

Tuesday 20th March

Hi everyone

Krista & Cherie competed in the Sailability state access dinghy championship at the weekend. The regatta was held at Lysterfield Lake near Fern Tree Gully over two days. Krista finished 4th and Cherie 5th, both ladies getting into the pointy end of the fleet on the second day. Krista finished off the regatta with 2 thirds and a second in the final three races, Cherie had a second and was close up on the pace throughout the regatta. It was a good hit out for the upcoming worlds in Sydney at Easter where they will welcome the familiar conditions on the harbour after the inconsistency of lake sailing. Those small change collection tins are on the bar and every donation will be appreciated to help make their worlds campaign a little easier.

Last Thursday our harbour once again made launching impossible and only 6 keelboats managed to get to the start for the God's Kitchen Twilight Pursuit. Tony Reid had **Malice** first home from Mark Nicholson's **Javelin** with **The Doctor** Grahame Holmes 3rd. **The Doctor** won The Rock's prize for closest to start time. With just one race to complete the series Thursday's decider should be a thriller with many boats still in the hunt.

Saturday we had both club championship and aggregate races. Div.1 saw YT2 Stuart Gooley win the aggregate from Arabelle Grant & Brett 2nd with Maximumm Gary Fisher & team Maximumm 3rd. Arabelle won the club championship heat from YT2 with Maximumm again 3rd. Div. 2 had Cameron McKenzie sail Easterly to victory, One 4 One Alan Clark was 2nd and Adios Geoff Hancock 3rd in both the aggregate and club championship events.Div.3 aggregate went to Charlie Helquist in Crowded House from Beau Brummell Tonia & Graeme Vertigan with Pippin Hendrik Hoogendoorn 3rd. Crowded House also won the Club Championship heat from Steve Bolton in Darkside Of The Moon with Magic Pudding Phil Mannes 3rd. Arabelle, Easterly & Darkside lead their divisions in the club championship series. The aggregate series has Arabelle, One 4 One & Crowded House leading their respective divisions. Chris Jackson in Quantum Leap was 1st in the Etchell club championship race from Dark Joker Grant Chipperfield & Smile N Wave Graeme Alexander. The aggregate race went to Andrew Pope's Where The Fox Hat with Pale & Stout Matthew Hazewinkel 2nd and Dark Joker 3rd. Quantum Leap leads the club championship series and Easy Rider Reece James leads the aggregate. The flying fifteens had Under The Pump Joe

Etherson 1st from **Lean & Mean** Doug Bell and Alan Smith's **ffreedom** 3rd in both the aggregate and club championship heats. **Under The Pump** leads both series.

The Sunday Social Pursuit was won by **Beau Brummell** from Annie & John Storm's **Silver Shadow** with Pete Delange in **Morning Light** 3rd. It was good to see a couple more first time starters in the Sunday race.

The Optimists had a day off and Ian Wood sent the following report of their slack day!

"After 4 weeks of Regatta's in their Optimist Dinghies it was time for the MYC Junior sailors to let their hair down and have some fun. Each year we schedule 2 fun days for the kids to just have a day on the water and have a blast with their mates. Sunday saw 20 of our sailors out on the water on 420's, RS fevas, Laser's and Joe Vaughn's Trailable Run Run. It was a great day with a light South Easterly and all the kids had turns at sailing a different boat. What was going to be a 2 hour sail followed by lunch turned into 3 hours a very quick lunch and the kids went back on the water for another 2 hours of sailing. Not bad for a day off. The children had a great time and would like to thank all the parents and friends that made this day happen."

This Saturday we have a 9am start for the Geelong Destination race there will be a briefing at 8.15 am. We have a good fleet entered and it promises to be a great weekend. There is a Trophy race for Div. 3 and 2 races for the Etchells and flying 15's in their class race series.

On Sunday the optimists have both cub championship and aggregate races. There is development racing for the OTB's and both adult & tacker courses.

Just a reminder that the Opty kids Disco & fun night is this Friday evening.

We will be conducting a special Easter Raffle and the social committee would appreciate donations for the hampers. Please leave your items in the Easter basket at the office.

Thursday's God's Kitchen Twilight Pursuit is the last in the series. With the series wide open a big fleet will make for a great climax. With the weather looking favourable it should be a great night. Regardless if you are sailing or not, gather at the club, relax on The Deck and enjoy the atmosphere. Stay and have dinner in the harbour View room where there will be food available from The Rocks or bring your own. We will have the usual raffle with lots of prizes to be won. With daylight saving coming to an end soon make the most of what MYC has to offer on a Thursday evening before the nights close in.

Looking forward to seeing you around the club

A note also that "The Rocks" will not be open on Good Friday so the Ladies Luncheon is cancelled for April.

Richard Nichols Div.1 class captain