

Tuesday 14th October 2014

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....

16 th Oct		Information Night
18 th Oct		Tune up races
19 th Oct	10.30am	Optimist Fun race
23 rd Oct		Twilight Pursuit Fun Race
24 th Oct	•	Pre-Season Cocktail Party
26 th Oct	11.30am	Season's Opening Day

Hi All,

It is now only 12 days until season opening, daylight savings, warmer days and the thought of getting out on the water – it doesn't get much better!

I don't think I have ever seen such a smooth keel boat launching as I witnessed over the last couple of weekends. Well done to all concerned.

Thanks to all those hard working members who came down for the working bee- the yard looks great!

Behind the scenes lots of things have been happening. We now have our Strategic Management Plan, Marketing Plan and Financial Statements completed and have presented these to the Shire with our Lease Renewal Application. An amazing document, taking hours of work.

Well done Simon and the General Committee members whom worked on this. Brett and his Finance Committee have been doing a great job and I can assure you all we could not be in a better hands.

So with these applications in, finance looking better, Keel Boats back in the water, yard clean ready for yard stored boats to return, we are almost ready to start what we hope will be a great season.

Just one more thing – mainly boats and a sailing program.

Thanks Tim and gang for putting all the marks out, they are now ready. Thanks Chris & the Race Sailing Committee for what looks like an exciting program. Thanks Dave for getting the boats ready to go. Thanks Steve for organising all the required paperwork. Thanks Michelle for again producing an exciting training program. Thanks Sheryl and her committed group for again providing a fun social calendar.

So now we are ready, all we need is (the most important part of the great club) — all of you, our dedicated bunch of enthusiastic members!

So let's all get out on the water as the work has been done to help provide for a terrific season. You will probably notice over the next few weeks our Dominator Shed being converted into a temporary youth club house. This is to support the great work Jack, Phil, Michelle and their newly formed Youth Committee helping to create Phil's new Gybers Program. This is the follow on Program from Tackers and we all hope can enjoy the same success (kids & youth our future).

Our boat restoration group of Richard, Sam, Michael, Phil and Bob have done a great job on restoring 2 very old 420's, they are hoping to get one at least sailing for opening day.

We have now been donated 3 flying fifteens, 2 of them Goose & Femme Fatale will be also sailing on opening day.

Great work all involved proving you can create something out of nothing.

Graeme Alexander, Commodore

From the Office



I have just been told that the new Yearbooks are arriving to the MYC office tomorrow so these will be posted out

along with your new keytags to you early next week.



Our Opening Season Cocktail Party is being held on Friday the 24th of October (only 1 week this Friday!) – come along & celebrate the start of the new season. Please call the office to book your ticket by

Monday the 20th October.



Opening Day is Sunday the 26th of October – all members are invited! Please come along and celebrate the start of our 68th Sailing Season. The

Opening Ceremony starts at 11.30am with lunch & the Sail Past. As usual it would be great if you could please bring a plate to share for lunch.



Sue Beeson came along this morning and did the new yoga class which is held here every Wednesday from 9.30am. If you are free come and join her – our

function room is the perfect yoga spot in town!

Sarah, Office Manager

Volvo Ocean Race

MYC member Sophie Cizek

Subject: Day 2 - blog just in

Hi everyone new blog in and they are leading!!!

Only one day in

It's still very strange to think: today is day two of sailing around the world. After all the months of training, this really is just the beginning. "It's day two, and we're not even out of the Mediterranean Sea yet, we haven't even really started. Wow, it's a long way around," Sophie said.

On day two of sailing around the world, we've been a part of an incredible drag race to the Gibraltar Straits with the rest of the Volvo 65s. As we sailed West along the Spanish coast, we were all neck and neck with the other boats, watching and waiting for various sail changes and wind shifts. Watching other boats is essential because often wind shifts happen unexpectedly to leaders and therefore we can be prepared for them.

Day two was special not only because we were sailing with the rest of the fleet, we also had a rare visit from a pod of Pilot whales. During a particularly light wind moment, seven (or more!) whales came to say hello and play with our bow much like dolphins do. They came so close, Stacey reckons she could have touched them and we accidentally ran into one with the boat! "I've never seen anything like this," Stacey said in shock, as the whales swam along side for a good five minutes.

