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## Commodore Comments

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Where did the last few months go? It certainly has been a busy time around the GRYC!

The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2015 Goolwa Regatta Week was a major event for us, as always, and you will see a feature spread in this *Regatta*. We introduced a few initiatives this year which were successful – such as the GAC dinghy event in the TMHI Central Basin, the Gala Day at GRYC, and the Maughan Thiem Tune Up Race. We also made some significant changes to the Sailing Instructions and race management for The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2015 Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic that worked well and was a relief for GRYC organisers. We are always trying to improve, so if you have any thoughts, please email [gryc@gryc.com.au](mailto:gryc@gryc.com.au) so we can take your ideas and suggestions on-board for next year.

There was no recovery time for GRYC staff and volunteers, because along came the SA Wooden Boat Festival in February. We chose not to tender for the bar management at this event because it would have been another huge load for our volunteers. Instead, we very effectively included our Club facilities in the Festival with the art and photo exhibition, and the vintage boats and the paddle steamers parked on our marina jetty and visitor berths. GRYC also provided on-water race management which is a significant commitment. Many thanks go to Ben and our volunteers who managed arrangements so well for us.

And suddenly we are into March, but with plenty still happening at the GRYC. We have the Sailability State Championships, the Finnis Race and lots of social functions to enjoy. Keep informed by checking Ben's Club News emails, getting connected to the GRYC Facebook page and visiting our website:

[www.gryc.com.au](http://www.gryc.com.au)

If you are going cruising, check the River Murray flow report, with the latest Murray Mouth info:

<https://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au/River-Murray/SitePages/River%20Murray%20Flow%20Reports.aspx/>

I also recommend that you buy the new map which significantly updates navigation information for the Murray Lakes, Goolwa and Islands, available from the GRYC.

Berth-holders will notice that their fees for 2015 are less than last year! We have now fully implemented marina management policies that provide guidance on maintenance and fee setting processes. All members would be aware that we have plans for additions and improvements to the Clubhouse which are a major financial consideration for us. We have received planning approval but we need to raise funds before we can enjoy the all-weather casual area. Fund-raising strategies are being developed to achieve our goals and minimise debt for the Club and its members. In this context, we have asked berth-holders to consider contributing the balance between 2014 and 2015 fees to the GRYC Building Fund. This would be a significant help and I would strongly support the request.

*Locky McLaren, Commodore*

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## Vice Commodore's Report

As we head into the last of the Summer Series I have wondered where the previous five months have gone! However, during that time there has been continuous activity at GRYC and it is obvious that our members and friends are enjoying the sailing and socialising that is on offer.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week was hugely successful and the new events attracted many more competitors and visitors. The Gala Day was well received and discussed and, from all accounts, will be bigger next year. It was wonderful to see so many businesses and organisations involved and they were all pleased with their participation. The Cook-off was again popular and created competitive banter before and during the event. Thanks go to Michael Duchow for his role as judge and his relaxed manner of encouraging and advising the entrants. It seems that the Cook-off will grow next year and it is interesting to hear ideas from members who would like to be involved.

If you have been at the Club over the last few weeks you will have noticed new additions to the décor. Firstly we have purchased new chairs for use in the Kinnear Room and for larger functions. The replacement of our white chairs has been on many agendas over the years and became part of the strategic plan for improvement of facilities. We should be able to accommodate more people at our functions and hopefully in a less cramped arrangement.

The second addition is the Restricted 21

photographs above the fireplace which are part of the 'Goolwa – Wooden Boats- the Passion' exhibition. The whole exhibition was on show at GRYC for the Wooden Boat Festival and a request to Council for us to borrow the R21 photos was approved. This class racing at GRYC is unique as it provides a working, living museum of some very old wooden boats.

The catering aspect of the Club is very popular and Lachy and his staff have been run off their feet making sure everyone has a meal. We have continued to enjoy pizzas throughout the summer and the addition of the wood fired pizza oven certainly adds ambience when it is in use. Thanks go to Chris and Craig Blacker for always making it available for our use and for managing all the fresh ingredients to ensure tasty pizzas.

The next few months will see us slowing down somewhat but two events for your calendar will be The Black Tie Ball (BTB) and the Annual Dinner. A small group is busily working on the BTB and I am sure you will see plenty of publicity soon. The Annual Dinner will be held at the Fleurieu Function Centre so keep watching for further details.

Finally I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who work so very hard to make each and every event successful at GRYC. We have had to call on many of you over the past months and I am grateful for your untiring efforts and willing responses. Well done to all.

*Lyn Roberts, Vice Commodore*

## Membership Corner

On behalf of the GRYC General Committee, we warmly welcome the following new members to the GRYC (Sept-Feb).

### Senior

Stuart Richardson, owner of *Kaos* a Ross 780

David Ward, owner of *Tango*

### Associate

Andrew Brown

Ellie Sandford-Smith

Jade Irvine

Karen Lume

Donald Walker

John Maitland

Andrew Cartwright

David Bishop

Johnathon Bannister (of *Whizzbang* fame)

Rodney Twiss

Membership currently stands at 416 financial members, a steady increase from the previous financial year.

