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Commodore's Comments ...

Past Commodore
Brendan Murray



Tribute to a valued
member of our club

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Welcome members and friends to the autumn edition of Regatta and summer season wrap up. Despite the ongoing pandemic, we as a club have managed to conduct a nearly complete sailing and social programme.

After Xmas the GRYC conducted the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic. Liz and I spent the race entertaining our sponsors from Kies Home Timber and Hardware and Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island on board river cruiser "Lady Eliza" hosted by Ros McLennan and Peter. We waited between Clayton and Narnu Bay for the fleet to arrive, a few hours of worrying about no wind and yes, the drizzle. Finally, the fleet sailed past with the Australian Sharpies putting on a great show of shy spinnaker handling in the fresh northerly wind that came up.

Back at the club the band played on, and we made the best out of what the weather permitted. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to make this event possible and made it work - rain hail or shine.

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Commodore's Comments (cont) ...

We have been fortunate to have an enthusiastic SheSails group within the club that keeps on growing and holding more events. These are informative and based on gaining knowledge about sailing, boat handling and increased enjoyment in our sport. SheSails recently celebrated their end of season event which was a great opportunity to thank the participants and volunteers for their support of a program which has become one of our most successful yet.

During the twilight season we have been lucky to have great food after sailing. Thank you to Atomic Food with Heath and Manu, GG's Baked Potato and Yiros run by Sharon, and Big Mahalo with Sonny and Luke inside the little red caravan.

From our club galley we were fortunate to have some of our members prepare and serve great meals. Jane Stephens putting in a huge amount of time and effort each week in prepping menus, ordering stock and keeping our clubhouse functioning at its best. Astrid Huntington, Nigel Kies and Richard and Emily Williams jumped in when needed to cook us dinner and give the food trucks a break.

For the last night of sailing our sponsors Bombora on the River's Casey and Joel looked after us with a 3-course meal of delicious soup, smoked and pulled meats and delicious brownies.

We have had awesome food all season, thank you to all our caterers and volunteers we look forward to having you return for the next season of twilights.

During the season we finally made some improvements to the club bar. The screens are gone, yes to all those members and staff that have struggled with those wretched things, gone.

Secretary Clive Boyce decided that painting was required and spent an extraordinary amount of time filling, sanding and painting inside the bar area just in time for the Milang-Goolwa - it looks very good - and the new drinks fridge adds to the overall appeal of the bar and is so much more energy efficient. New cupboards for the red wine and spirits have given the bar a much-needed facelift.

Thank you to the Tuesday Working Group who have contributed financially to this upgrade. It's great to have your support with this project.

During the season the coffee machine failed and was deemed unrepairable. After contacting an expert member regarding these complicated machines Chris and Julie Short of Cafetto organised a replacement, installed and with a bag of award-winning coffee beans. Thanks to our Patron and his wife, even the Commodore has been educated in its use.

We were able to run a new members night after 2 years of waiting. Unfortunately, we were still restricted in numbers, but our new members enjoyed themselves and the whole vibe of the club. Catering was by Manu, which was fantastic, and I have received nothing but positive feedback from all those who attended.



After 20+ years as Principal Race Officer, Rick Eylward OAM has retired to the riverbank and become something like a club ambassador - someone who greets visitors and new members, gives them a quick history lesson and gives them the goss on our club. I had promised to take him for a sail on Nerana, which is 2 years younger than Rick and we had a blast, good breeze around 18 knots, ran the big spinnaker, made him trim the headsail and yes we even had time for a quick beer on the downwind leg. Thanks to my crew who looked after him during the race and managed to keep the swearing to a minimum.

On June 19th we will conduct the Annual General Meeting of the GRYC and this is the opportunity for the members to serve this great club on the General Committee. If you are interested, please nominate or contact myself or Chris Reiffel and we can help convince you that it's a good idea.

Randal Cooper
Commodore of the oldest yacht club in Australia

Upcoming Events



June 2022

Sat 4th 09:00 Sailability 8
Sat 18th 19:00 Annual Dinner
Sun 19th 11:00 Annual General Meeting
Fri 24th 16:30 Informal Winter Twilight Race 3
Sun 26th 11:00 Winter Series, Race 3

July 2022

Fri 29th 16:30 Informal Winter Twilight Race 4
Sun 31st 11:00 Winter Series, Race 4

August 2022

Sat 6th 09:00 Sailability 9
Fri 26th 16:30 Informal Winter Twilight Race 5
Sat 27th 10:00 Winter Series, Race 5 - Dauntlus Cup

September 2022

Sat 3rd 09:00 Sailability 10
Fri 23rd 16:30 Informal Winter Twilight Race 6
Sun 25th 11:00 Winter Series, Race 6

October 2022 2022-2023 Season

Fri 7th 18:00 Twilight Series 1, Race 1
Sat 8th 14:30 Opening Day Welcome
15:30 Opening Day Sail Past
17:00 Opening Day Presentation

COVID Update

Please note that the following restrictions have been eased for Clubs:

- Masks will no longer be mandatory in indoor hospitality areas
- QR Code check-ins will no longer be required in hospitality venues

Current close contact definition and quarantine requirements will be maintained.



Although mask requirements are completely over, we still remind members to please do not attend the club if you are experiencing any cold or flu like symptoms.

If you are well and do decide to come to the club please remember good personal hygiene, wash hands thoroughly and sanitise your hands often.

