



Tuesday Tattler

Hi everyone

Tuesday 24th January

Last Thursday had 42 boats competing in the Splash Of Red twilight pursuit race. The flying fifteens again proved difficult to overhaul with **Cinderella** Bernie Boon winning from **Seduction** 2nd and Doug Bell in **Lean & Mean** 3rd.

Saturday was a combination club championship heat along with the aggregate series race. Division 1 saw **Seduction** and **YT2** Stuart Gooleyquinella both events with Grant & Brett's **Arabelle** 3rd in the Club Champs and **Maximum** Michael Prouten & the team 3rd in the aggregate.

Division 2 had a similar result with Alan Clark's **One 4 One** winning from **Easterly** Cameron McKenzie and Geoff Hancock's **Adios** 3rd in both events.

Steve Bolton's **Darkside Of The Moon** also got the two wins in division 3 with **Crowded House** Charlie Helquist 2nd in the club championship and Rob Rainsford 3rd in **Cocktail**. **Beau Brummell** Tonia & Graham Vertigan were 2nd in the aggregate with **Crowded House** 3rd.

The trend continued in the Etchells with Graeme Alexander's **Smile N Wave** winning from **Easy Rider** Reece James 2nd and **Dark Joker** Grant Chipperfield 3rd in both the aggregate and club championship.

In the flying 15's Peter Wardlaw won the club championship race in **Finnigan** from **Lean & Mean** with **Ffreedom** Alan Smith 3rd. The aggregate went to **Lean & Mean** with **Finnigan** 2nd and **Ffreedom** 3rd.

The series results to date are tight across all divisions and shapes for an interesting back half of the season.

On Sunday the Optimists were on the way back from Brisbane where their national titles were held. MYC was well represented in a massive Open fleet with Tyrone Gowans 18th Nick, Sharman 38th, Matt Bates 60th, Sophie Jackson 65th and Ella Sharman 98th.

Stephanie Lee was 18th and Courtney Lee 35th in the Green fleet. It was a great result across the board and all our competitors will benefit from the experience. Well done all!

The Lady Skipper's Trophy race was held in fresh conditions on Sunday. Unfortunately the attendance was poor but those who made the effort and ventured out were rewarded with a great sail. It is a pity that what should be a must do event is sadly neglected. Hopefully next year there will be more enthusiasm this event that highlights our lady sailors. In division 2 Kate Purcell steered **Morning Light** to victory with **Lucinda** skippered by that woman of mystery Cathy Fitzgerald 2nd and **Windsong** Shona Watson 3rd. Ros Winter took **Seduction** around successfully in Division 1

Fifteen year old Kate only became involved in sailing through a school program last November but is showing huge enthusiasm for our sport and was justly rewarded for her effort. Well done Kate.

On a sad note one of our long time members Geoff Carter passed away at Christmas. Although unwell for many years, Geoff was at the yacht club most days for a coffee and a chat. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him «AddressBlock» at the club.

The Queenscliff Destination race is on the 4th February and the marina will require a copy of your insurance details as per the policy of marinas generally.

There is trophy race this Saturday for all divisions and the optimists along with numerous training courses are programmed for Sunday.

With great weather predicted the big event of the week is Australia Day Thursday, MYC will be well represented in the Parade down Main Street. After the parade we have a Twilight Social Pursuit Fun Race with lots of prizes. Gather your friends & families and get down to the club, there will be food available from The Rocks or bring your own then sit back on The Deck and watch the fireworks. Just remember parking will be at a premium as Schnapper Point Drive will be closed from mid-afternoon till 6pm.

The BBQ will not be operating this Thursday or Saturday.

On the social scene the Ladies Lunch is on Friday 3rd February, there is plenty of time to get a few friends together and enjoy an afternoon at the best location in Mornington.

Good luck to all our boats competing in the Festival of Sails at Geelong this week, hopefully I will have some good news to report next Tuesday.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club

Richard Nichols
Division 1 class captain

