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## Commodore Comments

The excitement of Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week (GRW) this year was embraced by all who participated or came along as spectators, resulting in a very successful eight days of action on and off the water. Our sponsors were amazing and their support and involvement reflected a 'Community' event which is continuing to grow. My personal thank you list is endless but I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those involved:

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To the Goolwa Regatta Week Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure every aspect of every event was delivered in the best way possible. What talents exist among this group, and what dedication to a 'job well done'. Thank you to Louise

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Edwards, David Howard, Rick Eylward, Peter Briton Jones, Mike O'Reilly and Andrew Robertson. I really appreciate all your efforts.

To the members and friends of GRYC who volunteered in the weeks leading up to GRW and during the week – what an incredible show of support: Thank you.

To the staff – Jay for all her organisation prior to the event and managing her team in the bar and front of house; to Gaenor in the office; to Angie and her team providing delightful delicacies; and to Nick who had our grounds looking wonderful: Thank you.

To our Photographer Chris Caffin with his remarkable images of the week and his exhibition; and to Harry and Cass from Down Under Sail who provided a different perspective on events for all to enjoy: Thank you.

To Commodore Nick Wotton at Milang Regatta Club and their members for making everyone so welcome with food, beverages and assistance with in the community: Thank you.

A review has been conducted of GRW and plans are beginning for 2019; dates will be Saturday 19 January to Sunday 27 January. Put those dates in your diary now!

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No spinnakers allowed in the Coorong Quays GRW Day 5 evening tune-up race

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Some may now think that we will head into a quieter time but as I check out the program March is still busy with four more Twilight races, Sailability and Volunteers' night, so I look forward to catching up with many of you during these occasions.

After a few years break from Club BBQs I can report that the one held on 24 February was a great night with over 75 people attending. The Social Committee and friends provided delicious salads and the camaraderie around the BBQs was also reflected among the groups enjoying the night.

Of course the Thornquest Deck was well used as it is at every opportunity for members to gather at GRYC. The feedback has been extremely positive on this addition and I trust that future committees are able to raise sufficient funds to continue with Stages 2 and 3 of the Building Enhancement Program.

From 18 April to 21 April GRYC will be hosting the Team Sailing State Titles and we are excited at the thought of many young sailors competing on the South Lakes. This event should provide great spectator opportunities and I would invite you to take some time and check it out. We will be requiring some help with the bar and catering and I will send out further information over the coming weeks. Our programs with Sailability and Radio Controlled Yachts will continue as normal over these days and have been given due consideration to maintain their usual activities.

It is wonderful to see so many members in and around the Club and to the many new members at GRYC I offer you a very warm welcome and look forward to spending time with you over the coming weeks.

*Lyn Roberts, Commodore*



Presentation of Grant for GRW with Mayor Keith Parkes and Commodore Lyn Roberts

The sleek and magnificent Iole created a great spectacle in the Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week historic yacht racing



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## Vice Commodore

Well since the previous edition of *Regatta* it has been one of the busiest periods of the year and it was great fun!

The Nautilus Marine Christmas Twilight Series attracted 42 boats including a strong contingent of vintage river boats and was a tightly contested series. The SPI Flooring and Blinds Twilight Series wrapped up in style and the first race of the Goolwa Car and Commercial Twilight Series saw 37 boats on the water!

We had a solid turn out for the Coorong Quays GRW and Coorong Quays Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic, and whilst the weather threw everything hot and still at us, it was a great race with plenty of technical sailing involved.

As our summer racing program draws to a close (the final race is the Finnis Race on Saturday 7 April) I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who made this season so great.

To our Twilight and Summer/Destination sponsors: Chris and Craig from TC's Fruit and Veg, Steve and Deb from SPI Flooring, Trish from Nautilus Marine, Ben and Val from Goolwa Car and Commercial, Dan and Sandy from DSM and of course the many sponsors who brought Goolwa Regatta Week to you (see later in *Regatta*) – Thank You!