### Vale

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

- Trevor Baker, a senior member for over 25 years. Our thoughts go to his wife Anne.
- Robert McGlennon, an associate member for nearly 5 years.

## Social News

We have had a very hectic social calendar over the last few months including:

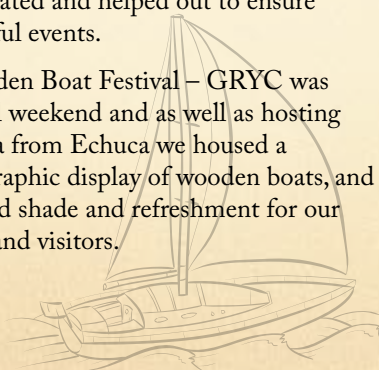
1. Christmas Children's Party - very well attended with children and parents enjoying the water sports and Father Christmas arriving on a Jet Ski and amusing the crowd with his antics. Thanks to Liz Cooper and Sarah Rench and their family and friends for organising this great event.

2. Christmas Dinner - Beautiful food from Chef Lachy, great music and lots of fun. Guests and members provided many presents under the tree for the children of Goolwa who don't receive Christmas presents.

3. Christmas Twilights - Food prepared by different groups and enjoyed by all.

4. Goolwa Regatta Week - many opportunities for socialising and enjoying the fellowship and fun at GRYC and related venues. Thanks to all who participated and helped out to ensure successful events.

5. Wooden Boat Festival - GRYC was open all weekend and as well as hosting a flotilla from Echuca we housed a photographic display of wooden boats, and provided shade and refreshment for our sailors and visitors.



## Upcoming Events

### Black Tie Ball

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

There will be **Swing Band** and the evening will have a **James Bond Theme** so you are invited to '**Dress to Impress**'. Join in the fun...more details to follow.

### Annual Dinner

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

At the Fleurieu Function Centre. Start thinking about getting a table together. More details to follow.

### AGM Lunch

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Lunch at 12.30pm following the AGM.

### Wood Oven Pizza Night

Yes there will be more!



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## Christmas Twilights Keenly Contested

Thirty four yachts in two divisions competed in the 2014 Nautilus Marine Insurance Christmas Twilight Series at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

The Nautilus Marine Insurance Christmas Twilight Series is a signature series in the GRYC's racing calendar with four twilight races over four consecutive days between Christmas and New Year. With only four races in the series, no races able to be dropped for series results and a generous prize pool put up by Nautilus Marine Insurance, every race counted and boats were keen to secure solid results from the first race.

Wind and weather conditions varied across the four days of scheduled racing providing sailors with a range of options for sail plans and tactics. As is usual for Goolwa, the wind shifts were significant and the edges of the channel caught a number of skippers out as they pressed for every advantage.

The 'standard' course was used for the first and final races which involved a windward leg from the start line near the wharf to a buoy set opposite Alongshore Marina, a reach across Aggie's Creek followed by a downwind leg to the leeward buoy near Goolwa Slipway for the non spinnaker boats and near Birks Harbour for the spinnaker division. From here yachts worked upwind then eased around the second windward buoy set near the Northern end of the GRYC marina for a short downwind leg before hardening up around the final buoy and heading for the finish line.

The first race was sailed in around 15 knots from the south and with around 29 yachts on the course there were a number of close calls – some quite a bit closer than others. Back on the race course

after a hiatus of a season or two was *Dolphin* who kept the other Restricted 21s on their toes.

Conditions were slightly softer for the second race which also saw the course slightly reversed with a downwind start. Those in the spinnaker division popped their kites as soon as they could, making a very colourful sight for the many spectators who lined the wharf, shore and watched from their boats moored on the river. There was plenty of tight racing with yachts working hard to gain an advantage on the first downwind leg and quite a bit of congestion at the first rounding buoys as yachts converged from various angles.

The third race was abandoned due to very strong winds.

The fourth and final race was started in winds reaching 22 knots which saw the fleet size slightly reduced along with the size of sail plans and with the strong winds of the past two days, the river level had dropped making the chances of running aground even greater. In the spinnaker division a number of yachts were eager to get going and found themselves OCS (on course side) as the final flag fell. They quickly returned and started correctly.

The course set ensured the two fleets came together on the second windward and leeward legs, providing everyone with plenty of work to do in the narrow channel and in navigating through the Goolwa Bridge.

Throughout the series, the wharf and shoreline were packed with locals and tourists enjoying the spectacle of the tight and close quarters racing, as only Goolwa can provide.

The club's after race meals were busy throughout the series as crew and supporters digested the events on and off the water. The excellent wood fired pizzas organised by the social committee on the last night hit the spot perfectly.

