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## From the Commodore

As I sit down to write my last contribution to *Regatta* as Commodore of this amazing Club I am feeling a little overwhelmed by what has occurred at GRYC over the last two years. It has been an incredible journey and my thanks go to all the members who have supported and encouraged me along the way. Of course a role such as Commodore is never a 'one man band' and would not happen without the support of the General Committee members, the various committees and groups, and the volunteers, all of whom make us who we are!

I am particularly pleased with the Building program that has occurred with the new roof, the undercover area and the kitchen revamp – members and visitors are continually commenting on the difference these have made to their comfort at the Club. I am indebted to previous General Committees who had the vision for expansion; to the architects, builders and volunteers that made it happen; and to the members who supported the ideas in a positive way. We are certainly reaping the benefits now. Thank you all so very much.

Our sailing program is the envy of many clubs in South Australia and that is because the Race Committee work so very hard to make every opportunity one that is in the best interest of our sailors. With new ideas and innovative series, the Race Committee is a group of members who are prepared to step outside the 'norm' to create interesting and engaging races. Again I have to thank the many volunteers who are involved in ensuring

everyone is safe and the races run smoothly. Thank you all.

The Social Committee are another group who, along with the 'Friends of the Social Committee', often work in the background to provide for the needs of members and great functions – a wonderful job – thank you.

The marina is full, with a waiting list! GRYC is considered a great place to moor a boat and that is because of the fabulous work done by the Marina Committee. You only have to attend an annual Marina Owner's meeting to witness the efficiency and expertise involved in running and maintaining the Marina. It is a credit to all concerned. Thank you.

As many of you know I have been, and continue to be, passionate about the Sailability Program at GRYC. As we approach 20 years of operating Sailability at GRYC the enthusiasm is as strong as ever and the volunteers who provide for the sailors with disability are there each month, providing 'on water' and 'on land' support never seem to tire of being part of an incredible program.

Our volunteers, over 150, filling 250 different roles have excelled themselves again this year. It was a pleasure to acknowledge them at Volunteer's Night and to recognise the fact that they are the backbone of this vibrant Club that keeps it alive and functioning well. Thank you.

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GRYC hosted the SA Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships 2018 18-21 April, and what an amazing event it was! (Full story pp 4-5)

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From 18-21 April, GRYC hosted the State Team Sailing Championships and what a wonderful experience that was – please take time to read the report in this edition (pages 4 & 5), and if you didn't manage to see what was happening, please talk to someone who did. I don't think I have experienced such an outpouring of appreciation for what our members provided for those present. It was a job very well done. Thank you.

As we head close to the AGM and Annual Dinner I would like to encourage those of you who are interested to nominate for a role on General Committee. All positions are vacant and a nomination form is in this edition of *Regatta*. This year we have asked that nominations be sent to me as outgoing Commodore as we do not officially have a current Secretary.

My thanks go to our retiring Rear Commodore, David Howard, who has always been there to offer advice and has done a wonderful job in securing sponsorship for our sailing program and for Goolwa Regatta Week. You won't have to wear 'whites' anymore David, but we have appreciated your input and outstanding efforts.

Craig Blacker is also retiring from General Committee and many of us wonder at just how many hours Craig has in a day. I know there are 24 but I think Craig uses more than that. His work on the kitchen revamp, the tables and chairs outside, the Social Committee, the Building program and TC's Fruit & Veg Sponsorship are all indicative of his dedication to GRYC and his family involvement. Great work Craig.

Drew Stevens is relatively new to General Committee but has decided not to renominate. I have appreciated his interest and contributions, particularly during that difficult time when we closed the Bistro and were making plans to move forward. Thanks Drew.

I am sure there are exciting times ahead and feel confident that the new General Committee will continue to provide just the very best for each of you. We all do things differently and you know what, that is a good thing!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robbo and my family for their support during my role as Commodore and I know they are looking forward to my being at home more often.

