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Commodore Comments

Opening Day - 164 years

pening Day for the 2017-2018 season began with some trepidation as the weather reports were watched carefully and consideration was given to plans 'b' and 'c'. The wind and rain were threatening and the *Oscar W* crew were vigilant in checking all possibilities regarding use of their vessel as a flagship for the day.

However, as the Goolwa Concert Band assembled (under cover) and members continued to prepare their boats and their picnic lunches, the skies lifted and all was set to go. Wind was still an issue so the call to take the boats out was made at the 11th hour during the sailing instructions.

To commence the formalities Mayor Keith Parkes extended greetings for the season from the Alexandrina Council and a Welcome to Country. The season was officially opened by the Hon Dean Brown AO whose previous association with GRYC has stretched over many years. His role on the River Murray Advisory Committee in South Australia, and Chair of the Lower Lakes and Coorong Boating and Tourism Group provided those present with a clear understanding of current undertakings and opportunities for those residing in the Lower Lakes area.

The plaque for Stage One of building refurbishment, now known as the 'Thornquest Deck', was unveiled by Ian Thornquest and thanks were extended for Ian's contributions and interest in this stage of the project. The new area was used to its full potential on Opening Day as members and friends sought a calmer, warmer space to relax in.

To conclude proceedings Patron Ron Kelton and Vice Commodore Louise Edwards conducted a presentation to Past Commodore Don Richardson for his GRYC

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Flags aflutter in the GRYC Marina on Opening Day 2017

achievement in being joint Club Champion for the 2016-2017 year.

The sail past attracted a good fleet of sail and power boats led by Past Commodore Locky McLaren and Past Commodore Chris Newton respectively and provided a colourful spectacle on the water with flags flying vigorously—it was still very windy.

New Members' Night

New Members' Night is one of those occasions at GRYC that warms your heart. Current members come along to ensure new members are made to feel welcome and new members, as they introduce themselves,

reflect on how excited they are to be part of GRYC and how friendly and helpful everyone is to them.

This year we have 38 new members whose memberships span across all classifications which in itself is indicative of growth in all areas of the Club. It is interesting to learn about new comers to GRYC and I encourage you to introduce yourselves as they become very much a part of the Club. Some of you may have met Tony Cousins and Janice, who purchased 'Yvonne Patrine', Evan Higgins's beautiful boat—they have

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become members, sail regularly both in races and cruising, dine in the Bistro frequently and travel from Sydney each time they do so. They will be part of GRYC until they take their boat back to Sydney so, like many have already done, make yourselves known and enjoy their company and the tales they have to tell.

In and around GRYC

Throughout this edition of *Regatta* you will be alerted to the many activities of the Club both on and off the water.

Twilight Series One, sponsored by TC's Fruit & Veg has come and gone with six of the seven races being sailed in favourable conditions. Again there have been good sized fleets with over 30 boats entered over the seven weeks. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to TC's Fruit & Veg for this series sponsorship – this year they have reinstated the fruit and veg boxes for the raffle which, along with the meat trays from Goolwa Foodland, have proven very successful and sell out quickly. Craig and Chris also added to the after race snacks some delicious nachos during the series. Added to this they then operated the pizza oven and sponsored the music for the Series One presentation night. Amazing effort which is much appreciated.

Christmas at GRYC & Bremerton Winter Series Presentation

A Mediterranean degustation feast with fabulous music will set the scene for the Christmas Dinner and Bremerton Winter Series Presentation on 9th December at GRYC. Details are within this edition (p.10) so book early to secure your spot. There will be a Children's Christmas party at 12 noon the same day and members are encouraged to bring along children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or children they care for, to enjoy water fun, food and Father Christmas. Thanks to Liz Cooper and her team for organising and managing this event.

Goolwa Regatta Week 2018

This time of the year cannot go past without a reminder of the upcoming Goolwa Regatta Week 2018 (program on p. 5) with all its festivities and sailing experiences. The organising committee continues to work tirelessly to cover all the bases and make certain everything runs smoothly. We have quite an array of sponsors this year and encourage you to support their businesses where ever you can (see p.5 this edition).

Primarily the volunteers for the Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic have been pinned down through Peter Briton Jones who has maintained carefully constructed lists and contacts – Thanks Peter.

To Louise, Rick and the race committee, thanks go for all the Notices of Races, Sailing Instructions and entry details. This comprises a major part of the week and I can assure you is very well organised.