## Series Results

### Spinnaker Division

Corrected: 1. *Dolphin* (M Irvine)  
2. *Nerana* (H Cooper) 3. *Whizz Bang* (K Bannister)

Handicap: 1. *Elanora* (L Edwards)

### Non Spinnaker Division

Corrected: 1. *Chandler's Breeze* (A Seedsman) 2. *Encore* (D Richardson)  
3. *Waituna* (P Roodhouse)

Handicap: 1. *Dirty Sanchez* (A Zadow)





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## Radio Sailing at Goolwa

An interest in radio sailing at Goolwa began about four years ago with a group of people looking for a cheap and easy way to become involved in the sport. Enter the 'Phantom', a fibreglass, almost ready to sail yacht, one metre in length. Despite its many deficiencies and need for much rebuilding and replacement of fittings, the Phantom has served as the mainstay of our fleet. Increasingly there has been a shift to other yacht classes, particularly the IOM International One Metre yacht. This is a much stronger yacht built in fibreglass with three possible rigs allowing it to sail in winds up to 30 knots or more. It is also the most common radio yacht worldwide, with about 5000 or more registered yachts. World championships are sailed every two years with an ex Aussie (Brad Gibson) and his yacht design being at the forefront.

We continue to sail on Friday and Monday afternoons. The fleet on Friday usually has more Phantoms while Monday has a predominance of IOM Yachts. We sail a course inside the GRYC marina using a handicap start system for our races. This is essential to deal with the varied ability of the sailors and the potential of



the yachts. It also ensures we don't have too many yachts crossing the start line at once as it is rather narrow. The handicap start provides a close finish.

There are many reasons sailors find this sport interesting. Some sailors like the challenge of building the yachts and sails, some the challenge of getting the best performance from the yacht and others the enjoyment of sharing a common interest.

This spring we had 30 sailors and 45 yachts involved.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of radio sailing when compared to full sized sailing is the increase in the number of potential incidents that can occur. The radio yachts are moving at a proportionately higher speed: 2.5 knots for a one metre length, compared with 5 knots for a 7.5 metre trailerable yacht and in a proportionately smaller course. Since the sailing rules for radio



yachts are basically the same as full sized yachts, knowledge and application of those rules is even more important as incidents happen with increased frequency and with much less time to respond!

We have an increasing number of spectators at our venue. We extend an invitation to GRYC members to visit us and sail one of the yachts. Just beware! It is addictive!

Finally, thanks to Phil Booth who assists in scoring, assigning handicaps and keeping everyone on track. Thanks also to the GRYC for supporting this activity.

*Ben Morris on behalf of Goolwa Radio Yachting Group*



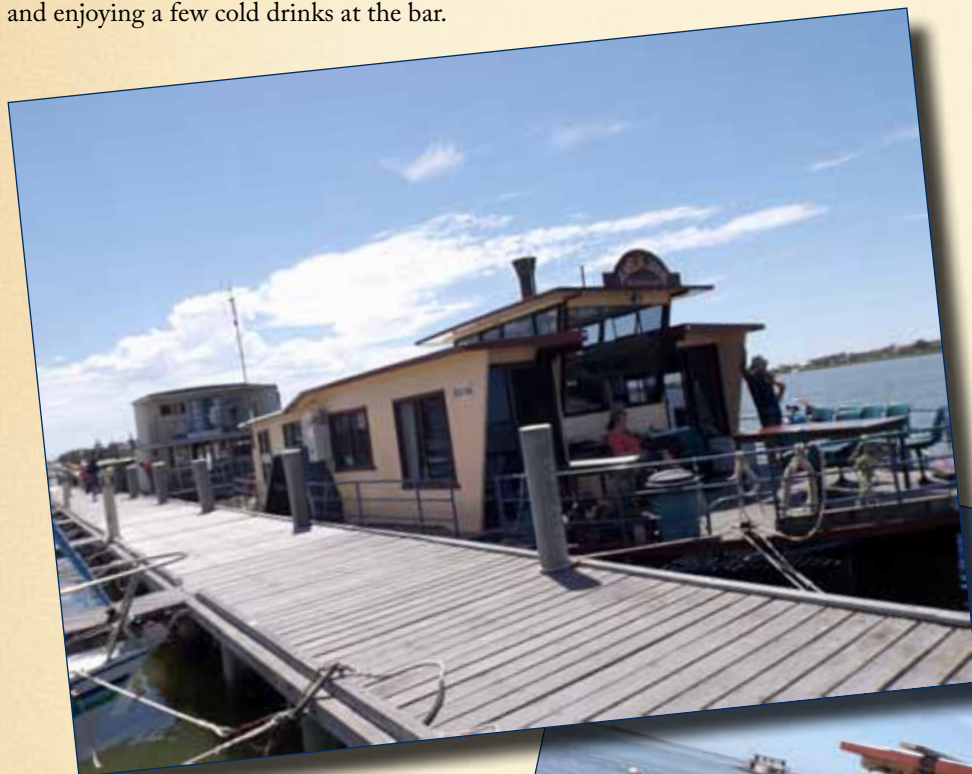


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## The Wooden Boat Festival at GRYC

On the 21st and 22nd of February the township of Goolwa hosted the SA Wooden Boat Festival. As part of the festival GRYC held 'The Passion' photographic exhibition and hosted a 15 boat flotilla, including seven paddleboats, that had completed a 1700km journey from Echuca, taking over three months to arrive in Goolwa. One of the members was from the Mordiallic Motor Yacht Club in Victoria and took the opportunity to exchange Club Burgees. The Club was abuzz all weekend with many taking respite from the heat and enjoying a few cold drinks at the bar.



