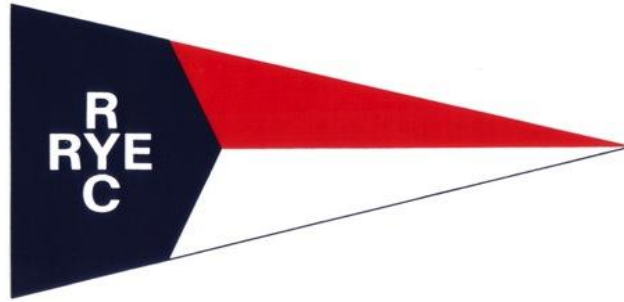


Rye Yacht Club



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Commodores Cabin

Hi to everyone in the Rye Yacht Club family,

I thought I would open the Cabin by thanking and acknowledging all those members who volunteered their time and talents to fulfil the many positions in the Club Executive as well as the different sub-committees for the 2024-2025 season ahead. Additionally, are the overwhelming offers of support to help with a whole range of jobs for the administration, security, communication and operations of the club. I am sure this will be of great help to Peter Kinsman, our long-time club secretary and quiet achiever of all things within the club, as he recovers from illness and surgery.

It would be a mistake to think nothing happens at the club in the off-season. If anyone has been through lately, they will have noticed a high level of presence and activity by members and their guests. Great to see the WhatsApp Chat Groups staying active, particularly the Kayakers taking advantage of the intermittent calm and balmy winter days on the bay. And I believe a couple of resident Ice-Berger's have been spotted.....



The Tuesday Mariner's Shed has been in full swing ticking off all the winter maintenance tasks to ensure everything is in readiness for the upcoming season. This includes some not so minor projects, like the completion of the concreted driveway and major repairs to Arnie the Tractor. A huge thankyou to everyone, far too many to mention by name, who have contributed to this.

All members are able to help in any way they can, particularly giving just a couple of hours on the second Saturday of every month to help out on the working bees. The aim of all of this work is to ensure the Club has an amenable presence in the Rye community. Additionally, that the grounds and facilities are maintained as a functional, safe and healthy place that is attractive to all members, visitors and passers-by.

The opportunity to stay connected with the club over winter has also been very strong with a number of social events held and more coming up in August. Look out for those notices and make sure you RSVP to attend.

Look forward to seeing you all again when the season kicks off proper in October.

Neville Taylor
Commodore



Sailing

It has been wonderful to see so many of you down at RYC over the last months since the season officially closed for winter. Between social events and the sailing tragics who go out despite the weather and the kayak fraternity, not to mention the swimmers, there always seem to be people around. Including Gypsy who today found the 100th Easter 'egg' ie tennis ball spray painted with a red spot. Took a while but we got there.

Thank goodness for technology so that Sailing Committee can pass around information in a moment. The new season is only 10 weeks away and we are almost ready... almost! More race days have been added.

The programme is almost at completion and will be published soon on the club website

There are soooo many people to thank as we head for the new season, both on committees and not on committees but with amazing skills and true generosity of spirit. The people who arrange for tractors to be repaired, for patrol boats to be serviced – you are legends! This season for convenience we will use Sailres again, and also Dutyman. AND we will use those pencil and paper sheets to sign on and off. When the fleet is over 75 boats we may reconsider, but racing fleets are small at present and paper is convenient.

Please may I bring up two concerns from our new Yardmaster:

1. One is the number of boats that are not on serviceable trolleys. It is an actual club requirement for you to be allocated a place in the yard so this is your first notice that flat tyres, wheels hanging off etc are an actual hazard to backs at working bees.
2. The second is that RYC is NOT a graveyard for dying and deceased craft. If your boat is in the yard it is an expectation that it is ready to rock. As pressure for space grows, priority will be given to active sailors in viable boats even if you have been a member for ages. And if you didn't take your boat out last season you may be out of luck having a yard space!
3. Also we have an early major title event at the club and we want it to sparkle

Lastly don't forget the wonderful off season opportunities to sharpen up a few skills. Check sailing.org.au to find a course that suits you.

See you at the campout or the Whale film or out in the kayak or at the working bee next week or at the Mariner's shed....

Val Smith
Rear Commodore

Sailing school report

Jean and I have just arrived back from 10 weeks away in the summer of the Northern Hemisphere. With most days in the range of 32 to 36 degrees, Melbourne's winter has been a bit of a shock. While it was great to be with our daughter Marita when she had her first child, the sailing season is coming on soon and I do need to get fully prepared.

