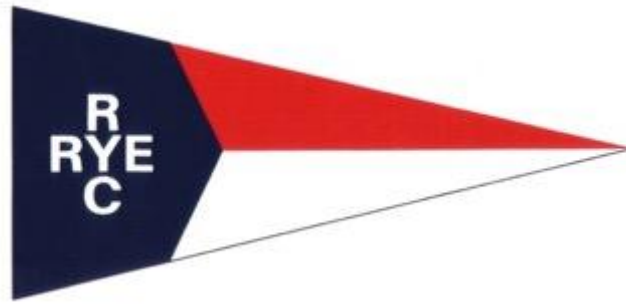


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Promotions – TBA

Sailing

Welcome to spring! I must say, the winter months didn't seem to drag on this year. I'm not sure if it's because the weather has been quite pleasant through winter or that there's been so much going on that time just flew by.

As some of you already know we'll be hosting the Windsurfer State Championships this year. The date is quite early in the program but I'm hoping it sets a nice carnival party atmosphere to set up the rest of the season. Unlike traditional sailing regattas, this one is held over 2 days instead of 3 and the events on the second day will be held within 200m of the beach so it should be spectacle of colour and entertainment. I have most of the duty positions filled already which is outstanding, however if you would like to help out on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of October, please let me know. Let's show them what a fantastic club we have.

Some things have been updated and changed for this coming season. Some for inclusivity, some for efficiency and some for compliance. Please make sure you're across all of the changes before the season starts, particularly the **Equipment Audit Forms** replacing Compliance Checks.

A summary of the changes this season:

- Equipment Audit Forms now replace Compliance Checks. The forms can be found for "Off The Beach" yachts and "Cat 6 Trailerables" [Here](#)
- Please make sure you take the time to read the "Special Regulations" for Off the Beach Boats and Cat 6 Trailerables to make sure you are clear on the minimum equipment, behavioural and qualification standards for operating your craft, also found [Here](#)
- Division W has been introduced to cater for Windsurfers. They will normally start and sail under the W flag. For all events Division W may be started with Division B using Flag B as their starting signal.
- The pin end of the Start Mark will be an orange inflatable buoy, rather than a round buoy.
- Using "Sailing Official" has been updated in the Race Management Procedures.

The Club is progressing in developing our online and social presence, we now have a new YouTube Channel – available via the front page of the Club website or available [here](#). Watch this space through the season as we will be adding content hopefully on a regular basis. Make sure you Like, Comment and Subscribe, hit the bell icon (ding, ding, ding) to make sure you never miss another upload!

Just a short one from me for this edition, however I want to make a quick point. A lot of work has been done during this off season. In fact, it's remarkable just how much has been done. Some of it is noticeable, some of it isn't as much and some has been fun. But to all of those that go to the club on a regular basis and do work, those that help, those that get things done, big and small... Thank you! From all of us, because the club wouldn't be what it is without all of your hard work. I won't name you all, you know who you are, but what defines a club is members that are invested in its success and because of your selfless efforts, we are.

Scott Paton
Rear Commodore



Sailing School report

Hi all,

It is just over a month to Opening Day to get this summer season underway. With a forecast for a hot, dry summer, this season could really be a great one. We have had cooler summers for the last three years, so I am enthusiastically looking forward to a hot one.

During September I will probably now run two Powerboat Handling Courses. (The first one is nearly full after being advertised just under 24 hours ago.) These courses do cover all the theory to get your Power Boat Licence, but you do still need to sit the test at VicRoads. We do one day of theory and one day of on the water practical boat driving. Remember, you can get your boat licence at 12 years of age, so make sure you let me know if you are interested. (Email the Club to info@ryeyachtclub.org.au)

I can't let this opportunity go without mentioning our newest toy at the Club. Over winter, Scott, myself and then Karl had been playing around with a windsurfer sail attached to a skate board: sailing up and down the beach at low tide and when the North winds were blowing. After a bit of discussion, Peter managed to find some plans for a "blokart" (land yacht) and with the help of John and Mark managed to put one together. We have a whole range of windsurfer sails we can use and have sailed it downwind in a westerly wind very successfully. Two and a half weeks later we are still waiting for a strong north wind; but it tacks easily on the beach and should be a whole lot of fun when the beach is close to being deserted during winter.