Thank you to all GRYC members and guests who have done a fantastic job of following the COVID rules.

Fingers crossed we can continue to avoid COVID as much as possible and can get back to what we love most out on the water!

Jade Irvine
Club Manager

A poster for the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Annual Dinner and AGM. The background features a sailboat with colorful flags. The text reads: "Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Annual Dinner Saturday 18th June 2022 At Blues Restaurant 6:30 for 7:00pm start AGM All members are invited to attend the GRYC AGM on Sunday 19th June at 11:00am at the GRYC Clubhouse Lunch provided and bar open To comply with our COVID safe plan Table bookings are essential. Please contact gryc@gryc.com.au or 0447 710 489".

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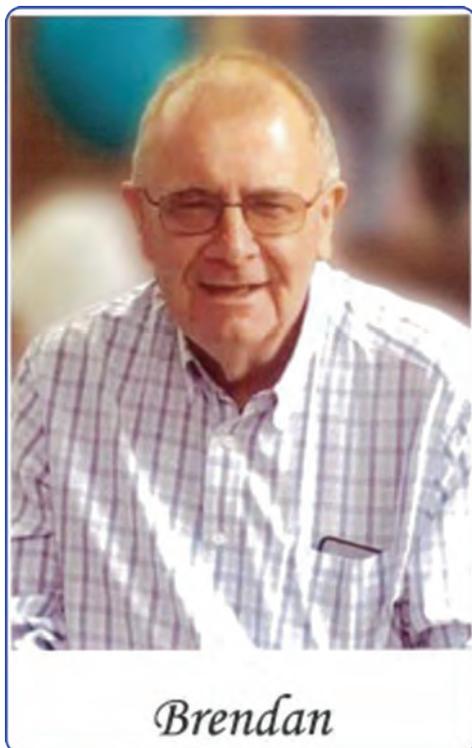


VALE: Brendan Ross Murray (1954 - 2022)

When someone with energy, generosity, skills and commitment turns up in your home or club you take notice.

When this person's generosity fills the air you warm to him, to his commitment and grasp of issues; in this case issues that concerned the promotion of the GRYC.

This is how we remember Brendan Murray.



Sadly, former Commodore Brendan Ross Murray died on Tuesday 22nd February aged sixty seven.

That afternoon I sat on the rocks at Port Elliot's Crockery Bay thinking about Brendan. Below me on the shoreline were large granite boulders that have been weathered and shaped over millennia. One particular rock is significant. It protects other rocks in line, nurtures them and weathers all storms. I've named this rock Brendan for, like this protecting rock, this in so many ways is who he was.

We remember Brendan at GRYC for his leadership and innovations during his time as Rear Commodore 2008-2010, Vice Commodore 2010-2012 and Commodore 2012-2014.

We cheered him when, on two occasions, he sailed his RL28 Bacchus to victory in Division 4 of the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic.

Throughout his time as a Flag Officer he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to and love for the GRYC.

In particular Brendan is remembered for his promotion of sail training for members of all ages. For twelve years of sail training using dinghies and Pacers, some of which he built, Brendan along with his close friend Peter Britton Jones, introduced new members, particularly women, to sailing at the GRYC.

During the twenty eight years (1994 - 2022) of Brendan's membership of GRYC there have been many members who have sailed with Brendan.

Significant have been Rob Groves, and Peter Neeft, Brendan's glorious Michelle, also John Brice, Peter Nielson, Rob Makin, Adrian Coleman, Paul Harvey and Allie Law mostly aboard Wobbly Bits or Brendan's RL 28 Bacchus.

Given Brendan and Angela's family commitment to the GRYC, every Murray family member at one time or another has sailed with their father and grandfather. Brendan's children Lucia, Tom and Billy have all crewed on Serendipity (the first yacht Brendan built) on Hocus Pocus, Wobbly Bits, Bacchus and Stumpy. More recently grandsons Ollie and Henry have been significant crew members, glorious childhood experiences etched forever in their memories.



On any Friday Twilight race there is usually a new club member hoping to crew. They stand there waiting hopefully. More than anyone else over past years it has been Brendan who volunteered to have them join him on Bacchus and more recently aboard Stumpy. He welcomed and encouraged them - their sense of belonging to GRYC had begun.



VALE: Brendan Ross Murray (1954 - 2022) (cont)

It is known that as a teenager Brendan wagged school and sailed across the Gulf in a canvas boat he'd built.

Other memorable sailing moments for Brendan include single handed sailing and racing against Peter Nielsen (helming The Shed) to Milang ... He beat me by 100 metres, laughed Brendan.

Then there was Brendan sailing aboard his brother's Beneteau 36 in the 2012 Port Adelaide to Port Lincoln race...

With three sea-sick crew, punishing 50 knot winds often gusting to over 60 knots and pounding rough seas, at one point with the yacht on its side and mast parallel with the sea, it became impossible to release the entangled foresail. Yet Brendan with knife in hand crawled to the foredeck, cut and released the foresail so the Beneteau righted itself and limping, sailed on.

In his role of Rear and Vice Commodore, and then GRYC's Commodore (2012 - 2014), Brendan's effective managing and developing our club is held in the highest esteem.

Ebullient and big hearted is how Brendan Murray has been described and that certainly fits.

Sometimes appearing bombastic on the outside but always kind and gentle on the inside is Angela's comment, and Brendan's kindness to club members needing support is legendary.