Thank you to each of you for helping to make this role a wonderful and memorable experience.

See you around the Club and on the water.

*Lyn Roberts, Commodore*

## GRYC General Committee Elections 2018-2019

With the AGM scheduled for 17th June, the 10 General Committee positions—Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and five other members—will be declared vacant. Members seeking election will be required to be nominated by two voting members, using the nomination form provided by the Club.

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. The preliminary AGM notice and a Nomination Form are enclosed with this issue of *Regatta*.

Alternatively nomination forms can be found on the website - [www.gryc.com.au](http://www.gryc.com.au) or obtained from the Manager by calling 8555 2617 or emailing [gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au).

## GRYC Members are reminded that...



Outdoor dining areas are **SMOKE-FREE** from 1 July 2016



**NO SMOKING  
OR VAPING**

Both the occupier of the premises and the person smoking can be fined. Maximum fines are:

- individuals - \$200
- occupier - \$1250

Public outdoor dining areas must be smoke-free at all times that food is offered or available.

Yes. Snack food is considered to be pre-packaged food of a kind generally intended to be consumed between meals.

Food such as potato crisps, nuts, chocolate bars and packaged biscuits are examples of snack foods. Hot chips and sandwiches are not considered to be snack food.



**No smoking  
including  
e-cigarettes**



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## GRYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

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 17th June, 2018 at 1100 hours

Any General Business for discussion at the AGM

needs to be submitted for notice to the Commodore prior to 25th May 2018

### Vice Commodore's Report

By the time you read this, race one of the Informal Twilight Series and race one of the Bremerton Wines Winter Series will be underway. As previously advised via email the Winter Series will be Cat 6 for any race up to Beacon 68. The Race Committee is also trialing a system that it hopes will encourage sailors to fly asymmetrical spinnakers by not applying any increase to the boat's rating if the spinnaker is the same size as the symmetrical spinnaker allowed by class rules. If you intend to run both a symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnaker (and this is not already permitted by your class rules) there will be a 1% increase for the series so please advise the Race Committee ASAP or on your entry form.

Don't forget to regularly check the racing page on the GRYC website, we regularly post updates including rating reviews, race entry forms and interesting links <http://www.gryc.com.au/racing/>

It's great news for our female members that the final race in the Bremerton Wines Winter Series (to be held on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2018) has been designated as a Women's Helm Race. All skippers are encouraged to support this initiative and if you think you might have difficulty securing a helm, please let the Race Committee know, we have a number of contacts who are able to help match boats with experienced female sailors.

Bremerton Wines are keen to be associated with the Women's Helm Race and have offered additional prizes for place getters in the spinnaker and non spinnaker divisions. I'd like to personally encourage all women sailors at the GRYC to register for the Women's Race Program. A submission has also been made to the Office of Recreation and Sport's Increasing Female Participation Grant Program to offset the cost of a training course for women and the cost of race entry fees for boats entering the final race of the Winter Series with a woman helm. Fingers crossed.

I know I say this every *Regatta*, but to our on and off water volunteers, you do a marvellous job and I really appreciate the energy, humor and commitment that you make to ensure our club races are the best in the state.

The Race Committee has started reviewing the 2017/18 racing program and we invite your feedback and ideas for the 2018/19 season. Please feel free to speak to any member of the Race Committee or email us at [gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au)

Happy racing,

*Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore*

### Frostbite Regatta

The GRYC is once again hosting the 2018 Frostbite Regatta on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The event is open to all monohull dinghy classes and we are already expecting a strong fleet of Lasers, Open Bics, 420s, Finns and Cadets.

If you are available to help either on or off the water, for any part of the regatta, please let our Club Manager Jay Leech know on 8555 2617 or [gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au)

### Team sailing

The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club was thrilled to host the 2018 South Australian Secondary School Team Sailing Championships from 18-21 April sponsored by Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island. (See full story and photos on pages 4 & 5)

Over 160 sailors in 27 teams from 16 schools from around South Australia (including two from Scots which were invited from NSW) battled it out on the fabulous waters of the lower Murray River, right in front of the yacht club.