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## The 2015 Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic Yacht Race

**I**t was a busy morning at Milang as around 1000 sailors prepared themselves for The 2015 Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The fleet of 179 trailable yachts, large multi-hulls and off the beach catamarans and dinghies made for a majestic sight for the thousands of spectators who lined the course, both on land and on water, from Point Sturt all the way to Goolwa.

The course took entrants across Lake Alexandrina, passing through a gate midway between Milang and Point Sturt, then between Beacon 88 and Point Sturt, along the River Murray, past Clayton and under the Hindmarsh Island Bridge to the finish line in front of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

The weather forecast in the week leading up to the race had firstly predicted around 25 knots from the SW. Later in the week the prediction had softened to around 15 knots but on the evening before the big race it had firmed up to 20 to 25 knots from the SW and that is exactly what eventuated.

The origin of the Milang-Goolwa dates back to 1966 when *Edith* and *Esther*, both wooden river boats, raced from Goolwa to Milang to establish which boat was fastest. Nearly 50 years later, *Edith* was amongst the fleet of 10 Vintage Wooden Boats to enter this year's Milang-Goolwa and continue the tradition of being in the first division to start the race.

As boats pulled out of the reeds and off the beach at Milang to set their sails, many opted to tuck in a reef and all opted for their number 2 or 3 headsails. With the wind tending westerly at the start, sheets were slightly cracked and no tacking was required until boats were through the first gate and around Pt Sturt. From there the wind was on the nose and boats had to work hard into a stiff breeze.

From Point Sturt yachts hardened up the sheets, crews hiked out and settled into what would be a hard ride down river and upwind to Goolwa. As the race progressed the wind gradually strengthened and the last boat to finish crossed the line about 3:30pm. Due to the strong conditions a number of yachts either did not finish (DNF) or opted not to start (DNS).

There was a large contingent of off the beach boats and many were

grateful for the reassurance, support and assistance of the Victor Harbor and Goolwa Sea Rescue who provided a professional and superb effort on the day (which was also utilised by a few trailable yachts as well).

The race formally concluded back at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, where the Official Presentations took place. Locky McLaren, Commodore of the GRYC, in welcoming competitors and guests thanked the sponsors for their continuing support and noted that "no other freshwater yacht race brings competitors and spectators together the way this classic yacht race does. I want to thank the hardworking team of volunteers who have made this event such a success."

The W.R. Appleby Trophy for the first boat on corrected in Division 1 went to *Nimue*, owned by Michael Jolly and helmed by Ray Brown. *Nimue* is a Herresoff, built in the last few years but whose design dates back 101 years. Many agree that she is the prettiest and most graceful yacht on the water in Goolwa, and certainly one of the fastest.

*BOHICA*, a Boatspeed 23, skippered by Todd Bartlett took out the A.B. Kinnear Trophy, the Blue Darling Trophy and the Crowhurst Trophy, awarded to the first Division 2 boat to round the buoy at Point Sturt. In accepting his trophies Todd, in his typically modest fashion, thanked his crew, organisers and the other racers.

Meanwhile, the Patrons Trophy for the fastest elapsed time of an unplaced yacht went to *Tern*, skippered by Mike Badenoch.

In a long held tradition, the Keith Veenstra Memorial Trophy for the first Restricted 21 to cross the finishing line was awarded to *Endeavour*, owned and skippered by Lyndon Bartlett.

The Commodore's Trophy for the first yacht on corrected time in either Division 4 or 5 went to *Anoqua*, a Sonata 7, skippered by Nigel Cooper.

*Two Dogs*, a Taipan 5.7 skippered by Tim Wright, took out the Cock of the Lake trophy for the fastest elapsed time across all divisions. *Two Dogs* completed the race in 1 hour, 54 minutes and 27 seconds.

