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Commodore Comments

Well, it is hard to avoid the reality that it's nearly Christmas. It does seem to come with increasing rapidity as we age! It also tends to encourage us to reflect on things.

I must say, the 2015/16 season seems to have jumped away with ample vigour! The Friday twilight races have attracted big fleets and some really competitive racing with no time to think about anything else when racing in these twilights at the GRYC. In amongst all the action, it is worth remembering that no national championships are at stake, so I think we can keep our main focus on having fun when we sail at GRYC, whilst respecting the rules of the game.

A few weeks ago we had a very fine Opening Day, blessed with perfect weather. It was a real privilege to have the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, and Mrs Lan Le attend, and I am sure they enjoyed the day, including a short trip on the *Oscar 'W'*. It was certainly more enjoyable than their boating experiences many years ago! The Goolwa Concert Band always adds to the occasion too, and everyone seemed to have a good time. I was particularly pleased that the sponsors and volunteers received the recognition they deserve, given the important roles they have played, and continue to play, in the Club.

Every time I have come to the GRYC on a Friday night this season, the car park has been overflowing! The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club is really busy, and bubbling. Ben and Lachy and the hospitality and social teams are presenting a very professional and happy environment for us, and a visit to GRYC is something to look forward to every week.

In this *Regatta*, you will see some important information in relation to the Clubhouse building project and coming events, particularly The Marina Hindmarsh Island

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On Opening Day, pictured in front of the historic Oscar 'W' -r Commodore Locky McLaren, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia, Mrs Lan Le and Mrs Jayne McLaren

2016 Goolwa Regatta Week. Keep right up-to-date with GRYC news by checking Ben's Club News emails, getting connected to the GRYC Facebook page and visiting our website www.gryc.com.au.

Whatever you do this Christmas season, I hope you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Jayne and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2016.

Locky McLaren, Commodore



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Vice Commodore's Report

The months coming out of winter have been filled with 'on water' and 'on land' events and it is encouraging to see so many people involved in activities around our Club. New faces and old faithfuls fill our clubrooms and grounds, and many members and their friends are enjoying what we have to offer. I have been delighted to watch the young children playing on the lawns with an air of confidence and safety which shows those passing by that we are a family orientated sailing venue where all are welcome.

Our Friday nights have continued to be popular with many visitors attending and speaking highly of the warm, friendly reception they receive. Some come back more than once and often inquire about joining and being a part of what we do. I don't think we can thank Ben and Lachy and their staff enough for the way they provide for everyone and, along with those tireless volunteers, make GRYC the place to relax and enjoy fine food, service and friendship.

Social events have been well attended and you will find reports on these throughout *Regatta*. Naturally they are the result of many hours of effort by our volunteers, creative ideas and enthusiasm. Our Christmas Dinner is coming up and tickets are selling quickly indicating that members

are keen to be involved. Of course we are always open to your ideas so don't be shy if you wish to contribute.

With The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week and Milang Goolwa Race just weeks away we are seeking lots of help to ensure the success of the event. You will have received Volunteer forms via email and there are also some at the Club if you wish to help out. This event is growing each year and continuing to embrace community groups within its structure which is endorsing the original concepts of GRW.

A Fundraising Group has been set up to raise funds for the building extension and there are some great events and activities planned for the coming year. Keep an eye out for promotions that you may wish to be involved in. We have exciting times ahead.

As I write this, the sailors have set off for Narrung and I am looking forward to the fun and activity at the culmination of this race. The Narrung Progress Association really does a fine job hosting our sailors.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Lyn Roberts, Vice Commodore

Opening Day 2015

There was a gentle breeze blowing for the opening of the 2015/16 sailing season at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club. By midday the club was awash with colour with bright flags draped around the club and over yachts in preparation for the sail-past and judging of the best dressed boat and crew.

The 2015/16 Sailing Season was officially opened on Saturday 10th October by South Australia's Governor, His Excellency The Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, who, along with his wife, are Honorary members of the GRYC.

