



Tuesday Tattler

Tuesday 17th September 2013

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Dates for your diary.....

Friday 27th September - Seminar 3

Getting a good start & getting around the course.
Making the most of your opportunity on the start line.

Saturday 28th September

Come & watch the Grand Final at MYC!

Friday 4th October

Ladies Lunch 12.00pm

Saturday 5th October

Slip Launching Day (BBQ breakfast & lunch)
(Sunday 6th = Alternate Slip Launching Day)

Saturday 12th October

Crane Launching Day
(Sunday 13th = Alternate Crane Launching Day)

Friday 11th October -Seminar 4

Safety first: Your responsibility & Safety declarations,
safety gear, MOB, Club responsibility, Radio refresher.

Thursday 17th October -7pm

MYC information night—new sailing instructions & courses

Sunday 20th October

Winter Sailing Session

Friday 25th October

Cocktail Party

Sunday 27th October

Opening Day

Tuesday 29th October

Mariner Boating Holidays Information Evening

Saturday 23rd November 13

"Bogan Bingo" - Channel your inner bogan!

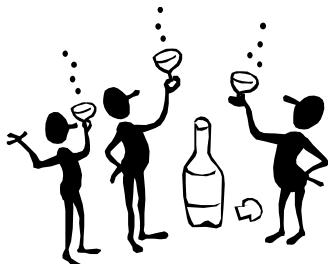
Volunteers needed for our MYC Fundraiser—Tin Rattle !!!



We have organised a Highway Collection for Saturday the 5th October from 9am until 5pm at the Main St and Nepean Highway intersection & are looking for anybody willing to help rattle our tins!!! You must be over the age of 16—we will be organising roster so any help anytime would be great—just let the office know if you are available, thank you

MYC Cocktail Party

bookings are open for Opening Cocktail Party
\$35.00 per head.
Bookings and payment to be made prior to evening. Ticket entitles members to a complimentary glass of champagne or beer.



Grand Final.....

We will be showing the
Grand Final on Saturday so come
along and join us!



Current Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.15am to 3.00pm
(Closed for lunch between 12.30—1.30pm)



VIODA

Girls w/e a huge success!



The 2013 VIODA Girls only w/e was recently held at Black Rock YC.

The girls were coached and entertained by VIODA coach David White and his three brilliant coaches Tess Lloyd, Jacqui Gurr and Charlotte Llewelyn. Thank you!!

Thanks also to Sarah Sharman and all her helpers who organised the event and fed the girls.

David White has produced a fantastic video to record the event. To view go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9RgNtaxOwM>

A big well done goes to Jolei Spicer who attended and received a trophy!!

Make 2013 "Good for U and your Community". Bendigo Bank - Mornington Branch invites U to :"

- participate in their forthcoming Silent Auction Dinner Night on 17 October 2013 in an effort to **raise funds for research into breast cancer by the Garvin Institute, the nominee by Sam Johnson's program, Love Your Sister.**

- coming down to their branch Thursday, 3 October 2013 between 2-4pm when Sam will be in Mornington. They have with Harvey World Travel set a challenge for Sam to complete, and would be great to have the locals support Sam and his unbelievable efforts to date

Smarter Banking" review.

*Please call at the branch or phone
(03) 5975 4477*

getting the marks ready!



Members Yearbooks

are currently at the printers.....they will be posted to all financial members in the next few weeks.

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Bill, Tim & Mike are busy getting their new boat "Phoenix" ready



Bill & Sheryl working on "Capricious"



Air Conditioner Unit in bar area.....

One of our air conditioning units in the bar area needs a new thermostat—don't suppose we have a generous member in that line of work who would be able to help us out with replacing it? - if so please contact the office on: 5975 7001 thank you



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



Car Stickers
Available from the office
\$3.00 each

2013 Asian championships, Japan

By Nick Sharman

What an extraordinary experience I have been granted, participating in the 2013 Asian Championship held in Hayama, Japan, located two hours South East of Tokyo. I enjoyed travelling to a foreign country and experiencing a completely different culture and its' traditions.

Racing alongside some of the best Optimist sailors in the world was an experience that I will never forget. Myself, Hugo Llewelyn from Victoria and 5 other Australian team members travelled to Japan to compete against 105 other people from around the world. Our team arrived in Japan two days prior to the commencement of the Championship so that we would have time to settle in and train with our coach Rob Brewer. The first two days of training proved challenging due to light winds and being exposed to the Pacific Ocean meant relentless large swell. Even more challenging was adapting to the extreme heat and humidity, however the team managed to deal with these elements really well.

After an amazing open ceremony the Championships were off to a flying start but screeched to a halt after 2 days of racing were abandoned due to a thick cloud cover which drowned out the little wind present. The scheduled lay day was now used for team's racing where we saw the clouds clear to reveal Mount Fuji. The Australian team sailed extremely well in the teams racing, beating America by the skin of our teeth but unfortunately we were disqualified by the measurement boat due to an equipment mismatch.



The sea breeze pattern began to kick in now offering around 7-10 knots each day. As fleet racing came around I got to experience the Singapore team in action, including the European and World champion. It was really interesting observing their different ways of sailing and how disciplined they are. I have certainly come away from this regatta a better sailor. With prevailing sea breezes my results were consistent even though the conditions were not ideal for me. The Singapore and Thailand teams performed very well filling the top 15 places. To get anywhere near the top ten bunch you had to sail every aspect of the race perfectly, just one small mistake can land you in the late forties as I learnt the hard way.

The last race would have been my highlight of the regatta with the wind reaching 15-17 knots and a big ocean swell. My coach and I powered up my boat as much as possible putting the mast rake at a ridiculous setting. I set sail in my last ever race in an Optimist. After a good race I had my best result of the regatta, and I was pleased to be finishing Opti's on a positive note.

The closing ceremony was one to remember, attended by a Japanese Princess and many other Japanese dignitaries who all addressed the audience. Not only have I had the opportunity to participate in a demanding regatta I also had so much fun along the way and met many sailors who I hope to see again in the future. I have many people to thank, Rob Brewer who supported me during the regatta, Almuth Lorenz who was a sensational team leader, my coach David White for helping me prepare in the months before the Championship, and the Mornington Yacht Club for their fundraising efforts and support.

A big thankyou to Japan for being so hospitable and organising such a fantastic event, and last but not least Mum and Dad.