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Commodore Comments

In the previous *Regatta*, I said that we had requested a fine day for Opening Day, not realising just how fine it was going to be, in every respect. The weather was fantastic, Rob Carless did a perfect job officiating, the Goolwa Concert Band provided great music, the Oscar 'W' was a feature and everyone seemed to have a good time. From my perspective, it was a memorable day. It was a fitting celebration of 160 years since the Club was established in 1854, but also another demonstration of the Club's current vibrancy.

And that vibrancy is obvious every time I visit the Club. The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club always feels like a happy place. It is busy too. The second series of the popular Friday twilight races and the Summer Series races are creating a great spectacle on the water and a focus for plenty of social activity. Of course, we have many other social events, so there is plenty in the program for everyone. There are lots of training programs going on at the Club too, and it is a popular venue for private functions.

In this *Regatta*, you will see some reports of recent events, and news on events in the near future. Don't miss anything! Keep right up-to-date by checking Ben's Club News emails, getting connected to the GRYC Facebook page and visiting our website www.gryc.com.au.

Everyone at GRYC would like to congratulate Past Commodore Keith Parkes on his successful election as Mayor of Alexandrina Council. Our relationship with the Council has always been sound now we expect it may be even better!

Can you believe it's Christmas? Well, it will be soon. I know every day is special, but the Christmas season is very important for most families. Whatever you do this Christmas season, I hope you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

Jayne and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2015.

Locky McLaren, Commodore

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Opening Day at GRYC

The sun was shining and a light breeze blowing for the official opening of the sailing season at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club on Saturday, 11th October. By midday the club was awash with colour; with bright flags draped around the club and over yachts in preparation for the sail-past and judging of the best dressed boat and crew.

The Goolwa Concert Band provided live music, while members and their guests took full advantage of the perfect weather conditions, enjoying picnic lunches on the lawns or their boats.

Celebrating its 160th year of continual operation, the strong history and standing of the club was highlighted by the presence of numerous past GRYC Commodores and current Flag Officers from local and Adelaide based yacht clubs.



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

Once back at the club the festivities continued with the final formality of the day being the announcement of the best dressed boat and crew which went to the colourfully and stylishly decorated crew on *Delinquent*, led by past Commodore Keith Teagle.



CHRISTMAS DINNER & WINTER SERIES PRESENTATIONS

Saturday 13th December

Catered dinner to be held at GRYC with great band Groove Brothers and Soul Sister

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S LUNCH

Saturday 13th December

midday til 2pm. Water theme. Please bring a small gift for your child/grandchild for Father Christmas to give them.

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Vice Commodore's Report

With the sailing season well under way GRYC has become a very busy place with many events and activities taking place. The first Summer Twilight Series has been and gone with large numbers of competitors on the water, and varied eating options that followed each race. The introduction of Wood Fired pizzas has added an extra dimension to those choices and has provided versatility on several occasions. Thanks go to the Blacker family for the use of their oven and family culinary skills to produce delicious food.

The Club has also seen various groups availing themselves of our facilities including small group meetings, funerals, a wedding and the Alexandrina Council Staff farewell to Mayor Kym McHugh. These are 'add ons' to a very packed program for Club members but they allow the local community and visitors to Goolwa to appreciate just what a fine place we have. The flexibility and enthusiasm of both our manager Ben and chef Lachy ensure that all are welcome and well catered for.

Two events during The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week that may interest members and friends are the Gala Expo Day and the Dominant Cook-off.

The Gala Day will be held on Sunday

the 18th Jan and is designed to provide an opportunity for local businesses and interest groups to promote their businesses and products. Combined with food, beverages, culture and music, the day will also include *Come and Try* options for Remote Controlled Boats, Sailability Boats and Dragon Boats. The Vintage Boats will conduct their race from GRYC and have their presentations later in the afternoon. A Nautical 'Swap Meet' is also planned and we are seeking a coordinator for this aspect of the day. If you would like to be involved please do not hesitate to contact me.