David Howard has managed to organise many of the sponsors and with the help of Mike O'Reilly, who is responsible for publicity, has developed excellent documentations and releases.

Andrew Robertson is working with 'on land' activities and, along with many innovative ideas, is always willing to put his hand up Chairing this committee with such a professional and willing team has been a pleasure' and I appreciate all their contributions.

As you see it is quite a small group of volunteers on the organising committee but we are supported by a huge band of members and friends who make the tasks less onerous. If you haven't had a chance to be involved please check out the Volunteer Registration form insert in this edition; also available from the GRYC website, or pick up one from the Club. The two areas requiring extra attention are Bar Staff during the week and someone with a small team to manage Grounds. I am happy to chat with any prospective volunteers.

The sailing season is off to a great start with much more to come. Enjoy your sailing. Enjoy your Club. Lyn Roberts, Commodore

Thornquest Deck Opening



Images from Opening Day 2017







Vice Commodore's Report

As you read this we are well into the 2017/18 racing season. Our program has been modified this year to include a redefined Summer Series on Saturday afternoons and a Destination Series both of which are proving popular. As you know, the GRYC runs 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. Big thanks to you all for making our racing program so successful.

We are still 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 be like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact me on gryc@gryc.com.au or louandbri@hotmail. com or 0431 053 104.

Paul Harvey has been involved in the Race Committee for many years now – as a member, as our handicapper and as chair of the Race Committee. Unfortunately Paul has had to step down from these roles and on behalf of the Race Committee and the racing fraternity at the GRYC I extend our thanks and appreciation for his hard work and contribution.

Many of you would be aware that the Race Committee recently updated its paper on how yacht ratings are set, reviewed and updated. This paper, along with many other useful documents, is available on the GRYC website on the racing page. We encourage all sailors to visit this page where you will also find copies of entry forms, NOR and SI, Category 5 and Category 6 audit form and more.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has been consulting on proposed changes to the laws and regulations relating to the wearing of life jackets. This is on the back of a Royal Life Saving Australia report which found that between 2006 and 2016 35 people drowned while boating or on watercraft in South Australia – only one was wearing a life jacket. The current legal requirements are for there to be a life jacket for each person and it is recommended that children 12 years old or younger wear life jackets while on board.

Proposed changes are for life jackets to be worn: • by all persons on vessels less than 4.8m long and underway • at all times by children under 12 years when in an open area of a vessel 4.8m-12m long and underway • by all persons over 12 years when in an open area of a vessel 4.8m-12m long and underway at times of heightened risk or as directed by the skipper

Heightened risk means: • boating alone • boating at night • crossing a coastal or ocean bar (e.g. Murray Mouth) • restricted visibility • when the vessel is disabled • boating in an area where the BOM has issued a specific weather warning.

Results of the consultation being undertaken by DPTI are yet to be announced. We will keep you informed.

It's not long now until the 2018 Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic and Goolwa Regatta Week are here. You can enter now via www. goolwaregattaweek.com.au For 2018 the race will be held on Saturday 27th January as the Australia Day public holiday is on Friday 26th January.

The link above also has the NOR and SI for all on water events along with other important information and documents. Rear Commodore David Howard has been very successful in securing sponsorship for all of our on water events and we are pleased to welcome some new sponsors too!

Happy racing Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore

GRYC and RaceQs

The free, online, in the cloud, yacht tracker RaceQs now offers us the ability to watch our races 'live'. All sailors need to do is download the free app (android or apple) onto their phone or tablet, set up a profile, click on live streaming and either preset the start or press tracking before the start of the race.

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RaceQs public regatta broadcast is crowd sourced which means anyone of us can go in and set up the course, starts, divisions etc. If you'd like to know more, let me know.



We are a Good Sports club



At **Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club** we endorse and support the **Good Sports** program to provide a safe environment for all members.

Good Sports has been proven to reduce harm and positively influence health behaviors, as well as strengthen club membership and boost participation.

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The core Good Sports program has been helping community sporting clubs to control the use of alcohol and to promote healthy behaviors — such as healthy eating and smoke free environments — for nearly two decades.



On 1st July 2016 the laws changed and public outdoor dining areas must be smoke-free at all times that food is offered or available.

At the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club this means our outdoor dining area is both smoke-free and vape-free while meals, pizzas, BBQ and other food is being served.