Brendan charted his way carefully but like all change agents he could take off at a moment's notice, recommend and implement decisions; he organised the purchase of the current Regatta 1.

Sometimes, just sometimes, his zest had to be curbed. Yet he always accepted alteration of course with all the sportsmanship that characterised his willingness to complete a 720 if, during a race with Bacchus or Wobbly Bits, especially if he had jumped the start (never!), accidentally collided with a competitor or minutely touched a marker buoy.



Brendan Murray had that nuggetty and charismatic quality of a man who rarely stopped working for and supporting others. Brendan and Angela Murray worked tirelessly for GRYC.

Friday night dinners in the Kinnear Room when Brendan was Commodore were always filled with laughter and camaraderie.

Brendan's laughter, Angela's smiling and nothing's too much trouble commitment, and the delight of club members when Brendan aboard Wobbly Bits or Bacchus won a Twilight race will echo on the club's lawn for years to come.

During his six years as a Flag Officer, the fortunes of GRYC became a significant part of Brendan's life. We are the beneficiaries. His contribution to GRYC and to his community was outstanding.

Brendan Murray was a compassionate friend for so many of us.

We think now of his indomitable courage as he danced through life, no matter the odds, like a wave of the sea.

Even when he was very ill, Brendan never surrendered to gloom.

So when the tide retreats from the land its whispered message for us is clear, because, given the example of Brendan's life we at the GRYC are reassured, have many fond memories and are inspired by the unerring courage he demonstrated throughout his life and especially during this last year.

Commodore Brendan Ross Murray was a great friend and most significant contributor to the life of the GRYC.

He is fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Sail on Brendan.

Roger Rees



Smile ... You're On Camera !!

Some members may be aware that we had night-time intruders on our marina several months ago. They caused minor damage to several boats before being warned off by a member who was overnighting on his boat.

The General Committee subsequently considered security responses to this incident and determined that security cameras would be installed to record activity on the marina and in the vicinity of the marina gate.



It was also decided that the aluminium punts and *As Good as It Gets* would also be secured by chain and padlock. These padlocks can be opened by a standard member's key.

The security cameras are now operational and are continuously recording video of the marina, including at night.

Please contact our Club Manager, Jade Irvine, should you become aware of a security issue on the marina or the lawns in front of the club. We can then review camera footage to investigate what may have occurred and provide evidence to police where appropriate.

The cameras also allow the Club to record race finishes in front of the club and allow us to resolve any problems with race results.

Video will be particularly handy for the Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic when the large fleet puts a lot of pressure on the bridge crew to accurately identify and time all finishers.



Family Membership Discount Plans Expanded

The GRYC offers a family membership discount plan that allows a family group to receive one Senior membership, one Associate membership, and Student and Junior memberships for any dependent children at a discounted price, currently \$595 for the 2021-22 season.

With the SheSails initiative increasing female participation in sailing at the GRYC, we anticipate there may be some households with two adults who, over the course of a season, both wish to be Persons in Charge of a yacht. It may be that one person desires to be the Person in Charge for certain race series while the other would like to be the Person in Charge for some of the other race series. Alternately, one adult may wish to race while the other adult (who currently holds the family's Senior membership) is not on board.

Given the requirement that Persons in Charge are to be Senior, Veteran or Life members, the existing Family Discount does not address the above situation, and such households would currently need to take up two senior memberships – which acts as a financial disincentive to increased participation in on-water events.

To address this, the GRYC has expanded the family discount membership plan to include a second category called Family Plus. The Family Plus discount plan will offer a household two Senior memberships together with Student and Junior memberships for any dependent children.

The existing Family discount plan will continue for those households where one adult holding Senior membership and the other adult holding Associate membership remains the preferred option. I would like to point out that:

- an Associate member is able to act as a helms person during a race at the GRYC, but in that situation, a Senior member responsible for the actions of the boat (and able to direct the helms person) must be on board and has identified themselves as the Person in Charge on the race entry form.
- for those with vessels moored in the Carless Marina, the berth licence holder (or sub-licence holder if applicable) is required to be a Senior, Veteran or Life member. In taking out a Family discount plan, the berth licence holder (or sub-licence holder) must be the Senior member within that discount plan.

Should you be interested in taking up either a Family or Family Plus discount plan, please contact the Secretary at secretary@gryc.com.au prior to the end of June so records can be updated before 2022 23 membership renewal notices are issued in early July.



Family Plus Membership

Get the whole family
on the water.

Two Senior Memberships with
Student or Junior Memberships
for the other members of your
family.

Clive Boyce
Secretary

GRYC SheSails

Maintenance & Rigging Activity

SheSails maintenance and rigging activity on our 3 dinghies was held early on Saturday 9th April.

Louise Edwards & Brian Smith store our 3 boats, 2 Sabres and 1 Laser, and we towed them to the club lawns where we got into teams to rig each boat, photographing & documenting each step.



This included how we can work together to raise the mast without incident. We have women at our training days that have not had any sailing experience and by having a comprehensive step by step rigging procedure, a guide for each sailor, unique to each boat, should have us seamlessly flowing with this process and providing each sailor with some understanding of what sheet, & halyard, does what.



Maintenance issues included attaching a wind vane to the Laser [thanks Chris Reiffel], tell tales, bungs located and stored safely, bailing buckets, sail bags and trailers labelled, and missing shackles were borrowed & replaced!