The Goolwa Concert Band provided live music while members and their guests took full opportunity of the perfect weather conditions enjoying a picnic lunch either on the lawns or their boats.

Celebrating its 161st year of continual operation, the strong history and standing of the club was highlighted by the presence of numerous past GRYC Commodores and current Flag Officers from local and Adelaide based yacht clubs.

The official Flag Ship for the day was the iconic paddle-steamer, the *Oscar 'W'*. Flag Officers and invited guests enjoyed refreshments and delicious finger food prepared by Chef Lachy of the GRYC, while yachts and power boats prepared for the sail past. Sail boats were led by *Bacchus*, helmed by immediate Past Commodore, Brendan Murray while the motor boats were led by *Princess Ellie*, helmed by Past Commodore, Rob Carless.

Once back at the club the festivities continued with the final formality of the day being the announcement of the best dressed boat and crew which went to the formally dressed crew on *Encore* helmed by Past Commodore, Don Richardson and which this year featured solo violinist, Jim Hunt, who provided live music from *Encore's* foredeck.

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

"White" Christmas Dinner
& Winter Series Presentation

Saturday 12th December 6.00 for 7.00pm

Three course meal - Complimentary drink & nibbles on arrival

Cost \$55 per person - bookings essential

Your donation of a gift for an underprivileged child would be appreciated - please label with gender and age

Dress: To compliment the "White" Christmas theme, guests are encouraged to wear a little white with a touch of bling!

Live Music

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GRYC Awarded with Regional Success

In May of this year, the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club learnt that we had received two anonymous nominations for the South Australian Regional Awards, for the Sport Award and the Festival and Events Award for the Hills and Coast Region.

The Regional Awards are an initiative of the South Australian Government and are held annually to celebrate and showcase the achievements of individuals, groups and organisations that have made a significant contribution to regional SA. The Awards reward and provide a standard for excellence within regional SA.

In June a small team from the General Committee finalised the detailed but space constrained online applications and waited to hear if we had been short-listed.

We were! We were short-listed for both Awards!

On the evening of 16th October, Vice Commodore Lyn Roberts attended the Hills and Coast Region Presentation Dinner held at the Fleurieu Function Centre. The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club walked away with the Sports Award and was a finalist for the Festival and Events Award. These awards are proudly displayed atop of the trophy cabinet in the Kinnear Room.

Success at these Awards is only due to the passion and commitment of our members and for that the General Committee extends a huge THANK YOU!

PS, thanks also to the anonymous nominators!



Vale Jim Claridge

Jim Claridge joined the GRYC on 1st January 1962 and was a foundation member of the modern era of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht club, holding the membership number of 4. Jim and Marg were avid boaters and owned numerous boats both sail and power during their time at the GRYC.

Jim is remembered fondly and we express our deepest condolences to Marg and her family.

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The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2016 Goolwa Regatta Week is Coming!

A great program is coming together for The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2016 Goolwa Regatta Week. It will start on Saturday 16 January and continue through to Sunday 24 January with the finale, The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2016 Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic.

Entries are now open for the Milang-Goolwa Race, through the Goolwa Regatta Week website: www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au. Details of all the other events will be posted as they are finalised.

At this stage though, block out the dates in your calendars and organise your crew, family and friends to be part of the fun. Just look at the program – a real community celebration! Printed programs are also available from the Club.

Saturday 16th January, 2016

- 11.00am – 4.00pm: Dinghy Racing – The Marina Central, The Marina Hindmarsh Island
- 12.30pm – 4.00pm: Marina Challenge – Southern lagoons, The Marina Hindmarsh Island
- 4.30pm: Marina Challenge Presentations – The Landing, The Marina Hindmarsh Island
- 7.00pm: Marina Challenge Dinner – The Landing, The Marina Hindmarsh Island

Sunday 17th January

- 10.00am – 4.00pm: Goolwa Regatta Week Gala Expo Day – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 2.00pm: Goolwa Vintage Boat Club Vintage Yacht Race – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 5.00pm: Vintage Yacht Race Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Monday 18th January