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## The 2015 Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang





# - Goolwa Freshwater Classic Yacht Race



## Race Results

### Division 1

**Line Honours:** *Nimue* (M Jolly)

**On Corrected:** *Nimue* (M Jolly)

*Beth* (P Simmons) *Iole* (F Buchan)

### Division 2

**Line Honours:** *BOHICA* (T Bartlett)

**On Corrected:** *BOHICA* (T Bartlett)

*Maniac* (D Fidock)

*The Farr Side* (G Price)

### Division 3

**Line Honours:** *Cat-el* (P White)

**On Corrected:** *Windrunner* (D Barnes)

*Cat-el* (P White) *Sirocco* (B Petts)

### Division 4

**Line Honours:** *Carina* (B Morris)

**On Corrected:**

*Farr 'n' Fast* (L McLaren)

*Hoodlum* (R Cooper)

*Chandler's Breezed* (A Seedsman)

### Division 5

**Line Honours:** *Anoqua* (N Cooper)

**On Corrected:** *Anoqua* (N Cooper)

*Surprise* (R Jones)

*Itsa Rule* (D Brumpton)

### Division 6

**Line Honours:**

*Wilparina II* (R Remilton)

**On Corrected:**

*Wilparina II* (R Remilton)

*Tiger* (R McOmish)

*Evolution* (M Fairnington)

### Division 7

**Line Honours:** *Beer Nuts...* (D Snoad)

**On Corrected:** *Beer Nuts...* (D Snoad)

*Under the Radar* (P Kirk)

*Ferocious White Hunter* (C Todd)

### Division 8

**Line Honours:** *Two Dogs* (T Wright)

**On Corrected:** *Two Dogs* (T Wright)

*Ram Raider* (J Southall)

*Wild Turkey* (B Lienert)

For the full results, visit

[www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au](http://www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au)

or [www.gryc.com.au](http://www.gryc.com.au)





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THE MARINA HINDMARSH ISLAND

## GOOLWA REGATTA WEEK



### DAY ONE: Dinghy Racing and Marina Challenge

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week got underway on Saturday the 17th January at The Marina Hindmarsh Island with Dinghy Racing which took place in the main basin and the Marina Challenge, a unique and exciting time trial yacht race in Barker, Sturt, Strangways and Hutchinson Lagoons sponsored by The Marina Hindmarsh Island and Club Marine Insurance.

#### Dinghy Racing

There were over 30 competitors in the inaugural dinghy race in the northern marina basin at The Marina Hindmarsh Island. The racing comprised 2 distinct races: the passage races from the Goolwa Aquatic Club to the Marina Basin and then races within the north eastern basin. All those involved had a fabulous time and the racing area provided an arena like situation where spectators had box seats on the banks overlooking the race.

#### Marina Challenge

The format involved two runs through the lagoons with boats started at two minute intervals with the fastest boats getting underway first. Due to the nature of the start line, the black flag rule was in place, meaning any boat that crossed the line early

would be recorded as disqualified for that run.

With the wind a fresh 19-23 knots from the sou' sou' west, there was enough wind to get boats moving and maintain momentum in the lulls behind houses. On the nor' eastern legs of the lagoons, skippers had to concentrate as they sailed to windward in the narrow waterways but revelled in the reaches.

For the second year The Marina Hindmarsh Island offered residents the chance to win prizes for the best dressed home and best Marina Challenge party. This brought out a large and supportive crowd of Marina residents who were treated with box seats as boats sailed within metres of their front lawns.

The cheers and encouragement from the residents provided inspiration for the fleet as they raced their way through the lagoons.

Timing the start right proved a bit tricky for some of the 20 entrants, with a number of boats making dramatic manoeuvres metres from the start line as they attempted to avoid the disqualification that came with an untimely start. Many learnt from previous years the importance of getting a good start and all boats successfully started and completed the first time trial.

With one run under their belts, boats were now familiar with the course and readied themselves for a tighter and cleaner run the second time around. Unfortunately *Wind in the Willows* was disqualified from the second run as she was over the start line

before the gun went.

At the conclusion of the second run, boats moored up in front of The Landing where race post mortems were held as delicious refreshments were served.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island established a Marina Challenge Perpetual Trophy for the event that will remain on display at The Landing.

Results were read from last to first heightening the atmosphere as the announcement of place getters drew near. So in that tradition:

In 3rd place: *Nerana* (Restricted 21) skippered by Randal Cooper.

In 2nd place: *Bacchus* (RL28) skippered by Brendan Murray.

In 1st place: *Elanora* (RL28) skippered by Louise Edwards.

**Carawah (distance) and Condor race past a house brightly decorated for the event.**





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## DAY TWO: Expo Gala Day

On Sunday the 18th of January, the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club was abuzz with the sights, sounds and smells of the best that Goolwa has to offer.

The lawns in front of the club were filled with stalls as local businesses and community groups displayed their wares and offered visitors the chance to discover more about their work.

Meanwhile, in the carpark there was a Royal Flying Doctor flight simulator and an extensive display of vintage cars.

On the water there was come and try sailability yachts, dragon racing and radio controlled yachts followed by a Goolwa Vintage Boat Club race. The graceful lines, gleaming bright work, white sails and colourful flags caught the eyes of spectators who lined the river to take in the event.

With a combined age of many hundred years, the Vintage River Boat fleet keeps alive an important part of Goolwa's nautical traditions and embodies generations of river history and folklore.

Fifteen vintage yachts joined the race with first place going to *Mandalay* (Chris Harris), second to *Mambo Queen* (Graeme Foristal) and third to *Amy* (Phil Byrnes).

