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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF PORTARLINGTON SAILING CLUB

**BULLET FOR
BOTTOM LINE**

LONG RACE SERIES KICKS OFF

**OCTOBER
REPORTS**

GREAT WEATHER MAKES
EVEN GREATER SAILING

**OPEN DAY AND
PSC 50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

GET READY FOR THE
FESTIVITIES!



Get ready for

Portarlington SC Open Day

Opening day this year is Sunday 20th of October. Members are invited to rig up their boats on the beach. The trailerable fleet can anchor off the club, if weather permits. However, please note low tide is at 2PM so this may not be easily accomplished.

The club will supply a BBQ lunch commencing at 12 noon. Members are encouraged to please bring a salad and dessert to share.

Speeches from Commodore Harrison Mann and others will be at 1:30PM, followed by a sail past at 2:30PM.

The prestigious Commodore's Trophy race will start immediately after the sail past.

A couple of volunteers are required for OOD duty on the day-please contact Jacob if you are available.

Upcoming Working Bee

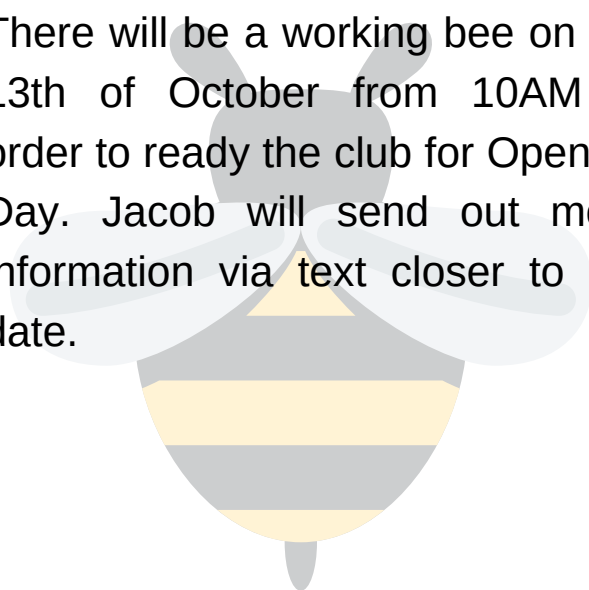
There will be a working bee on the 13th of October from 10AM in order to ready the club for Opening Day. Jacob will send out more information via text closer to the date.

Reminder: WWCC

Just a reminder that all active adult members over the age of 18 need to have a Working With Children Check as stated in the August edition of From the Bilges.

Below is the internet link to apply for a check:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>



Commodore's Report

It's been awesome to see a number of people break it out early in the season! With a few new boats on the water, it's fascinating to watch those who sail some of the quicker boats battle it out with those whom haven't spent as much time on the water! No matter the case, it's epic to see some new boats break out onto the water! Alistair and his daughters showing off some of sailings latest is definitely making me jealous, while I recover with horrendous nerve pain watching from home, as the salt water environment is literally too much for me to handle currently! Throughout the season, I endeavour to make many more new awards, to not only make trophy day those ones for the winner, but for the personal best too.

And so we watch many new crews, skippers, and even those that are experienced, struggle through strong, light and in between breezes, let alone those that celebrate a family engagement party (Jacob).

On top of all of the current sailing progress, I'd love to express my absolute gratitude to Tom and Bec, on their most recent celebration of engagement. I still cannot believe the fact I was the first person to hear about Bec, making me a real key part of the clubs latest engagement! All the best to Tom and Bec!



As for the rest of the club? I am thoroughly looking forward towards the rest of the season, and I cannot wait to see everyone at our opening day! All the best for the beginning of the warmer months!

—Harry

Club Captain's Report

Well, the season is now well underway, and we've had some great racing at the club. With a few new boats on the water it has been great to see juniors winning races. After last week, we've decided to change the "two-race" day start times to 1:30 instead of 1:00, should work a little better.

The club calendar has been updated so make sure you give it a glance. You should see we now have some OODs down; if you your name next to a date you can't attend please let me know or organise a swap yourself. If you cannot find your name but would like to volunteer, let me know and I'll lock you in.

A working bee has been added and the Scout Visit day has been moved to the Saturday the 12th and 13th of October.

—*Jacob*

As always, a big thanks to our sponsors



On the Water

The anticipated first Long Race of the season was held on September 22nd in a brisk Nor-Wester. Fronting the starter was *Bottom Line*, *Normal Variant*, and *Sudden Impulse*, who recently returned from a voyage across the bay.

The fleet punched their way to windward towards Explosives Pier, under small headsails.

The real excitement came towards the end of the race when the fleet bore away for home off Leopold. Lyndon and crew on *Bottom Line*, trailing *Normal Variant* by some margin, saw the Trimaran sailing cautiously and made a race winning move; they hoisted up their spinnaker and the 25 foot sloop came to life, reeling in the lightweight...continued



Bottom Line sets up for quick spinnaker run home

Farrier-designed multihull.

Reportedly, this caused some discussion aboard *Normal Variant* and shortly after a tight-luffed Screecher was found below. With quick thinking they hoisted and rapidly unfurled in an attempt to stop the charging *Bottom Line*.