The ban on smoking and vaping in outdoor dining areas applies to all smoking products: cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars and pipes.

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Bistro

Over the past month it has been encouraging to see more members and visitors availing themselves of the delicious food offered at the Friday night Bistro.

Chef Gary and his team are doing a great job to maintain the Bistro at the level required by members and have been working hard in the best interests of GRYC.

As with everything, we have had to increase some prices for dishes as we head into summer but we are competitive and those who eat with us enjoy what they are served. We have also changed the menu which is made up of popular dishes and allows for more flexibility in the kitchen.

Meals are available from 6.30pm so patrons can dine whilst the race is on and enjoy the evening view from the Kinnear Room or from within the new Thornquest Deck.

Come along and try what is on offer.

Bookings are appreciated: 8555 2617

Marina Matters

The annual meeting of Berth Licence Holders was held in late October and signified another successful year of running and maintaining a valuable club and community asset.

Your Marina Committee for the 2017/18 year is: Steve West, Andrew Robertson, David Hurford, Ian Powrie, Lloyd Goudge, Peter Gibberd and Louise Edwards.

Please do not hesitate to speak to anyone of us if you have questions about or ideas for the Marina.

The Tuesday Working Group has continued their excellent work maintaining our marina – hundreds of planks have been refixed, flipped or replaced this financial year. The TWG continue to maintain mooring lines, test electrical outlets and water supply (including the firefighting equipment) among other things.

Over the next few months you will see the pedestal replacement program rolled out. We are excited to announce that local company Goolwa Masts and Welding has won the tender and has designed these pedestals specifically for, and in consultation with, the GRYC.

All berth licence holders should be aware that it is a condition of their Marina Agreement that only boats belonging to senior members are to be moored in the Carless Marina. We do expect this requirement to be adhered to as there is a significant waiting list of members wanting to buy or rent berths..

A reminder please, if you see something that needs attention on the marina, please complete the form located in the Marina Maintenance Folder next to the entrance to the Kinnear Room. This is the fastest and most reliable way of getting mooring lines, lights and other minor maintenance issues addressed.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of electrical lines are rather precariously run from the service pedestals to boats. Can you please check your electrical lines and ensure that they do not constitute a trip hazard and are not in contact with the water.

Yours sincerely, Louise Edwards, Chair Marina Committee

Members' Corner

GRYC General Committee welcomes the following new members (Apr to Oct'17): *Senior* Matthew Leaney, Tony Cousins, John Whibley, Peter Marin, Ian Phillips,

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Associate Jennifer Bowering, Barry Wigzell, Valeria Sanders, Nickalas Groffen (Sailability), Andrew Brinkworth, Jenny Mifsud, Peter Thornton, Andrew Short (Sailability), Natalie Gibbs, Marilyn Morgan, John Morgan, Donald James, Michael Leaney, Rachelle Martin.

Junior James Martin, Rory Martin, Ben Martin.

Vale - Kevin Russell passed away aged 80, active member of the GRYC for 19 years.

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club presents Goolwa Regatta Week 2018

www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au 20-27 January, 2018



Saturday 20th January, 2018 Club Marine Marina Challenge Southern Lagoons, The Marina Hindmarsh Island

1.00pm-4.00pm: Southern Lagoons, The Marina Hindmarsh Island 4.30pm: Marina Challenge Presentaiotns - TBA

Sunday 21st January, 2018 Gala Day

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, I I.00am-6.00pm

10.00am: Sailability Regatta - Adjacent to GRYC 2.00pm: Goolwa Vintage Boat Club Yacht Race 5.00pm: Vintage Yacht Race Presntations - GRYC

Monday 22nd January, 2018 Radio Controlled Yachts Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

2.00pm: Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta

4.30pm: Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta Presentations

Tuesday 23rd January, 2018 Dominant Cook-Off

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

4.00pm-7.00pm: Preparation time before an evening of fun

Wednesday 24th January, 2018 Pelican Marine & RV Goolwa Tune Up Race Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

6.00pm-7.00pm: Pelican Marine and RV Tune Up Yacht Race 7.45pm: Pelican Marine and RV Tune Up Yacht Race Presentation

Thursday 25th January, 2018 Kies Home Hardware Dash for Cash Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

6.00pm: Kies Home Harware Dash for Cash

7.45pm: Kies Home Harware Dash for Cash Presentation

Friday 26th January, 2018 Australia Day Breakfast Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

8.00am-10:00am: Big Breakfast

Saturday 27th January, 2018 Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic Milang and Goolwa Regatta Yacht Clubs

9.00am: The GRYC presents the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic Yacht Race - Milang

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Electronic Invoicing

The GRYC will now use electronic invoicing as our default method of sending invoices.