Around 9pm UTC, the nail biting began. Libby and Sam sat around the navigation computer starring and the screen and the rest of the fleet. "Everyone except us are going the southerly route through the Straits, and for the life of me, I cannot figure out why," Libby said. "We want to stay with the fleet but we also want to stick with our plan—and our plan has us sailing North."

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Despite the nerves to split from the fleet, we stayed the course and sailed on without knowing if our strategy would pay off or not. At 12:00amUTC we bobbed and weaved our way through container ships anchored in Gibraltar, without a single sailboat to be seen. Were we ahead or behind?! Ahead or behind!?

Then, the clock struck 01:15amUTC and Libby downloaded the "scheds" (the schedule, with all of the boat's locations—only available every 6 hours). Her sigh was audible around the boat. The team collectively hooted and hollered for joy as Libby told us we were 21 nautical miles ahead of the fleet! Our risk paid off big time and we are now officially sailing in the Atlantic Ocean!

"Very exciting news here this morning as the girls onboard Team SCA lead the fleet through the Straits of Gibraltar!!!! Go girls!!! Regards
Joel"

Pic 1 - Volvo 65 fleet



Pic 2 - proud Dad & Mum with Sophie



Information Night

Tomorrow night



INFORMATION NIGHT

It's the place to be if you want to see what's new for season 2014 - 2015

19:00 hrs

Thursday 16th October 2014

Be there! Make sure you get on the right track and not be all at sea.

The new season's Sailing Instructions' booklet will be available on the night. Grab one early and be ahead of the fleet in the first race.



MYC Duty Roster

The Saturday duty boat roster for the 2014-15 season has been sent out to everyone on the roster. This can also be found on our website on the Sailing tab.

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Around the Club

Above photo: by Sue Beeson "our esteemed Commodore in all his finery on Saturday !!!"



Above photo: by Ted Warden "Tim is impressed with quality of supervision in the yard on slipping day!"



Lost keys?

We have them here in the office: 5975 7001

Yoga @ MYC



The Live Life Well Studio are holding a yoga class here at MYC each week at 9.30am.

For more information please contact Kym on: Tel: 9773 9486

Facebook: livelifewellstudio

Website: www.livelifewellstudio.com.au

We have the client forms here in the office so next time you are in, it can be filled out ready for you to start!



Sail Sandy

With Sail Sandy fast approaching this weekend, we currently have 9 Opti Sailors flying the MYC flag – GOOD LUCK!!!

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Social news

Our pre-season Cocktail Party is being held on Friday the 24th of October at 7.00pm



Opening Season Cocktail Party

Friday 24th October 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Tickets \$37pp

Includes finger food & a glass of champagne or beer (drink voucher will be received upon arrival & is to be presented to the bar to receive your complimentary drink)

To book your tickets please contact the office on: 5975 7001



Bookings & payment of tickets prior to the night essential (payment can be taken over the phone)

-by Monday the 20th October

Gather your friends and family and come along for a great night!

Please book your tickets through the MYC office: 5975 7001 by Monday the 20th of October



Mornington Yacht Club Opening Day

Commodore Graeme Alexander & Flag Officers are pleased to invite

All Members

To be present at the Opening of our 68th Sailing Season on:

Sun 26th October 2014 commencing at 11.30am

Lunch will follow the Opening Ceremony

(please bring a dish to share) and you are then invited to board the official vessels for the sail past at 13:00 hours*

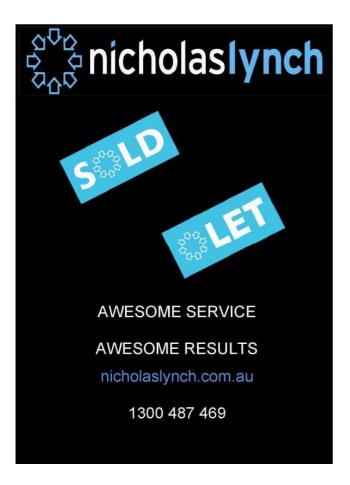
*if you wish to take part in the sail past at 13.00hrs please advise the office on: 5975 7001 so that a vessel can be allocated to you & for safety please wear shoes with light colured non slip soles.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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