Organisers were thrilled with the event and achieved nearly 200 races in the lead up to the final over the three days.

Each race ran for about seven minutes and two teams went head to head in each race, vying for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Racing rules and tactics are used by the teams to try and position their boats ahead of their competitors.

Westminster dominated the event with their two teams regularly at the top of the leader board. Westminster 1 beat Westminster 2 to go straight through to the final. Local school Investigator College also performed strongly with Investigator 1 battling it out against Concordia for a place in the final against Westminster 2. Ultimately Westminster 2 beat Investigator 1 for an all Westminster Grand Final with Westminster 1 securing first place 3-1.

It was fast and exciting with fabulous viewing off the end of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club's marina.

### Members' Corner

On behalf of the GRYC General Committee, we warmly welcome the following members to the GRYC:

**Senior** Peter Chislett, Phillip Flaherty,  
William Halliday, Daniel Pickering,  
Michael Pugliese

**Associate** Julie Keast, Robert Oldham, Lynda Pugliese,  
Mary Sayers, Jan Verwaal



## South Australian Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships 2018

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club was privileged and honoured to host the South Australian Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships for 2018 from 18th-21st April, and what an amazing event it was!

There were 27 teams competing including two teams from Scots College in Sydney – 216 students in all, along with coaches, team managers and families. The whole Club was a buzz of colour, excitement and action.

With just five weeks to put the event together the local team of Lyn Roberts, Bruce Konings, Ben Kelsey and Rob Morley achieved some incredible feats. Members of the General Committee, Tuesday Work Group and our tireless group of volunteers contributed significantly to provide a venue that was welcoming and accommodating. Simon Irving and Gretel Ramsey, Chairman and Secretary of the South Australian Teams Racing Committee both provided invaluable support in managing 'on water' necessities and organising teams and officials.

The Officials' list was long (see right) but all should be given a huge vote of thanks for the vigorous efforts they put in.

Naturally there were some hurdles to overcome:

- We had Sailability and Radio Controlled Yachts on our club program but we decided we would make it happen and maintain their events in amongst the Championships – and it worked! Some of the students were encouraged to try out the Radio Controlled Yachts and enjoyed that opportunity.
- How would the teams change over boats from the front of the marina? Fortunately Arnfield loaned us two pontoons and they worked extremely well.
- How would spectators be able to view the events? – Well, the front of the marina was a perfect viewing platform and up close to the action.
- Each school had tents – would they all fit? – They did and everyone was happy.
- Catering needed careful planning – 300 for the Welcome BBQ; breakfasts each day; lunches for teams, officials and visitors; dinners for officials at night on Thursday and Friday; and the Sailability lunch. Our volunteers did an awesome job – thank you; Angie and Jacob helped with the BBQ; Angie did the Officials' dinners and Investigator College did the breakfasts. Nobody went hungry!

For four days GRYC experienced a wonderful opportunity to embrace youth sailing and what a magic group of young people they were! Nothing was too much trouble for them. From packing up tables and chairs each night to offering help when they saw a need – they were fabulous and I enjoyed every minute of making this event happen for them, as I am sure our members did. Coaches and team managers have every reason to be proud of these young adults in their care.

