



Tuesday Tattler

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Hi Everyone,

Tuesday 27th November

Our juniors have been at it again. This time the venue was Black Rock Yacht Club for the Go For Gold series last weekend. In the Opti's Nick Sharman was 2nd & Sophie Jackson 6th. Matt Bates & Jack Purcell competed in the 420 with a very credible 2nd. Rhett Gowans was 2nd in the 4.7 Laser with his brother Tyrone 3rd. Well done to all our competitors.

Sail Melbourne at Sandringham will provide 6 full days of racing next week for the 4th leg. of the Victorian Sailing Cup.

Also we are fortunate to have David White who is Ireland's optimist coach at MYC tomorrow and again on Sunday. There will be an on water coaching clinic from 4.30 til 7.00pm tomorrow followed by a BBQ at the club. On Sunday David will be with our juniors from 9.30 am till around 2pm.

Back at MYC competition was hot in the remaining Opti fleet on Sunday. In the Green fleet race 4 of the aggregate series went to Denver James in **Eat My Waves**, 2nd was **The Force** William McKenzie with Jack Eickmeyer 3rd in **Racer X**. Race 5 had **Eat My Waves** 1st from **Racer X** and **The Force**. It is great to see such keen racing and some new names in the green fleet.

In the open fleet race 4 was won by **Predator** Charlie Purcell, 2nd was **Optigon** Stephanie Lee with **Shark Attack** Fraser Jones 3rd. Race 5 had Courtney Lee 1st in **Opti Magic** from **Predator & Optigon**.

In the Gazman Twilight Series last Thursday **First Light** Andrew Weber led the 42 strong fleet home in perfect conditions. Grant Chipperfield continued his good form with a 2nd in **Dark Joker** and Bernie Boon was 3rd in **Cinderella**. **Seduction** leads the series from **Easterly II** Cam McKenzie and Graeme Alexander's **Smile & Wave**.

On Saturday it was an aggregate series race and club captain's trophy for Divs.1 2&3.

The very light conditions resulted in the Division 1 race being abandoned. In Div.2 Ray Harvey got the chocolates in **Tonic** with **Arabelle** Grant Hailes & Bret Levenspiel 2nd with Keith Ross 3rd in **Sanju-ro**. **Dark Side of The Moon** sailed by Steve Bolton won Div 3 from Tonia & Graeme Vertigan's **Beau Brummell** with the rest of the division failing to finish in the fickle conditions.

The Etchells Class race was won by **Dark Joker** from Mathew Hazelwinkle in **Pale & Stout** with **Vendetta** James Bacon 3rd. Joe Etherson won the Flying 15 division in **Under The Pump** from **Fly By Night** Richard Trembath.

The Sunday Social Pursuit series race was sailed in a fresh breeze and sunny skies. **Seduction** was 1st from Pete Delange's **Anna** and **Three Ring Circus** Bill Bennett 3rd.

Our race office has had a few hiccups over the weekend with the absence of Steve Bardsley. Steve is recovering from an operation and is doing well and we wish him a speedy recovery as his presence is sorely missed around the club.

Gazman in Main St. are sponsoring the first twilight series. With the weather getting much warmer Gazman has some great specials on beach shorts and polo shirts available in many colours. Comfortable and fast drying make them ideal for sailing, also with Christmas less than four weeks away a Gazman gift card makes for an ideal present. Gazman also have an outlet at Sorrento.

This Saturday Divisions 1 2&3 get to test their skills against wind and tide in the Navigators' Trophy Race which takes the fleet down to the Heads and back. The challenge is whether to go clockwise or anti clockwise around the course using both the South and West channels. It always makes for an interesting day. It is a 9am start. For those not sailing in the Navigators' race there is a trophy race at 2pm.

The Etchells & flying 15's have 2 races in their Club Championship Series.

On Sunday there are tackers 1 & 2, Sailability, Start sailing 1 and The OTB's have 2 races in their aggregate series. The Optimists have 2 races in the aggregate and club championship series.

We also are hosting the Australian Sailing Team Road Show this coming Sunday 2nd of December. The Olympic Roadshow is part of sailings annual Sail Melbourne Cup Carnival that attracts sailors from all over the world. Following the Australian Sailing Team's record breaking performance at the London Olympic Games earlier this year, the Sail Melbourne Golden Moment Road Show provides the opportunity for members of the community to come and meet and listen to these inspirational sailors/athletes. An invitation is extended to the Community to come along. Day includes: Q&A session with members of the Australia Sailing Team, Autograph signing and free replica gold medals for the kids. BBQ. 11am – 12.30pm. Further information contact: Michelle Pickford, 0449 508 963.

The Christmas Lunch organised by our ladies is booked for the 7th December, seats are filling so please contact the office to book by Monday the 3rd December. (See attached flyer for info).

Come along this Thursday as we have a big evening at MYC with the member get Member Mariner Boating Holiday to Croatia winner to be drawn at 8.30pm. Trevor from Mariner Boating Holidays is coming to the club & all our new members and their proposers have been invited along to see who the lucky winner will be.....



The weather looks fantastic with 36 degrees and 15 knots from the ESE for race 5 in the Gazman Twilight Pursuit Series. This series is being sponsored by Gazman with a \$100 voucher to the winner. Hopefully this week we will get 50 boats on the water. Whether you are sailing or just socializing MYC is the place to be on Thursday evening. Gather some friends together and come down and relax over dinner or a drink. The BBQ will be on prior to racing. After the race gather upstairs and enjoy the festivities. The raffle will be on with lots of prizes including the Ritchies meat packs to be won. Food is available from The Rocks or bring your own but the main thing is to just be there and be part of the fun.

Hope to see you all around the club
Richard Nichols