- 2.00 pm: Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

4.30pm: Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Wednesday 20th, January

- 9.30am – 3.00pm: GADBUG Cycling – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 4.00pm – 7.00pm: Dominant BBQ Cook-Off – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Thursday 21st January

- 6.00pm – 7.00pm: Maughan Thiem Milang Goolwa Tune Up Yacht Race – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 7.45pm: Maughan Thiem Tune Up Yacht Race Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Friday 22nd January

- 11.00am: Corporate Challenge Yacht Race – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 4.00pm: Corporate Challenge Yacht Race Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 6.00pm: Doser Freight Dash for Cash – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 7.45pm: Doser Dash for Cash Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Saturday 23rd January

- 8.00am – 10.00am: Big Breakfast – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
- 9.00am onwards: Power Boats Rally – The Marina Hindmarsh Island
- 9.00am onwards: Milang Mystery Tour – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Sunday 24th January

- 9.00am: The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic Yacht Race – Milang Foreshore
- 7.30pm: The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic Yacht Race Presentations – Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club



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Lake Alexandrina Classic Re-emerges

It's back! The Lake Alexandrina Classic will be run on Saturday 13th February 2016 as the 6th race in the DSM Summer Series.

Many members will have fond memories of racing in the Lake Alexandrina Classic, the Goolwa to Milang Race, traditionally held in February each year.

As with the other two Classic races, the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic and the Goolwa to Meningie Sailing Classic, the drought brought this race to a standstill.

An attempt was made by the Milang Regatta Club in 2014 to reinstate the race, but due to the small number of entries, it was cancelled.

Reluctant to see this Classic disappear, the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and the Milang Regatta Club have joined forces to bring this race back, under the umbrella of the DSM Landscape and Building Supplies Summer Series.

The Notice of Race, Entry Form and Sailing Instructions are available on the GRYC website at www.gryc.com.au/racing



It's back!

LAKE ALEXANDRINA CLASSIC

Goolwa Milang Yacht Race

Proudly sponsored by

DSM LANDSCAPE AND BUILDING SUPPLIES

Saturday 13th of February 2016

Vintage River Boats, Trailable Yachts, Catamarans, Dinghies, Multihulls

Information, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Entries:

www.gryc.com.au/racing/upcoming-events/

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Marina Matters

Welcome to the first of what will be regular updates on the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club's Carless Marina, brought to you by the Marina Committee - Louise Edwards, Steve West, Andrew Robertson, Nigel Barkham, Peter Gubbins, and new members Lloyd Goudge and Peter Gibberd.

Over the past 12-18 months, a range of maintenance activities have been undertaken including repairs to a number of boards on A Finger which have either been replaced or flipped. Whilst the boards were being repaired, underdeck repairs such as sealing the tops of posts were also undertaken. The attenuators on A and B Fingers have been replaced/repared with an additional baton being installed and affixed to each individual attenuator board to prevent them from slipping out. Light/power/water pedestals have been refixed and lighting and water supply maintained. An underwater inspection of B Finger revealed the cross brace fixings to be in good condition. Numerous mooring lines have been replaced and adjusted.

On the item of mooring lines, the Marina Committee notes that a number of mooring lines are being replaced quite frequently and asks that boat owners be aware of lines running over sharp edges or at difficult angles and consider options for preserving lines such as a sheath.

Some members will have identified a silver metal box affixed to the marina just as you turn right onto B Finger. Inside this box is a bilge pump with extension cord for members to use in an

emergency should your boat be sinking. Your Club Key will open this box.

The Marina Committee are seeking suggestions from Berth Licence Holders and Club Members on how to improve the marina. If you have an idea on how our marina and the surrounds could be improved, please let us know. You can either:

- fill in a maintenance request form and mark on it 'Improvement Idea';
- email the club (gryc@gryc.com.au) with the heading Attention Marina Committee;
- note your ideas down and drop them into the club; or
- speak to a member of the Marina Committee.

The Marina Committee convened a meeting of Berth Licence Holders on Sunday 15th November 2015. The draft minutes of this meeting can be found on the GRYC website in the Members Area. To log in, use GRYC1854 as both the logon and the password.

