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Commodore's Report

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The new 2013 -2014 season is almost upon us. We have another action-packed calendar of sailing and social events. Opening Day on Saturday 12th October will be an exciting event as we launch our new support boat, bringing to an end a project which has been six years in the making. The christening is to be performed by a local personality that many of you will recognise.

I thank all of you that have donated time and money to achieve this goal particularly members of the Radiod Controlled yacht group. *Regatta 1* has served us well and the new support boat will provide more comfort and safety for our volunteers on the water and any injured sailors needing assistance.

Sailing activities for 2013 -2014

As well as our iconic annual race, The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic in January 2014, we have something for everyone with 27 action packed twilight races, a full summer series with five destination races and two short course races,

Important Events: October-December

Saturday 5th October Wellington Race (Summer Series Race I) Friday IIth October Twilight Series Race I

Saturday 12th October 14-30 : Opening Day Welcome & Sail Past

Saturday 2nd November Spit Roast & Country Night Saturday Dec 14th GRYC Christmas Family Picnic



11 Sailability days, six dinghy sailing days. Then to top the season off at Easter 2014 we will be holding the Australasian Sailability Access Championships, with an estimated 90 boats participating. This will put considerable demands on GRYC personnel and resources but I'm confident that this will be a most successful and cohesive national event of which our club will be justifiably proud.

GRYC IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE MANY GENEROUS SPONSORS

We have the embryo of a Junior and Dinghy Sailing group within our club, which with hard work and support from the whole of the club will, I hope, become a significant growth area.

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These activities only happen with the support of our wonderful, committed volunteers; on the water, off the water and certainly in the kitchen. If you can help in any way please let us know. I can guarantee you will make new friends and learn new skills - that is the ethos of the GRYC.

We are a very fortunate club to have sponsors that continually support us in all areas. Without our sponsors we would be sorely challenged to run our program of activities while keeping our fees affordable. Generous sponsors make a real difference. I encourage all members to be aware of our sponsors and to thank and support them whenever possible.

Club House Extensions and Shaded Areas

New drawings have being developed for a shaded area. This will be constructed when we can afford this from within our own funds. We are planning to build these areas in small sections so that we can spread the financial burden, and thankfully use the skills and enthusiasm of our talented volunteers to do much of the construction work. On this score the General Committee and GRYC generally are forever grateful for the skill and longstanding commitment of the Tuesday Maintenance Group.

General

We have recently run courses for powerboat handling, support boat handling and first aid. We had over 50 participants in these courses reaffirming the commitment of all our volunteers. Thank you to all of those who participated.

Our manager Ben Westmoreland's excellent newsletters are a great way to keep up with what is happening around the club. Make sure we have your email address so you receive Ben's newsletters.

I am writing this before I head off to do some badly needed maintenance on *Bacchus*, so my advice to all is: 'Get your boat maintenance done now as it is unlikely you will have time once the season starts'. Enjoy GRYC camaraderie and fine sailing in the season ahead!

Brendan Murray, Commodore

Vice Commodore

New Sailing Instructions

ew Sailing Instructions will be implemented for GRYC Club Races from 1 October 2013. The Sailing Instructions have been reviewed by the Race Committee, and many changes have been made to update and clarify the Instructions.

The new Sailing Instructions have been posted on the GRYC Notice Board and can also be downloaded from the GRYC website - http://www.gryc.com.au/rules/ or google 'GRYC Sailing Instructions'.

The Sailing Instructions cover the GRYC Summer Series, Winter Series, Dinghy Series and all Twilight Series. Separate Sailing Instructions are issued for other events, such as the Milang Goolwa, Marina Challenge and the Dash for Cash.

Racing at the GRYC is governed by the current Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing, except where they are altered by the GRYC Sailing Instructions.

In addition to the fundamental rules, which cover important safety requirements, changes to nominations for GRYC Club events should be noted. These changes cover GRYC membership requirements, yacht and skipper combinations for entries, visiting yacht provisions and nomination processes. There is no provision for on-water nomination in the new Sailing Instructions. The nomination clauses have implications for trophy eligibility, which are specified in the Sailing Instructions.

A New Sailing Program

Another packed program has been planned for the 2013/14 season. Lots of Club racing events has been scheduled, with short-course and long races, combined with cruising and socialising.

The GRYC is also hosting a number of significant race regatta and training events during the season, demonstrating the attractiveness of the Goolwa area for sailing events.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week from 18th to 26th January 2014 will be a highlight, culminating in the iconic The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic on Australia Day.