Inside the club, scale model yachts were on display in the bar lounge while in the Kinnear Room an art exhibition and Poet's Corner attracted a large crowd.

Morning cloud cleared to blue skies and a breeze of around 15 knots from the south saw the public take advantage of the conditions and enjoy a perfect day in Goolwa. From the Steamranger and market at the main wharf, along the foreshore



to the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and then further along to the Goolwa Aquatic Club, people were everywhere.

The scent of fresh wood oven pizzas, curries, dim sum and a gourmet BBQ tempted many to take a seat and soak up the atmosphere, and relax with a drink while listening to the live music.



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The Racing Rules of Sailing apply to radio controlled yachts and the competitive spirit and friendly rivalry of all sailors was evident on the day with quite a few calls of, 'Starboard!', as boats worked hard to gain an advantage.

The wind picked up considerably during the day, requiring most to change down to a smaller set of sails. Those who didn't suffered badly with quite a few finishing in the reeds and requiring rescue assistance. All competitors agreed they had a very enjoyable afternoon.

## DAY THREE: Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta

Another beautiful day in Goolwa on Monday greeted entrants in the 2015 The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta. With the start scheduled for 1400 hrs, the car park and lawned area adjacent the ramp was filled with a variety of radio controlled yachts and their skippers as they rigged, tuned and prepared for the afternoon's races.

Twenty yachts in two divisions entered the regatta. Division 1 comprised the Phantom class, laser and RG65 yachts and Division 2 comprised mainly International One Metre (IOM) yachts and one Marblehead.

With around 12 knots from the ESE and a beautiful sunny 25 degrees the conditions were perfect for racers and spectators alike and many people came down to watch the regatta.

Handicap starts were controlled by a computer program, using a count-up system for the start that was broadcast via a small speaker, which was clear and easy for all to hear, including spectators.

The start and finish line were between two marina posts and the course set started with a tight reach to a buoy set near Galpin Reserve followed by a beat to a buoy on the eastern side of the 'pond' where boats tacked and headed downwind to the leeward buoys near the main marina walkway before the final short leg to the finish line.

The additional clearance leeward buoy prevented interference between the yachts reaching to the leeward end and the ones beating to the finish.

The presentation in the GRYC club rooms completed a great day and prizes were presented by the Commodore Locky McLaren. The club provided tasty light refreshments while skippers talked over the races.

### Regatta Results

#### Division 1: Phantoms etc

1. Jeff Watson
2. Dennis Henderson
3. Simon Thiele

#### Division 2: IOMs etc

1. Richard Gregg
2. Trevor Johns
3. Trevor Baker





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## Day 5: Maughan Thiem Tune Up Race

A new event for the 2015 The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week, the Tune Up Race provides skippers of yachts with a CBH (Class Based Handicap) of less than .740 the opportunity to test their boat in racing conditions before the big event – the Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic.

The format for the event mirrors that of the Dash for Cash, comprising two heats of a windward leeward windward leeward course with the top four yachts (on corrected) going through to the final.

With a \$250 cash prize and perpetual trophy on offer for first and prizes for second and third on corrected, there was plenty of pressure on skippers and crew.

Conditions earlier in the day promised a quick ride, but by the time sailors arrived at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club to prepare their boats, the wind had abated. By the time they headed out on the water, there was but a mere zephyr ruffling the reeds and the wind had swung from South to North East!

Heat one (*Slingshot*, *Tauwitchere*, *Hoodlum*, *Weggis*, *Destiny*, *Maid Marian*) slowly made their way over the line and to the first buoy with heat two (*Farr 'n' Fast*, *Mary W*, *Elanora*, *Itsa Rule*, *Wind in the Willows*) following 5 minutes later. With such soft wind, everything was in slow motion.

*Elanora* found herself in all sorts of trouble at the first mark, taking plenty of time to eventually round the mark. Luckily for her, the breeze picked up just enough for her to close the gap somewhat on the next leg.

Going through to the final was *Slingshot*, *Hoodlum*, *Destiny*, *Maid Marian*, *Farr 'n' Fast*, *Mary W*, *Elanora* and *Itsa Rule*. All boats stuck close to the start line as they counted down to the final flag. *Mary W*, *Itsa Rule*, *Maid Marian* and *Farr 'n' Fast* had brilliant starts and quickly opened a lead on the rest while *Destiny* and *Hoodlum* found themselves stalled on the start line. Some boats opted for a high line to the first mark and they picked up the wind first, closing the gap on the lead group.

The yachts had bunched right up by the time they made it to the second windward rounding and with barely any breeze at all to keep them moving and provide steering, that's where they stayed. Meanwhile, *Elanora*, *Hoodlum* and *Maid Marian* managed to slink around the buoy and head for the finish line.

First across the line and on corrected was *Elanora* (Louise Edwards), followed in second place by *Hoodlum* (Randal Cooper) and in third place was *Maid Marian* (Peter Shipside).