Finally, on behalf of the Marina Committee, we extend a big THANK YOU to the Tuesday Working Group for their ongoing commitment to maintenance on our marina.

Louise Edwards, Chair, Marina Committee

Update on the GRYC Clubhouse Building Project

The total cost of the project is approximately \$275,000, depending on inclusions, final costings and negotiations. Currently, we have \$52,200 in the building fund, with a further \$6,500 pledged for payment in early 2016.

We are progressing slowly, primarily because we were unsuccessful with our bid for a SA Government community recreation and sports facilities grant. Currently, there seems to be no prospects for major grants from the Federal or State Governments for this type of project, so we are exploring all other avenues.

Our fundraising efforts aim to build without loan financing. We are extremely keen to progress the project, most likely in stages, utilising donations, fundraising, grants should they become available, sponsorship and voluntary contributions.

We will be looking for a significant contribution from marina berth-holders as marina fees in 2016 will be significantly cheaper than in previous years. A special request will be made seeking a donation to the building fund from berth-holders for the difference.

We will be actively applying for grants wherever appropriate. We have received \$3,000 from the Alexandrina Council Community

Donations Program and more local government grants are possible.

The plans developed for us by Keith Teagle for additions and improvements to the Clubhouse have received Development Plan approval. We have recently been granted a 12 month extension for our Development Plan Consent to 25th November 2016. This will allow us some flexibility with the build commencement during 2016.

Peter Nielsen is progressing with the documentation for building approval. This documentation will allow for staged development, so we can cost each stage, receive quotes and develop specific financing strategies for each stage.

The most likely staging would see the two undercover areas developed as stage one, with a temporary triangular shade for the central area. This would include paving, plastic roll up blinds and tables.

Stage two would then include the office, bridge and observation deck.

Locky McLaren

Seeking Items of Historical and Archival Interest

Do you have any historic GRYC items tucked away in a drawer or cupboard?

Would you like them to be displayed for Members to see and appreciate?

I am looking to add to and update the material displayed in the glass cabinet near the entrance to the Kinnear Room. The two badges that we are featuring in this edition of Regatta were donations from Mike O'Reilly (Boxing Day) and Don Richardson (Australia Day).

If you have an interest in helping me to collect, catalogue and display items of historical and archival interest to the GRYC, please let me know.

Louise Edwards



Datsun Sports Club at GRYC

In early November, a midweek gathering of Datsun sports cars (produced in the late 1960s) stopped off at the GRYC for a lunch and a well informed local and club history lesson from Rick Eylward.

Some 13 cars from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Bendigo and Mildura travelled via the Adelaide Hills and the Murray Mouth on their way to Langhorne Creek on a route planned by GRYC club member Simon Thiele.

Sailability News

Our Sailors and Volunteers are forever grateful to the many members and groups from within the community who offer to help and provide financial assistance for the program.

Each month many volunteers prepare for a day of sailing and sustenance for our sailors with a disability and their carers, and it would be wonderful if there were a few more helpers on the day. If you are interested in helping out, come along to see what happens and where you may be able to lend a hand.

We were fortunate to receive a very generous donation recently from a past member of our club. Dr Malcom Bean donated \$25,000 (plus GST) for the program and we thank him sincerely for his kindness. The Sailability Committee members have decided to use the funds to:

- upgrade at least two boats;
- build a suitable trolley for moving boats to the water to alleviate the stress on the volunteers; and
- purchase a defibrillator for the Club.

These options will be money well spent and will benefit the sailors and the volunteers.

The Corinthians Lodge have been very supportive and have recently initiated a perpetual trophy for our sailors who compete in races once a month. This will be presented as part of our Annual Dinner in 2016. They have also contributed \$1500 towards new sails for *As Good As It Gets* and the sails were officially raised at Opening Day by the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, who wished for fair winds for all who sail in her. This has been evident in recent results for this boat competing on Friday nights.