For the third year you will be able to test out your culinary skills by participating in the Dominant Cook Off on Wednesday 21st January. Bring your food, your BBQs or similar and invite your table of guests to sample your creations. This event has proved to be great fun and has attracted spectators with their nibbles and advice. Come and join us.

It is encouraging to see TMHI Goolwa Regatta Week expanding and embracing the other community groups that have become involved and we invite you to bring your family and friends to as many of the events that interest you.

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

Lyn Roberts, Vice Commodore

Slow Progress on the Clubhouse Development

Our application for all-weather ground-level development and bridge enhancement was scheduled for the 20 November meeting of the Development Assessment Panel for development consent and, at the time of writing the outcome of this meeting is unknown. There were six community representations, four favourable and two negative and we have lodged a response to these representations. We are extremely fortunate to have Keith Teagle providing his expertise in the design phase, taking care to minimise local impact.

Alexandrina Council also sought responses from SA Government agencies which were supportive. However, before the proposal was considered by the Development Assessment Panel of Alexandrina Council, we were asked to address some cultural heritage issues.

We have subsequently entered into a Work Area Clearance Agreement with the Ngarrindjeri Heritage Committee (NHC), and agreed to a Cultural Survey of the site. The NHC and the Ngarrindjeri Native Title Management Committee undertook a site inspection of the proposed additions to the GRYC on the 14th of October and provided a report 8 days later. The NHC has authorised GRYC to proceed with the activities with some conditions that can be readily satisfied.

Assuming that Development Approval (Planning) is received, the next stage is to appoint an Architect and Structural Engineer to complete documentation for Development Approval (Building) and to invite tenders from suitably qualified Builders.

Financing is obviously a critical consideration. The objective is to avoid borrowing if possible. Our strategy will be developed once cost estimates are known and targets set. It might be that we can undertake the development in stages if necessary. Grants will be a particular focus. The next round of Community Recreation & Sport Facilities Program grants is open in February 2015, and other grant options will also be sort. The project timelines will be significantly affected by these processes.

Then there are all the building and construction considerations. More updates will be provided as we progress.

Locky McLaren, Commodore

GRYC CHRISTMAS DINNER
& Winter Series Presentation
 Saturday 13th December
 6.30pm for 7pm
 \$50 per person includes bubbles on arrival,
 pre-dinner nibbles, roast dinner and dessert
 Music by "Groove Brothers & Soul Sister"
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Wonderful Way to Wellington

Over the October long weekend, 13 yachts in three divisions competed in the first race of the DSM Landscape and Building Supplies Summer Series, the Goolwa to Wellington Race.

The Goolwa to Wellington Race is the longest race the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club conducts and takes entrants from the start in front of the GRYC along the river past Clayton and Point Sturt then across Lake Alexandrina past Narrung and Pomanda Point to the finish line.

As entrants set up their boats and readied themselves for the race the wind quickly went from a very light nor'easterly to a breezy northerly. The wind continued to build and by the time the race started at 0830hrs was gusting to 23 knots from the nor'west.

The wind persisted like this for a couple of hours and it was a quick race to Stony Point. However as yachts entered Lake Alexandrina the wind quickly abated and at times yachts were left wallowing in mill pond like conditions while their wind indicators spun aimlessly through 360 degrees. There was enough wind though to ensure everyone finished by mid afternoon.

Out on the lake the fleet split with some taking the rhumb line and others heading higher into the lake seeking a better apparent wind and boat speed. As yachts neared the finish line it appeared both strategies had worked!

Crossing the line first and hours ahead of the monohulls was The Tribe a Corsair skippered by John Hardy out of the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron. In the spinnaker division Escapade an Elliot skippered by Craig McPhee from the Clayton Bay Boat Club finished fastest and in the non spinnaker division Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club member Peter Shipside skippered his Norwalk Island Sharpie to line honours.

After the race everyone relaxed on the lawn in front of the Wellington Hotel until results were announced and dinner beckoned up at the pub.