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## Day 6: Doser Freight Dash for Cash

The Doser Freight Dash for Cash is a fixture of the Goolwa Regatta Week and for decades has been held on the Friday before the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic, providing skippers of yachts with a CBH (Class Based Handicap) equal to or greater than .740 the opportunity to test their boat in racing conditions before the big event – the Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic.

The format for the event comprises two heats of a windward leeward course with the top four yachts (on corrected time) going through to the final.

With a \$500 winner-takes-all cash prize, there was plenty of pressure on skippers and crew.

With 14-17 knots from the South, the event was lining up to be fast and furious with spectacular spinnaker sets, runs and drops. An expert commentary team anchored by John Blunden with Chris Harris, Fraser Buchan and Robbie Parker ensured the spectators who packed the yacht club marina knew exactly what was going on and why.

Heat one (*The Kraken*, *BOHICA*, *The Shed*, *Karnagree* and *Milsonia*) quickly got out on the water and did some practice runs to see how well their kites would set on the downwind legs before heading to the starting area. *Milsonia*, a Restricted 21 was making her first appearance after an extensive refit. Heat two (*Voodoo Child*, *Hammer*, *Endeavour*, *Bouystoys* and *Diva*) followed 5 minutes later.

Both starts got away cleanly and the yachts were enjoying the steady (for Goolwa) breeze. With little to separate the yachts, the anticipation on the marina was growing until *Hammer* was seen putting in a 720 penalty turn for an infringement on *Diva*.

Going through to the final was *Karnagree*, *BOHICA*, *Voodoo Child*, *Endeavour*, *The Kraken*, *The Shed*, *Hammer* and *Bouystoys*. In the final 30 seconds of the starting sequence the yachts all bunched up near the committee boat where *BOHICA* and *The Kraken* found themselves coming together with the start boat while the rest of the heat sailed away! Once freed, *The Kraken* was seen doing a 360 degree penalty.

*Voodoo Child* sailed nicely but took some time to hoist her kite, costing her precious time. *Karnagree* opted for a wide line and sailed out away from the rest of the heat, taking a chance that she would get clear air and climb over the other boats. *BOHICA* and *The Kraken* worked hard to make up lost ground.

First on corrected was *Karnagree* (Craig Blacker), followed in second place by *BOHICA* (Todd Bartlett) and in third place was *Voodoo Child* (Chris Reiffel).

## Request for articles – WOOF WOOF

As you know many members have furry friends accompanying them on their boats. While boats are seen with large and small dogs and dogs of various parentage, we know they are all loved and have some good stories behind them. So for our next issue we invite members to send a photo of their boat and dog(s) and a few short words to cover things like:

- Boat name
- Skipper's name
- Dog name, age, gender, owner, breed (if known)
- What the dog/s like to do on the boat
- Tips for keeping your dog happy on the boat
- Pesky moments.

Please forward to the editor angelalmurray@bigpond.com.au by 30 April, 2015.

## Salient Sailability News

The Tuesday Work Group has been busy upgrading the Sailability Boat trailer so it can carry 4 Hansa Class 603 boats and 2 Liberties. This will allow us to get six boats across to the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Hobart to compete in the 2015 Hansa Class Australian National Championships. Our crews have been preparing for this event and will use the 2015 Kennett State Sailability Championship to hone their skills. The Hansa event has a point of difference from Sailability in that it is inclusive and our competitors will be sailing against able bodied crews.

Our Sailability Committee has been working towards the State Championships held at GRYC on the 14th and 15th of March. Our new Star tent sponsored by the Corinthians can now be erected in 10 minutes due to the peg system buried in the lawn, and this will provide great shelter close to the action. 20 Crews registered for the event.

This is the second year of inter club match racing between Port Adelaide Sailability and us, the first set of races being conducted at the Port. We were represented by skipper Paul Sweetman with crew Cyril Tooze and the second crew skipper Laurence Byrne with crew Tom Byrne. Laurence came in 2nd whilst Paul got 4th. The next set of races at Goolwa will complete the event and we will have our chance to excel.

As part of the Milang Goolwa Regatta, Sailability competed in a series of 3 races, the first starting in front of the GAC and finishing in the large square lake just beyond the Chapmans Marina. Two further races were conducted around buoys in this lake. Ian Rick with crew Warren Miller won the event, Trish Faulkner with crew David Smallacombe placed second and Rosie Rick with crew Tony Mills third.

All went well but with the prevailing wind the return cruise caused difficulty for many crews trying to exit the marina. Several boats went on the rocks at the entrance to the marina, with Tony jumping ship to hold the boat off the rocks until assistance (Regatta 3) arrived.

The SA Hansa State Titles held recently at ASC were hotly contested by ASC, GRYC and PASC Sailabilities in fresh winds. Our Jocylen Neumueller competing in a Liberty came in first.

Congratulations to all the race winners, and to all those who just come along and sail for enjoyment.