To our on and off water volunteers, you do a marvellous job and I really appreciate the energy, humour and commitment that you make to ensure our club races are the best in the state.

Finally to my Race Committee; Rick Eylward, Trevor Baldock, Harry Cooper, Garry Coombes, Murray Symonds and Geoff Perry, a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes, thanks for all your help, support and input.

As we head into autumn it is time to start thinking about and planning next year's program. We invite your feedback and if you have an idea you'd like us to consider, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the Race Committee or email us at [gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au).

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

Happy racing

*Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore*



## Rear Commodore

My primary task over the year or so has been to arrange sponsorship – I am very relieved to say that task was satisfactorily completed. I want to express my appreciation to all the persons and businesses who became sponsors – you were without exception a delight to deal with, which made a somewhat onerous task much more pleasant. I am confident you all obtained good value and enjoyed the benefits of sponsoring the various series and events and especially Goolwa Regatta Week. I will, of course, be communicating with our sponsors in a few weeks inviting the renewal of sponsorships for the 2018-19 Season.

About four years ago I gave away my dilapidated wig (it was held together by hope and optimism) together with my black gown and the other paraphernalia which barrister's wear. I thought and hoped my days of wearing fancy dress were over. A couple of years later I was back to wearing fancy dress as Rear Commodore at GRYC. While the customary whites are at least more or less from the 20<sup>th</sup> century as distinct from the 17<sup>th</sup> century or earlier court gear required of barristers I really question whether aping naval officers is necessary or desirable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Some suitable formality of attire is, I believe, reasonable for formal occasions at a yacht club but do the flag officers really need to dress up to the extent that we do? Does such clothing really perform a useful function? I hope these comments stir up a vigorous debate.

When with some hesitation I agreed to be nominated for the role of Rear Commodore I made it **very** clear that I would not seek the role of Vice Commodore or Commodore. That remains my very firm decision. While I have been flattered by members who have urged me to go on "up the ladder" I strongly believe GRYC needs younger people on the Committee and especially as Flag Officers. It is the Flag Officers who must guide and lead the Club. While contributions from older members are usually very useful and generally greatly appreciated, the Club via the Committee and Flag Officers needs the dynamism and inspiration of youth, or at least relative youth, from persons who are closer in age to the majority of members. Fresh younger blood is, I believe, vital for the continuing success of the Club. So my very strong preference and intention is to retire from office by the next AGM. I am hopeful that at the elections at the end of this Club year there will be strong competition for membership of the General Committee and particularly for the positions of Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore which on current indications will need to be filled. It is your club. Please help to keep it strong and vibrant. Contested elections for the Committee and especially for Flag Officers roles is a sign of a healthy club. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can contribute to the Club, not merely by volunteering and participating in the Club's activities but by helping to lead and guide the Club to serve members' needs even better than it now does.

*David Howard, Rear Commodore*

## Did you know? Of course you did.

*Our racing program at GRYC is a source of great spectator viewing from the river bank and from the wharf where many members of the community meet regularly to witness the close racing and to check out who is doing what on the water.*

*As you may be aware noise that travels across water is usually very clearly heard by those on the shore. Whilst starts and near misses are opportunities for loud emissions of feeling, it would be great if some consideration was given to what was said.*

**Just saying ...**

## Marina Matters

Invoices for the annual Berth Licence Holders' charges were sent out electronically (to those who have email addresses) in mid-February. This was the first time we have issued these invoices electronically and we had a few hiccups! Thanks to those who let us know there was no attachment and we are working on improving our processes for future electronic invoicing – not just for marina charges.

The trial of the new pedestals will commence soon.

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.

A reminder that your Marina Committee for the 2017/18 year is:

- Steve West
- Andrew Robertson
- David Hurford
- Ian Powrie
- Lloyd Goudge
- Peter Gibberd
- Louise Edwards

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

A reminder please, if you see something 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.