It is time to gear-up for a season-long campaign!

For all the news on GRYC racing, go to our websites <u>www.gryc.</u> <u>com.au</u>, <u>www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au</u>, and our Facebook page.

Volunteers Needed

We cannot run the sailing program without volunteers to provide essential support. If you would like to be part of the happy band of volunteers, in rescue boats, on the bridge or around the club, please contact Ben Wesmoreland on 0885552617 or gryc@gryc. com.au. Any help you can give, regularly or from time to time, will be appreciated.

There is always lots of fun happening at the GRYC.

Locky McLaren, Vice-Commodore

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Rear Commodore

The past weeks have seen a few changes around the Club and the addition to the wind break with a new gate will help provide more comfort for members on those windy summer twilight nights. Special thanks to the Tuesday volunteers who have done a great job with this project.

Another addition will be new cupboards and bench space in the back kitchen which will allow not only vital storage space, but extra work areas for those larger catering activities such as The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic. Goolwa Kitchens and Wardrobes will be installing these and we are grateful to Mike Schirmer and his crew for their support and involvement.

As we head into the 2013-2014 year at GRYC, I would like to advise you of some changes to the social program and some suggestions for your involvement if you wish. Over the last two years the Social Committee at GRYC has worked tirelessly to provide social events for your enjoyment. The Committee has a great team of members who are full of wonderful ideas and who are prepared to provide a variety of social occasions for our members and friends.

However, the Club BBQs have created some problems for us. When we organised a special function, for example Hot August Night, the Spit Roast, and the Pizza night, to name just a few, they were well attended, but others were not. Similarly if there was just a Club BBQ, attendance was low. This becomes a financial issue in providing food and sometimes bar staff so for the next 12 months we are scheduling the following activities:

September 14 th	New Members' Night plus BBQ
November 2 nd	Spit Roast and Country Night
December 14 th	Christmas Function
March 1 st	Social Function
May 17 th	Black Tie Dinner
June 14th	Annual Dinner
July 26 th	Social Function
August 30 th	Social Function

These functions along with other key events will make for a full and busy time at GRYC - please put them on your calendar.

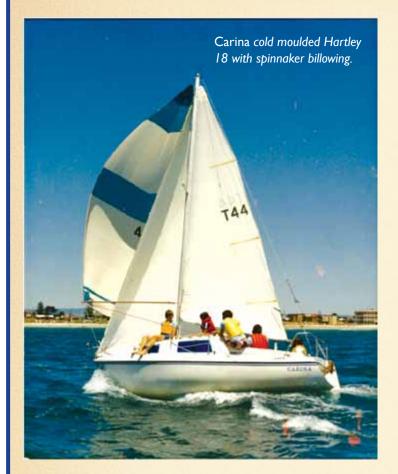
As with any club, sporting or otherwise, there is a large reliance on its volunteers and we are extremely grateful for all the support the GRYC members provide. We know committees are not everyone's favourite pastime but we invite any of you to become part of 'The Friends of the Social Committee' if you are prepared to be called upon for functions now and then. If this interests you could you please email me at <u>glroberts@picknowl.com.au</u> and register your details, expertise and areas of interest.

We hope you are understanding of these changes and requests and invite your input and ideas into future events.

Lyn Roberts, Rear Commodore - Chair, Social Committee



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Club Profile: Ben Morris

ttend at GRYC on any Monday or Friday afternoon and Ben will be orchestrating the Club's highly successful radio controlled boat club (RCBC). Ben has the highest RCBC handicap in this very skilled and competitive sailing: 'He's always the one to beat!' Members regard him as 'the maestro', although in no way does he see himself as that. Rather he's the team leader and 'The Facilitator' of this very happy, cohesive and committed group of yachties. The cohesion and enjoyment of this group is there for all to see on Monday evenings at GRYC when club members and their wives sup together. The RCBC group pays it \$5 per head 'soup subscription' which goes towards GRYC's new *Regatta 1.* All this is quietly and effectively negotiated by Ben.

RCBC MEMBERS REGARD HIM AS 'THE MAESTRO'

The radio controlled group has an excellent website (<u>www.</u> <u>scoastmac.org.au</u>), which provides details of the 'club's activities as well as RCBC race results. A recent model making session included sail making. 'About nine sets of sails were completed on that day with more to come.' Ben's sail designs for these Phantoms (class of model yachts) are what club colleagues are keen to make!