The Rotary Club has been generous as well in offering a contribution towards the recently purchased new motor for *Regatta 3* which provides much assistance to the sailors on the water.

To top it all off a local music group who is disbanding shared some of their dollars with our Sailability program as well.

So a very big THANK YOU to all who support the GRYC Sailability program.

Lyn Roberts



Social News

What a busy time we have been having organising and conducting events for our members and friends and it is just ramping up again. See below a wrap up on past events and news about those coming up in December and January. If you want to join in, help or just find out more contact Lyn Roberts on 0438 275 576 or email glroberts@picknowl.com.au.

New Members' Night

This evening, held in September, was well attended and enjoyed by all present. Again our Social Committee and friends helped with the catering and serving and the new members were impressed with the friendliness and welcome they received.

We had two new members join the Social Committee that night, Helen Reiffel and Helen Markin and their contributions are already having a positive influence. Also a new member to our committee is Jenny Smalacombe and we appreciate her hard working attitude to the role she has taken on.

Optimist Weekend - 26th & 27th September

Lots of volunteers, lots of children, lots of parents and lots of boats - what a great weekend this was. It was amazing to witness young, and some very young, sailors enjoying the sport of sailing with their families. Thanks to all the volunteers that ensured all were 'fed and watered' in true GRYC style.

Opening Day - Saturday 10th October

Many members and friends took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful day for a picnic lunch, a sail past and then lots of fellowship on the lawns and in boats.

Wine Appreciation Night & Dinner - Saturday 21st November

As promised this was a great evening of fine wine and food as Peter Dry presented 10 emerging wines from our region for participants to discover, enjoy and learn about. See report >>>

Members' Corner

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

Senior

Paul Smith, Oliver Sierp (The Sierp family recently bought *Crew's Union* and plan to explore the Lower Lakes and Coorong), Kate Andre (Kate and Joe have started racing their Duncanson *Kungari*)

Associate

Pauline Underwood, Raechel Lewis, Donald Berry, Helen Reiffel, Amy Sierp, Robert Coombe, Joe Laforgia, Josh Huntington, Ian Harris, Amy Sierp, Lewis McMaster, Irene Scott Smith, Tim Kennedy, Ray Brown, Jillian Hill, Lisa Brooks (Learn to Sail), Alison Law (Learn to Sail), Adrien Law (Learn to Sail), Annie Antonias (Learn to Sail), Kerry Giles (Learn to Sail), Ronald Porter (Learn to Sail)

Junior

Jimi Westmoreland, Django Westmoreland, Kiiana Reiffel, Ruby Sierp, Sascha Sierp, Denzel Brooks (Learn to Sail)

STEP Sail Training from Investigator College

Amber Whitburn, Joseph Black, Will Newman, Kietel Parker, Corey Willshire, Rebekah Brown, Asher Cordy, Cordy Mason, Caitlyn Payne, Henry Hastie

Wine Appreciation Dinner

An air of excitement filled the Yacht Club as some 61 guests anticipated the evening that was in front of them - a night of fine wine and dining, and they weren't disappointed. A night such as this does not just happen and thanks go to many of our members.

Firstly to Peter Dry who sourced the wines and then provided excellent commentary for each tasting and in context for many guests as he described the areas in Europe the types of wines originated from. Thank you Peter; your expertise is amazing and I am sure many of us are looking out for new varieties to try. What a great job Ben did buying the ten varieties we tried. These will still be available at the Club for purchasing if you didn't make it to the night, or if you want to try more.

Thank you to our Social Committee who planned the evening and to the 'Friends of the Social Committee' who helped set up the Kinnear Room which looked very stylish.

To the staff on the night - we extend a huge thank you. Lachy, Jacob, Bec and Sophie provided beautiful food which was served swiftly and tasted delicious. Lyn Mateer and Helen Reiffel were behind the bar and what a huge job they had washing over 300 glasses, well done ladies. We are also grateful to Adelaide Hills Party Hire who generously provided over 200 of the tasting glasses.

Bruce Pattullo donned his Auctioneer's hat and ably extracted many dollars for the building fund from the bottles of wine donated by members.