Opening Day is Sunday 8th October. The following weekend, the Saturday and Sunday Development Squad Coaching groups begin for the summer. We are running the Windsurfer LT State Championships on the weekend of 28th and 29th October. While this is running NO Sailing School Programs will run. However, we will be running some "try windsurfing" activities on both days. I will provide more information about this closer to the date.

The first week in November will be when the Tackers courses, the OutThere Sailing course, the first Adult Learn to Sail course and the Adult Coaching / social sailing group will begin. The Saturday afternoon time slot is listed as Adult Coaching from 3:00 until 5:30 in the Sailing Program; however, we are also promoting Saturday afternoons as a time for adults to get together for just fun social sailing at a time when there will always be a safety boat on the water.

By the end of this week, I will, have sent out some information on all our Sailing School programs beginning after Opening Day. Please let us know as soon as possible if you want to join in any of these programs as some in particular have limited spaces available.

Looking forward to a great summer season.

Bob Cooper
Sailing School Principal





John and Mark trying out the steering.



Bob windsurfing on a skateboard.

Social Committee News

Introducing the members of the Social Committee for 2022-2023 season:

Neville Taylor (president)

Sam Naismith (treasurer)

Bec Marthick (secretary)

Sally Naismith

Christine O'Keefe

Andrew Wallace

Bern Russell

Maj Gale

Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico

WINTER ESCAPE



On 12th August, 35 RYC members and guests enjoyed another off season 'Winter Escape' at Escape Brewing, Capel Sound. It was a wonderful and relaxing night to catch up with yacht club friends we hadn't seen for a few months. It proved to be a very competitive night as we all cheered the Matilda's over the line in the World Cup semi-final followed by a dubious win in the Trivia by the team of Campbell's, Paton's and Marthick!!!!!!

CALENDAR DATES TO MARK

The committee is planning a number of social events so mark the dates in your calendars now and watch out for the details to come:

- Saturday 7th October Opening Eve Spit Roast Dinner at Rye Yacht Club
- Sunday 8th October Formal Season Opening – Morning Tea
- Sat/Sun 28th/29th October Windsurfer State Titles – Dinner & Opti Bar
- Saturday 18th November Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- Saturday 16th December Family Christmas Picnic
- Saturday 13th January Triple Treat Social Day



Neville Taylor
Social Committee

Around the Club News by Peter Kinsman

RYC Handicap – your Personal Handicap

Most of our RYC race series are rated on a personal handicap (namely the RYC Handicap). To those members who are just starting out, this means that improvement is rewarded in results. Your “rating” is calculated for each race relative to your last few races.

Personal handicaps compare your performance to what we would expect from the boat and adjust the handicap to reflect where you ARE finishing, not where you ought to be finishing.

We recalculate the handicap after each race with a RYC Handicap. So, if you go better, your “new” yardstick for next time goes down a little bit.

Long and the short of it, if you are improving every race of the RYC Handicap races, you’ll do a lot more winning!

Mariners Shed

Many thanks to Mick Russell who has very generously donated a metal cutover saw, a welding trolley and a MIG Welder to the Club workshop. These have already been used in the repair of some of the boat trailers and the construction of a ‘blokart’. Many thanks Mick.

Sails stored at RYC

The sails stored at the Club are becoming hard to keep track of.

To address this, the Executive Committee has purchased plastic tags that can be written on. We will have these available in the changerooms, along with a permanent marker.

When you next take your sails down, please attach one of the yellow tags and **write your Sail number on the tag**. You can also write your name if you wish.

In time, we will be able to check for any sails that are not being used.



Mariners helping at RYC

The Mariners team have been busy at the end of last season and over winter. They normally spend Tuesdays at the Club and the occasional Saturday.

Collectively, they have:

- Replaced the upper decking and repaired the balustrades.
- Repaired the stair newel posts and railings.
- Renovated the trailer to replace Southerly's trailer. Disposed of the old trailer.
- Upgraded the flag mast.
- Built another kayak rack.
- Repaired the BBQ
- Repaired the TV aerial.
- Updated the Honour boards.
- Renovated all the club and school power boat trailers.
- Replaced the alarm keypad on the SUP Cabinets and extended the alarm to the 3rd Cabinet.
- Repaired some of the hose reels.
- Organised the new tractor wheels and tyres.
- Serviced the large garage doors.
- Renovated the inside of the RIB 'Lucky Duck'.
- Replaced some of the faulty roof vents.
- Built and tested the new land wind cart.
- Told tall stories and had a good laugh.

