjoyed an amazing Japanese banquet and a fantastic fireworks display.

### Day 1 of Qualifying

Day one of the qualifying series brought very light winds averaging 4 knots or less, frequent showers, high humidity and up to 180 degree wind shifts. We had been assigned to the morning start, leaving the shore at 10 for a long sail out to the start line. After several course changes both open flights were recalled on the first start. Unfortunately, James and I were one of 15 boats who were black flagged on the third attempt to get a race away and had to return to shore. We arrived back at the yacht harbour at 5pm after 7 hours on the water with no result, feeling exhausted from the heat and disappointed with our start to the series.

### Day 2 of Qualifying

After receiving a black flag in race one, and the committees failed attempt to re-run the race yesterday, we had to sit out the first race of today. The wind was even lighter today and still very shifty. We got a clear start in race two, and made it to the top mark placed in the top half of the fleet. On the second upwind we hooked into a 30 degree left hand shift and made it into the top 15 of the fleet. From there we lost 4 places due to infringing a boat on the starboard lay just as we were rounding the top mark. The bottom mark rounding to the finish was a tight contest, but we held 19th. James and I were generally happy with the result given the extreme conditions. Race three was abandoned on the downwind leg due to heavy rain drowning out what little wind we had. This was unfortunate as we were placed in the top 10 at this point. Tomorrow is forecasting up to 20 knots, crossing my fingers”.

*Nick Sharman*



**23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Nick & James had a great day in 25 knots and moved up the leader board in 22 place, three top ten's in the breeze showing what they can do.

# TEAM MYC

## WINTER PROGRAM 2015

The Training and Development team are very excited to be scheduling a winter program for enthusiastic and keen sailors wanting to sail over the winter months.

### On water sailing

#### 13:30hrs on-water start

We invite members to come and participate in an enjoyable afternoon of short windward leeward races.

Club 420, feva and flying fifteens will be available for members to use.

If you usually sail a keelboat or trailable through summer come and try out the fifteens or other boats.

Saturdays.....

#### You need to be rigged and ready by 1230pm

- August 15th
- September 19<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy a social afternoon and come down the club for a bite to eat before heading out onto the water. Why not introduce a friend to sailing too?

If you are wanting to sail on a club boat for any of these sessions please contact michelle on email: [michelle@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:michelle@morningtonyc.net.au) or sms 0449508963 to organise. We have some members that will need a helping hand in the 15's so if you believe this is something you may like to do – let Michelle know your availability.

All racing days will be weather dependant and notification of cancellation will be placed on the MYC website. [www.morningtonyc.net.au](http://www.morningtonyc.net.au)

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## Boat of the Week

As part of trying to ignite some interest in more keel boats at MYC the Sailing committee have decided to add a Boat of the Week in the Tattler, *Dave Eickmeyer, Club Captain*

This week we have this Adams 10 for sale.....



### ADAMS TEN RACER



This 1985 built Adams Ten (33 Ft) comes with a wardrobe of composite race sails plus a spare dacron cruising jib and a fully battened cruising mainsail. Her standing rigging was replaced in 2009, she has a 6hp aux outboard, VHF radio, hand held GPS and a Speed Puck speedo plus Cat 6 safety gear.

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