As you can see we had great support and the evening was enjoyed immensely by those present. We may have to do a repeat next year to cater for those who couldn't make it as tickets sold out very quickly.

Lyn Roberts



New Members' Night

The annual New Members' Night was held on Saturday 19th September and was well attended by new and current members including Past Flag Officers.

In the 12 months to 1st December, the GRYC has welcomed 54 new members to the Club. Our membership continues to grow and we have members spread across Australia and overseas.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Children's Lunch Saturday 12th December

Where and When: GRYC from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm

What to Bring: A gift for your child (wrapped and named). A plate of party food to share. A gift for an underprivileged child with age and gender written on the outside

Lots of fun with water and games, and Father Christmas will be there.

White Christmas Dinner and Winter Series Presentation - Saturday 12th December 6.30 for 7.00pm (See p2 this Regatta)

Christmas Twilights

Sunday 27th to Wednesday 30th December

The Christmas Twilight Series is always a great time for sailing and having fun and again this year we will be providing food each night. If you have any spare evenings during this time and would like to help please contact Lyn, 0438 275 576.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week Saturday 16th January to Sunday 24th January 2016

You know the old saying about time passing quickly, 'don't blink or you will miss it'?

Well, the Goolwa Regatta Week is fast approaching and it seems just like yesterday!!

Of course we will be seeking your help as volunteers both on and off the water and I know many of you have put your hands up already. There are Volunteer Registration forms in this newsletter and from the Club and we would appreciate an early response to the vast and varied needs of this fantastic week. Check out the program in this *Regatta* and don't hesitate to join in the exciting events.

Gala Day - 17th January 2016

This day is designed to promote local businesses and organisations within our community. We have many interested groups to date but would welcome more. If you have or know of a local business or group who would like to be involved, please contact Lyn, 0438 275 576.

Dominant Cook Off - 20th January 2016

This year we are encouraging even more participation in the Dominant Cook Off. Register at gryc@gryc.com.au or with Ben at 8555 2617.

The usual categories will be there as well, but you may wish to have a go at a 'Mystery Box'. The idea is that for \$50 for each box you can purchase a 'Meat Mystery Box' and/or a "Sweet Mystery Box". The boxes will contain the base ingredients for 8 people and there will be a table of common ingredients that you can source to create your masterpieces. For example, salt, pepper, spices, vegetable oil, olive oil, butter, eggs, bacon, cling wrap, aluminum foil, meat stock, soy sauce, cream, sweet chili sauce, hoisin sauce, fish sauce, vinegar, capers, sugar, flour, curry powder, yoghurt, rice, pasta, lentils, coconut cream, spinach, cucumber, lemon, lime and fresh herbs to name a few!

You will need to set up your area for your guests and bring your own outdoor cooking apparatus and implements and you may want to consider accompaniments to your meal like salads, vegetables, breads etc.

If you do not want to compete you are invited to come along, bring your dinner or nibbles and join in the fun of the night.

Lyn Roberts

New boats to GRYC

Kungari

After more than 20 years' absence, the Duncanson 26 GR211S has returned to GRYC. Her current name is 'Kungari' the Ngarrindjeri word for swan. Kungari was built in 1980 and most likely was located in Goolwa from this time until the early 1990s. She was relocated to Narrung with her then new owners Charles and Johan Andre. She has been used extensively throughout the Lower Lakes and Coorong and has shown to be a very reliable vessel in a stiff breeze. Of recent times, Kate Andre and Joe Laforgia have taken ownership of Kungari and intend to commute from Narrung for the summer series. The photo is of *Kungari* nestled in her Nurra Nurra hideaway at the edge of the Narrows and Lake Albert.