She Sails sailing practice next morning got off the lawns much quicker and now we just await our new 'Coreflute rigging notes' being put together thanks to Pip Robertson and Jackie Dawson.



GRYC SheSails

Sabre/Laser Sailing Informal Training

Sunday the 10th of April was predicted to be a 10-knot wind morning – NO!!!! – It had increased to 15 knots with many faster gusts! It was a challenge out there for all sailors, even the experienced ones! Louise unfortunately got a broken tiller on the Laser [here comes another maintenance morning I hear you say) which sent her back to the jetty. Actually, I don't think she even got out of the marina. She got a thorough dunking though for her troubles!

5 regular sailors with 3 new sailors [Hayley, Tara and Carina] joined our morning. The sabres were in full flight; each new sailor getting a chance on the sabre with coaching by Brian Smith and quick manoeuvring on the rescue boat by Justin. Peter Lomman took the new ones out on "Lookin' Good" – giving all an opportunity to experience sailing including helming, main sail and jib. Louise & Janis were 'planing', they both experienced the hull rise up and glide on top of the water when gusts came along, very invigorating.

While coming into dock one sabre - Ginga Ninga - capsized sending both occupants into the water! [Another drenching] Oh well it wasn't as bad as she thought the dunking would be!!! However, trying to right the boat while standing on the centre board a very loud crack was heard!! OOPS. The centre board housing!!!! [more maintenance!!]

Everyone enjoyed the challenge with the wind and all boats were in and tucked away by 12 noon followed by a debrief and a chocolate basket raffle.



End of Summer Season Event

On Saturday 9th April 2022, 27 participants / members rocked up to celebrate our achievements, our new sailors & club members, our terrific volunteers and other supportive club members.

Commodore Randall Cooper opened the proceedings with a welcome and commitment to SheSails. Louise Edwards then gave a history of women sailing at the GRYC and how SheSails came to be.



GRYC SheSails

End of Summer Season Event (cont)

A thankyou token of a bottle of Bleasdale Wine [our sponsor] was given to our wonderful volunteers who support us in the water. A thankyou was also extended to our committee members and all the other sailors who make this SheSails program happen. Then it was onto the next section of the afternoon.

Two clever and dedicated or should I say amusing members [Louise and Kate] thought that awards were the order of the day! So, over a glass of wine [or did I hear it was more than one????] they came up with 3 titles.

1. **"Sisters doing it for Themselves Award" – Ali Law**

This award acknowledges the individual who has demonstrated noteworthy self-autonomy and taken the lead in her sailing pursuits

2. **"Sisters doing it for Others" Award - Janis Haynes**

This award is for the woman/women who have shown commitment to helping other women enter or extend themselves in the activity of sailing

3. **"Fickle finger of Fate" Award - Tricia Skewes**

This award is for the individual who has amused or inspired others through a noteworthy achievement or mishap over the past year. Being brave and extending ourselves outside our comfort zones comes with risks and yes learning opportunities



Then some "crafty" gifts were given out to all the women sailors present acknowledging their participation. The afternoon finished with a cruise on the "Beechworth" paddle steamer built by Rommie's partner, Jessie Wagner. A fitting end to a wonderful season.



Louise
SheSails, Co-ordinator

Radio Yachting at GRYC

Radio yachting is alive and well at GRYC. The group of radio sailors are essentially all members of GRYC. Visitors from other Radio Yachting Clubs often drop by for a sail.



Recently, Wallaroo Sailing Club (WSC) set up a Radio Yachting division within their club which has now become affiliated with ARYA. They sail a variety of radio yachting classes but have many One Metre yachts. We see members from WSC at Goolwa at least once a year when a group from Wallaroo have holidays on the South Coast. We are looking at the processes they used to achieve this with a view to putting such a proposal to GRYC. Affiliation in this way enables the members to participate in any state or national event as well as having additional insurance cover at approved venues.

Our Sailing program is divided into four series in a year, one for each season. We also sail on Monday and Friday afternoons which involve some different sailors.

We recently finished the Summer series:

Monday Results

1st	2nd	3rd
Roger Stephens	Ben Morris	Richard Gregg

Friday Results

1st	2nd	3rd
Ben Morris	Richard Gregg	Geff Hill



South Australia recently held the annual State Championship and National Championships for the One Metre class. We had a couple of our members sailing in these events. They did quite well, considering the quality of the sailors competing. There was some additional pressure on these events as they serve to decide who could represent Australia in the next World Championship. Covid caused the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 events from running.

Come join us ... you already have a head start knowing the rules of sailing and sailing tactics so how about it?

Ben Morris

Commodore's Milang to Goolwa Report

MILANG - GOOLWA FRESHWATER CLASSIC

Once again members we have conducted the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic and again it was in somewhat trying circumstances, at times windless and drizzle. Through all of this, our club faced each challenge and overcame the various obstacles to make the best out of the conditions for the competitors.

Please, all club members, thank and support our major sponsors Kies Home Timber and Hardware and Coorong Quay's Hindmarsh Island, as they have continued to be a large part of our club in the current circumstances, and I hope they will continue in the future.

Thank you also to Dan and Ray from Islanders' Tavern for hosting the post race celebrations and to Todd Bartlett from Goolwa Marine Services for looking after our members and their boats in the lead up to Regatta Week.