I mentioned in the last Sandbar that we will be having a "Pizza and Planning" session on Saturday August 17th. The idea of this is to get as much feedback as possible from participants in our courses to look at ways that we might improve the way we run them and the activities we include. Tackers, OutThere Sailing and the Adult Learn to Sail courses have the content set out by Australian Sailing however, the way it is actually taught can vary considerably. We would like to know what parts of the courses you enjoy the most, what parts are the most challenging and what you would like to spend more time on if we can.

With the Development Squad Coaching groups and the Adult Coaching, there are some guidelines from Australian Sailing but not really a set course outline. With these groups we try to focus more on working with each individual participant while they are on the water. We have a lot more flexibility to make significant changes to these programs. Again we need your feedback to tailor them to your needs..

Because our time will be reasonably short, we want to focus particularly on Tackers, OutThere Sailing and the Development Squad Coaching groups. We do also run Windsurfing Courses, Powerboat Handling courses, Safety Boar Operator courses, Wing Foiling Courses and SUP lessons. I would like to build more flexibility into our weekend activities so that we can run more of these activities and have the opportunity to take advantage of wind conditions on specific days to run activities that best suit the conditions.

The "Pizza and Planning" session is to be run as one way of collecting feedback. We ask people to arrive between 4:00 and 4:20 so we can start promptly at 4:30. I will talk briefly about each program generally and ask for feedback from participants. We will also have some paper feedback sheets if you would prefer to use them. We will focus on Tackers, OutThere Sailing and Development Squad coaching in particular, but we do want feedback on all aspects of the Sailing School programs.

I have sent out two emails to try to ensure we have notified everyone. If you can come along to the session it would be great. We are providing Pizza's for dinner for all who attend, so please let us know numbers to help with catering. Please let us know by email or SMS if you are coming. You can use info@ryeyachtclub.org.au or sailingschool@ryeyachtclub.org.au or send a message to Jean on 0402325663 or to my phone 0432270167. Please RSVP by Thursday 15th August with numbers of adults and children attending, also include dietary requirements.

I will be offering at least one Powerboat Handling course and one Safety Boat Operator course in September. The first of these covers the theory you need to obtain your licence and then includes a number of on water activities where you learn to drive a boat safely. The second course specifically focusses on rescue techniques for a variety of situations and a variety of boats on the water. If you are interested in either of these, please let me know.

On a totally different subject, I hope that you have been taking an interest in the sailing taking place during the Olympics. It is interesting to see that for this Olympics we have five classes on foiling craft, compared to just one in the last Olympics (the Nacra 17 catamaran). Last Olympics we had nine non-foiling craft, this time we have only five. The growth in foiling craft even at Club level has been huge in the past few years. If you look at the amazing footage of wing foiling in particular in

competitions in Europe, you will be amazed at what can be achieved. Foiling windsurfing and foiling kite boards are part of the Olympic racing now, but what the Europeans are doing on Wing Foilers is just mind blowing.

In finishing up, I am currently making up lists of participants for courses for the summer. Could you please let me know as soon as possible if you want to sail in one of the programs we run so that I can fit you into a course.

I hope to see you at the Club soon.

Bob Cooper
Sailing School Principal



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Sailing School Principal

Social Committee News

Introducing the Members of the Social Committee 2024-2025

Lisa Coulson (Secretary)

Sam Naismith (Treasurer)

Bec Marthick (Secretary)

Sally Naismith

Christine O'Keefe

Bern Russell

Majella Gale

Neville Taylor

Here's what's on at RYE YACHT CLUB in August (mark these dates on your calendar!)

Saturday August 17th

Due to huge success of the last '[Peter Kingsman Family Movie Night](#)' we will be showing 'Secrets of the Whales' 4 part Documentary app 45min each



Movie Starting time approximately 6.30pm

Bar upstairs will be OPEN approx. 6pm if not earlier depending on numbers

Bring your own food, e.g. takeaway or something from home, BBQ should be on as Scott is running his awesome 'WINTER CAMPOUT' so you're welcome to come cook and eat upstairs more details below

PLEASE RSVP Lisa (text Message) 0422 261 596 to confirm

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Sunday August 25th

Josie Lampe, Chef Extraordinaire, has kindly volunteered to run another '[Pasta making Course](#)' with her wonderful assistant Mark.