Non Spinnaker Division Corrected: 1. Condor (B James) 2. Maid Marion (P Shipside) 3. Serenity (Simon Barrow)

Spinnaker Division Corrected: 1. Escapade (C McPhee) 2. Elanora (L Edwards) 3. The Farr Side (G Price)

Multi-hull Division Corrected: 1. The Tribe (J Hardy) 2. Evolution (F Fairnington)

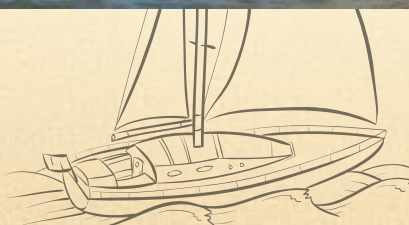
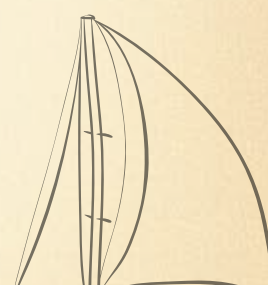
Christmas Twilights

Four nights of entertaining sailing, varied catering and a chance to enjoy the hopefully balmy nights at GRYC.

There will be a BBQ Night on Sat 27th, a Curry Night on Sun 28th, a Yiros Night on Monday 29th and a Pizza Night on Tuesday 30th, with ice-creams for dessert each night. What more could you want?

If there are some folks around who would like to lend a hand on any of those nights, I am sure the Social Committee, the BBQ crew and the Pizza oven operators would appreciate some extra help.

Please contact Lyn Roberts – 0438275576 or glroberts@picknowl.com.au if you can help out.



Club Profile: Christopher Reiffel

Chris and his adopted brother Alvyn at
East Lewis Island



Chris was born forty two years ago in the small WA mining town of Dampier WA. His early years were spent in different foster homes, of which he has little or no recollection. He was finally adopted at age four in Dampier by Helen and Graham Reiffel, and he became Christopher Reiffel. His father Graham was a train driver with WA railways. With Helen and Graham, Chris experienced love, happiness and ambition. Ambition is my word, but teaching his son to sail well and being 'the very best at anything he did' became a passion for the demanding Graham Reiffel. Chris appeared somewhat uncomfortable when I told him he was obviously a good yachtsman and academically very bright. He took no credit for this, saying that if he was any good at anything it was his father Graham who made him so.

By aged six Chris was a junior member of the *Hampton Harbour Boat and Sailing Club*. There he learned to sail his Flying Ant 10 ft skiff *Pie & Sauce*. 'Dad was ultra competitive,' Chris says. Apparently his father would sit on the foreshore with his binoculars and record Chris's responses to wind shifts, and note how well he tacked and gibed. When they arrived home together they would analyse Chris's sailing and then examine different sailing manuals so that in Chris's father's words, 'he could learn how to sail.' On these occasions Chris was not just Graham's son he was his student. 12.5 dinghy sailing soon followed out of Hampton Harbour and given Chris's prowess he was selected for

high performance training with the likes of John Bertram as coach. He learned to fly a kite and before long was entering and winning WA state junior dinghy titles.

There are 44 islands off the Dampier coast and Graham and Helen Reiffel had a shack on the island of East Lewes where Chris spent memorable weekends and holidays. Chris's father sailed an RL 24 named *Phoenix* and won state and national RL 24 titles. A memorable if traumatic sail with eleven year old Chris on board occurred when *Phoenix* was sailing downwind three miles off the Dampier coast. With the keel up and the kite flying the yacht broached and *Phoenix* began sinking. No one on board was wearing life jackets. Chris and his father and two other crew members spent the next six hours treading water and holding onto the submerged gunwale of the upturned yacht. By this time they had drifted into a fishing channel and Chris was rescued by a 20 foot fishing boat. Thoroughly dehydrated the fishing boat could only offer eleven year old Chris a tin of *Swan Gold*!