A huge thank you to Peter Briton Jones and his team of volunteers, compiling entries, finishing times and being on the sign off desk. Our club-based volunteers did an amazing job to take the times and sort out the finishers.

Christopher Short, our club patron, and Brian Morisset each year provide their large river cruisers as start boats and allow our Starting Crew to take command of these vessels and position them to create the starting line.

The wonderful Ros McLennan and Peter made the Lady Eliza available for the sponsors cruise and we had a pleasant few hours onboard, idling upstream waiting to meet the fleet, an hour of zero wind gave us plenty of time for refreshments and nibbles until the breeze finally arrived and the fleet started passing us.



This year saw the return of the Victor Harbor - Goolwa Sea Rescue Squadron to supply support boats for the racing fleet and we thank them for sitting around in their boats in the rain waiting for the breeze to arrive and for the wind reports along the course during the day.

It was great to see the Milang Sea Rescue take over the Water Taxi's at Milang, I hope you all gave generously to this young rescue service and thanks to our club members who delivered our two inflatable boats and retrieved them on Sunday morning.

St. Johns were on hand this year for any medical emergencies and I hope they had a boring day with no action and that their services were not required.

Thank you to my fellow flag officers, Vice Commodore Chris Reiffel for his efforts before the big race and on the day with the results and following up on those who retired from the race.

Rear Commodore Mike Ludlow, always ready for action and had the trophies all sorted for the presentation.

Secretary Clive spent 2 days removing the old bar security grills and then decided to repair and paint some of the bar area walls, it looks great.

Veg Out Victor Harbor supplied their truck as a stage, unfortunately with the rain, the wet steel tray and the band's amps and mixing gear may have caused problems so they played under the veranda. We will need to get the band "Party Boys" back for another event when they can turn up the volume and the other half of the band members can be here and not in isolation. They sounded good and played my kind of music.

We are so lucky to have manager Jade and staff to run the club during these events and it makes life so much easier when someone else sorts out the compliance side of things and our liquor licensing requirements.

We have some tireless worker at our club - Ian Barker, Nick Adams, Helen Reiffel, Jane Stephens and Toby Jones - all giving up their time to help run events, working behind the scenes, filling the coldroom, stocking the bar, chasing up entries filled in wrong and emptying the bins.

It was a very hectic week of events; all of them ran so well by our fantastic volunteers and race management team. It has been an absolute privilege to be Commodore and work with all the people involved.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and made Regatta Week a success and next year maybe we bring back the mid week slowdown race and a club BBQ or even the Cook Off on the same evening. All offers to run an event will be welcome.

Randal Cooper
Commodore of the oldest yacht club in Australia

Marina Challenge

Post-race celebrations were held at Islanders' Tavern. Dan Court and Ray Carol from Islanders' have sponsored the Marina Challenge for quite a few years now and always provide GRYC members with great hospitality and a few laughs.



This years winners racing Nerana – Nigel Kies, Roonie Weeks and Commodore Randal Cooper.

Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic

A Personal Perspective

Saturday looked like it was going to be warm with light winds, so I set off solo under motor after the GRYC Briefing. I travelled in company with Dave Brumpton who was also solo. We motored past Clayton and then put a jib up to help The Shed along.

Past Clayton, Dave and I were hit by a strong gust out of nowhere that rounded us up – the wind quickly settled, and the rest of the sail down was uneventful.

At Milang, we rafted up in the reeds, had a beer, then went ashore by Taxi. As I was due to be picked up for a ride home, I didn't yet get to see the new facilities of the Milang Yacht Club.

The next morning, I was dropped back at the Club, which was very impressive, everyone having breakfast and coffees. There wasn't much of a wait at the jetty for a Taxi, so we were rigged in no time and out on the water to get ready for the start.

The wind was light and there was a forecast of rain, so it looked like it was going to be a long day. It was just Ben and I this year, so it was good it wasn't windy.

We got a reasonably clear start, and it was too shy for us to fly a spinnaker until we were nearing Point Sturt. The wind was dropping so gains could be made if you were in the right place. Once we got to Point Sturt the wind became fluky, and we could see O'Really and Whizzbang up ahead.

When we rounded the point, we got a huge lift which took us ahead of those two boats which was great – but short lived when the wind came back. The rain had started, and we spent the next hour or so swapping positions until we got marooned and they sailed away from us.

The next part of the race down the river was very light, and the rain stopped for, I think, two minutes which brightened the spirits but then it came back and stayed that way for most of the way back.



The rest of the race was uneventful and a bit of a procession racing those boats nearby and trying to beat whoever you could.

Once over the line it was take the sails down, motor to the berth, and have a beer - the weather was so miserable we didn't have a drink on the way.

Things were starting to liven up at the Club but I was keen to go home, have a shower and warm up. Ben and I agreed it was 'character building'

Peter Nielsen

On The Funny Side...



Better Than Money

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on yacht race nomination fees instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't sailed for 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked.

"What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?" exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, sailing, fishing, and sex."



**Kies Home Timber & Hardware
Dash for Cash**



**Islanders' Tavern
Marina Challenge
Post-race Celebrations**



Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic



Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic Presentations



SheSails Dinghy Training



Brigand Wine Launch



Sailability

COVID has continued to play havoc with our activities, but hopefully things may now improve. We have attempted to stage the State Championships at Goolwa, now for 3 years, and each time COVID has meant the cancellation of the event.

