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# TATTLER



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### 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.....

1 <sup>st</sup> May 15	12.00pm	- Ladies Lunch
2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.00am	- Slipping Days
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 15	7.00pm	- End of Season unction
31 <sup>st</sup> May 15	2.00pm	- Presentation Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June 15	11.00am	- AGM

Dear Members,

Phew! What a busy week it has been here at the MYC office...we held our business lunch last Friday which was a great success. 95 people came along including 9 from the Shire; Carl Cowie CEO, Matthew Hubbard CFO, Stephen Chapple Director of Sustainable Enviornment, Tania Treasure and Kayleen Wilkinson Economic Development, Cr David Gibb, Cr Andrew Dixon, Cr David Garnock & Cr Antonella Celi! David Morris MP also attended along with approx. 60 local business people with the rest being MYC members – a great turnout!

Carpets were cleaned, the windows gleaming and the tables were beautifully decorated by Taryn Taylor. The weather was kind to us - our club was looking its best and with the food served by the Rocks & a fantastic entertaining speech by Bruce Billson MP what more could we ask for!



For those of you that missed it, our commodore Graeme Alexander's speech is printed on the next page. A big thanks to everyone that helped and to our members that came along too, we hope you enjoyed yourselves!



Throughout the winter months our newsletter will run fortnightly (or monthly depending on content). If you have anything you'd like to share with our members please send to me at the office, we'd love to hear what you get up to over the winter.

Bye for now! Sarah Grant, Office Manger

Over to Tonia and Jane.....

### For the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April...

"We are writing this amongst the squibs who turned up for the Sunday Social Pursuit race and are hanging around the bar but haven't signed on. Exception-"Morning Light" (Laze was wearing thermals!).

A great long distance West Coaster race was had by almost all on Saturday. Most would agree the Gods were kind and it was a pleasant romp across the bay. Thanks tower.

Jethro managed to limp in on time despite a dicky rudder, but it was a frustrating race for Windsong who fell in not one, but two holes, ran out of time AND got caught in the front which moved through just before 5pm. Jim said it was gusting 45 and the rigging was shaken to b-----. A reminder he said, not to be complacent nearing home. "Windsong" would never have carried that much sail in open waters with a threatening skyline front approaching.

Disappointing also for Magic Pudding who miscalculated their finish.....Congrats on AMS 1<sup>st</sup> Div:

Anna, First Light AMS and Performance 2<sup>nd</sup> Div: Tonic, YT2 and One-4-One, AMS 3<sup>rd</sup> Div: Beau Brummell, Silver Shadow and Times-R-Tuff. Performance 1<sup>st</sup> Div: First Light, Anna, Trim; 3<sup>rd</sup> Div: Beau Brummell, Times-R-Tuff and Tub Thumper.

Last weekend of Club sailing coming up.  
See you on the water!" *Tonia and Jane*

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***For the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April...***

"Saturday saw 3 keen keelboats and 3 trailables brave the continual cold rain to enter the final Saturday race for the Season. YT2 clinched victory, 2nd Windsong and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed Nuts. Tonic followed Magic Pudding's example last week, with confusion over the finish line and was DNF.

There were no squibs around the bar on Sunday. Again 3 foolhardy keelboats and 3 trailables battled the 30k winds (gusting 35) with the odd green wave over the side, to complete the final race of the Gazman Sunday Series.

The 35K gusts hit around start time, and quite a few of the fleet managed to stuff up the start, (I believe one failed nanny tack!) generously helping the lead of the boats who had already started.

Hats off to Al in One-4-One who sailed the wild and woolly race single-handedly.

Morning Light came in well first, 2nd Lucinda and 3<sup>rd</sup> One-4-One. Thanks to the sponsors Gazman.

The overall winners of the SSS were 1<sup>st</sup> Anna, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beau Brummell and 3<sup>rd</sup> One-4-One. We expect to see a smartly dressed Pete DeLange around in his new wardrobe of Gazman clothing after receiving 5 vouchers at prize giving!

A big thank you to the Tower crew who set the courses and have watched us every step of the way to make sure we are safe throughout the season. Big thanks also to the on-water safety crews.

Just a reminder as the maintenance season begins – please place all heavy items of refuse in the skip and NOT in the small bins to save the backs of the over-70's at the Thursday Group, who empty them.

*Tonia and Jane*



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Thanks Tonia and Jane, we think you've done a great job....shame it's only been 3 weeks, maybe you'll pick up from where you left in the new season??!!



***2015 Business Lunch – Commodore's speech....***

*"It's a priveledge to be the commodore at a club that spans three or four generations of Mornington visitors, business owners and residents. Like most of you... I've not only enjoyed our foreshore, but have also been a local business owner, tax payer and advocate for making Mornington a better community. So, I'm thrilled to have similar-minded people here today to share some thoughts about business and small businesses. The engine room of our local economy.*

*I love the Mornington Yacht Club. I've sailed here since I was a kid....I've learnt the skills of sailing that have been passed on from the people that established this club nearly 70 years ago.*

*Some times we've had to fight for the preservation of these facilities, but it's been done with passion and true love of the sport and the wish to share it with our wider local community.*

*When I started sailing in the mid 60's, MYC was predominantly a holiday club. MYC had just completed a new club house and been active in the reclamation works for the harbour, carparks and the boat ramps we all enjoy today.*

*Councillors and local politicians know the battles we've been through to try and preserve, protect and enhance this little harbour. Sometimes we've been a lone voice in trying to improve this beloved and battered harbour.*