*Louise Edwards, Chair Marina Committee*

## Catering plans as we move forward

With the unfortunate closing of the Bistro in January the General Committee has continued to consider options to provide food for members. Initially we have continued to provide a BBQ on Friday nights during the Twilight Series, with the addition of Hot Potatoes to the menu. There has been the option to bring your own food to cook and enjoy, which a few people have chosen to take up. Menus for Saltwater Café are also available at the Club and orders can be made for delivery.



Of course we have winter to consider and at this stage we are tying in the Informal Races with guest cooks from amongst our members, families or interested groups. Menus for these nights will be made available and it will be necessary to book prior to the evenings.

This plan will begin with:

- 23 March - Presentation night for Twilight Series 3  
Angie does wood fired food
- 27 April—Angie
- 25 May—Taverna Eleanora, Louise Edwards
- 22 June—Graeme Foristal
- 27 July – Randal Cooper
- 24 August—Jon Gilbert
- 14 September – TBA

We are speaking with others and have received interest for this idea. If you are keen to take on a Friday night, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

*Lyn Roberts, Commodore*



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## Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week 2018



Randal Cooper's Wylø had a fun day out.

### Day 1 - Coorong Quays a tricky race track for Marina Challenge

The Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week 2018 kicked off with the Club Marine Marina Challenge held in Coorong Quays at Hindmarsh Island. A tight windy body of water was on the menu for the sailors with yachts racing in a time trial format starting two minutes apart.

The wind was extremely shifty and tricky with a puffy 3-10 knot breeze throughout the two heats, leaving some boats drifting while others were powering along and easily navigating the narrow track. It was great to see all the spectators and residents in the residential area of Coorong Quays getting amongst the event and throwing lollies and banter out to the competitors.

The results over the two races were vastly different due to the tricky conditions, however the top three boats overall were to be congratulated:

First: *Elanora*– Louise Edwards

Second: *Destiny* – Trevor Baldock

Third: *Dolphin* – Chris Reiffel



Trevor Baldock's *Destiny* finished second overall

### Day 2 - Sailors of all abilities celebrated on Gala Day

Mother Nature turned it on with sunny skies and fair winds for day two of the Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week. Gala Day was all about bringing everyone together on and off the water.

Local businesses set up stalls at the club and provided a lively atmosphere for the community and its sailors, while local singers and bands also performed for those relaxing on the lawn.

It was a full day of racing with Sailability, juniors, dinghy and vintage boats racing in a stadium racing environment right in close to the club's marina.



The Sailability racing was tight and competitive



There were a great number of dinghies out sailing



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## Day 3 - Radio-controlled yachts take over club marina

A strong fleet of Radio-Controlled Yachts hit the water on day three of the Coorong Quays Goolwa Regatta Week.

It was a somewhat different spectacle of sailing than you would normally see around a marina, however these small but exciting boats hit the water and competed in puffy and fluky conditions.

The course was set in the marina itself with the top mark placed just outside its entrance with a total of 10 five-minute races for all boats in each of the two divisions; the International 1-Metre Class in Division 1 and Division 2 comprising a mix of other classes such as Phantoms and Focuses.

There were quite a few collisions, round ups, knock downs and even a few boats getting stuck on reeds and other boats within the marina, however all in good fun for the sailors.

Congratulations to the divisional winners, Geoff Hill in Division 1 and Bob Dare in Division 2, who did a great job to take the honours in difficult conditions.



## Day 4 – Sailors turn chefs for Dominant BBQ Cook-Off

Another day of glamour conditions in Goolwa was the perfect backdrop for the Dominant BBQ Cook Off. Participants came down to the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club either to compete in the BBQ Cook-Off or just to enjoy a meal and socialise.

The competitors had three categories to choose from:

- What can you do with a chicken?
- Your favourite dish on a boat
- Creative nautical dessert

All the meals looked absolutely delicious and the creative desserts were certainly that.

Thanks to the event sponsors, Julie and Chris Short from Dominant Chemicals, who have been attending the event for a number of years and now Julie is also one of the judges.