Besides competitive sailing Chris participated in the Korean martial arts discipline of Taekwondo. Conditioning the body and sharpening the mind is the goal of this demanding discipline and the determined and focused Chris achieved at the highest with a 3rd dan black belt in the discipline. It was at this time that an unfortunate accident left him blind in his right eye. He was casually swinging a piece of electrical flex when the loose end hit his eye with copper needle like pieces entering the eye ball. This traumatic experience resulted in him being prevented from playing any more contact sports. Much ophthalmic surgery followed with Chris being the first juvenile person in WA to have a gel lens implanted so that some limited sight could return.

Never daunted Chris decided to take up competitive cycling with Graham driving his son across WA to compete in country, regional and state titles. In training Chris would cycle at least 100km

a day to achieve high performance in both distance and time trial cycling. By age eighteen he was a member of the elite WA Men's Grade A road and track cycling team. However, during these teenage years an important if not principal interest for Chris was wind surfing. 'Wind surfing came to dominate my life,' he said, 'and was I having fun.' Since schools in Dampier started at 8:30am this meant that by early afternoon Chris was invariably on the beach wind surfing. As one would expect the competitive urge was such that not only did he master the sport but was soon competing and winning at country week and then WA state championships. When he entered university he earned 'beer money' as a wind surfing instructor at the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

Sometimes life in the fast and high performance lane of any endeavour suddenly can come to a halt. Chris was training for a road race when he was hit by a car. This accident resulted in a broken arm, dislocated shoulder and multiple bruising. His injuries and the trauma of somersaulting over an oncoming car were to leave their mark. Chris never competed again in cycle races.

After completing an honours degree with a major in chemistry at the University of WA Chris gained employment in the mining industry. A significant appointment was a four year stint at Mount Tom Price as a grade control engineer. Chris says that the mining industry is very tough and you soon learn never to be offended, but there were great opportunities there for him. Clearly, given his qualifications, he was in demand. After years in the west Chris moved to take up a mining environment position at the Port Pirie smelter. He was still wind surfing so whenever the opportunity occurred he would drive most weekends to wind surf at Goolwa. 'There are far too many sharks in waiting for you in Spencer Gulf to spend time windsurfing there – Goolwa was ideal.'

In Port Pirie in 2001 Chris met his wife



Chris with his children Abrielle and Ky
earlier this year

Shaynne who is a history and legal studies high school teacher. When their daughter Abrielle was born, Chris, while still in part committed to the mining industry began to develop alternative employment options. At this stage he successfully completed an IT degree at RMIT, and not long after moved to work as an IT consultant for Tea Tree Gully Council where he spent the next five years. Chris, Shayanne, Abrielle (11) and son Kyden (8) moved to Birdwood in 2003. By this time Chris had an IT mining consultant position with BHP and has progressed since then to develop his own IT consultancy with a focus on the role of IT in the mining industry.

This profile started with reference to Chris's adoption. Chris maintained there was always this secret in his life which ultimately he needed to explore. Despite a full and happy family life he never felt he was a Reiffel and when his daughter was born, encouraged by Shayanne he set out to discover his biological father and mother. There was he says mixed results; but he is very glad he has made that contact and since then has come to know his biological father Steve very well. Sadly, Graham Reiffel, who on occasions has come to GRYC and sailed with son Chris on *Tijuana Taxi*, died earlier this year. He can be justifiably proud of Chris's commitment and many achievements, especially his recent election as GRYC Rear Commodore.

Story after story, the adjustment of lives presents stimulating and challenging decisions for a reviewer. I've been privileged to have a glimpse of Chris Reiffel's life. Whatever is written about Chris, the line of action and his many achievements is naturally superimposed on a line of feeling and his reaching for identity. Such a superimposition represents who our Rear Commodore really is. He is committed to serve GRYC and proud to be a flag officer, albeit a flag officer with distinct views about competitive sailing, especially when he's on the helm of *Voodoo Child*. Yet such is Chris's commitment to his sailing club and friends that he now has junior GRYC member Lachlan Wauchope on the mainsheet of *Voodoo Child*. Now, Chris is planning to bring his recently widowed mother Helen from Dampier to live close by with his family in Birdwood. Life has certainly come full circle for Chris Reiffel and as he says, 'I've had fun and a few challenges on the way.'