*In 2015, we're predominantly a local club, but with a much broader vision about being a part of the community, with active programs to promote the sport of sailing and share our facilities with students, those with disabilities, parents and national sailing associations.*

*Despite the to'ing and fro'ing of the past decade over the safe harbou we have at least seen a return to the pier the harbour's protective barrier to what it was 30 years ago.*

*So what do we do with all these facilities? How are we contributing to the local community?*

*From the training classes with the international trainer – the opti –through the off-the-beach classes, the flying fifteen and etchells launched off the hard-stand to the keelboats that live in the water....*

*In just one season we see some 11,000 participants from all walks of life getting their feet wet and joining in 182 races.*

*It's not well-heeled weekenders coming down to exploit Mornington's natural harbour. That perception is way out of date but still persists in a few small minds. Just come down to the club, any day of the week, and you'll see Sailability programs,*

*schools, local people just wandering in and enjoying sailing or just enjoying a meal with one of the bay's best views.*

*But, at it's core, it's still a community sailing club. It's about sailing, it's about the skills and lessons learned, it's about passing on those lessons to the next generation.*

*It's also about sport and competition and the Mornington Yacht Club has participated at local, state, national and international levels with success - Melbourne to Hobart winners, Sydney to Hobart winners, National champions. We should be proud of them as well. And we should recognise so many that return to the club to pass on their skills.*

*The Mornington Yacht Club wants to continue with its Tackers programmes, the progamme of introducing others to keelboat sailing, making sure people with disabilities can enjoy sailing and providing opportunities for all school kids... from all walks of life... to share, what can become, a life-long passion.*

*So, where to from here?*

*Well, we want the Mornington Yacht Club to be around for another 70 years..and beyond. We want to keep the club on a firm business and environmental footing to continue sharing the love of our sport and the fine facilities we've been able to establish and evolve along with the needs of our members and the community.*

*There's no doubt we need to continue to evolve a safe, year-round facility, for everyone. From the paddle steamers that used to stop off here a hundred years ago, the locals that simply love to walk the beaches, even cruise ships that have recently dropped off hundreds of passengers to spend money in the town. Everyone's a winner with a safe, year-round facility.*

*It's not just about us, but there's no doubt we've been the driving force in not only preserving, but enhancing this harbour. And we invite you all to a be a part of it to make Mornington Yacht Club and the foreshore here a better place for future generations"*

*Graeme Alexander, Commodore*

## Slipping Day BBQ

We will have hot food ready, eggs & bacon, coffee tea etc. by 8.am. ....until stumps...

*Pam Lane and Sue Beeson*



## Ladies Lunch

The Ladies lunch is being held this Friday at 12.00pm – everyone is welcome, just come along!



## Sunday Morning Brekkie

Some of our members have been meeting for brekkie here on the last Sunday of each month & would like to let everyone know that you are more than welcome to come along too...so mark it in your diary and come along for a catch up!



BYO own food,  
meet in the club room from 10am....  
come along and enjoy the company!

## Friday night is the new Thursday night!

While sailing takes a winter break everyone can win on Friday nights at the MYC!

Whether you are part of the football tipping competition or not come along to eat, drink, and enjoy the company of members & guests.

**HAPPY HOUR**

Happy Hour 6pm – 7pm  
cheap drinks and free Rocks nibbles

# Tattler Ads

French legend Eric Tabarly's autobiography was recently published by SportsBooks. If this is of interest to any club members, please see

“Memories of the Open Sea” is available online. [www.sportsbooksltd.uk](http://www.sportsbooksltd.uk)


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## MEMORIES OF THE OPEN SEA

by Eric Tabarly

The French sailing legend was remarkable for how he dealt with the vagaries of solo racing. In this account from 1964 he is out of contact, beset by fog, his self-steering is broken, he has had no sleep, yet still manages to tidy up before the race finish



in the growing company of remarkable solo sailors, perhaps the best way of giving Eric Tabarly his proper place is to rate him as 'rare among equals'. Born to the sea, a natural officer, alert of stature and physically superb, he had every superficial advantage; but it was his spirit that made him special. He allowed himself no emotion during races. Regardless of frustration, concern for those left behind and the effects of fatigue, he would not quit and just kept on going. He had the capacity to drive himself beyond normal limits when necessary and the wisdom to conserve his strength when circumstances allowed it. Unusually for a single-hander, he was a natural leader who shipped fully crewed yachts on round the world races, inspiring generations of French sailors to go out and test the world. The English-speaking community is fortunate that SportsBooks, which does not specialise in nautical literature, translated his French-language autobiography so that non-Francophones can share in something of this quiet man's character. In this extract, Tabarly is racing the end of the second Oubryer Single-handed Transatlantic Race in the early summer of 1964. His self-steering broke early on and he has been steering, or persuading *Pou Zoid* to keep herself on track, ever since. He has also been out of radio contact, has no weather forecasts, is navigating with a sextant and is changing headsails in the old-fashioned way. The contrast with the lot of today's solo racers could not be more pronounced, yet still he finds time to cook his favourite meals and get undressed for bed. The way he refers to his boat as a masculine entity is a charming reminder of the original text. *Memories of the Open Sea* is an insight into the life of an extraordinary sailor. By reading his understated, matter-of-factly style we all can come to a better understanding of how to deal with fatigue, bad luck and the general hardships of small-craft seafaring.

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