Brian Southcott



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## Princess

by Alex Blacker

Built 1910 in Port Pirie by Mr Bill Burgoyne and motored to Pt Adelaide with a Hudson Spider 6 car engine in 1937. *Princess* had a forward cabin and a wheel house and a large cockpit.

Herb Charlesworth purchased *Princess* from Bill Burgoyne in April 1935 for £125 plus a smaller launch *Elva Rose* named after Herb's sister. Herb and his son Chappy Charlesworth ran a fishing charter which was licenced to carry 25 people around the lighthouse for 1/- per adult and children 1/2 price. When Chappy returned from the navy during WWII he took over *Princess* and replaced the Hudson motor with a Volvo 6 and continued to run the charters, *Princess* was moored at Port Adelaide Sailing Club.

Chappy Charlesworth did a major overhaul on *Princess* in 1963 including making the wheelhouse larger and cockpit smaller. Searle's boatyard at Birkenhead did most of the work. This overhaul included changing the motor to a circa 1950 Volvo ed6 engine. She was then moved to Royal Adelaide Yacht Club. *Princess* was then sold to Mr Slater and then to Garry Hisco who brought her to Goolwa. Roly Bartlett bought *Princess* from Garry Hisco. Again she had another overhaul this included replacing the Volvo engine with a 3 cylinder 30 hp Yanmar diesel.

Craig and Chris Blacker bought *Princess* from Roly Bartlett in December 2011. Again *Princess* underwent another major overhaul at Captain Sturt Marina and Slipway Goolwa with most of the work being done by Ron Grooby, Michael Veenstra and Craig Blacker. This overhaul took 18 months and approximately 4,000 hours. The overhaul included replacing and extending the roof line, refitting the v berth and shower toilet, relaying new teak decks, new hydraulic steering, replacing the cabin and interior with mahogany timber, lowering the windows, and replacing the electrical wiring throughout the entire boat. Throughout all these overhauls the hull on *Princess* has remained as the original, and during her most recent overhaul the hull seams were raked and re caulked. *Princess* has her original steering wheel, gear lever, throttle, horn button, hour meter and mast.

Back in September 2014 we were gathering information about *Princess* and made a phone call to Charlesworth Nuts to see if any original family members still worked there. I was fortunate enough to be put through to Mark Charlesworth who was very excited to hear where *Princess* was and what we were doing with her. We exchanged photos of *Princess* and again I learnt some of her history and the part she played in their family. We invited the Charlesworth family to join us at the Wooden Boat Festival and were very pleased to meet Mark and Lisa Charlesworth (son of Chappy Charlesworth). Spending the day with Mark and Lisa was both emotional and enjoyable with Mark speaking of his adventures on *Princess* and reminiscing of the family time spent on her. We also learnt a lot about numerous other Goolwa boats including *Pauline* who was owned by good friends of the Charlesworths and they spent many holidays together cruising to Pt Vincent. Mark also

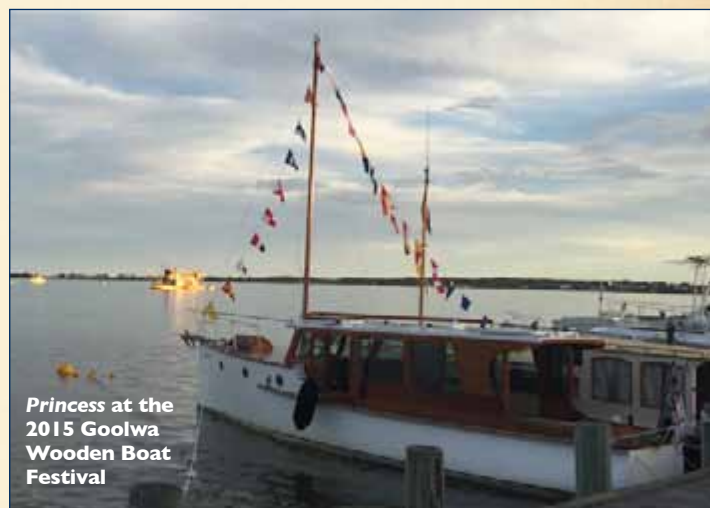
*Princess* as naval auxiliary patrol vessel WW2



spoke of *Keylargo* and remembers her original launching and the various name changes she has had over the years.

During the grand parade Mark was sitting on the roof of *Princess* with Beck comparing tales of their favourite things to do while on *Princess* I think jumping off her roof into the water was a common favourite... As the day came to an end Mark thanked both Craig and me for allowing him the opportunity to show his wife Lisa a very important part of his childhood that he would not have normally had the opportunity to do so.

*Princess* won "Best Cruiser Under 10m" at the recent South Australian Wooden Boat Festival. We are extremely proud of the way *Princess* has turned out and of the workmanship of local businesses, makes us proud to call GOOLWA home.



*Princess* at the 2015 Goolwa Wooden Boat Festival



Mark and Lisa Charlesworth with Chris and Craig Blacker on 'Princess' at recent festival



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