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## Day 5 - Smooth sailing leads to \$250 cash prize in the 'Tune Up' Race

In the lead up to Saturday's big Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic, the Tune Up race was all about speed with two sprint races consisting of a windward-leeward course of only one-and-a-half laps.

The first race was the qualifying round and the last three boats were knocked out, which left the top six boats to fight it out in the final for the \$250 winner-takes-all cash prize.

The first race was quite calm, with most boats keeping their own lane and space on the course and at the marks. The final race however was the complete opposite with stronger and puffier winds and a much tighter start line.

Harry Cooper, skippering *Wind in the Willows*, was first to the final top mark and led the fleet all the way to the finish, gaining a large lead by the line.

Unfortunately Trevor Baldock in *Ellen* and Louise Edwards in *Elanora*, who were second and third respectively, had an issue at the top mark with *Elanora* believing she had mark room – she was however pushed out and the boats touched and a few choice words were exchanged.

After the yardsticks were taken into account, congratulations to the winners as follows:

1st: *Anoqua* – Geoff Perry

2nd: *Wind in the Willows* – Harry Cooper

3rd: *Ellen* – Trevor Baldock

## Day 6 – Intensity lifts during Dash for Cash racing

Rivalries grew stronger when the Dash for Cash event took place at Goolwa Regatta Week – and with a \$750 winner-takes-all cash prize up for grabs, all friendships went off the transom.

As there were 12 boats competing in two sprint races with results based on corrected handicap time, the first race was split into two heats and the best four boats from each heat then qualified for the final.

The first race had a gusty 15-knot breeze from the south-southwest with big fleet separation in both heats and a few nervous close encounters. The final, however, was a different story; less wind created close and intense racing with many close calls, tight roundings, choice words and a few small love taps.

Positions were constantly changing and each bottom mark rounding was tight with one of them three boats wide – thankfully it managed to stay clean. However you could hear a great deal of banter being thrown around between the boats.

Line honours went to Matt Irvine in *The Kraken*, a Modified TS16 with a slick hull design and a big spinnaker, while second was Andrew Stevens in *Envy*, an Elliott 7, and third to Randall Cooper's *Nerana*, a Restricted 21.

However the big cash prize was going to be awarded to the winner on corrected time.

The top three on corrected time were:

1st: Matt Irvine, *The Kraken* (Modified TS 16) [check out the photo >](#)

2nd (first loser): Randall Cooper, *Nerana* (Restricted 21)

3rd (second loser): Andrew Stevens, *Envy* (Elliott 7)

Congratulations to all sailors, especially the top three, who placed in both over the line and corrected results.



Day 5 'Tune Up' racing was close on South Lakes at Goolwa



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**Matt Irvine's *The Kraken* took out the \$750 prize in the Dash for Cash**

## **Day 7 – ‘Delivery Day’ sets the scene for the big race**

Sailors were treated to the lifestyle of the Lower Lakes region today as the full fleet of boats for the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic made the trip down the river a day early.

The day before the big race has traditionally been known as ‘Delivery Day’ with the bulk of the fleet enjoying a leisurely few hours sailing to the race start destination.

If you’ve never been to this event, it truly is one to write down on the bucket list as the trailable yachts and dinghies roll up and park themselves in the reeds, setting the scene for a great evening in this iconic lake shore destination.