In the end *Normal Variant* crossed the line just over 16 minutes ahead of *Bottom Line* with *Sudden Impulse* a further 25 minutes astern.

On handicap *Bottom Line* took the opening race of the Long Distance

Series by 11 minutes from *Normal Variant*.

The following week's racing comprised a very interesting, somewhat exotic selection of smaller boats, a fleet probably not seen anywhere else in the world of Yachting.

Roger Kennett's race report follows:

"It was an interesting day on the water yesterday. With two back to back races scheduled, the fleet comprised of smaller...continued.



Normal Variant leads off the start line, helmed by Neville Stuchbery

"boats in the fleet. A Mini 12 (Pal Slevin), Pacer (Jessica Conder), Taser (Yours truly), Laser (Jacob Stuchbery) and an RS500 (Alastair Conder).

The first race was in light and fluky winds, with the Taser jumping off the line and leading from start to finish. The RS500 working their way through the fleet into second to finish, with the Laser and Pacer making it a fight down the last leg.

The Mini 12 was late to the first start and was sailing in circles for the first race to finish. The breeze filled in late in the race allowing the trailing boats to take out the handicap results. Congrats to Jess on her first race.

As the committee relocated the start line the breeze freshened to 15 – 18 knots. The fleet jumped on the line again but with the drop in air temp and the fresh breeze a number of the fleet retired. This left the RS500 and the Laser to fight out the last race. I think that Jacob was getting tired.

Alastair and Olivia took it a little easy not setting the spinnaker, but the sounds of it, the second week out was a bit of a hand full. Success to both of the Conder boats, congrats."

—Tom



Crusing About

The cruising group had a nice cruise this week (18-19th Sept) up to Hobsons Bay. This is our third cruise in the last four weeks proving the weather has definitely turned. The two Magnums with Ian and Mick and Harry and Lynden had a pleasant sail up to the Royal Melbourne Motor Squadron. Ian and Harry met a past Commodore of RMMS up in the Myall lakes and we got invited to stay on their moorings, so we did. The facilities here are first class and their generous hospitality very welcome.

After drinks we went out to a favourite Vietnamese restaurant for dinner. An interesting sight whilst there was the 36 foot timber ex-scallop boat. It is reconfigured as a cruiser built by Harry Clark Senior and Ron Clark, our club member, both boat builders in their day. It is magnificently restored and kept in *Blunts Boatyard* next door to RMMS. The next day we motored in nil wind over to St. Kilda marina for an eggs and bacon morning tea. Here we met up with another mate from...*continued*



RMYS working on his Oceanis 30 in his pen. About 11.30 we headed out and began a 20NM race across the big pond back to Portarlinton in about 9kts of breeze. I had a Genoa up and Harry a self tacker, but despite more sheet up, or because of it, I couldn't catch him. Trailing just 100m behind him all the way to the entrance mark where the wind dropped to below 5kts and then with more sheet up,

left him for dead. It was an interesting contest and shows the Magnum doesn't gain anything from a bigger headsail over 5kts or so. It is great to be able to benchmark our boats like this against another of its identical type. The trip both ways was about 5 hours and excellent weather both days and augers well for lots more great trips coming this summer

—lan





New Channel Authority Tower

We will shortly have a 12 metre tower in the corner of the rigging yard.

To explain: recently the Club was contacted by Bellarine Bayside and advised Victorian Regional Channels Authority (VRCA) wished to construct this tower to assist them to monitor shipping traffic in and out of Geelong with high resolution cameras, etc.

We were somewhat taken aback with this news and meetings were arranged with all the interested parties.

We explored other location options and whether there could be some benefits to the Club.

The upshot was that the VRCA has overriding powers and their choice of location was not able to be altered.

We will be able to access a weather cam which will be installed on the tower and also receive weather data from the equipment installed on the tower.

We will lose a space of six by six metres for the fenced area to contain this tower in the NE corner of the rigging yard and our licensed area will be reduced accordingly.

What do we say! We tried, we were beaten by bureaucracy, and our landscape will be forever altered.

—Graeme

Now, let's get to the good news!



Please join us in a CELEBRATIVE WEEKEND

WE ARE CELEBRATING
Portarlington Sailing Club's
50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Join us for dinner at the Portarlington Golf Club @ 6:30pm

Dinner consists of a 3-course meal including tea and coffee.

\$40 per adult / \$15 for children meals

Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings and pre-payments required. Book via:
club website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portarlingtonsc/>
email: info@portarlingtonsc.org.au or
phone: June - 5278 4926 or 0400 151 995

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Sailing and Social Day / Afternoon Tea Catch-up at the club.

Briefing @ 12 midday for Sailors.

Afternoon Tea and Cake @ 4pm, after racing finishes.

Please bring any memorabilia and photos



First Aid and Defibrillator Course

Expressions of interest are wanted for a First Aid and Defibrillator course in November. Dates will be advised at a later date.

Halyards and Defibrillator

Please make sure your halyards are tied securely so they do not disturb our neighbours in the caravan park. Members are encouraged to take note of the position of our defibrillator which is hanging on the wall just inside Club office.

Club Merchandise

There are hoodies, polos and caps all with the club logo on them.

Hoodies are \$55

Polos are \$40

Caps are \$15

Send an email to Harry on mannharrison22@gmail.com to get your order.

