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Commodore Comments

With the summer twilights finished for the season we are reminded of what an enthusiastic group of sailors we have at GRYC. Throughout the season they enjoy the competition and camaraderie that sailing brings and provide an exciting spectacle for the increasing crowds that gather in restaurants and along the foreshore each Friday night. We are indebted to the sponsors who support these races and to all the volunteers who ensure events run smoothly. Of course none of this would be possible without the skippers and their crews, often well over one hundred, who continue to be involved in the sailing program.

Over the last month or so we have welcomed new members who are excited to be a part of all we do. Please introduce yourselves and share with them your experiences and involvement at GRYC. We have also had quite a few visitors availing themselves of the overnight berths and who have commented on the opportunities they have had to explore the Coorong and local waters. This time of the year is certainly conducive to cruising and new sailors to the area have found the cruising suggestions on the GRYC website very useful and informative.

Stage one of the Building Refurbishment is almost complete as we awaited the delivery of the Shade Form structure. Initial indications were that it would be ready by the end of April so I am sure it won't be too long now.

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The SA Wooden Boat Festival has come and gone. The weather gods were kind and reports from the weekend indicated that a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks go to those who helped at the Club and to Chris Caffin for his amazing photos. The Brigand was a great source of interest, along with the model boat display. Being part of the Pirate trail lured many young families as their children sought out goodies from the Pirate Chest.

As we approach the AGM and Annual Dinner I am amazed at the program that has been delivered for 2016-17 and would like to acknowledge all the work the members of the General Committee have contributed, along with their related committees and working groups. The Volunteers Night was a true indication of the support given, with over 130 members and friends being invited to attend.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club for our regular Bistro Nights, social events and winter racing over the next month or so.

Lyn Roberts, Commodore



Spectacular Summer Sailing at GRYC
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Vice Commodore's Report

As we head into the winter season it's timely to reflect on the season thus far. As mentioned in the previous edition of *Regatta*, the GRYC has run dozens and dozens of races – none of which are possible without our stalwart team of volunteers, and of course the skippers, their boats and crews. I don't think there is any doubt that the GRYC runs the most comprehensive racing program in South Australia!

The GRYC Race Committee has been reviewing the racing program for the 2017/18 season and is planning a few changes – more information will be available in the coming months.

Now that the 2017 Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic and Goolwa Regatta Week are behind us, work has commenced on planning for the 2018 event. The Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic will be held on Saturday the 27th of January as the Australia Day public holiday is on Friday 26th January. There will be slight changes to the Goolwa Regatta Week program to fit our regular events into this revised timing.

We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in assisting

with race management, either on or off water on a regular or intermittent basis. Our current volunteers are a very friendly group and happy to share their knowledge with you. We also provide formal and informal training depending on your needs or role. If you, or if you know of someone who, might like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me on gryc@gryc.com.au or louandbri@hotmail.com or 0431 053 104.

Over the past couple of months we have worked with contractors to remove reeds at Lush's Landing to maintain access for Off The Beach cats and dinghies. There is now a much larger opening and we hope it will encourage more OTB classes to join us in races out on the water.

Finally a reminder that we are now operating under the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing. You can obtain a specially printed copy from the Club for \$20 or download a copy to your electronic device at: <http://www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/racing-rules/> Happy racing.

Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore

General Committee Nominations

It is that time of the year again! With the AGM scheduled for 18th June, all positions on the General Committee will be declared vacant and members seeking election will be required to be nominated by two voting members, using the nomination form provided by the Club. There are 10 General Committee positions – Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and five other members. Our practice in recent years has been to allocate portfolios to each member, including representation on Club Committees thus providing a conduit to the General Committee with the considered suggestions, ideas and plans of members.

You are welcome to nominate members who you feel would make valuable contributions to GRYC through the General Committee. Please talk to them and encourage them to be nominated. Preliminary AGM notice and a Nomination Form is enclosed with this issue of *Regatta*. Alternatively nomination forms can be found on the website - www.gryc.com.au or obtained from the Manager by calling 8555 2617 or emailing gryc@gryc.com.au.

Alternatively you may wish to be involved in the working committees which include Race Committee, Social Committee, Marina Berth Licence Holders Committee, Sailability Committee, and the Goolwa Regatta Week Committee. These groups are always seeking extra members and helpers so please talk to them about your involvement if you are keen.

Marina Matters

On behalf of the Marina Committee we extend a big thank you to everyone who paid their annual marina charges so promptly.

Our wonderful Tuesday Working Group continue to work on the Marina quietly behind the scenes, maintaining mooring lines, fire boxes and other minor maintenance items. Work on A Finger deck is scheduled to commence shortly. A big thanks to the TWG!