As you are no doubt aware, Australia Post has recently increased both the cost of postage and the timeframe in which mail is delivered. In response, the General Committee at its March 2017 meeting took the decision to move to electronic invoicing of annual membership subscriptions and marina charges.

It is anticipated this will deliver an annual saving of approximately \$500 in postage plus savings in printing, paper and envelopes. This change has been trialled successfully with membership subscription reminders.

If you do not want to receive your invoicing electronically, you may opt out by contacting

Club Manager Jay Leech on 8555 2617 or gryc@gryc.com.au

Please note an admin fee of \$1.75 will be applied to reminder notices that are issued as paper bills.

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TC's Fruit & Veg Series



New Members' Night 2017

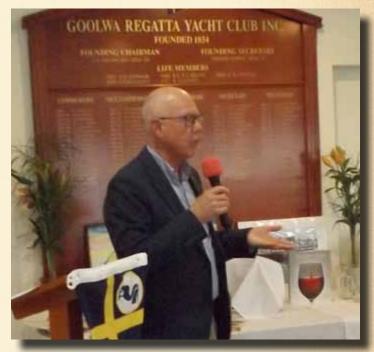








Wine Appreciation Dinner





On the water

We have had some solid breezes for the start of the season and it's been great to see fleets of around 30 boats for each race of the TC's Fruit & Veg Twilight series. The racing has been very tight and there are often just a few seconds between boats on corrected time. It's been fabulous to see new boats and members out on the water adding to the fun.

The new DSM Short Course Summer Series is underway and, despite the first race being abandoned due to a range of starting errors, the second race went off without a hitch and was enjoyed by all. The third and fourth races were held on Saturday 25th November.

Goolwa to Wellington and Goolwa to Narrung, the first two races in the DSM Destination Series have come and gone and were great fun. Due to favourable wind conditions, most boats were at Wellington in time for the first quarter of the AFL Grand Final (although some would have preferred missing it...). Narrung attracted a jovial crowd from both the GRYC and the CBBC and all enjoyed the hospitality of the Narrung Progress Association. Through our raffle and donations we were able to raise over \$650 for them.

Don't forget to check out www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au for information on events both on and off the water. All the NOR and SIs are there, as is entry to the big race, the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic – why not enter right now?

Follow this link to obtain an e-version of the current Racing Rules of Sailing: http://www.sailing.org.au/2017-2020-blue-ebook-now-available-download/ and don't forget to keep an eye on our racing page http://www.gryc.com.au/racing/ where you will find Sailing Instructions, Entry Forms, Rating information and lots more!

Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore







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Off the Bridge NYE Fireworks 2017

Goolwa skies will light up at midnight on New Years Eve to welcome 2018, and celebrate our wonderful community, with a spectacular fireworks display.

Locals and visitors to Goolwa are invited to gather at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, along the water's edge or perhaps even on the river by boat toenjoy the display.

The event committee is currently accepting sponsorship and donations from the local businesses and community organisations that make this fantastic fireworks display possible. A grant from Alexandrina Council will cover other expenses associated with the event. Local cafes, bars and restaurants plan to celebrate the night with special functions leading up to midnight. No BYO alcohol will be permitted at the Wharf Precinct, so book in early if you'd like to toast the New Year at one of the wharf's licensed establishments. Access to Hindmarsh Island will be restricted by both road and walkway between 11pm -12:30am with a total road closure on the bridge from 11.30pm-12.30am. Boats will also be restricted from entering the 4-knot Zone around the bridge between those same times.

The event has stimulated community interest and enthusiasm and should provide positive promotion of Goolwa, and the Fleurieu region, as a tourist destination, particularly over the summer season.

Christmas Twilights

Commencing Wednesday 27th December 2018, for four consecutive nights, is the Nautilus Marine Christmas Twilight Series.

Each race kicks off with a briefing at 1730 for a 1800 start.

Divisions will include:

Div 2 Trailables without spinnaker

Div 3 Trailables with spinnaker

Div 4 Monohull off-the-beach

Nautilus Marine Insurance are providing \$3000 in insurance vouchers for place getters on corrected in Divisions 2 and 3.