This year there were volunteers at Clubs other than Goolwa who had concerns that they were in an age bracket that placed them in a vulnerable position with respect to COVID. With this in mind the State Committee of Sailability SA decided that all Sailability activities, state-wide, be postponed for the month of February. We had two scheduled sailing days for February which had to be cancelled.

With the month of February where we could not operate, it left us very little time to organise the State Championships which were programmed for the 26th and 27th March. Such things as entries, catering and accommodation for those having to travel to be formalised, the State Committee decided that it would be in everyone's interest if they be cancelled.

For the fourth time GRYC have put up our hand to stage the event at a similar time in 2023. Surely, we will be successful this time. So, as Saturday the 26th March was now free, we decided we would put on a Sailability for our people. Weather wise it turned out to be a cracker of a day. A great sailing day was had by all, together with the usual fine dining provided by our group of ladies. We continue to see new attendees joining us, and trust that their experience will continue on, at these uncertain times.

At Easter the Hansa Australian Championships were held at Adelaide Sailing Club (West Beach). Our Liberty boat was leased to a competitor for the event.

Our day sailor *As Good As It Gets* developed a sinking position at its mooring. Following placement of boat onto its trailer, it was discovered that an area around the keel housing had developed cracking. This has now been attended to by Leigh Muller of Pelican Marine Repairs, and at the same time anti fouling of the hull has been done. Club Commodore, Randal Cooper, has installed a winch, which should prevent the keel free falling, thought to be the reason for the keel housing cracking. With these repairs and improvements needing to take precedence, the intended new coloured striping on the hull has been put on hold.

A big thank you to both of these people for their expertise and knowledge, from the Sailability group.

Our next Sailability dates are the 7th May and 4th June, then we have our Winter break of no sailing in July.

We are always looking for volunteers, and you will be rewarded by the enjoyment you will experience, together with the enjoyment that our sailors get by being out on the water, sailing a small boat.

On behalf of the Sailability group we extend our condolences to Angela Murray and family, on the passing of Club Past Commodore and Sailability volunteer, Brendan Murray. Brendan was a Sailability volunteer for a number of years, and fulfilled the role of Father Christmas, at our Christmas luncheons. Even with health problems, Brendan still volunteered, and enjoyed imparting his sailing knowledge and experiences to our sailors. Angela has been a stalwart in our group of ladies who provide the lunches on our Sailability days, something which we are the envy of, with other Sailability groups. Brendan, you will be missed.

Ian Barker
Sailability, Co-ordinator.

Marina Matters

The R.G. Carless Marina originally built in 1986/87 has shown some steady deterioration over the past 10 years or so and it now needs attention to various items such as wave attenuators, which reduce the impact of waves on the jetty and boats within, as well as marina structure and deck boards.

The Marina, from the written history of the GRYC by R.G. Carless, commenced construction in October 1986, has accommodation for around 106 boats, comprises approximately 4 kilometres of piling, 120 tonnes or 10,000 lineal metres of timber decking, about 8,000 bolts and a similar quantity of nails.

Wallbridge & Gilbert Consulting Engineers completed an extensive review of the Marina and structure in late 2021, providing a report with recommendations on December 3, 2021.

Although there are some recommendations for remedial action to be taken, the general condition of the Marina was found to be good. It's obvious however that certain sections of decking and some immediate bearers require replacement due to rotting and splitting, fixings coming loose, mould, etc.

Consideration is being given to commence a regular and systematic annual replacement program of progressive sections of the Marina, however the current intention is to order a sufficient quantity of deck board and supporting joist/bearer material and address those areas that need immediate attention.

The Tuesday Working Group has previously affected running repairs most successfully. However the scope of the proposed annual works is beyond any expectation of a morning's work, once a week and inquiries have been made with several potential contractors.

The supply of Turpentine timber, renowned for its' longevity and resistance to fire, was previously extensively used. However it is now in rather short supply, due to demand for timber generally, following floods and bushfires, so alternative hardwood materials are being sought.

In addition, the sizes of the generally available timbers are now different to those previously used, so it makes sense to strip sections of up to 5 berths long of the main jetty walkways, thoroughly examine sub-structure, repair or replace as required and then install new deck boards over.

The main walkway deck boards that remain in relatively good condition can then be salvaged for re-use on other sections of the Marina in the interim, or alternatively used to replace decking on the fingers, some of which show extensive wear and tear.

When the deck boards and framing have been removed there should be better, if still very wet, access to effect attenuator repairs, potentially with trades on stilts, or in wetsuits.

Some specialty equipment may be required for that purpose. Attenuator repairs and water main replacement are a high priority and are expected to commence when the river is expected to be at it's lowest.

In the meantime, a review of suitable materials and sections which require the most attention is being undertaken and some progress is anticipated over the Winter break.

Jacek Holgar
Marina, House & Grounds General Committee

Tuesday Working Group

Yes, the group is back together again after an enforced Covid hiatus earlier in the year.



As a group we have undertaken tasks such as the commencement of repainting the fence at the entrance to the Club. This job is and has been time consuming but when completed should lift the Club's entry appearance.

The usual more mundane tasks are always present: weed spraying, removal of reeds that have floated into the beach and boat ramp area. Hedges trimmed. The melaleucas along the bike track have been shaped and the undergrowth cleared which should allow the mowing contractor better access to keep this area more presentable.