Saturday evening was another huge event at the South Lakes Golf



<b>Simon Irving</b>	SA School Chair
<b>Gretel Ramsey</b>	YSA
<b>Bruce Konings</b>	Regatta Manager
<b>Ian Saunders</b>	Start Boat
<b>Tim Went</b>	Start Boat
<b>Geoff Wright</b>	Start Boat
<b>Rod Errington</b>	Finish Boat
<b>Anita Saunders</b>	Finish Boat
<b>Peter Britton Jones</b>	Finish Boat
<b>Bronwyn Thompson</b>	Beach Marshall
<b>Rob Morley</b>	Deck Manager
<b>Brian Smith</b>	Assistant Deck Manager
<b>Wayne Thompson</b>	Chief Umpire #1
<b>Damien Boldyrew</b>	Umpire #2
<b>Tristan Neumueller</b>	Umpire #3
<b>Tom De La Perrelle</b>	Umpire #4
<b>Mikayla Thompson</b>	Umpire #5
<b>Luke Hookings</b>	Umpire #6
<b>Harry Fisher</b>	Down Under Sail
<b>Emma Short</b>	Regatta Office

Club for dinner and presentations. Simon Irving was appreciative of the local team who put this together and of all the volunteers who made it happen. Of course the presentations were very special but I think the words that came from Shevaun Bruland, President of YSA, when she addressed the competitors was inspirational for all those emerging young adults in the room. She spoke about the attributes that sailing brings to life. She said, the skills that are learned along the sailing journey, including team work, resilience, strategic decision making, responsibility and determination – were all characteristics which lead to people being successful in their lives and careers. Shevaun had many examples in her circle of people who were sailors and displayed these features so encouraged those present to take the skills learned through sailing into their future career paths.

Over the four day event GRYC had numerous positive responses about the way our members and volunteers managed the occasion and below are just two examples:

*Congratulations everyone. GRYC looked absolutely fantastic this morning ready for the States. Wind a bit light but that's sailing. All the best for the next 3 days.*

*Ian Porteous*

*Dear Commodore*

*This afternoon I spent some wonderful time watching the schools sailing championship. Just brilliant.*

*The atmosphere and youth enthusiasm was a joy to behold and reminded me what the GRYC is all about.*

*I made a comment at the last AGM that the Club should endeavour to host youth sailing championships as it is a great venue for all to enjoy. Congratulations to all concerned who secured the event and the volunteers who made it work.*

*Well done all.*

*Cheers*

*Chris Newton, Past Commodore, GRYC*

Thank you to each and every person involved in a fabulous event – we had fun.

*Lyn Roberts, Commodore*



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The Winning Team - Westminster I



## Gippsland Lakes Members' Adventure

Six hardy GRYC souls and three boats spent the last two weeks of February exploring the Gippsland Lakes. The following article will provide a tasting of the adventures had, and a smattering of lessons learnt. The boats and associated souls were *Equinox* (Team Symonds), *Anoqua* (Team Perry) and *Kungari* (Team Andre/Laforgia). The fun started with the preparation. Maps (*Gippsland Lakes Boating Guide*), cruising notes (*Creeks and Harbours of the Gippsland Lakes and Eastern Gippsland* by Mike Smith and Richard Hawkins) and weather reporting apps were sorted in advance. Trailer preparation for each group was a priority given the epic road journey ahead. Our objective was to avoid a repeat of the *Equinox* experience of blowing a wheel bearing in peak hour Melbourne traffic on their 2016 trip. Given the proximity of pubs, restaurants and shops throughout the Gippsland Lakes region, comparatively little attention was given to provisioning.

While we successfully arrived at Ballarat for the first evening and Nicholson the night after, there was some luck involved with Team *Kungari* having a quick pit stop to attend to some errant 'lock nuts' that didn't understand their role. Importantly the trip over the West Gate Bridge and through the Melbourne tunnels was uneventful. It was a great relief to finally be seated in the Nicholson Hotel on our second night admiring our partly assembled boats either in the boat ramp car park or bobbing quietly alongside the jetty.

Day 3 - boats were launched and vehicles secured. Given weather predictions it was decided to head East, firstly down the Nicholson River, across Lake King and into Metung. Until more familiar with the territory, we novices in the group watched and emulated *Equinox's* every move, to the point I expect Murray and Denise were checking if we were attached with a towline. Dinner ashore in Metung with port and chocolate aboard ship was to become a common occurrence.