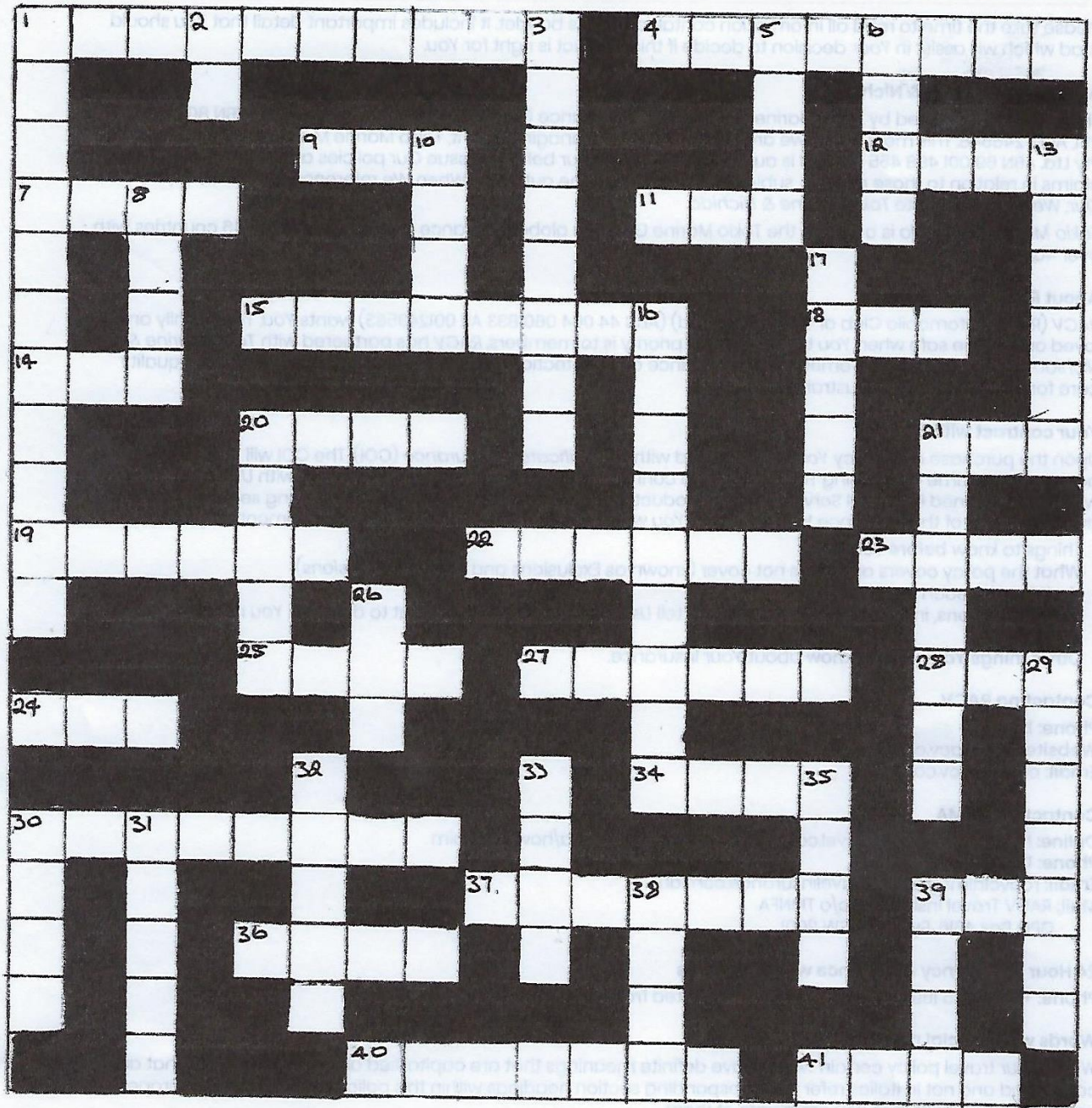
Additionally, they have had lots of morning and afternoon tea breaks and lunch breaks (these are not optional ☺).