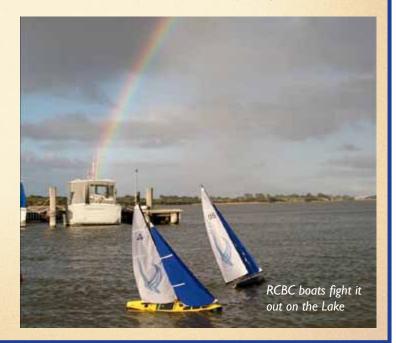
Ben Morris has been sailing 'almost all my life.' Sailing is in his genes. There was hardly a family holiday when he and Sue and



their son and two daughters weren't sailing; whether at Coffin Bay, The Coorong, the Gippsland Lakes, The Whitsundays, Kangaroo Island or across the Gulf. Ben regularly sailed in the Tripolis and has won the event three times. He's sailed at Largs YC, with the CYC, and sailed in races on The Solent with son Steve 'when he lived in Cowes on the Isle of Wight.' There's genuine sailing pedigree here.

Ben has not only been sailing since he was a child, but also has been designing and building yachts. 'I suppose this all started with matchbox boats,' he says with a chuckle. His boat building includes many model boats as well as cold moulded Hartley 18 named *Carina* (see photo top left) and his impressive, and at times almost unbeatable, own design Constellation class also called *Carina* (see photo above).

Ben Morris is reserved and self-effacing. He merges with the group never making anything of his talent or his generous contribution, particularly via the RCBC, to the GRYC. He's in the groove when guiding his fellow radio controlled yachties and when helming Carina as he races away on summer Friday twilight events.



Lost Rudder -What Have You Lost Overboard?

A n elaborately carved rudder that has sat on the seabed of the English Channel for more than 400 years has been raised by archaeologists. The rudder, which features a man's face carved into the wood, is part of the so-called Swash Channel Wreck, thought to have been a Dutch trading ship that sank in the early 17th century. The ship has been discovered on the seabed near Poole harbour in Dorset. Are there significant items lost overboard on the Murray and in Lakes Alexandrina and Albert since the founding of the GRYC? Already reported are lost spectacles, caps, mobile phones, winch handles, and an outboard motor; hardly archaeological finds. Please provide *Regatta* with any information related to wrecks of sailing vessels or distinct losses on our river and lake beds.

America's Cup

The 34th America's Cup is currently being raced in San Francisco Bay between the holders *Oracle Team USA* and the final challenger *Emirates New Zealand*. The 'Yachts' (questionable as yachts for some) are giant 72 ft catamarans that reach speeds in excess of 80kmh around a five leg course. As I write this note (13th September) *Emirates NZ* are seven up in the series with 10 races to go. However we can expect *Oracle USA* to be competitive right to the last race but it now looks like it is *Emirates NZ's* race to lose. Excellent details of this historic yachting event have been provided by George Dostal. Thanks George. The web site for downloading video and results of each race is: www.youtube.com/ user/Americascup

GRYC General Committee 2012-2013

Commodore Brendan Murray Vice Commodore Locky McLaren Rear Commodore Lyn Roberts Club Manager Ben Westmoreland Secretary Louise Edwards Treasurer Rick Elyward Committee Members Brian Doser, Dan Haynes, Bruce Pattullo, Brian Southcott, Alex Woods.

Divided Sky News

O olin and Jeanne Harrison sailing their Catalina 40 *Divided Sky* are reaching the last stage of their round-the-world sail. They sailed from Bora Bora, an island in the Leeward group of the Society Islands of French Polynesia in mid August with a 1300 mile minimum 14 days sail to Tonga ahead of them. They've enjoyed happy times in the Marquesas after a long and, one suspects, slow, if not arduous, sail across the Pacific from Panama. They report that their sail to the Leeward Islands 'wasn't great' (and knowing them that would have to be an understatement!). However, they are experienced and resilient sailors and skilled navigators who would likely describe their earlier five day force 8-9 hurricane when crossing the north Atlantic as 'just a bit hectic.'

Time in Tahiti and Moorea (one of Tahiti's 118 islands) has been rewarding for Colin and Jeanne in the company of old sailing friends. They have enjoyed 'Huahine, Tahaa, Raiatea and now Bora Bora.' But they report , 'plenty of wind', while sheltering, 'snuggly at a Yacht Club mooring while the wind howls.' They expect to spend a couple of weeks in Tonga before setting sail for Coffs Harbour, Sydney and Goolwa. By the time this edition of *Regatta* is published they will be leaving New Caledonia expecting to arrive in Australia by mid to late October. Congratulations to date on another fine sailing venture and achievement, bon voyage and safe sailing!