Day 4 had us tracking to Barrier Landing via Boxes Creek. Murray had warned us about the current, however, undeterred, Team *Kungari*, not confident about using the current to reverse into the jetty, managed a spectacular doughnut in a confined space and pulled off a very classy berthing manoeuvre. Fortunately my thought bubbles remained unspoken as I had completely underestimated the effect of the 3 knot current but was most impressed by *Kungari's* turning circle in a panic. Lesson learnt, listen to Murray and ensure boat and skipper have good reversing capabilities.

The plan for Day 5 was to cross the entrance channel on the incoming tide and arrive at Lakes Entrance before the wind and rain. Fortunately the only excitement of the crossing was watching each other veer sideways in the worst of the current.

Day 6 was perfect for a down wind sail to Paynesville. Based on previous experience, Murray advised we pause at Metung and reef our mainsails before crossing Lake King. Paynesville is a boaties' paradise, central to varied sailing destinations, free berths (some with power), toilets, restaurants, chandlery and, yes, hot showers. This was the first of what was to be three visits, the next two just missing the busy periods of a music festival and a wooden boat rally.

Having had a run of nights in port, we decided it was time for some isolation, so off to the Bunga Arm. The sail across Lake Victoria past Sperm Whale Head was just glorious.

The comparisons between the Bunga Arm and the Coorong are well justified. While the Bunga Arm is deeper and narrower, the elongated waterway protected by a sand dune barrier meant we felt at home. We travelled most of its length and after checking several possibilities, settled on the Second Blowhole Campsite, where we spent the next two nights. The beach entry was sandy and sufficiently deep to allow us to anchor stern-in and secure our lines to the beach posts provided. Lessons learnt, have two lengthy ropes as the securing posts can be

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some distance from the boat, and take care when traversing them in your morning dash to the loo.

While we had hoped to spend more time in these isolated localities, the weather forecast was ominous so it was off to the safe harbour of Loch Sport Marina on the edge of Lake Victoria. We arrived at the marina well before the storm and were allocated berths near the entrance. Alas the winds picked up, dropped away and then she really blew, exceeding 30 knots. Our berths were exposed and we clearly had to move further into the marina. Having sorted new berths, no-one was keen to risk a motoring manoeuvre in the near gale conditions. So with guidance from Murray, and using those long ropes yet again, each boat was successfully turned and positioned to enable a quick motor into their new berth. Lesson learnt - while using a floating rope as an anchor line isn't sensible, it works a treat as a stern line trailing behind when things get too busy to disconnect it.

After two days the weather abated and so we headed back to Paynesville for the tail-end of the music festival and then on to Rotamah Island the following night. Our near final adventure was to sail from Paynesville, across Lake King and up the Tambo River to Johnsonville for the night, with the objective of sheltering from yet another blow. We set off in 15 knot winds, which were perfect for *Kungari* (meaning swan), and she aptly took flight, leaving all in her wake.

There are only two public wharfs along the Tambo and fortunately the one at Johnsonville had space for us all. We arrived ahead of the weather and had time to wander about, stretch out on the lawns and even prepare dinner in the barbecue shelter in the park, and then in came the wind. Though the river gave us some shelter, the wharf position meant we took the worst of the winds on our beam. Lesson learnt - in these conditions you can never have too many fenders out and the 'double horizontal fender' technique worked a treat.

On our last day of on-water adventures, Teams *Equinox* and *Kungari* made a quick trip further up the Tambo River to Swan Reach, before following Team Anoqua out into Lake King, across the mouth of the Mitchell River and back to our set off point on the Nicholson River.

Oh how tempting it was to just slip up the Mitchell River for a look see, but alas that will be next time when we have our mast lowering system in situ to navigate the bridges further up. The river is a classic form of a digitate delta with 'silt jetties' extending well into Lake King. These silt jetties are second in size to the Mississippi River delta and extend for 8km above and below the water. As a consequence the channel markers for the Mitchell extend well out into Lake King meaning we had to use part of this channel on route to the Nicholson River. As our depth recordings attest, this is a hazard not to be ignored suddenly rising from 5m to less than 1m.