**The lifestyle of the Milang Regatta Club is what keeps sailors coming back**

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## COORONG QUAYS MILANG-GOOLWA FRESHWATER CLASSIC 2018

### A slow start and almost ideal conditions for the finish

A rare, still and glassy aspect to Lake Alexandrina greeted sailors at Milang on the morning of Saturday 27 January, 2018. Over a splendid mug of coffee and the traditional Milang Yacht Club bacon and egg sandwich breakfast, sailors discussed their prospects. By this time the temperature was reaching 40°C and the lake glimmered. Among the doubters were old hands (and experienced sailors) who believed that the afternoon sea breeze would arrive once we had rounded Point Sturt ... but, of course, we had to *reach* Point Sturt. The start was delayed by half-an-hour, or if you were in anything below Division 3 it appeared that the start was delayed by hours and you might be cooked before your yacht had crossed the start line. Once we started, there were those who believed that the best strategy was to sail west towards the land hoping for an early breeze. It was not to be. All that happened was this meant that reaching Point Sturt could take up to four hours; and it did! By this time those sailors such as evergreen Randal Cooper, Caroline Bucher helming her Noelex 25 *Sea Eagle* and Sonatas such as Don Richardson's *Encore* could sail a more direct line to Point Sturt and catch the 1:00pm sea breeze; all the while much of the rest of the fleet were being cooked bobbing about off Point Sturt in 40°C+. Experience told in the end and the sea breeze kicked in and those that had already reached Point Sturt raced home to Goolwa in almost ideal sailing conditions.



The fleet gets off to a start from Milang bound for Goolwa in  
The Coorong Quays Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic 2018



It took a little time, but eventually the wind came in



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## Milang-Goolwa Classic 2018 Results

### Division 1 Vintage Riverboats

*Iole* (Fraser Buchan) *Wylo X1* (Randal Cooper)

*Beth* (Paul Simmons).

### WR Appleby Perpetual Cup

*Iole* (Fraser Buchan)

### Division 1A Restricted 21 Class

*Dolphin* (Chris Reiffel) *Endeavour* (Lyndon Bartlett)

*Altair* (Graham Roberts).

### Division 2 Trailable Monohull Boats Spinnaker

#### Rating .740 to .810

*OhReally!* (Mike O'Reilly) *High C* (Brian Doser)

*Kylie's Carbon Race Bike* (Simon Bath).

### Division 3 Trailable Monohull Boats Spinnaker

#### Rating less than .740

*Sand Castle* (Philip Kelly) *Windrunner* (David Barnes)

*Neophyte* (Derek Morrison).

### Division 4 - Trailable Monohull Boats Spinnaker

#### Rating less than .740

*Encore* (Don Richardson) *Sea Eagle* (Carolyn Butcher)

*Serendipity* (Adrian Schilling)

### Division 5 Trailable Monohull Boats Non-Spinnaker

#### Rating greater than .695

*Blewbiu* (Nicholas Steyn) *Mackie* (Justin Stanbridge)

*Anoqua* (Geoff Perry).

### Division 6: Trailable Monohull Boats Rating greater than .810

*Bohica* (Todd Bartlett) *Maniac* (Daniel Fidock)

*The Spruce Moose* (Grant Smith).

### Division 7 Multihulls

*Dux Nutts* (Iain Macdougall) *Shockwave* (Rod Walter)

*Wilparina 111* (Robert Remilton).

### Division 8 Monohull Dinghies

*Tallulah* (Jonathan Ward) *Fabulous Hornet* (Kym Widdows)

*Bang A Gong* (Adrian Nicholson)

### Division 9: Off the Beach Catamarans

*Raketvape* (Marcus Towell)

*The Green Machine* (Charlie Coombs) *Sunset Strip* (Paul Short).

### Keith Veenstra Memorial Trophy

*Dolphin* (Chris Reiffel)

### Patrons Trophy

*Tern* (Mike Badenoch)

### AB Kinnear Perpetual Trophy

Div 2: *OhReally!* (Mike O'Reilly) Div 3: *Sand Castle* (Philip Kelly)

Div 6: *Bohica* (Todd Bartlett)

### Commodore's Trophy

Div 4: *Encore* (Don Richardson)

Div 5: *Blewbiu* (Nicholas Steyn)

### Remilton Perpetual Trophy

*Dux Nutts* (Iain Macdougall)

### Animal Scanning Services Trophies

*Raketvape* (Marcus Towell)

### Crowhust Trophy

*Oh Really!* (Mike O'Reilly)

### Blue Darling Trophy

*Bohica* (Todd Bartlett)

### Cock of the Lake

*Raketvape* (Marcus Towell)

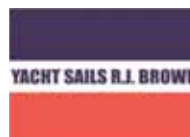
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