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### 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.....

21 <sup>st</sup> June 15	11.00am	AGM
20 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm start	Winter Sailing
25 <sup>th</sup> June (Thursday)	7.00pm	Intimo Fundraiser
26 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Winter Talk Fest

Hi everyone,

Winter has certainly arrived bringing with it the icy cold winds that tend to keep us indoors, but for some Mornington members it has just meant wearing more thermals and finding that extra warm beanie.

Mornington members have participated in the Womens keelboat regatta in Melbourne, and also families have sailed together on Albert Park Lake in a teams racing event. The youth have been training and Sailability has just finished until the next season.

It is great to see members coming to the club and having a warming cuppa during the day and enjoying some spectacular wave action on the pier. We certainly have one of the best views around.

A reminder that it is the AGM on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of June**, starting at 11am. Don't forget to mark it in the calendar.

Mornington has nominated Sophie Cisek for the Female Sailor of the Year and Nick Sharman for Male Youth Sailor of the Year at Yachting Victoria's annual awards. Presentation is on the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June – so we wish them both good luck.

Stay warm, and I look forward to seeing you out on the water on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Michelle Pickford*

### Winter sessions at MYC

We have had the first of our winter sailing sessions where 4 flying fifteens enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of light breeze and short races. Tanya Lawton and John Mills provided the race management and gave us 2 good windward leeward races. It was certainly a mixed group out there with family units participating, new members out racing for the first time and our experienced old salts sharing their knowledge across all boats. ☺

Our next session is scheduled for the **20<sup>th</sup> of this month**, and we look forward to our youth joining us in their 420's. Lasers or fevas, and of course we look forward to the juniors also participating in the opti fleet. Trailable boats are welcome to join in and there has been interest for keelboats to start also. (More details below). It really is just a great excuse to get out on the water through winter.

Our first Winter Talk Fest is on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 7pm. Come along and enjoy a topic of interest while you enjoy some dinner or a drink. We are always looking for new ideas so if you have something in mind please let Michelle know @ [michelle@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:michelle@morningtonyc.net.au)

### Youth Clubrooms

I think everyone would agree that the Youth Clubroom exterior looks amazing. The inside is also progressing well with a special thankyou to **Tony Hutchinson** for lining the interior walls and ceiling.



## 2015 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta

Mornington Yacht Club was represented at the Women's Keelboat Regatta at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron over the long weekend by Kellie Knowles and her crew on Jethro. The event in its 25<sup>th</sup> year attracted over 25 entries from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Northern Territory Western Australia and New Zealand. The girls finished in a happy 9<sup>th</sup> position in Division 2.

This is the first time Kellie, Geraldine and Lynn have sailed together (apart from some training days) and from Kellie's report below, I think we can presume that they had a fabulous experience.



*The crew of Jethro*

### From Skipper: Kellie Knowles

Horns, long horns, guns, whistles, flags, sun in the eyes, wind on the face, waves crashing over.

"Traveller down, sheet in, winch it...its not moving, tail it.."

"I've broken a finger nail.....who has right of way?"

Crew flying everywhere...."What happened then! why did you do that?"

"That was a round up ..."

"Lynn's in the water"

"Release the main.....release the main..."

"Can you see the next buoy?...do you have your contacts in?"

"Put your lunch away -we have to get to the starting line NOW"

The piece de resistance ...the Spinnaker....up and down but gybing another matter...

And the skipper took a short cut -a sign of mental fatigue. and tacked too fast once ...sorry crew..

Finally, a great sunrise sail home averaging 7 knots ... Exhilarating ! And we want more ..!

So a big thank you to the crew for joining me & John Schuurman for all his eagerness and support. Trish for helming whilst we tried our spinnaker and rowing us out to Jethro to sail her at RMYS. Warren for teaching us the starting sequence after day 1 and

Pete for coming to our rescue at our mooring upon our return - we forgot to leave our tender out...

And thank you for all the support and advice from the club members

And.....

From John Schuurman

Hi all members

I witnessed the courage, determination and bravery of Kellie, Geraldine, Lyn and Tracy this weekend representing MYC at the 25<sup>th</sup> Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta in St Kilda In difficult 25+ knots northerly (gusting to 35) and lumpy seas onboard our little 24 ft yacht Jethro, the smallest yacht of the 26 entered.

Unfortunately not Jethro's conditions, and the fact that the novice crew, Kellie, being skipper and most experienced who has herself only been sailing a year makes the fact they finished 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 even more remarkable.

Kellie was amazing with her leadership and guidance of her crew.

Up against some of the best women sailors and crews from Oz and NZ Crews from Darwin, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney (2) Brisbane, Auckland and Bys, Syc, Hbyc, Rvyc, Rmys Rbyc and us.

I was volunteer race crew on the water so I was there close up to see all sorts of carnage.

I saw them round up once only in the 6 races.

(Incredible coz Jethro can be twitchy), and obviously I was watching them the most.

And they did deploy the spinnaker in those conditions.