If you would like to join us, please let me know.



Peter Kinsman
Club Secretary

How about trying this crossword created by John Dunn?



DOWN

- #1/ pivots in centre of boat
- 2/ 45 degrees initials
- 3/ main engine
- 5/ fuel for sailing boats
- 6/ main body of boat
- 8/ moveable corner of sail
- 10/ pole at bottom of sail
- 13/ used to steer the boat
- 16/ connects boom to mast
- 17/ colour of right
- 20/ aft edge of sail
- 21/ pulls the sail back
- 26/ type of cleat
- 29/ flat surface forming stern
- 30/ bottom edge of sail
- 31/ starboard side
- 32/ back of boat
- 33/ top corner of sprit rigged sail
- 35/ comes in and out twice a day
- 38/ yacht with mizzen mast aft of steering station
- 39/ you could sail all seven

ACROSS

- #1/ another term for downhaul
- 4/ pulls the sail down
- 7/ fixed corner of sail
- 9/ sail at front of dingy
- 11/ colour of left
- 12/ port side
- 14/ front of boat
- 15/ gear that pulls the boom down
- 18/ used to splice the main brace
- 19/ turns the boat when moved
- 20/ edge of sail next to stay or mast
- 21/ could be used to skull a boat
- 22/ they adjust sails in and out
- 23/ usually made of wire and holds the mast up
- 24/ tool used to splice rope
- 25/ top corner of sail
- 27/ used to stop ropes running
- 28/ go to the back
- 30/ wire from bow to top of mast
- 34/ unit of wind speed over water
- 36/ dingy with truncated bow
- 37/ pulls sails up
- 39/ emergency dot dot dot dash dash dash dot dot dot
- 40/ hole in sail with an eyelet
- 41/ main vertical pole

The Great Barrier Reef Needs You!



Vivienne Paton-Jones would like your support to sign a petition to develop a a Net-Free Reef.

The Great Barrier Reef is the heart of Queensland and one of Australia's most iconic destinations. Its waters are home to an incredible array of marine animals, including turtles, dugongs, whales and more. It's also a hub for people, a vibrant, bustling centre for coastal communities and tourism.

But the Reef faces increasing pressure from climate change, water pollution and commercial gill net fishing.

Gill nets hang along the ocean floor and can reach up to 600m in length. These deadly nets trap more than just the fish they're intended to catch. They also entangle and kill countless turtles, sharks, dolphins and dugongs.

Fortunately, there is a solution - remove the nets.

A Net-Free Reef will protect so much more than just precious marine animals - it will safeguard the livelihoods of the people and communities who rely on a healthy and vibrant Reef.

Sign the petition and join us in calling on the Queensland Government to make our Reef free from commercial gill nets.

To sign the petition – [click here](#)

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These are bookings on hand as at the date of publication of this issue of Sandbar.

Bookings & enquiries to: Peter Kinsman on 0418 619921 or e-mail secretary@ryeyachtclub.org.au

Other notable dates:

Nil at this time.

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There is no job for us too big or too small. If there is something, you would like done and you cannot see it listed please call James on 0413177413. We can't wait to hear from you.

For Sale

❖ For Sale – B63 Trailer Sailor, famous RYC racer!

Overall length of 6.3 meters
Well-equipped for cruising or racing
All sailing equipment included
Four sails: main, head, genoa and spinnaker
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Contact Ermanno 0419-311-290



❖ For Sale – Tasar #1836

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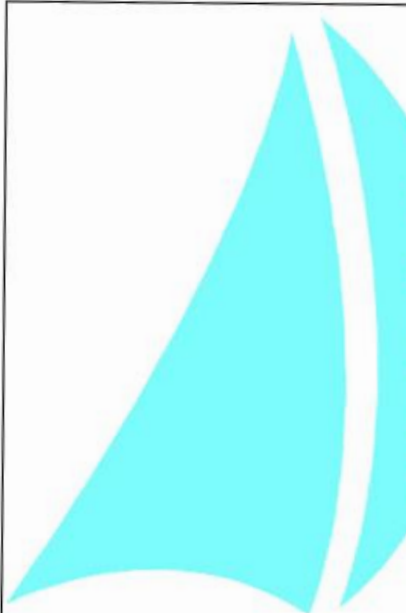


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