Fire reels where they needed replacing have been completed together with the fire boxes repainted.

The storage area where boats are kept has been tidied up, and hopefully will continue to remain so.

The Boardwalk area where the radio-controlled boats operate from has had some boards turned over, together with re-screwing of boards.

Following someone's boat altercation with the end of the walkway next to the boat ramp, extensive repairs have been done.

The mobile BBQ has had safety features added to it (Fire blanket, and extinguisher).



As evidenced, the Group does perform varied tasks. Our Club Manager always has a "Can you/Will you" list for us.

The Group is always looking for additional hands, so if your skills are only bending a nail or burring a screw, you will still be wanted.

And the reward is: a lunch following our task completion, provided by our two resident chefs, "Heston" Smallacombe and "Curtis" Hancock. It is amazing what they can conjure up with a sausage, a potato, and a pea, all camouflaged with gravy.

From the accumulation of funds from the recycling of cans and bottles, together with profits from the lunches, the Group have been able to donate \$1,000 towards the enhancements that have taken place in the bar area.

In the past we have contributed funding towards the installation of the Club's air conditioning, and replacement of electrical appliances in the kitchen area.

There will always be a friendly welcome to join the Tuesday Boys and show us some skills that we may be missing.



Ian Barker

A Family Place



'It's all happening at the GRYC'

It's a great place to bring up a family!! Best to start them in the water at a young age.

Cheers
Mal H

Secondary School Teams Racing



Harcourts South Coast Secondary Schools Team Sailing State Championships were held between 28th April and 1st May. This event involves a large amount of GRYC volunteers giving their time to make it happen.



Thank you to the amazing volunteers who looked after catering, race management, pontoons, umpiring, fleet maintenance and all the little tasks here and there that make this event possible.



Volunteering your time for this event has meant the GRYC has raised an amazing \$6000.00 in funds, and that amount doesn't include the catering sales over the event, which were also very positive.



We hope you enjoyed volunteering over this event, and hope to have you all back helping again next year.



What is Secondary School Team Racing?

A teams racing team will usually consist of three boats per team with two teams competing against each other in one race, lasting about ten to fifteen minutes.

All teams will race against each other in the regatta and the winner is the team with the most points. In bigger regattas the two top teams may race up to five races together in a finals round to decide a winner.

Teams racing requires good knowledge of the rules of sailing and superb boat handling skills.

In South Australia we have approximately 16 schools across metro and country regions, entering up to 24 teams, made up of around 190 students altogether.

The season runs from November to April, with several trial events being held, followed by metro and regional championships, with the season culminating in all the teams coming together at a state championship.

The best performing teams at the state championship are selected to represent SA at the national competition and can go on to sail at the Interdominions which is an annual regatta in which Australia versus New Zealand.



Jade Irvine
Club Manager



72nd Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race & Lincoln Week Regatta

This year's Lincoln week started with a bit of a panic over crew available for both myself (Brian Partridge) on Punisher and Harry Cooper on Sea Bomb or Plow King. Harry unfortunately lost so many crew to COVID that it was unrealistic to go. I lost both Belle and Axel to workplace requirements cancelling their leave.

Luckily, we managed to pick up Dan Turner. Dan is an ex-Port Lincoln boy himself, a very talented sailor and extreme athlete. He completed the last Melbourne to Osaka race with Tommy Crabb and has completed the cross Sahara ultra-marathon. Dan and I entered the Riverland Paddling marathon last year also. As usual the very talented Izaak Hart was rounding off the team.

Dan and I took off on Saturday morning, with a quick stop off at Iron Knob to drop a new bed off to my daughter's place. Arrived in Lincoln about 4pm to find Dan had finished off all the beer! So, we settled into our accommodation on the marina, Craig McPhee from Clayton had already settled in so we replenished the beers and headed over to Dan's parents for fresh tuna sashimi and locally caught KG. Whiting. It pays off when your dad is CEO of Sarin Tuna.



Sunday involved rigging boats, picking up Izaak from the airport (rockstars don't drive, apparently) and then heading to the Port Lincoln Yacht Club for race presentations and a few cocktails... it got a bit blurry once the espresso martinis came out.

Monday morning as usual was race briefing at the marina hotel. Sportsboats had a few extras this year which was great to have our own division. Alongside us was GRYC member and sponsor Todd Bartlett from Goolwa Marine Services on (new) Bohica, Grant Smith from Yachtlab with the other viper, Craig McPhee on his VXOne, a Melges 24, Bill VanRiet with his Lyon750, the Seascope24 and a Sonata 6.3. It was a safe bet to say Bohica was going to be first across the line, but results were on SMS and PHS. It was good fight for second every race. Some races were decided by a single second. The smaller boats did better on shorter windier races and the M24 and Lyons750 did better on the longer lighter days.



Day 1 was windward returns in 18-22knots.

Day 2 was around Boston Island in light breeze. Todd and team blitzed it. BVR 2nd and us 3rd. Craig managed to go wrong side of twin islands and had to come back, but his day was over.

Day 3 was Meggas BBQ race to Spalding Cove in light breeze. Todd 1st, BVR 2nd, M24 3rd, then Grant, us and Craig. We had too much rig tension on and couldn't keep up. Great BBQ and cold drinks on the beach, great fun.

