



Tuesday Tattler

Tuesday 22nd October 2013

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Dates for your diary.....

Friday 25th October	Cocktail Party
Sunday 27th October	Opening Day
Tuesday 29th October	Mariner Boating Holidays Information Evening
Sunday 17th November	Discover Sailing Day—'come n try'
Saturday 23rd November 13	"Bogan Bingo" - Channel your inner bogan!

Current Office Hours:

Please note change of hours below until October 28

Michelle will be in the office Monday to Saturday while Sarah is on holidays—please note office hours will vary during this time.

Monday: 9.30am—1.30pm	Tuesday: 11am—4pm
Wednesday: 11am—2.30pm	Thursday: 9.30am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.15am—3.00pm	Saturday: 9.30am—1pm

Attention: Trailable Boat Owners

Trailable boats are able to move into the yard from midday on Thursday 24th of October. Thankyou for your patience over the last frustrating weeks

"Opening Season Cocktail Party"

Friday 25th October

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Tickets \$35pp

Includes finger food & a glass of champagne or beer

(drink voucher will be received upon arrival & is to be presented to the bar to receive your complimentary drink)

If you haven't booked your tickets yet, please contact the office on 5975 7001.

Bookings & payment of tickets prior to the night essential (payment can be taken over the phone) - by Thursday



MYC Opening Day

Sunday 27th October

11.30am start



Come and enjoy the festivities of Morningson Yacht Clubs season opening day.

Members are requested to bring along a plate for the day

We look forward to seeing you there

Thank you.....

Thanks to the efforts of Tim Melville, Graeme Vertigan and Basil Callahan buoys S,F,A and B are in sitting well. They may need a tweak once the weather is a bit nicer, but there's not a lot in it in regard to starting some races.

Stephen Bolton

Quartermaster Store—Pink dot SALE

All clothing on sale until Sunday 27th of October 2013



Attention: Golfers.....

Golf Day

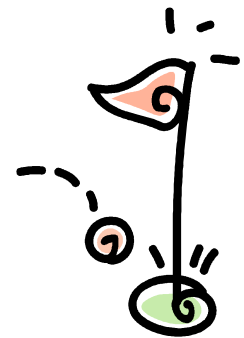
Friday 1st November , 11am start

The 2013 Victory Cup will be held at Woodlands Golf Club.

Any members who wish to play should contact

Trevor Neate on 0414 885 215 or email: tneate@bigpond.net.au

RSVP: 24th October \$50



Well done to everyone that assisted in slipping on Wednesday. Great job under trying conditions

Will you be using your mooring during the Opti Nationals from January 3rd to 11th?

Please let the office know if available for use during this time, by calling 5975-7001 or e-mail office@morningtonyc.net.au

Old mobile phones

Thankyou to those people that have passed in their old mobile phones. I am organising for them to be collected in the next fortnight so if anyone hasn't had a chance to drop any off, please do so by Cup weekend. With thanks Michelle



Our Mariners Boating Holiday information evening is being held on **Tuesday the 29th of October**—don't forget to mark the date in your diary and come along and find out about the beautiful Lycian Coast in Turkey

RSVP to office by Monday 28th October:
5975 7001 or office@morningtonyc.net.au



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Lycian Coast Yacht Rally – the next leg - Kekova Calls

The Greek Island of Kastellorizo is the gateway for sailors to what Anglophiles call the Kekova Roads. The long island of Kekova lays parallel to the coast enclosing a waterway more than three miles long and only just a half a mile wide. The entrances at each end are narrow and the water movement in and out is minimal. The Turks call it Olu Deniz – the Dead Sea.

Our race day from Kastellorizo to Kekova has two legs and both are sailed in a healthy 20 plus knots of westerly breeze. Duchess wins her first race in the series, on the water and on handicap, and after a short break the second race entered the roads from the west and finished in Kale Koy - in English, Castle Cove. Duchess wraps her headsail around her forestay during a gybe and is forced to withdraw soon after the start but our technician Mesut comes to the rescue and quickly sorts the problem.

Like something out of a kid's story book the castle is perched majestically above the flat waters of the roads below. The city of Simena, as it was known in ancient times, was founded back in the 4th century BC and with nearby Aperlai was part of the Lycian league, which then became part of the Roman Empire, which then became part of Byzantium, which then became part of the Ottoman Empire and so on. The Lycians buried their dead in dog kennel shaped Sarcophagi together with all of their valuable belongings, creating fantastic opportunities for later grave robbers.

Nearby the marina at Uchagiz provides haven for the rally fleet and Hassan provides a hearty dinner for celebration of a day on the high seas in a literal sense. The novices on board Volante, Brendan and Adele with their skipper Stephen are seriously excited by the adventure in strong following wind and proclaim the best day's racing of the rally so far. The finish in front of the castle is spectacular and on handicap Countess and Volante dead heat for first place.



Uchagiz is a sleepy kind of place with its only real attraction being the Lycian remains, some of which are under water. How so when the other parts of this coast have been silting up? Well in the misty annals of time earthquakes caused the subsidence. Oh there is another attraction – The Nomad antique jewellery shop, which at one stage is seriously under siege by rally crews who presumably made a significant contribution to the Turkish balance of payments!

On the lay day a visit to the castle endorses the historical chronology of what we have been looking at and in the afternoon we move to a berth alongside the rickety pier of Ramazan's restaurant right at the southern end of the waterway and near the also

submerged ruins of Aperlai, which the boys and girls snorkel over the following morning. "Just amazing" they report, before we set off for the elbow shaped bay of Karaloz at the north eastern end of Kekova Island.

At dinner the previous evening our host Ramazan pitches for one of the girls on Casi – in jest of course. As the masquerade continues the offer swells to three camels and two cows while the hilarity of the farce entertains all and sundry.

The next and last day of the rally was originally a race but the series closed early because of the departure of Countess. A race happens nonetheless in a perfect fifteen to twenty knot breeze assuring fast time to Finike and the terminus.

Nest morning it is disembarkation and transfer to Antalya via Phaselis, another Lycian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine site. Shaded today by the beautiful Mediterranean Pines Phaselis proves to be well worth the stop. Our hotel in Antalya is the renovated but preserved remains of an Ottoman residence located in the middle of Kaleici, the old port of Antalya. A labyrinth of tiny streets with its ubiquitous line up of traders offers the last opportunity for the local merchants to get their hands on some Ozzie dollars.

The end of our rally approaches inexorably and after the final night gig it's back to another reality – the real world, oh bother.

The unanimous conclusion among the participants is that the rally concept has added enormously to the quality and extent of the experience of sailing along this amazing coast. Nigel Russel adds his comment – "Even if I came and did the same trip again I would still do it on a Mariner Rally. I couldn't even begin to put a value on Mesut's role, the social fun and Mariner hosting is priceless"?

Sharon Kennedy, a member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and a repeat Mariner client says the best part of the whole exercise for her is the elimination of hassle. "All we have to do is go on holidays", she concluded.

Details of next year's Turkish Lycian Coast Yacht Rally are on www.marinerboating.com.au or from Mariner Boating Holidays in Sydney.