Starting time is 11.30 am, please bring your apron, bowl, and \$10 per person. Note partners can join in the scrumptious meal starting with us all at 1.30 upstairs, cost \$10 per person as well Bar will be open for Glass of wine @ \$5 glass



This is already heavily booked however we are taking a waitlist so if you wish to be added and or you are waitlisted from last event please

RSVP Lisa (text message) 0422 261 596 to confirm details

Due to the incredible success of the last Peter Kingsman Movie Night and Josie Lampe Pasta making course we are running similar events again. Very special thanks to all who assist in these events behind the scenes setting up, making the space fun, running the Bar, and anything I've forgotten to mention, it's your dedication that makes these events fun !!! And to those that show up to be a part of it all, thank you for making RYC a place to connect and enjoy each other's company !!!

Lisa Coulson on behalf of the amazing Social Club, special thanks to Sailing Club and all volunteers

Please stay tuned as there will be more events with another Calendar on its way!!!

Lisa Coulson
Social Committee



Only 2 Weekends to go, don't miss out!

At RYC we have a focus on fun and lifestyle. Sailing is more than just a sport, and being part of RYC is a lifestyle. So, for the second time, kicking off before the season even starts is a relaxing campout in the boat yard, living our best beach life. Just because it's winter doesn't mean there isn't gorgeous days and it certainly doesn't mean we can't catch up living an adventurous lifestyle at the beach.

Date and times

Sat 17 August from 10 am and Sun 18 to late afternoon.

The campout is very much weather dependent and we will confirm if the campout is going ahead 5 days before the event. If the weather is going to be too wet, we will postpone and nominate another weekend.

What to bring:

- Good vibes for a relaxing weekend.
- All camping gear: Tent, Bed Mat/Mattress, Sleeping Bag/Doona etc.
- Torch
- Toiletries
- Camp Chairs
- Make sure you bring **WARM** comfortable clothes.

If you don't have any of this equipment Anaconda has a great range for a reasonable price. There are also some significant savings if you join their club which is free to do so. (You're welcome to use my phone number as I am a member, I don't get any benefits but you'll get the discount without signing up).

Dining:

Food is BYO, you can simply grab a pizza from across the road and we will also fire up the BBQ for dinner so you can cook what suits your appetite.

Breakfast is also BYO and you can use the BBQ for anyone wanting to cook bacon and eggs.

Confirmation of attendance

All children under the age of 18 require parent supervision, this is a family friendly event.

Please RSVP by the 10th August if you wish to attend via text message, please include how many people are attending and what person tent you intend to bring to Scott on 0411 442 991.

Many thanks,
Scott, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Around the Club News

by Jean Cooper

Whilst I have been away lots have been happening around the club; thanks to Gill and Lisa for their photos we've been able to capture the moments.

Drena and Kate have taken on the role of looking after little Luna wonderful job girls; with Maj doing a sleepover here and there



Neville passing on the Leadslingers award.

Volunteers assisting to keep our beaches clean. Thankyou Mandy Robinson and team !!!



Val helping to take Arnie apart.



Thanks to John and his team for concreting the driveway which will certainly make things a lot easier. It was amazing how they found enough fine days to get this finished.





Finished at last!!!



Volunteers having a nice lunch of fish and chips.



A new addition to the upstairs, a place to put your nice cool drinks.

RYC Working Bee Saturday 10th August at 9.00am

The monthly working bee is on Saturday 10th August from 9.00am. Please consider if you can give an hour or two to help with the usual minor maintenance and clean up tasks to help keep the club and grounds looking great, safe and useable over the winter.

There will be a list of jobs to be done coordinated by Rod Naismith.

If you are coming to the Winter Camp Out the following weekend, you might take this chance to make sure you have a useable campground.....

Following the working bee you are invited to take time out on the deck for refreshments and enjoy one of the best views on offer on Port Phillip Bay



Kayakers

Due to popular demand, we have created the RYC Social Kayakers on *Whatsapp*. To join this group, please contact Marg Darcy, Val Smith or Neville Taylor. This is a group of members who like to engage with each other to organise social kayaking sessions.



Recycling your 10c bottles and cans

The Sailing school has registered as an approved entity to receive funding via the Victorian Recycling initiative. If you take recyclables to the depot in Rosebud, please use the following Donation Partner ID or barcode.

Your Zone ID Barcode: **C2000009570**

Or you can scan the barcode below:



CLUBHOUSE USAGE & HIRE

These are no bookings on hand as at the date of publication of this issue of Sandbar.

Bookings & enquiries to: Neville Taylor at e-mail commodore@ryeyachtclub.org.au

Other notable dates:

Nil at this time.

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