RJR

GRYC General Committee 2014/15 – Portfolios

In case you are wondering what the General Committee do, the following provides a summary of their responsibilities.

Locky McLaren

- Commodore - Oversee all aspects of GRYC
- Chair GC meetings and other official functions
- GRYC staff employment
- Strategic and development planning
- Yachting SA Delegate

Lyn Roberts

- Vice Commodore - Deputise for Commodore in his absence
- House and Grounds
- Social, incl Social Committee
- GRW/MG Steering Committee

Chris Reiffel

- Rear Commodore - Deputise for Commodore and Vice-Commodore in their absence
- Sailing, incl Race Committee
- Marina, incl Marina Sub-Committee
- Yachting SA Delegate

Rick Eylward

- Treasurer
- Principal Race Officer
- Insurance

Louise Edwards

- Secretary
- Assist with Publicity

Brian Southcott

- Sailability
- Tuesday Working Group

Bruce Pattullo

- Club and Event Sponsorship/Grants
- Cruising

Dan Haynes

- Sailing Training (Discover Sailing)
- STEP
- Team Sailing

Ben Morris

- Radio Controlled yacht group
- Assist Secretary

Craig Blacker

- Publicity
- Assist Treasurer



left to right: Ben Morris, Louise Edwards, Lyn Roberts, Locky McLaren, Bruce Pattullo, Chris Reiffel, Dan Haynes, Rick Eylward, Brian Southcott, Craig Blacker

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There are some very important changes for the 2015 race, carefully designed to improve safety for all competitors. As usual the race will start near the Milang jetty, proceed across Lake Alexandrina to Point Sturt, and then downstream to the finish line at Goolwa in front of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club. For the 2015 race, a gate will be set approximately half way across Lake Alexandrina but within 2 NM of the shoreline and a second gate will be bounded by Channel Marker 88 and Point Sturt. All boats except those in Division 6 must pass through both gates.

There will be compulsory briefings for entrants, at Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club at 0900 hours on Saturday 24th January 2015, or at Milang at 1800 hours on Saturday 24th January or at 0800 hours on Sunday 25th January 2015.

Other changes are also included in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, which are available through the Goolwa Regatta Week website www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au.



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Membership Corner

On behalf of the GRYC General Committee, we warmly welcome the following new (and not so new) members to the GRYC (August-November).

Senior

Brad Briggs (Welcome back!)
Mark Carpenter
Trevor Johns

Associate

Jenny Melville
Robin Harvey partner of Paul Harvey
Bethan Harthill (sailability)
Mark Hennessy
Alexandre Boucher
Peter Robinson
Tony Goodwin
Anthony MarFarlane
Peter Ward
Brett Fishlock
Brian Lorraine (sailability)
Maureen Lorraine (sailability)

Junior

Tyreese Rainford (sailability)
Benjamin Vjasiliadis

We currently have 434 members: comprising 4 life members, 168 seniors, 36 veteran, 164 associates, 28 sailability, 4 students and 30 juniors.

Vale

On behalf of the General Committee and members we would like to acknowledge the passing of the following members.

Digby Thomas - veteran member since 1997

Harry Van Rooy - senior member since 2011

Kori Summers - associate member since 2014

Cruise on by

With the warmer weather on us it is time to think about cruising and getting your yacht or power boat ready.

Whilst you will be aware that your partner and crew often request the cleaning out of all below and above decks, don't forget the important aspects:

- Have your motor serviced or at least check the plugs and oil.
- Get rid of that old fuel and purchase fresh fuel both for your tank and spare can.
- Check your VHS radio is operational and perform a radio check with a base station - channel 72 for the club.
- Check that you have sufficient life jackets onboard and that they are up to date if self inflating.
- Check your flares and make sure that they are current and not out of date.
- Check your tool kit, and that all tools borrowed from home have been replaced.
- Check your fire extinguisher and get it serviced if necessary.
- Make sure you have enough fenders on board for that raft up with other members.