After two weeks on the water we were left wanting more and all have plans to return. So what made this trip so memorable? In short, it was the good company, wonderful sailing, spectacular scenery and comfortable facilities. The Gippsland weather is variable and it was important to have sufficient flexibility to work within its confines. A storm is no more than a minor inconvenience when watching it from the local pub knowing your boat is secure. We did however have more fine weather than not, even managing a swim on the odd occasion. While many criticise the forecast app Willy Weather, it is easy to read and proved to be a great resource in our trip planning. The cruising notes provided useful information about navigation and the range of facilities, with a combination of paper maps and a Navionics download working well. This area is popular during school holidays and various festivals, so knowing when these are will also help with your planning and in smaller groups will also increase the likelihood of finding sufficient berths. *Oh yeah we shall return!*

*Kate Andre, in the company of: Joe Laforgia, Murray and Denise Symonds, Geoff and Julie Perry*

## Peter and Di Chislett—Cygnet

Our boat is a fibreglass, 7m displacement cruiser named *Cygnet*. She is a Nordic 23 design, built in Sweden in 1988.

We purchased the boat about two years ago from people living in Adelaide. However, most of her life we understand has been spent operating in the Southern Lakes and moored on Hindmarsh Island. She was formerly called *Tusitala* but we renamed her a few months ago following much family discussion and, of course, a renaming ceremony. Di's father used to build wooden boats a long time ago and so she has grown up within a boating tradition.

What we like about *Cygnet* is her cruising abilities and having comfort for six people, also her all-weather capability and fuel economy. She's also good fun to tinker with.

We are assembling an array of stories already, some more adventurous than others, but none that make us wish we hadn't bought her.



## Sailability

Since the last *Regatta*, the State Titles were conducted at Port Adelaide on 17th and 18th March. Port Adelaide Sailability featured strongly in the overall results, and we must thank Andrew Short for making the effort to represent Goolwa, with a 4th overall. On Saturday his crew was Emma (his wife) and for the Sunday races. We are grateful to Port Adelaide for providing a crew. Of the scheduled six races, two were cancelled (one for being too windy), and the other less common reason for cancelling a race was the presence of a cargo ship performing a 180 degree turn, on the Sailability course (too big to argue with).

Sailability on 3rd March was a day of blustery conditions. Two races were conducted, and seven crews gave it a go for the first race, but five bailed out for the second race. It is great to see one of our newer sailors Jesse Hahn with Robbie Parker together with Andrew Short and Leigh Phillips battling the conditions for a glass.

Sailability on 21st April was a perfect day with light winds and our sailors and volunteers managed to enjoy themselves and enjoyed the South Australian State Team Sailing Championships which were hosted by GRYC.

New sailors welcomed to our group are Tim Morris and Maude O'Toole.

At the instigation of Sailability SA we have introduced three registers (Sailors/Volunteers/Parents and Carers), to be signed each Sailability day. If executed by all as planned, it will give an indication of attendance and, for future grant applications, the number of hours etc. put in by everyone. As an incentive to sign registers, a free lunch voucher for the next Sailability day is drawn from names in one of the three registers.



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## The Season Past

Some vague recollections of this season past through the haze of beer, time and red wine.

Some yachts came out that we hadn't seen for a while, *Pussy Town* reappeared after a long break from racing, now owned by John Atkinson, painted white and going well, John and crew have started on a steep learning curve; "Multihulls Forever".

We did see some new boats to the club at the start of the season, the Alex Blacker, *Skarffie* [14ft skiff rig and wings mounted on an Aust. Sharpie hull] complete with a non functioning 3.5 hp outboard, it provided some interesting racing, lots of yelling and great video.