Kungari

Airboat Mariah

I purchased Airboat plans from the Clark Craft Company in NY USA in August 2007 and then set about building it. The frame timber was second hand Oregon which I stripped from several 6" by 6" beams. A 1600 VW motor drives a 1.5 metre beech propeller giving a top speed of 60 kph. The boat was completed and registered as *Mariah* in December 2008 and launched shortly after. Rick Eylward took the front seat (passenger) for the first trip and whilst trying to turn near the bridge with the boat travelling sideways at 25 degrees, I panicked and throttled off losing the effect of the air rudders. Being tail heavy *Mariah* spun and attempted to travel backwards and the transom dug in (broached) and a lot of water came in. After this episode I added wings at the stern to help keep out water, a bilge pump and a lot of flotation. With more experience I know not to throttle off except when travelling in a straight line. *Mariah* has featured in two Wooden Boat Festivals.

Brian Southcott



Mariah

Lena

A 1926 vintage timber boat, *Lena* was bought by Alex and I in January 2015 from Noeline and Dave Hudson who brought her from Sydney to Goolwa in 2012. Measuring 20 feet stem to stern and weighing approximately 1.5 tonne she is a lovely little boat, with classic lines built from New Zealand kauri planks on spotted gum ribs. As a family of five keen 'sailors' we wanted a boat we could enjoy racing as well as social cruising in order to maximise all that Goolwa sailing has to offer. *Lena* was in need of some TLC, so we slipped her in March 2015 for the first stage of her 'makeover'. Alex and our son Joe sanded the hull back to timber, replacing the dark blue colour scheme with white, black and grey. The simple colour change brought out the beauty of her shape and I fell in love with her.

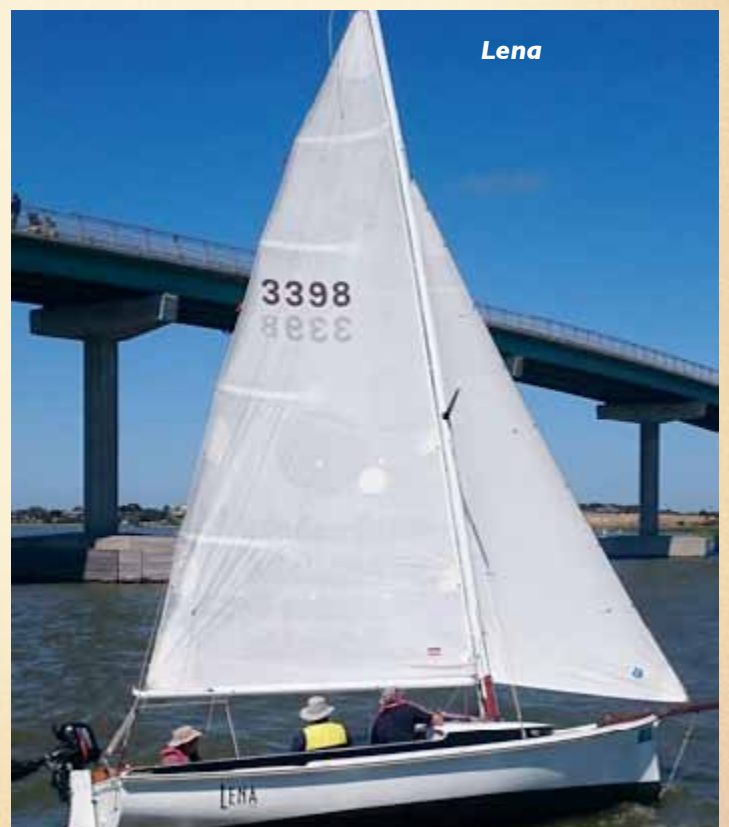
Wanting a boat we could sail as much as possible, we made the difficult decision to replace her gaff rig with a Marconi rig. Randal Cooper of Goolwa Masts and Welding did a fabulous job. Randal also made the bespoke Tabernacle from 'exotic' timber, as well as the mainsheet system, which is a work of art! The rigging and simple deck layout make her very easy and fun to sail.

Re-slipped in August 2015 for the second stage of the makeover, Alex and Joe with help from the *Lena* fan club, Andrew Seedsman (Captain Sturt Boat Supplies), Fraser Buchan and Randal Cooper reshaped and reinforced the cabin, extending the cockpit. *Lena* now has a spacious layout for such a little boat. The finished product is a beautiful boat with simple, classic lines and plenty of room to move.

