

Tuesday 28th February

Hi Everyone,

This week's great news!!! GT 2nd in Etchell Worlds

Graeme Taylor with his crew Steve Jarvin & Grant Simmer sailed **Magpie** into second position in the 2012 Worlds, held off Sydney last week. We congratulate G T on another awesome achievement.

Last Thursday 46 boats turned out for race 3 of the God's Kitchen Twilight Pursuit Series. With near perfect conditions the Etchells dominated. **Dark Joker** Grant Chipperfield was first to finish with Reece James 2nd in **Easy Rider** just ahead of **Where The Fox Hat** Andy Pope. Barry Mills in **Lucinda** nailed the start to win The Rocks bottle of wine. It was refreshing to see a great response to the fund raiser raffle and thanks to all those who dug deep for a very special cause. Krista was on hand to congratulate the raffle winners. Krista & Cherie sent the following thank you.

"Cherie and Krista would like to express their sincere thanks for the tremendous support given to them by Club Members. As most of you know we will be going to Sydney during Easter for the Worlds Access Championships. A 10 day competition at Middle Harbour is an expensive exercise with air fares, accommodation, entry fees and the transporting of the boats to Sydney.

The Mystery Raffle raised \$480 and the "Small Change for Sailability" raised \$110. Again a Big Thank You to everyone!"

Those small change buckets will be about for bit longer, so keep the girls and their mission in mind when you get your change at the bar, every little bit helps.

Saturday we had an aggregate heat along with a heat of the club championship series. The dread of Mornington Harbour in the form of a northerly was the weather god's offering. After much procrastination the Trailable's decided not to risk being unable to safely retrieve their boats at the ramp if the conditions worsened. As with Murphy's Law the wind & sea state abated thus another lost day for Div. 3. **Oh for a safe harbour**!

The Etchells & Fifteens ventured out and **Dark Joker** took the honours in the club championship race from **Quantum Leap** Chris Jackson with Steve Young's **Basic Instinct** 3rd. The Aggregate also went to **Dark Joker, Basic Instinct** was 2nd and **Quantum Leap** 3rd. The series results to date have **QuantumLeap** leading the club championship and **Easy Rider** leading the aggregate.

The Flying Fifteens had the same result for both club championship & aggregate races. **Finnigan** Peter Wardlaw 1st from Joe Etherson's **Under The Pump** with **Lean & Mean** Doug Bell 3rd. **Under The Pump** leads both series.

Division 1 saw **Tonic** Ray Harvey win both events from **Maximumm** Michael Prouten with **Seduction** 3rd. Grant & Brett's **Arabelle** leads both series.

In division 2 **One 4 One** Alan Clark won the club championship heat from Geoff Hancock's **Adios**2nd and **Windsong** Jim Watson 3rd. **Adios** turned the tables on **One 4 One** in the aggregate with **Windsong** 3rd again. **One 4 One** narrowly leads both Series.

On Sunday the northerly renewed its vigour causing all events to be abandoned.

This coming Friday March 2nd the ladies lunch is the place to be. . All are welcome with food available from The Rocks or bring your own. Gather some friends and come down to MYC and relax and enjoy.

Another for the March Diary at MYC!!!

On Friday 16th March the Mornington Auxiliary of Peninsula Home Hospice will be holding a light luncheon in the Harbour View room commencing at 10.30am with guest speaker Jenny Eltham. Jenny spent over 4 years living in a remote area in southern central China, so it should be a fascinating talk. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Lyn McGain Ph.59 753 271 or from Jane Storey who will have tickets with her at MYC on Thursday Twilights & Saturday's races . Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that the Chisholm Outdoor Ed. students will be here on Thursday, so if you haven't already contacted Pauline Cleaver please phone her on 0419 586 035 or email [sorry wrong email last week] Pauline.Cleaver@chisholm.edu.au There are 25 students to accommodate so we would appreciate your participation with lots of boats from across the fleet for the next three twilight races.

This weekend the main event is Schnapper Point Youth Regatta as usual we could do with a tad more help. Bev would appreciate some help with catering both Saturday and Sunday, so if you could please let the office or Bev know when you are available it would be appreciated. Also it would be a great help to the on water crew if we could assist in launching the boats at 8am on both days.

Saturday the Carrum Bight race gets away at 10am for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 {plenty of time to help get those boats craned in.} There is trophy race at 1400hrs for div 3 boats not competing in the Carrum Bight race.

Sunday there is a club social series race at 14.30hrs for all divisions.

Friday the 9th the Overnight Trophy Race gets underway at 8pm, with a full moon all night. This is the race you must not miss. Night sailing under a full moon is what dreams are made of, so get your name on the intention to sail sheet outside the race office by Thursday and ensure this event is a huge success. We are expecting some competitors from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to add extra spice to the race.

Thursday we have race 4 of the God's Kitchen Twilight Series, hopefully a big fleet on the start line for another great pursuit. We look forward to making the Chisholm students especially welcome with special prizes from Sport Phillip Marine for the best performed student competitor. Whether sailing or socializing, gather your friends, join us on The Deck or relax over dinner in the Harbour View room with food available from The Rocks or bring your own. The raffle will have the normal great prizes and the theme is fun as usual.

Looking forward to a big week at MYC Hoping you will be part of it,

Richard Nichols div. 1 class captain