Then along came the *Spruce Moose*, Grant Smith and Ross Lafrank created and modified 18ft skiff with bulb centre board, big red sails and outboard, went great in a light breeze, was a handful in a good wind, had a big adventure and a bit of mud mining in the early stages of the Goolwa to Milang.

The Cole 19 *Shangri-la* sailed by the Leaney brothers came out to play, had a good time, hope we see more of them this winter and next season.

The lovely *Yvonne Patrine* was purchased by Tony Cousins from Evan & Denise Higgins and she is now relocated to Sydney Harbour, renamed *Cuttlefish* and enjoying the salt water. Tony motored her upstream to Mildura from Goolwa, had a good time and a safe road trip to Sydney. I hope we can get him to pen an article for a future *Regatta*.

Graham Franklin started racing this season in his cute blue *Shambles*, a well travelled yacht, which he transported to England and raced in big tides and choppy seas. She has since had some goolwafications done and reports are all positive for next season, and has set an example for us aging skippers, as he sails with a paramedic as crew.

We saw the arrival of the Noelex 25 Regatta Rig on *Destiny*, with all R&D supported by Trevor Baldock, and it has put the N25 at the front of the fleet in around the cans racing. It may be a hull extension to an 8.5m long cockpit will fix the waterline issue in the long races.

No longer do we have to contend with Dave Smallacombe on *Steeplejack* being out on the course, it was sold, and a bit sad Dave has stepped away from racing and gone "Stink Boating". He'll be back I think with a Blazer or an Elliot 5.9, come on Dave.

We have had the pleasure of Carolyn Butcher skippering a *Noelex 25 Sea Eagle* in the twilights; very pleasant on the water, ably assisted by her crew Trevor all very congenial and polite.

Also we had *Hideaway*, Andrew Short and *Getaway*, Ross Kingham join us on the water.

And the *Kraken* crew, trained by Mat Irvine, their new motto is "If we are not winning, we're sinking," go the green machine.

The Christmas Twilights saw 42 entries; a good mix of wind strengths, great racing, and for the first time a vintage boat division with 7 entries. Let's hope we can build on this fleet.

Regatta Week; lots of boats, lots of fun on the water and a very close Dash for Cash (I think we should change the name of the tune up race to the "Slow Down"). Nice to have the management of Coorong Quays involved in the week and the Milang - Goolwa, Eli and Ben were at the club most days and nights with their families, Ben making guest appearances on various boats in the twilights, from 21s to Boatspeeds.

So along the lines of a Murder of Crows, we have now a Charity of RL28s, a Clash of Noelex 25s, a Crash of Farr 7500s and a Rash of Sonatas.

We had crews over board, sinkings, big collisions, dodgy starts, awesome sponsors and above all a ship load of fun.

*The Barefoot Skipper*

## CLUB BARBECUE

# BBQ

**SATURDAY 19TH MAY**  
**6.30PM**  
**BRING YOUR OWN MEAT**  
**SALADS & BREADS PROVIDED**

**FOLLOWED BY DESSERT AUCTION**



### Friday Nights at GRYC

Just a reminder that during the winter months meals will be available on Informal Twilight nights. These are a relaxed evening around the fire following the highly competitive Informal Twilight Series.

25 May - **Taverna Eleanora, Louise Edwards**  
22 June - **Graeme Foristal**    27 July - **Randal Cooper**  
24 August - **Jon Gilbert**

Menus are available the week before the date and bookings ([gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au)) are essential!

## Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

# 2018 Annual Dinner



**Fleurieu Function Centre**  
**Barrage Road Goolwa**  
**6.30 for 7.00 pm**  
**\$65 per head**



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## Members' Business Directory



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**BOAT**  
Canopies, Bimini's, Covers,  
Spray Dodgers, Seats,  
Cushions  
**CARAVAN**  
Awnings, Annexes, Stone  
Guards, Covers, Cushions  
Golf Buggies, Camping  
Equipment, Swags,  
Outdoor Shade Solutions,  
General Canvas Covers

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