If you notice any items requiring maintenance within the marina, please remember to complete the maintenance request form which can be found in a folder next to the members' name tags.

With regard to power lines, please ensure these are safely and securely run from your boat to the power pedestal.

Have you noticed the metal box affixed to the marina just as you turn right onto B Finger? It contains a bilge pump with an extension cord for members to use in an emergency should your (or someone else's) boat be taking on water. Your Club Key will open this box.

Louise Edwards, Chair, Marina Committee

Members' Corner

On behalf of the GRYC General Committee, we warmly welcome the following new members (February, March) to the GRYC:

Senior - Graham Franklin (owns *Shambles* and plans to campaign her in GRYC races).

Associate - Helen Bowlden (regular crew member on *GiRLfriend*)

Josephine Franklin



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South Australian Wooden Boat Festival

The 2017 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival was held at Goolwa on 22nd and 23rd April showcasing some of the finest wooden river boats, yachts, kayaks, speedboats and paddle steamers. The two-day festival based at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct extended to other businesses along the river including the Armfield Slip, Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, Fleurieu Function Centre, Aquacafe and Goolwa Aquatic Club.

The weather over the weekend was perfect and this was reflected in the number of visitors to the region, including interstate visitors. The restored *Brigand* was moored at GRYC and a display of historical information associated with this vessel was on show. A number of model wooden boats, yachts, paddle steamers and other boating memorabilia were also displayed in the Kinnear Room along with a showcase of amazing photography of boats from around the local area by Chris Caffin (Canvas Sails). For the children we were a stop on the Festival Pirate Trail where they could collect some lollies from the treasure chest. For the hungry boaties and visitors we offered gourmet platters put together by our wonderful volunteers and received positive feedback from highly satisfied boaties and visitors. Thank you to all who volunteered their time during the weekend on and off the water.

There were quite a few GRYC members who participated in the Restricted 21s and Vintage yacht races on both days. Members and the general public visited the yacht club during the weekend and found it nice to have a couple of quiet drinks before moving onto the next venue. The yacht club offered great viewing of the yacht racing and other boat parades during the weekend. We also hosted some guests who used our facilities and moored boats at the club during the festival.

Overall, the weekend was a success for all who attended and we received a few new members from the experience that they had at The SA Wooden Boat Festival and visiting Goolwa and the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

Jay Leech, Manager GRYC



Olivia and Claire from Fulham Gardens enjoying the GRYC stop on the Pirate Trail at the SA Wooden Boat Festival

SA Wooden Boat Festival Winners from GRYC



Chris Harris and Keith Parkes >

< Craig Blacker receiving a trophy from Mayor of Alexandrina, Keith Parkes - former GRYC Commodore



< Lyndon Bartlett and Keith Parkes



GRYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Notice is hereby given that

The Annual General Meeting of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc

will be held at the GRYC Clubhouse, Barrage Rd, Goolwa on Sunday 18th June, 2017 at 1100 hours

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Sailing Season Wrap Up

We had a mixed start to the season with a couple of races being abandoned due to either no wind or strong winds. By Christmas the weather had settled down and only one other race was abandoned during the third twilight series.

It was again a majestic sight to see around half a dozen of the historic Restricted 21 class, out on the water racing against each other. These yachts feature regularly in the photos taken by Chris Caffin of Canvas Sails and we thank Chris for his excellent work helping to promote the GRYC. The photos shown here are courtesy of Chris.

The first race in the DSM Summer Series saw moderate breeze fade as the fleet crossed Lake Alexandrina and only two of the entrants were able to complete the course.

The TMHI Marina Challenge, possibly for the first time in its six year history, saw numerous boats tacking and attempting (and in some cases succeeding) to overtake other yachts. It provided highly entertaining views for both crews and spectators.

The final race in the TC's Fruit and Veg twilight series and also the final race for the summer twilight season saw a number of crew 'dress for the occasion' and we might well see more 'well dressed' crews for the final race in 2018.

The GRYC has run about 50 races since the start of the 2016 Winter Series with over 250 different boats entering (including the TMHI Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic) and over 1000 sailors.

This racing would not be possible without the support of our sponsors so please support them whenever you can. A big thank you to our series sponsors who have helped make the 2016/17 racing season a great success:

Twilight Series One:	Goolwa Jetty Builders
Twilight Series Two:	Maughan Thiem, Mt Barker
Twilight Series Three:	SPI Flooring
Twilight Series Four:	TCs Fruit and Veg
Christmas Twilight Series:	Nautilus Marine Insurance
Summer Series:	DSM Landscape and Building Supplies
Winter Series:	Bremerton Wines
Restricted 21:	Ballast Stone Wines



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Photos courtesy
Chris Caffin, Canvas Sails



Sailability State Championship Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd April, 2017

We all have heroes. Each of us has a private, often rudimentary, yet potent list of heroic behaviours. People with a disability don't think of themselves as heroes but rather people who get on with life. However, the people who sailed in varied conditions during the two day Sailability State Titles are, to my mind, heroes.

