



Tuesday Tattler

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Tuesday 2nd April

Hi everyone

Strong winds forced the abandonment of the final race of the God's Kitchen Twilight Series last Thursday.

Remco Pen won the series in Big Day Out; Silver Shadow was 2nd with Lightfoot 3rd. The Season's Twilight Pursuit Series goes to Warren Neate's Lightfoot from Seduction and Dark Joker.

It has been very quiet around the club over Easter but there is some good news from the Gippsland Lakes race regatta. Tonia & Graeme Vertigan won in Beau Brummell with Rob Rainsford's Cocktail 2nd.

This Saturday we have the PIB Geelong Destination race at 9am following the briefing at 8.15. There is a trophy race for the div. 1 2 & 3 boats not heading for Geelong. The etchells & flying 15s have two races in their club championship series.

On Sunday the optimists and OTBs have two races of their aggregate series.

With daylight saving ending Thursday is our last Twilight for the season. It is a fun race and will also be a fund raiser for Nick Sharman's trip to Japan. Nick is our first Optimist sailor to be selected to represent Australia overseas and deserves our congratulations and support. We are asking that all those sailing in the fun race contribute just \$5 each to help get Nick to Japan. This will put you in the draw for a giant wheeled Esky. It should be a huge night at the club with live music on the deck, a special menu from The Rocks or BYO food and a giant raffle with lots of extra prizes. Ritchie's have promised mega meat trays and we have Bunning's gift vouchers.

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The weather forecast for Thursday is just great for our last twilight race. So whether you are sailing or just having a night out, come on down the club enjoy the music and the festivities whilst supporting our top optimist sailor.

Hoping to see a huge turn up this Thursday
Richard Nichols

Good afternoon MYC members,

I would like to introduce myself, Nick Sharman, as a member and junior sailor at MYC.

In 2007 I joined the Tackers Sailing Program at Mornington Yacht Club. This is where my journey and love of sailing began. In 2008 I was given my first Optimist dinghy which I sailed each weekend in the green fleet. Over the years I have sailed my Opti at every opportunity and progressed to competing in local, State and National Championships at an open entry level. I have now travelled to most states in Australian to compete and also to New Zealand last November.

January 2012 was the first year I qualified for the Australian Optimist Sailing Team. I also qualified as a member of the Victorian Gold Fleet and the Yachting Victoria Youth Development Squad. From this time on I have worked extremely hard towards earning a place on the worlds' team which is awarded to the first 10 Australian members of the Australian Optimist Sailing Team. In January 2013 I again qualified for the Australian team at the Nationals in Tasmania. I finished 10th in a field of 132 competitors in the open division which has earned me that place on the worlds' team and the opportunity to compete in the Asian International Championships in Hayama, Japan in August 2013.

I will be one of five team members who travel to Japan to compete on behalf of Australia, an experience I am very excited about. On the last twilight sail of this season MYC have agreed to assist me with raising funds to help with the expense of my trip by a way of donation from each boat entry on that night.

Thank You – Nick Sharman

Friday night is a great time to catch up and have a drink with other members over the non-sailing season with Happy Hour from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.



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This Thursday is our last sail for the season. There will be live music and the choice of the following meals for \$20.00

Vegetarian lasagne, chips and salad

Tempura barramundi, chips and Salad

Osso Bucco and Mash

The Ladies lunch is this Friday the 6th of April from 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome, bring friends, family & there are usually a few husbands taking this opportunity to catch up, enjoying lunch at their own table!

Members, there is still time to be involved with AFL Footy tipping for this season. MYC will commence their tipping competition and Tontine from this upcoming round. For more information contact Michael Jackman on 0429 874

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Andy Whitbourne on 0400 597 138. Footy tipping is \$25 for the season or if you just want to be part of Tontine for \$20.00. On Friday 26th April a group of members will be providing a variety of food for \$20.00 per head. More news in next week's Tattler.