



Tuesday Tattler

Tuesday 24th December 2013

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Dates for your diary.....



4th—11th January

Hart Marine 2014 International Optimist Australian Championships

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	Thursday:	11.30am—5.30pm	(Closed 1.30pm—2.30pm)
	Saturday:	9.30am—12.30pm	

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Tuesday 24th December—Closed

Wednesday 25th December—open for lunch bookings only

Thursday 26th December—Closed (bar open for Twilight sailing only)

Friday 27th December—open from 8am for breakfast/lunch & dinner

Wednesday 1st January—Closed daytime—open from 6.00pm

Hi everyone,

Last Thursday looked like being a tough gig for Santa, down from the North Pole and facing 40 degree heat and zero breeze. But the sea breeze appeared on cue and we were greeted with perfect conditions on the water for race 1 of The Good Guys twilight series. The Good Guys \$50 voucher went to First Light just ahead of Javelin with The Doctor third. Javelin also took out The Rock's prize for the start. With Santa arriving and live music on the deck and such a great night the club was buzzing till late. It is great to have The Good Guys on-board as a sponsor donating \$150 per race to our club as well as the winner's voucher.

On Saturday up to 30 knots was forecast. After drifting around the start line for over an hour the wind arrived and the race crew could finally get the fleet away. Windsong took the honours in Div. 1 with Seduction and Phoenix filling the minor placing's. Sanjuro won Div.2 with YT2 second and Adios third. In Div. 3 Magic Pudding got the chocolates from Beau Brummell and Darkside Of The Moon.

On Sunday the optis managed two races the first being the Rear Commodore's Trophy. Lachlan Weber sailed Lucky Buoy to victory in the green fleet ahead of Optical Zoom Kate James and Jolei Spicer in Uno. Wave Wipper Sophie Jackson led the open fleet home ahead of Ella Sharman in Sea Axe and Stephanie Lee's Optigon.

In race 2 Lucky Buoy's success continued with Jack Eickmeyer 2nd in Racer X and Optical Zoom 3rd.

Wave Wipper also won again in the open fleet from Optigon and Imogen Weber's Imagine. In the afternoon Anna won the Sunday Social Pursuit from Beau Brummell and Phoenix.



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This Thursday we have fun race. Watch the start of the Sydney Hobart on the screen in the club then get out on the water and enjoy the 30 degrees and 15 knots that are predicted. On Saturday there is a trophy race for Divs. 1 & 2.

Geomatic is competing in the Sydney Hobart and we are off to Hobart via the west coast in Seduction so I will not be scribbling the Tattler for a few weeks but Sarah and Michelle will keep you up to date with what's happening around the club.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year,

Richard Nichols

Opti Regatta....

The Yard Team are reminding MYC members that **all Trailable's must** be removed from MYC by the **26th of December—thank you**

Check out the article printed in today's Mornington News below.....

The Commodore, Flag Officers and girls in the office wish you a very Merry Christmas & look forward to seeing you around the club!!



NEWS DESK

MICHAEL JACKMAN

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All roads lead to harbour for young yachties

By Mike Hast

MORNINGTON will be the centre of the junior sailing universe in early January when 340 young yachties and their "support staff" – mums, dads and friends – descend on the town for the 2014 Optimist Australian and Open Championships.

Mornington Yacht Club is hosting the largest single-class regatta held in Australia, surpassing the previous record of 295 Laser yachts at Lake Macquarie in NSW.

Organisers were forced to close entries on Friday after 340 competitors had signed up, easily exceeding the target of 300.

The event runs for a week from 4-11 January and will have junior sailors aged under 15 compete in three "fleets" – open, intermediate and green.

The harbour precinct will be packed to the gills with a huge marquee set up in the club's yard and the little yachts stored beside the clubhouse.

Mornington Peninsula Shire has set aside two parking areas for Optimist people – the gravel car park on the corner of the Esplanade and Vancouver St, and Morell Reserve in Cook St.

Club commodore Greg Martin said the championships would attract some of the best junior sailors from Australia and around the world, including the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

"It will be one of the biggest sailing events ever held in the southern hemisphere, is likely to attract 2000 visitors to the region and bring up to \$400,000 to Mornington and the peninsula," he said.

The Optimist sailing dinghy – Opti for short – is one of the fastest-growing and most-popular classes in the world with 300,000 yachts and 200,000 sailors worldwide.

Michelle Pickford, the yacht club's training manager, said sailors would rig their boats in the yacht club precinct and launch from Mothers Beach in "waves", with the green fleet first away each day at 10am.

The club had organised parking on the properties of several members who lived close to the harbour, she said. "Traffic management will be a focus," she said.

The club has hired portable toilets due to the small number of public toilets in the harbour precinct.

She said teams of volunteers would feed the hungry juniors. Competitors in the intermediate and open fleets taking lunch packs aboard their Optis. Youngsters in the green fleet would return to the club for lunch before heading out for the afternoon's sail.

The club won the rights to the event last January, chosen ahead of McCrae and Sorrento yacht clubs, and accommodation was booked months ago.

Some yachties and their families are staying with club members.

Kat Hodgins of Mornington Peninsula Shire said the three beaches facing the harbour – Mothers Beach, Scout Beach and Shire Hall Beach – would remain open to the public, as would boat ramps.

She said that apart from the two designated parking areas, there would be "no other traffic or parking restrictions in place".



Little white yachts: More than 300 young sailors and their families descend on Mornington in early January for the weeklong 2014 Optimist Australian and Open Championships.

The shire's "Clean Team" would operate seven days a week between 6am and 8pm during the peak holiday period.

Mornington MP David Morris said the state government would give \$5000 to help run the event.

"The regatta is a very significant event during the summer sailing season on the peninsula," he said.

"It brings many people into Mornington, with spinoff for our shops and

fine food establishments, but most of all it offers the opportunity for us to showcase our magnificent Mornington harbour as well as the skills and commitment of Mornington Yacht Club to its sport" Mr Morris said.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty said events like the Optimist championships "attract millions of visitors to our state, provide a stimulus for the economy, and boost

sports participation at a local level."

The News understands Mr Delahunty has been invited to the event but will not attend.

The yacht club is hoping Australia's around the world sailor and 2011 Young Australian of the Year, Jess Watson, will attend.

Details: Mornington Yacht Club, call 5975 7001 or online www.morningtonyachting.org.au

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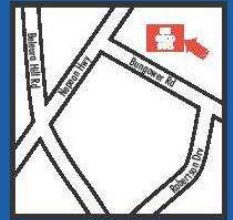
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**Merry Christmas to all the
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members and their families.**