There was the inventive and focused Laurence Byrne, the laughing and humorous 'just call me a champion sailor' Wayne Crab, gutsy Marty Waller, Kathryn Crisell, Murray Bridge's champion Ian Rick, Ben Walter, Jai Modra, William Angley, Ethan Sunners, prize winning Trish Faulkner and young Robbie Parker. We admired, cheered and were inspired by them all. Of course they all enjoyed their sailing and came to these championships determined to demonstrate their skills, their persistence, often against the odds, and happiness at being on the water. Just follow Marty Waller as he rounded the last mark, enjoy his smile and you'll know what I mean.

All skippers ventured forth and came back from their many races windblown, sun burned and with stories to tell, but essentially they arrived back at the GRYC clubhouse for Sunday's presentations with recollections and achievements which inspired the rest of us. Heroes all of them!

Crews who sailed alongside and nurtured their companion sailors included: Tom Byrne, Dennis Henderson, Graham Hamilton, Peter Nikic, Lyndon Zimmerman, Oliver Modra, Fiona Dostal, David Smallacombe, Graham Brett, David Hurford, Graham Russell, Trevor Kennewell, Tony Mills, Jim Hunt and Chris Angley. On the jetties supervising and guiding each boat as they set sail was GRYC's *Chef de Sailability* and Sailability Harbour Master Ian Barker and his jetty crew; Brian Tapping, Brian Southcott, Trevor Baldock and Peter Gubbins. Naturally this racing would never be possible if the evergreen Rick Eylward along with Juris were not present from early morning to late afternoon to put out and bring in the marker buoys and then shepherd each race. Back in the clubhouse GRYC's ever present Commodore Lyn Roberts with her culinary crew of Lyn Mateer, Janet Southcott, Janet Tapping, and Sheila Hunt provided a two day feast which sailors, crew and visitors much appreciated. 'No one puts on hospitality like the GRYC,' was a regular comment, which of course is a tribute to Lyn and her crew.

Results of the two-day racing were:

Division 2.3

Overall winner solo sailor **Marty Waller**

Division 303:

- 1st Skipper **Laurence Byrne** with crew Tom Byrne
- 2nd Skipper **Wayne Crab** with crew Dennis Henderson
- 3rd Skipper **Kathryn Crisell** with crew Graham Hamilton

All participants were presented with medallions and the SA Sailability Club Championship Trophy for 2017 went to **Murray Bridge Sailability Club**. Well done to every sailor with a disability. Yours is the story of sustained ordeals, your example is Sailability's unfathomed gold.

Roger Rees

Vale - Denis Ashley Crowhurst

Denis, Den, DC, at the time of his passing, was the longest serving member of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club. He maintained continuous membership from May 1975 and was involved in all facets of the Club, joining the General Committee in 1977.

He was a keen competitor from the outset and while racing had been restricted to the summer months in 1978 he became a prime mover in a campaign for the continuance of racing through the winter months. A group formed their own loose committee and approached the Club's General Committee for a winter racing series. This was agreed to, provided those who wanted to race organised it themselves. They did and the series turned into a very successful event and has remained an important part of the Club's racing calendar to this day.



He became Chairman of Yacht Racing in the 1979 and from 1980 through to the 1986 season was the Club's Vice Commodore.

Denis was one of the 17 "Joint and Several Guarantors" who made it possible for the construction of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club clubhouse in 1978 as the Club's tenure over the land did not satisfy the bank's requirements for a loan.

A fierce competitor, Denis campaigned several yachts during his racing career – *Blue Rhapsody*, (RL 24), *Blue Tango*, (Seawind 24), *Out of the Blue* (Ross 780) that rewrote race records in the 1982 Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic when Denis clipped one hour five minutes and thirty-four seconds off the previous fastest time for a trailerable yacht from Milang to Goolwa.

Then came *Blue Duster*, a beautiful aged river cruiser and when time was of the essence there was *Steal Away*, (Whittleby cruiser) for up-river trips and for scooting around Goolwa he had the *Buzz Box* (Caribbean 4.7 runabout).

Denis couldn't get racing out of his blood and when the new breed of go-fast trailerables came on the scene he launched *Blue Fantasy* an Elliot 7, a hole in the water that didn't even have a box of tissues below deck; Denis didn't believe in excess weight.

