

## **Tuesday Tattler**

Hi Everyone, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Last Thursday was the last race in the Splash Of Red Twilight Series. With a good breeze and pleasant conditions **Trim** James Grover had a convincing win from **Times R Tuff** John Underwood with Rob Rainsford's **Cocktail** 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Series prizes were presented by Karen & David from Splash Of Red Salon. Richard Trembath in **Fly By Night** was the runaway winner from **Capricious** Bill McDonald with Tonia & Graeme Vertigan's **Beau Brummell** 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was great to have Splash of Red as a sponsor and we look forward to a continuing association.

Saturday produced a light breeze accompanying a hot day for the Queenscliff Destination race, this made for a day direct from a sailing promotional brochure. Division 1 had **Seduction** win both AMS & PHC and Mark Nicholson's **Javelin** 2<sup>nd</sup> in both. Peter Russell's **Wild Goats** was 3<sup>rd</sup> in AMS while **Fly By Night** George Bacon filled the minor placing in PHC. **Wild Goats** leads the Long Distance Series.

Alan Clark also took out the double in Division 2 with **One 4 One, Adios** Geoff Hancock was 2<sup>nd</sup> in AMS & PHC with Brian & Lisa Marklew's **French Toast** 3<sup>rd</sup> in PHC. **One 4 One** narrowly leads the series from Jim Watson's **Windsong**.

Division 3 had Phil Mannes winning both CBH & PHC in Magic Pudding. In CBH Mixed Nuts Tim O'Grady was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Beau Brummell completing the podium. PHC had Beau Brummell 2<sup>nd</sup> and Times R Tuff 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mixed Nuts leads the series from Times R Tuff and Beau Brummell 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We all took advantage of what Queenscliff had to offer and were treated to the added spectacle of hundreds of hot rods and classic cars at their annual get together.

There were two class races for the Etchells & Flying Fifteens. Quantum Leap Chris Jackson won the first race from Graeme Alexander's Smile-N-Wave with Phil Coombs in J For Jig 3<sup>rd</sup>. Race 2 again went to Quantum Leap with Andrew Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> in Where The Fox Hat and J For Jig 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quantum Leap leads the series from J For Jig and Grant Chipperfield's Dark Joker 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 1 in the Flying Fifteen class race was won by Joe Etherson in **Under the Pump** from Peter Wardlaw's **Finnigan** with **Ffreedom** Alan Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>. The second race had **Under The Pump** under the pump with **Finnigan** closing the margin to one second with **Fly By Night** 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Under The Pump** is well clear of **Lean & Mean** Doug Bell and **Ffreedom** 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series.

I am told Dave Beeson, Peter Susovich and the race crew deserve congratulations on the excellent way these races were conducted, well done yet again.

Sunday had the Optimists on the water for an Aggregate & Club Championship race. The aggregate race went to Matthew Bates in Matts Masher from Wave Wipper Sophie Jackson and Stephanie Lee's Optigon 3<sup>rd</sup>. Aqua Raider Matthew Wood narrowly leads the series from Wave Wipper and Matt's Masher 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tyrone Gowans won the club championship heat in Tyrone's Tub, Nick Sharman's Sea Axe was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wave Wipper 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tyrone's Tub leads the series with Sea Axe 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matt's Masher 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was good to see more parents helping out, keep up the enthusiasm as it is greatly appreciated.

Next Saturday all classes have a combined club championship & aggregate race. The optimists will cruise to Davey's Bay on Sunday and there will be Tackers & adult training courses.

Entries close this Sunday 12th at 1800hrs for the Hovel Light race and Martha Cove Challenge to be held on the 17th & 18<sup>th</sup> February for Divisions 1, 2, 3 & Etchells. There is an overnight berthing fee of just \$30 at Martha Cove Marina. We appeal to any boat which may not be competing in the Saturday race to Blairgowrie to come down on Sunday for a 9.30am start and be a part of our attempt to take the chocolates from the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron in The Challenge. There will be a race continuing home to Mornington after The Challenge. This is a MYC special effort event and one not to be missed.

For anyone who glanced up at the moon last night you will appreciate what the night race holds in store for the participants on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. With the moon rising at sunset and setting after dawn all we can hope for is a cloudless night and a fair wind. There will be a sheet outside the race office for you to express your intention to compete in this glamour event.

Thursday has 25degrees and more easterlies predicted for the commencement of the third twilight social pursuit series. We are thrilled to welcome aboard Gods Kitchen as our sponsor for the next seven weeks. Gods Kitchen is situated at 53 Barkly St Mornington in a lovely old church. The atmosphere & food are great with indoor and al fresco dining. Hopefully we will have a huge fleet to compete for the Gods Kitchen voucher and the other prizes. The BBQ will be on prior to the race so regardless whether you are sailing or just feel like a night out, gather your friends and come down to the club and soak up the MYC atmosphere. There will be meals available from The Rocks or bring your own. Try your luck in the raffle with lots of prizes to be won, but most of all just be a part of it and have fun.

As you are all aware Mariner Boating Holidays Managing Director Trevor Joyce announced his decision to renew the sponsorship for another Member Get Member campaign in 2012. You may remember that Bob Armstrong won a free trip for two to the 2012 Croatia Yacht Rally worth \$15,000.00 and all he did was introduce a new member to the club! For more information please contact Sarah at the office on: 5975 7001.

Hope to see you all Thursday,

Richard Nichols

Division 1 class captain