Remember cruising is more fun with others, so come along even on the long races and enjoy the companionship of other Club Members. Just register on race day as a Cruising participant. The best Cruising Races are Narrung Race 29th Nov 2014. & Finnis Race 28th March 2015.

See you there, happy cruising for 2014/2015.

Catering For Summer Cruising

When guests come aboard try these Canapés which are very easy to prepare onboard and your fellow cruisers will be impressed. If you use the following recipe and tinned tuna this will not take up too much space in your esky. All this yummy food and you didn't have to light up the metho stove!!!!!!

Recipe Smoked Tuna Crostini (makes 20 portions)

1 bag of Italian wholegrain crostini toasts

2x 125g tins John West Smoked Tuna (or Smoked Salmon) fillets in oil - drained well

1/4 cup sour cream

1/4 cup of Paul Newman's Own Whole Egg Aioli

1 garlic clove (crushed)

2 tsp horseradish cream (add a little more if you like)

1 tsp grated lemon zest

Dill or thyme leaves to garnish

Lemon wedges to serve



Method:

Combine aioli, sour cream, garlic, horseradish cream and lemon zest in a bowl and add salt and pepper to your taste. Top the crostini toasts with about a teaspoon of the mixture and then the drained tuna fillets. Garnish with a little dill or thyme, serve on a platter with lemon wedges.

And open up that cold bottle of Ballastone wine to further impress.

RACE Qs

The GRYC is trialing the use of RaceQs, a free app that you download onto your smart phone. It allows you to replay your race and compare your race to others and during the race it is broadcast on the yacht club's tv (with a slight delay) for spectators to watch. Visit: <http://raceqs.com/> to download the app. Visit <http://raceqs.com/regattas/GRYC-twilight-series> to relive the race!



Yachting Australia Accreditations

GRYC is proud to announce that in addition to being accredited Dinghy Program instructors, we recently achieved accreditation to run Powerboat Handling and Safety Boat Operator courses. If you are interested in taking these courses, please let us know!



Social News

This last quarter of the GRYC program has been packed with activities and opportunities for enjoying fine food and company.

The always popular 'Hot August Night' was well attended and enjoyed by those present and thanks go to our wonderful cooks for their delicious and varied dishes. It is always amazing to watch the volume of "Hot" food that comes through the door, and equally amazing that there are never many leftovers. A sure sign that it was very delectable.

'New Members' Night' provided a warm and friendly atmosphere and a chance for our new members to introduce themselves and to know other members a little better. The feedback afterwards is always positive and certainly indicates the welcoming nature of GRYC members.

At 6.30pm on the 26th October a group of prospective dinner guests arrived at the Clubroom to discover where they were going to dinner! There was an air of nervousness and excitement which no doubt was also experienced by the host chefs. However, reports were that all participants were very well dined and wined, and that they really embraced the idea of meeting other members and having great conversations rather than the sometimes 'quick hello' or smile across a busy Clubroom on a Friday night. 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' raised over \$500 dollars despite it clashing with the Rolling Stones concert. Many thanks go to our hosts and hostesses on the night.

An idea put forward some months ago about running Pizza nights from a wood fired pizza oven has come to fruition with great success. The initial trial was on a Friday night instead of the BBQ and business was brisk and the food fresh and delicious. This was followed by a 'Wood Oven Feast' with more than just pizzas being created and served. From all accounts a wonderful time was had by all and a sizeable amount was raised for GRYC. A third night was held on Friday 21st November in place of the Bistro and again well received and supported by members. The energy and creativity provided by the Blacker family and their many assistants has provided an inviting ambiance, fantastic food, and a sense of fellowship for our members. Thank you.

The Christmas Dinner and Winter Series Presentation Night this year will be held at the Club on 13th December, with a traditional dinner provided by Chef Lachy and music by *Groove Brothers and Soul Sister*.

There will also be a children's Christmas party with a water theme from 12noon - 2.00pm on the same day, with food and fun for kids. Please bring a named present for your child/children and one to put under the tree for local children who are less fortunate than us.

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