After the racing, myself and Rogo (Robert Rogerson from Victor Harbor Yacht Club) were interviewed by Harry Fisher from Down Under Sail. The interview called "Deckchair Warriors" can be viewed on the Down Under Sail Facebook page and is worth checking out for a laugh.

Day 4 was more windward returns and more wind, we managed to claw back some better results, and we ended the week with a 1st overall on PHS and 2nd overall on SMS. Izaak had his year made when he was asked to do the delivery trip back to Adelaide on Ichi Ban. Big thanks to Matt Allen and Davin Connigrave.

The racing was ridiculously close, most boats finishing within 10-15 seconds apart.

The Seascope 24 was, to be honest, a little underwhelming, lets hope they work it out. The M24 guys have moments of brilliance uphill but need some work on their VMG downhill.

The Lincoln Week Regatta and Adelaide Port Lincoln Race is definitely a bucket list trip. I would absolutely recommend you do the week. We will be going again next year..... in what boat? Stay tuned.....



Results can found here
<http://topyacht.net.au/results/plyc/lincolnweek/2022/>

Rogo and I being megastars here
<https://fb.watch/cgZXT2HOXT/>

Interviews with division winners here
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Punisher**

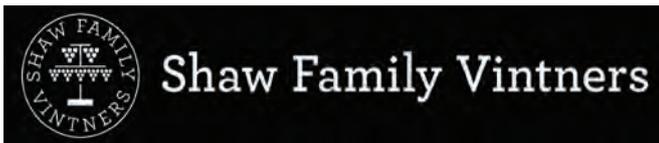
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Brigand Shiraz Launch

Friday evening 18th February saw the launch of the new 2019 Brigand Shiraz and the relaunch of Council's oldest boat the Brigand; built in 1890 by Fred Potts of Langhorne Creek and donated to the Alexandrina Council by Dr Roger Badham in 2015.

In 1850 Frank Potts purchased the land which became Bleasdale Winery and the first wines were produced in 1854. Not only did the Potts family have a passion for making wine, they also had a passion for building wooden boats. Brigand, along with a number of barges, 3 paddle steamers and several yachts, were built, used and competitively sailed on Lake Alexandrina.



Bleasdale, keen to keep their ties with Brigand, offered to bottle a Shiraz and label it Brigand to be used as a fundraiser for the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and to support the ongoing maintenance of Brigand.

Bleasdale Winery, Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and The Brigand Advisory Committee gathered on the lawns with sailors and invited guests to celebrate this beautiful old vessel and enjoy a drop of the fine Shiraz named Brigand.



Carol Cooney



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New Boat

This year I/we have decided we like going fast on the Viper and we want more of it.

I was having a chat with Todd Bartlett awhile back and told him I was interested in a new boat, looking at RETUNED or VIVACE, Todd laughed... I'm looking at those too! Neither of us wanted to pay the asking price for the 79er. I decided I would hold off and Todd flew to Perth to test sail Retuned. Which he promptly purchased. Anyway a few months later and I'm watching Todd sail me off the horizon. Ok what to do....

So we bought Dan Fidocks Boatspeed 23. It has a broken mast, but that's ok, I reckon it was a bit of a Stobie pole anyway. So after a few phone calls and a few chats with the wise ones.. and my well-known love of a project boat. The deal was done.



So here's the master plan: Remove cabin and install flat deck, false floor and double the width of cockpit. Pretty much build an oversize VXOne.

Where I'm at so far: cabin and side seats removed. Cockpit is going from 500mm wide to 1400mm wide. I guess that's almost tripled...



Mast is being replaced with an older #1 18 skiff rig. This mast was a freebie from Craig McPhee, I've got a spare one from Moose also. Alloy straight section to hounds, then a carbon fibre tapered tip. Although its a longer mast, it will be floor stepped, not cabin stepped, so height above sheer is basically the same.

The fixed spinnaker pole is being replaced with a short 600mm stub pole in which the main kite pole will extend through that. The short stub pole will be able to run a furling code zero, 600mm in front of the main forestay. This should make life easier on the start line for everybody!

The pole will so articulate at about 20°. This will allow us to run deeper and gybe less on the longer races
We will run a smaller jib than standard, but self tacking and furling. Just to make life easy.

Here's the interesting bit... a mate of mine through Sportsboats, Graeme Turner aka GT, is an ex 18 Skiffie, I was chatting to him about the project and he mentioned his mate Julian was building a new boat. An 89er. Turns out GT's mate Julian, is Julian Bethwaite. So after a few chats, Julian has offered to consult on my boat build.

We have a new keel design and position and a laminate design. I've given him mast height, sail area, crew weight and he was able to calculate size of keel surface area and weight needed.

We have managed to nut out a much shorter keel (for Goolwa) and an appropriate bulb size. So hopefully the boat should be safer than previous.

With a bulb and sealed buoyancy tanks and much lighter mast. He was completely transparent with his calculations... I'm pretty good with mathematics, but got a bit stumped with some of it, but he was more than happy to talk me through it over the phone.

All that's left to do is put it all together, and if anyone has a wood lathe.. I need a bulb plug turned up so I can make a mould.

If you want to follow the progress, you can grab me for a chat at the club or you can follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/490935277585134/posts/7565102510168340/>

Lastly, the Viper 640 is for sale. Its a lot easier to sail than you think ... hit me up for a sail if you're even a little bit interested.



Cheers

Brian Partridge



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