Sailability

Solution of sailability continues to flourish. It is expected that numbers of sailors with a disability will pick up again during summer, especially as the club prepares for *Sailability* events during Regatta Week in January 2014, and in particular prepares to host the national Access *Sailability* championship at GRYC during Easter 2014. Thanks to all the volunteers on the jetty and in the kitchen. Thanks and congratulations to Ian Barker for becoming the *Sailability* Co-ordinator and Jetty Director – taking over from *Sailability's* Trevor Kennewell. All the best, Ian.

Commodores in North Queensland

Recently our Commodore Brendan Murray and wife Angela were Barrier Reef bound off Port Douglas in North Queensland on an ocean going catamaran, only to find that the skipper was former GRYC Commodore Grahame Evett (Commodore 2002-04). Is this a precedent? Will former GRYC Commodores look forward to a second 'commodorship' and skipper yachts around Australia's coast, particularly the Barrier Reef coast? Is Brendan next or will Don, Fully, Robbo or Keith soon join him in this venture?

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Club Profile: Graham and Lyn Roberts



Which is the history of GRYC, and certainly since Graham and Lyn Roberts joined in 1996, few others have contributed so generously to club activities and cohesion. Quietly unsung, they have been creative and generous in the time, energy and resources they have given to GRYC and the wider Goolwa community. They didn't want me to write this but it's true! You can't take in easily how involved Team Roberts is; you have to observe and participate with them over time. I'm sure that my discussions with them are just scraping the surface of their full lives but here's some evidence.

Graham or Robbo as he is known at GRYC is a Kangaroo Island lad. His early sailing experiences occurred when he hung around the Kingscote jetty when aged 'about seven' hoping for a ride on a heavyweight Sharpie, - 'we didn't wear life jackets, that didn't matter as long as you were home in time for tea!' There's nothing extravagant about Robbo; good sportsmanship on the water, humour and giving is a priority. A Commonwealth meat inspector by profession, he's travelled Australia. He smiles and as always just 'gets on with the job' - getting on with the job at GRYC has involved being Vice Commodore and then Commodore 2006-08, an original and long time participant and supporter of *Sailability*, joint convenor 2005-2009, with Lyn, of Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classics. At GRYC these days there's always a cheer when *Altair* or *Dyonysius* win or gets a place, such is our delight at Robbo's success. On Monday nights Robbo and Lyn run the bar, supporting, as ever, another club venture, the very successful and harmonious Radio Controlled Boat Club.

WE DIDN'T WEAR LIFE JACKETS - WHAT MATTERED WAS BEING HOME IN TIME FOR TEA

I've observed Lyn for many years in her various roles at GRYC. She's like a classy sweeper in *the world game* often leading but also covering initiating, mediating, so that 'things run smoothly'. Just attend a *Sailability* Saturday or a State *Sailability* Championship, a club presentation dinner, or watch Lyn at work on the bridge to observe how she creates and makes so many GRYC events flow. Convenor of the Social Committee, Secretary of *Sailability*, a key player in the successful GRYC photographic competitions, and currently Rear Commodore; all these jobs are accomplished with singular modesty given the significant level of her achievements.

Lyn's originally a NSW lass who attended Teacher's College in Adelaide. While a student she resided in a house in Adelaide ... with Robbo as a tenant ! He was not long home from National Service in Singapore and Malaysia 1969-70. It seems he didn't take too long to become 'more than a tenant.' Following their marriage in 1972 and Lyn completing her education degree they soon moved to live on a small home farm near Lobethal - where Robbo 'milked the family goat!' Lyn tells delightful stories of their daughters Gemma, Jodi and Belinda growing up on the farm surrounded by animals, and with a 'freedom to roam'. Growing up in a small and cohesive community allowed the children to develop their interests particularly in music: 'Gemma played flute and eventually graduated from the Adelaide conservatorium, Jodi learned piano and violin and played in a string ensemble and Belinda learned voice, piano and French horn.'There are good musical genes here - after all Robbo was once a drummer in a band! It was natural that Roberts's talents would contribute to Hills' theatre and musicals such as The Good Yarn and Boatload of Dreams - the latter organised to support and provide memories of the Onkaparinga woollen mills. During all this vigorous family activity Lyn taught at the Lobethal Lutheran School, maintaining her teaching career and becoming a Deputy Principal and now head of Middle School at Victor Harbor Lutheran School.