1st place = \$750, 2nd place = \$500, 3rd place = \$250 Race entry forms are available on the GRYC website under 'Racing'.

This is always a great opportunity to share your love of sailing with family and friends and to enjoy the evening just soaking up what GRYC has to offer and to relax following the Christmas rush.

Each evening there will be different foods available, thanks to the Social Committee and Staff at GRYC. We look forward to seeing you there.



Wine Appreciation Dinner

At the recent Wine Appreciation Dinner over 60 guests enjoyed the experience of tasting emerging wines from the region and discovering just what is happening with wines in Australia.

Dr Peter Dry, recipient of the 2014 McWilliams Wines Maurice O'Shea Award, presented an interesting and informative description of each of the 10 wines and challenged participants to comment on the variety, the origins and their preferences. Peter's expertise was very much appreciated and thanks go to him for another successful evening.

Following a fabulous dinner by guest chef Angie, an auction, conducted by Randal Cooper, raised nearly \$2000 towards the Building Fund. Along with the sale of wines, the total should be well over \$3000. A great effort!

Thanks also to members and friends who donated auction items:

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Additional members on General Committee

At the most recent General Committee meeting it was moved that Andrew Stevens and Randal Cooper be co-opted onto the committee. Andrew fills the gap that was left vacant at the AGM and Randal is replacing Paul Harvey. Paul resigned his position due to personal reasons and we are grateful for his input and expertise over the years. He worked tirelessly on the Race Committee; contributed wisely and with much experience on the General Committee; and was responsible for ensuring the annual program was delivered on time with all aspects covered. We sincerely thank Paul and look forward to his involvement at a different level around the Club.



Ben Meets the Governor

ne of our youngest Sailability members, Benjamin Vasiliadis recently went to Government House where he met the Governor, The Honourable Hieu Van Le and was presented with the Lions "Children of Courage Award" for his horse riding ability and the determination to overcome obstacles. Ben recently competed in the RDA State Championship and gained two first and a fourth in dressage competitions. Earlier in the year he entered the Mounted Games and won two firsts then competed in a Special Olympics qualifying event where he won the Gold Medal. Ben is a keen horse rider. Ben is also an enthusiastic participant at Sailability days and lights up every one's day with his infectious smile and bubbly personality.



Sailability News

oolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc Sailability program was fortunate enough in March this year, to receive \$1250 from The Royal Family Hotel Port Elliot Social Club. Their generosity and support was completely unexpected. Funds have been used to purchase a spare set of sails, which have been deliberately not numbered so that they are interchangeable within our fleet. Acknowledgement of their support and generosity has been made by the Social Club's name being affixed to the mainsail. Damaged headsail bobbins have also been replaced from this funding.

As you read this, the following will have taken place: 29th November, Burnside Symphony Orchestra, annual Sailability fundraiser. 1st December, International Day for The Disabled at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge; Sailability volunteers transport two of our dinghies for use on the day. We are joined by Port Adelaide Sailability with their boats. Sailing is the most sought after activity on the day. 2nd December, is a Sailability Day and our Christmas Luncheon. Our volunteer ladies put on an excellent luncheon which is appreciated by all, and usually a 'person of importance'



makes an appearance. This luncheon is just an extension of the lunch our ladies put on each month. We are so fortunate to have this support, and Goolwa Sailability is known by other Sailability clubs, as the place to be fed.

As part of Regatta Week, (Sunday 21st January 10.00AM), Sailability Goolwa will hold the Sailability Regatta in honour of Past Commodore, Simon Thiele, with trophies kindly donated by Roger Rees.

The event consists of 4/5 short races and is open to other Sailability clubs to participate.

New sailors to our program recently have been: William Angley (parents, Chris/Manya), Nickalas Groffen (Mary) Izabell Hendy (Sue), Patrick Lewis (Vicki), Peter Norde (Rachael), Marie Pedler, Jack Penman (Richard/Kathi), Andrew Short (Emma), Gabrielle Stodulka (Glenn/Samantha)

Our volunteer team has been added to by: David Hurford, Di Keach, Neil Kuhlmann, Leigh Phillips, Ian Powrie, Peter Trembath. A big thank you, to all volunteers and sailors for your participation this year.

Ian Barker, Convenor Sailability

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