Refurbishing a boat in Goolwa can be addictive. We really enjoyed the conversations and communal decision making that went with the process. Sailing brings together an eclectic mix of people and a catalyst for conversation and friendship, which lasts beyond the banks of the river and often way into the early hours.

We now have a versatile boat that ticks all the boxes and we have been sailing her in the GRYC Twilight Races as well as in the Goolwa Vintage Boat Club Races. We just need to find more time to fit in that social cruising.

Tanja Woods (Toots)



Lena

Goolwa Slipway and Marina Twilight Series I Results

Restricted 21s

CBH 1st *Nerana* - R Cooper, 2nd *Altair* - G Roberts,
3rd *Galatea* - G Smith

HCP 1st *Quandong* - D Haynes

Trailers with CBH >0.74

CBH 1st *Bobica* - T Bartlett, 2nd *Hammer* - M Doley,
3rd *Voodoo Child* - C Reifel

HCP 1st *The Shed* - P Neilsen

Trailers with CBH <0.74

CBH 1st *Destiny* - T Baldock, 2nd *Encore* - D Richardson,
3rd *Elanora* - L Edwards

HCP 1st *Away with the Farries* - J Brice



Summer Series

The DSM Landscape and Building Supplies Summer Series got underway on 3rd October with the 'long' race of the series, the Goolwa to Wellington Race.

There were thirteen yachts in three divisions on the start line and they were accompanied by Ian and Helga Campbell in their recently acquired power cruiser. While the wind was quite perky at the start of the race, by the time yachts reached Clayton, it had abated significantly, but not so much as to prevent everyone reaching Wellington in time for the second half of the AFL Grand Final!

All yachts enjoyed a pleasant sail across the lake. The grassy banks of the River Murray in front of the Wellington Hotel once again provided an excellent spot for sailors to relax in front of their moored yachts where presentations were held before heading up to the pub for a meal.

Goolwa to Wellington Race Results

Non Spinnaker

Corrected: 1. *Slingshot* (B Pattullo)

Spinnaker

Corrected: 1. *Elanora* (L Edwards)

Multihulls

Corrected: 1. *The Tribe* (J Hardy)

Seventeen yachts headed out to the start line for the Clayton Bay Regatta race sponsored by DSM Construction.

The sailors were met by a gentle wind of about 9-10 knots that lightened in Narnu Bay. It was described by *Destiny* (T Baldock) as "no wind", and *Hoodlum* (R Cooper) as "calm and relaxing". *Elanora* (L Edwards) went head to head with another RL 28 *Equinox* (M Symonds) with their

spinnakers full to the hilt.

Slingshot (B Pattullo) was the fastest in the >.740. *The Kraken* was fastest in the <.740 division.

The second part of the race around Rat Island started shortly thereafter. After a twilight race the night before, and sailing to Clayton the following morning, the committed sailors stepped up to the plate with 13 yachts entering the final race of the day. The course was from Clayton Bay anti-clockwise around Rat Island with a turning buoy at Stoney Point. The wind was 9-10 knots constant. There was major congestion at the starting line and many boats had to tack to get over the starting line. *Destiny* (T Baldock) was the first to put his spinnaker up and breezed past *Vintage Red* (D Howard) for a graceful

finish across the finish line to win by 14 seconds uncorrected time. *Condor* (B James) did his personal best winning both races of the day.

Hoodlum (R Cooper) was the fastest in the >.740. *The Kraken* (M Irvine) was the fastest in the <.740

Clayton Bay Regatta Race Results Division >.740

Corrected: 1. *Condor* (B James)

Personal Handicap: 1. *Condor* (B James) 2. *Maid Marian* (P Shipside) 3. *Slingshot* (B Pattullo)

Division <.740

Corrected: 1. *Elanora* (L Edwards)

Personal Handicap: 1. *Destiny* (T Baldock) 2. *Vintage Red* (D Howard) 3. *The Kraken* (M Irvine)



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