Where do Lyn and Graham Roberts come from? Lyn's great grandfather was Solomon Rowlands from the north of England whose brothers were named Cain and Abel. Lyn's maiden name is Munro which indicates a determined Scots heritage. Roberts is 'very English'. Robbo's family were early settlers on Kangaroo Island where his grandfather established Roberts Motors at Kingscote. Lyn and Robbo have both been in the thick of events ever since their marriage, whether it has been family and School life, their links with country Arts SA and the Burnside Symphony Orchestra (which via Lynn and Alison Bell's advocacy

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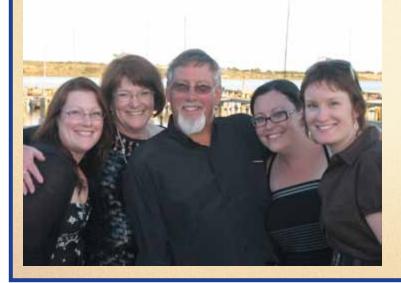
has regularly raised funds for GRYC *Sailability*), their quiet commitment to their church, to lobbying to save the Onkaparinga Woollen Mill and, ever since they arrived in Goolwa, endless support for and promotion of GRYC.

Ever optimistic Lyn and Robbo talk about the delights in their lives, none more so than the arrival of Jodi's son Elliott; to date the youngest member of GRYC.

THEY SWING THE SPOTLIGHT AWAY FROM THEMSELVES

What of their sailing heritage? Robbo of course sailed with the Kingscote Yacht club where his name is on the winners' board. In their Adelaide years they sailed with the Glenelg Yacht Club. Boats have included a Tammy 2, Rainbow, a Hartley 16 named *Solway Passage*, a Holdfast Trainer and a 16ft Mosquito catamaran which Robbo 'built in the family front room!' They had a weekender holiday home in Goolwa in the early '90s and joined the GRYC in 1996 where they first sailed an Adventurer 7, then they purchased redoubtable RL28 *Dionysius* until, in 2006, Robbo bought *Altair* and joined the esteemed Restricted 21 fleet. Robbo enjoys his sailing successes but it his sportsmanship that is a hallmark.

The commitment of Lyn and Robbo to GRYC is a given, but the fact that they are so remarkably self-effacing and characteristically subordinate themselves to teamwork is instinctive for them both. They are seemingly uncomfortable when mention is made of the massive contribution they make to the GRYC – they don't seek credit for this but regard it as a natural part of their contribution for GRYC's general good. Both are always keen to elevate other people and swing the spotlight away from themselves.



Editorial

Since the summer sailing season will be only a week or so away when you read this edition of *Regatta*, I want to make a plea. It is for us all to give as much support and respect as possible, to the volunteers: who are Flag Officers, members of the General Committee, members of the Race Committee and to the volunteers such as Uncles Rick and Juris who man *Regatta 1*, to Murray Symonds who computes our race results, and to the other volunteers who man the safety boats and, of course, to the outstanding GRYC women who work on the bridge and in the kitchen.

How extraordinary it is, you may think, that I should make this plea. But, when you give it a moment's thought, you know why. It's natural that we complain when things don't go our way, especially in competitive racing, and certainly mistakes are made because we're human. But we have ahead of us as full a season of rewarding activities as any yacht club: our Friday night and Christmas Twilight series, The Doser Dash for Cash, Regatta Week, The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2014 Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic and finally the National *Sailability* Access championships to be held at the GRYC in Easter 2014. The success of all these events depends on our teamwork, our humour and, when things go awry, our ability to give maximum support to the volunteers who will be doing their best to 'sort things out!'

My way of phrasing my plea to support our volunteers may be clumsy but you all know what I mean.

Winter Twilight Series

nother "official unofficial" winter Twilight Goolwa Masts and Welding (GM&W) series – (in future to be listed as the WTGM&W series) was completed on Friday 13th September. It's the racing series GRYC sailors really enjoy, as handicaps can change from week to week or even change during the race. At least it seems that's what happens! Apart from winter sailing, the highlight, when the results are announced, is the address from the Managing Director of GM&W, Randal Cooper. Standing in front of the fire on a Friday winter night he regales us: 'not to protest too much, be mindful that even if you're well and truly last you could be first, never take sandwiches on board, buy cars from a club sponsor, and make sure you know, if he decides you have won, that it's your right and privilege to be the sponsor and prize giver next time! Only the best wine will do!' I'm not doing Randal justice but he keeps us all active, motivated and laughing in winter. Join the WTGM&W series next May 2014 when daylight saving ends.

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