We all should be very proud of the girls. I certainly am. They represented MYC with pride and everyone congratulated them on their efforts in those conditions.

It's the best regatta I've been to, the atmosphere and fun and fantastic.

It's highly competitive on the water but all the girls congratulate each other afterwards in the clubhouse and chat etc.

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron put on a brilliant well organised event.

So thank you Alicia, Jodie, Louise and Commodore Janet and all involved with it for making us all feel very welcome.

So, let's get some experience there in numbers next year ladies and show them MYC is a force. You won't be disappointed.

## An update from Sophie Cizek – Team SCA

Hey everyone at the MYC,

I just found out you nominated me for the Female Sailor of the Year this is so exciting and I see I'm up against Tess Lloyd, thank you so much for recognising what I've been doing with sailing and for females in sailing over the years. I found out the awards night is the 19th of June we will be on our final leg of the Volvo still at sea on our way to the finish in Gothenburg.

We are currently in Lisbon with two more legs to go in the Volvo, last I saw some of you was after my back surgery and I had come home to complete my rehab before joining Team SCA again in Auckland for the remainder of the race. My back is doing great and we have had some pretty awesome sailing throughout this race, the Southern Ocean was something really special and rounding Cape Horn was really special, it makes me think back to my off the beach Sabot days and how anything really is possible in life if you work hard and don't give up!!

Onboard I am primarily a Bowman and offshore Driver and in this race we do sail pretty shorthanded so I trim and grind and do a bit of everything onboard as well.

The next two legs are going to be pretty short and more like coastal racing so it's going to be intense and hopefully a lot of boat on boat and we hope as a team we can get some better results, we are also currently ranked 3rd on the in-port series so hopefully we can race well this weekend and in the next two in-ports.

Thanks again for the support, here are some pictures of me rounding Cape Horn - *Sophie*



## Random Pairs Team Racing Championships

Albert Park was host to a fun championship on Monday. The Random Pairs Team Racing meant your boat was joined to a new team partner boat each round. As you can see from the photos Team Jackson competed (although it looks as though Chris is checking out facebook!!!) and won the day. (Dave White had claimed 1<sup>st</sup>, but sadly for Dave down to rules, the trophy had to go to Chris Jackson being first Australian) Well done to Chris and James...



## Women in Sailing Committee

Are you interested in becoming involved and promoting women in sailing?

The Women in Sailing Committee will do just that at your yacht club.

I will be holding a meeting for interested women on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July at 7pm at MYC.**

I hope to see you there. *Michelle*

## Safety information Notice (SIN): Portable Gas Stoves

Safety hazards from portable gas stove products (known as "lunchbox cookers") have arisen due to non-compliance with AS 2658-2008 (LP Gas – Portable and mobile appliances), which has resulted in their withdrawal from sale in all states by government regulators.

### Notice:

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued recall notices and published a list of banned products<sup>1</sup> from sale. Consumers are urged to stop using the portable butane cookers immediately, and either return the non-compliant products in accordance with the Australian Consumer Law or seek to dispose of them in an appropriate manner. **Boat owners are advised to check the ACCC website for further information.** For a copy of the SIN please click below.

<http://www.yachting.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/SIN-2-150609-Portable-Gas-Stoves-FINAL.pdf>

## 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!

*Special this month bacon available from club for a gold coin donation.*

## MYC History Committee Monthly Catch up.....

The History Committee, is the MYC's 'Hunters and Gatherers,' because they are digging, sorting and cataloguing all the historical information they can lay their hands on.

If you are reading this, and you are in possession of some knowledge and or information in the form of pictures photos cuttings film footage or just maybe still in your head, PLEASE contact one of the History Committee and arrange a meeting or interview.

All information will be handled with great care, scanned and handed back, please name and date if you remember, otherwise photos can often be dated by other members.

## Friday night is the new Thursday night!

While sailing takes a winter break everyone can win on Friday nights at the MYC!

Whether you are part of the football tipping competition or not come along to eat, drink, and enjoy the company of members & guests.

**HAPPY  
HOUR**

**Happy Hour 6pm – 7pm cheap drinks & free  
Rocks nibbles**

## Girls night out at the Yacht Club

Get your girlfriends together and enjoy a relaxing evening..

LOVE  
INTIMO

## MYC Fundraiser

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June,  
7pm start

Ladies - come and spoil yourself & enjoy a social night out.

Local Intimo consultant Victoria Moloney is hosting a night at the Mornington Yacht Club to showcase some fabulous garments and undergarments. Involved in the fashion industry and a professional bra fitter Victoria can help you find the 'support' you may need.

It is a great opportunity to see the latest lingerie trends and have a fitting. You can also place an order for anything that may take your fancy. The Intimo range is very comfortable, beautiful and well-fitting so come along and find out a bit more. There is something for everyone, camis, briefs, bras, dresses, casual pants, wraps, mens briefs and more.....

MYC will receive 10% from all purchases made on the evening.

Please RSVP to Michelle Pickford by Friday 19th of June. [michelle@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:michelle@morningtonyc.net.au) or 59757001



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