While Denis will be remembered primarily for his on-water exploits he was very active in all facets of Club life; he would always be there for working bees, whether it be up a ladder with a paint brush, laying rocks for the foreshore retaining wall or having a hand in figuring out the plan for the irrigation system. Nothing was any trouble to Denis; his involvement with the management of the Club knew no bounds, he could always be counted on to get whatever done that had to be done in the difficult years the Club endured in the '70s and '80s.

Sailing wasn't his only passion; Denis loved the great outdoors; be it a bush trip to the Simpson Desert in the four wheeler or up river in the Whittleby, he was always up to it.

Denis was one of the first members to welcome me into the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club in 1980 and we became instant friends; we competed against and with each other and we shared many adventures on the water and in the outback. Denis was my mate. Farewell dear old friend, until we meet again *Out of the Blue* in the *Wild Blue Yonder*.

Rob Carless, Past Commodore GRYC

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Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club 2017 Annual Dinner 17th June 2017

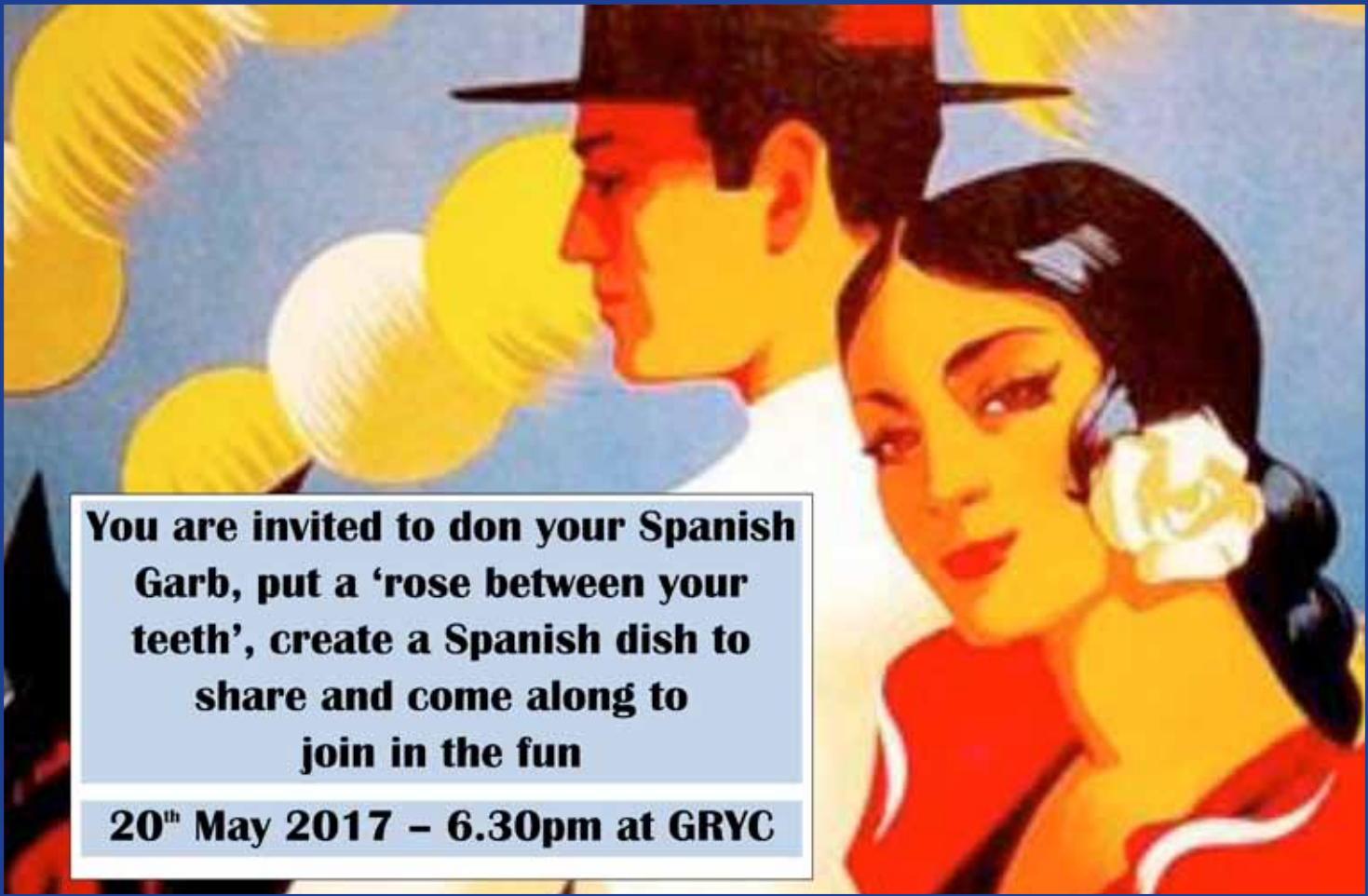
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