

Tuesday Tattler

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Hi everyone, Tuesday 18th December

Last Thursday we had the final race of the Gazman Twilight Pursuit. **Lightfoot** showed a clean set of heals giving Warren Neate the win. Wazza cooled his excitement after the race whilst completing his dog overboard drill when his latest crew member, puppy Millie, overestimated the length of the boat! **Cocktail** Rob Rainsford was 2nd and after a little confusion 3rd place was filled by Grant Chipperfield in **Dark Joker**. The Rocks prize for the closest to starting time was Keith Ross in **Sanjuro**.

Sandy Lancefield, manager of Gazman, was on hand to present **Smile & Wave's** Graeme Alexander with the Gazman Series winning trophy. **Seduction** was 2nd and Pete Delange sailing **Anna** completed the podium. It has been great to have Gazman as a sponsor for the series and Sandy assured us that we can look forward to their continued support of sailing at MYC.

Regardless of the threatening weather reports Saturday's conditions were near perfect. Div. 1, 2 & 3 had both a club championship and aggregate series race. The sloppy sea state took its toll on the Div.1 fleet with **The Doctor** returning to the dock with a seasick crewman, Graeme being a much more compassionate skipper than this author. In a comedy of errors **Shamrock** thought the flying 15 wing mark a much quicker option than the bottom mark and on **Seduction** we were that excited with our spinnaker run we continued past the bottom mark to Mt Eliza before finally cutting it free at the masthead and returning to the fray. Jim Watson was the AMS winner in **Windsong** with **Maximumm** 2nd and **Shamrock** finding their way into 3rd place. **Anna** won the aggregate race from **Windsong** with **Maximumm** 3rd.

Arabelle Grant Hailes & Bret Levenspiel took the honours in both the aggregate & club championship races in Div. 2. **Adios** Geoff Hancock was 2nd in the club championship race with Stuart Gooley's **YT2** 3rd. **Adios** was also 2nd in the aggregate with Bob Armstrong & John Tolar's **Total Eclipse** 3rd.

The club championship result for Div. 3 went to Steve Bolton's **Darkside Of The Moon** with **Magic Pudding** Phil Mannes 2nd and Charlie Helquist 3rd in **Crowded House. Run Run** Joe Vaughan won the aggregate from **Darkside of The Moon** and **Beau Brummell** Tonia & Graeme Vertigan.

Race 5 in the etchell class series was won by **Dark Joker** with Mathew Hazelwinkle's **Pale & Stout** 2nd and **Vendetta** James Bacon 3rd. **Dark Joker** leads the series from **Vendetta** and **Pale & Stout**. Race 5 in the aggregate series was won by **Vendetta** from **Dark Joker** and **Pale & Stout**. In race 6 it was **Pale & Stout** ahead of **Vendetta** and **Dark Joker**. **Dark Joker** leads the series from **Vendetta** and **Pale & Stout**.

Joe Etherson sailed **Under The Pump** to victory in race 5 of the flying 15 class race series Doug Bell was 2nd in **Lean & Mean** with **Fly By Night** Richard Trembath 3rd. Race 5 in the aggregate series was won by **Under The Pump** from **Fly By Night** and **Lean & Mean. Under The Pump** also won race 6 from **Lean & Mean** and **Fly By Night**.

On Sunday due to some training commitments elsewhere and windy conditions only 2 optimists

were at the start line in their aggregate series races. Ella Sharman won both races in **Stella** with **Predator** Charlie Purcell 2nd in race 6 but not finishing in race 7. Well done to Ella and Charlie for getting out there.

The OTB had two races in both their aggregate & club championship series. Rhett Gowans in **Rhetts Rig** was 1st with **The Interceptor** Luke Vaughan 2nd and Tyrone Gowans 3rd in **Tyrone's Tub** in all races.

We have Destination Williamstown coming up on the 12th January. If you are not going to be around over the Christmas New Year period now is the time to book your berth & dinner reservation at Hobsons Bay as entries close Saturday 5th January. This destination race replaces the Docklands Race.

(See attached flyer for information)

This Saturday Divs. 1 2 & 3 have an aggregate series race and the etchells & 15s have 2 races in the aggregate and class series.

On Sunday the OTBs have a Trophy race and the optimists have a fun race followed by lunch.

We have a Club Social Pursuit Series race at 1400hrs which is now sponsored by Total Pet Supplies with a \$50 voucher for the winner. Sunday Pursuit racing is a great opportunity for new members to come down and jump on a boat for some Sunday afternoon fun.

This Thursday we have the first race in the Red Rejuvenation Twilight Pursuit Series. Apart from donating \$150 per race to the club there is a \$50 voucher for the winner. We have Santa on the water, live music on the deck and a monster raffle with a \$1500 Paradisio weekend accommodation first prize (see last page). Other prizes include the Ritchies meat trays and bottles of wine. Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10 are available at the office now. The Rocks have a special carvery in the Harbour View Room—a \$20 plate to include: Roasted Pork Belly, Roast Turkey, Roasted Vegetable medley & green leaf salad.....

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas...? We are now offering MYC gift vouchers along with great stocking fillers such as keyrings \$9.50, pens \$4, belts \$38.00, capts \$19 & MYC unbreakable glasses which also have a special non-slip base –perfect to use when you are out on your boat or in the garden—available from the Office.

Even if you are not sailing, gather some friends & family together and relax over dinner in the Harbour View room or a drink on the deck whilst enjoying the live music. The BBQ crew will be serving food prior to racing. Enjoy The Rocks Carvery or bring your own, but the main thing is to just be there and enjoy what MYC has to offer.

I wish everyone a great festive season and hope to see you all around the club, **Richard Nichols**



MYC Bar Christmas Hours

24th December—Closed 25th December—Closed 26th December—1.00pm to 6.pm

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