

**Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.**  
*The Sailing Centre for Central Victoria*

# Mainsheet

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### Coming Up

Winter Series Next Race  
28th May

Annual General Meeting  
Sunday 29th May

22nd June Pub Night



## BENDIGO YACHT CLUB

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It is the responsibility of  
all sailors to go to the aid  
of any sailor who appears  
to be in difficulty or may  
require assistance.

*Thanks go to  
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for the donation of  
race day trophies .*





# Bendigo 2016/2017 Notice of Annual General Meeting And Special General Meeting

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

## **Annual General Meeting AGENDA**

- 11.30am Shared Lunch and Drinks
- 12.45pm Trophy Presentation
- 1.30pm Annual General Meeting including Special General Meeting
- 2:30pm Meet & Greet

All club members are encouraged to attend this main function of our club.

Under the club rules, the business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- Confirm the previous minutes
- Consider the Annual Report of the General Committee
- Consider the Club Financial Statements
- Elect the officers and ordinary members of the General Committee
- Set the annual membership fees for 2016 - 2017 by setting the annual ordinary member subscription
- Any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the rules (Club rules are on the website at Bendigo Yacht Club/Club information/Newsletter and Regulations).

## **Election of 2016 -2017 office bearers and General members**

All positions become vacant at the conclusion of the AGM. Officers and ordinary members of the General Committee are eligible for re-election.

**Nominations are called for the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and five Ordinary members of the General Committee.**

All eligible members are encouraged to consider offering their services on the General Committee. Use the nomination form or get one from the club. Please consider supporting the Club in this way.

To be eligible for nomination, you must be a financial voting member of the Bendigo Yacht Club aged 18 or over as at 1 May 2016 and have been a yachting club member for at least 12 months. There are also some requirements about boat ownership and / or sailing experience and years of membership if you are less than 23 years of age (see rule 34(3)).

# Bendigo 2016/2017

## Notice of Special General Meeting

As a part of the AGM, 29 May 2016, at the BeYC Clubhouse

Dear Members

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting notified in the April Mainsheet, a Special General Meeting will also be conducted to consider some proposed changes to the Rules of Incorporation.

Three (3) motions will be put forward involving the changes described:

### **First alteration – simplify the process of accepting new members**

This proposal removes the 7 day notification period on the notice board of a pending new member, thus allowing the General Committee to determine if the prospective member is suitable to join the club. It also accepts prospective member once he/she has paid.

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify the process of accepting new members be adopted.

### **Second alteration – simplify membership categories**

This proposal clarifies some of the membership categories. Elements include:

1. Identifying Veteran and Intermediate members within the classification Ordinary Members with full rights.
2. Allowing the General Committee some latitude in setting fees for Family Members and Junior members.
3. Extend voting rights to Family Members 18 – 24 years incl.
4. Absorb Cadet Members into the category of Junior Members.
5. Absorb Sailability Members into the category of Special Members.

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify membership categories be adopted.

### **Third alteration – formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules**

This proposal formally includes a reference to the BeYC Code of Conduct

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules be adopted.

Notification has been sent to all members with documents attached to assist in the understanding of all this.

## **Just a Reminder**

**If possible, could members attending the AGM on  
29th May please bring a small plate  
of finger food to share.**



# NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

We following financial members of the Bendigo Yacht Club Inc. entitled to vote at general meeting nominate:

Nominee Name:

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For the position of:

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Proposer name:

.....Signature .....

Secunder name:

.....Signature .....

I hereby consent to the above nomination:

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Nominations must be sent to the Secretary, BeYC at:

Emailed to: bendigoycgmil.com, or

Posted to: Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.

PO Box 244, Bendigo Vic 3552.

To be eligible, nominations must reach the Secretary no later than 5.00pm, Sunday, 22 May 2016.

# Sailing Committee

## Winter Series

Next Race: Saturday, 28th May - First warning 1400 hours

Then each month:



Saturday 25th June

Saturday 30th July

Saturday 27th August

Notice of Race is available on the club websight

[www.bendigo.yachting.org.au](http://www.bendigo.yachting.org.au)

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Club members will be concerned to know that Cath Gillies is not well at the moment, and has been in St. Vincent's Private Hospital in Melbourne receiving treatment.

The Club extends best wishes to Cath at this time, and hopes that Cath responds well to the treatment and is home and well again soon.



# Pub Nights are Back

Winter's almost here and with it comes .....  
Yes ..... **Pub Nights.**

The first of these nights will be on **22nd June** at  
**The Foundry Hotel Stirling Room, High Street, Golden Square**  
**at 6.30pm**

Please come along and join fellow club members for a meal and  
an enjoyable get-together.

Email: [jenkencoulson@gmail.com](mailto:jenkencoulson@gmail.com) or phone Jen on **0498353380**

## For Sale - Impulse #207

Adam Blakiston  
0411 335531

**Timber construction. Orange painted hull and white deck which has additional vinyl protection applied.**

**Refurbished approximately 4 years ago with sandwich foam floor**

**Recently updated control lines.**

**1 x New Goodall Design Sail Sept 2015, 1 x Baracuda sail 2011 in good condition and a third Dacron sail, which is fine.**

**Timber rudder blade recently refurbished and centre board in very good shape, with wooden rudder box.**

**Includes beach dolly with additional trailer dolly for ease of movement, all rigging, mast**

**GoPro mounts on front & rear deck**

**This is a competitive boat, ready to race.**

**Pick up only Bendigo Sailing Club Victoria**

**\$2,500**

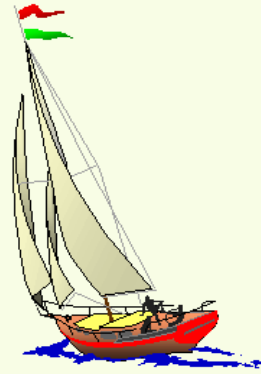
# PROPOSED CRUISES 2016

(Some dates still to be confirmed)

September Mildura to Wentworth  
Sat 12th - Thurs 17th

October Ovens River  
Fri. 16th - Sun 18th

November Cowens Creek (NSW)  
Sat. 9th - Sun. 19th



## The Psychiatrist v The Bartender



Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"One hundred fifty dollars per visit," replied the doctor.

"I'll sleep on it," I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" He asked.

"Well, \$150 a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$23,400. A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought a new pickup truck."

"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"



"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."

It's always better to get a second opinion.





# Bull Sheet



## The Journey

### Myall Lakes Cruise Part 1

As has been mentioned before, part of the fun of a cruise is the journey. With the trip to Tea Gardens - our set off point for the Myall Lakes cruise - this was certainly true. Although in some cases, fun may not have been the right word.

For this trip our cruisers came from almost all points on the compass - from the north, south east, due south and south west. The Coulson's with *Shamrock* in tow, made the short hop - a mere two hours - from North Haven near Port Macquarie where they had spent Easter with the family. The "Goodies" and *Bumblebee* came from Paynesville where they had been on baby sitting duty. John and Jenny Lockie with *Arakana* and Kevin Long and *Freewind* came up the Hume. Warren Matheson with *Gracernote*, Brian and Marilyn Coman with *The Guv'ner General* and Rob Heath with *Flying Circus* all had an aversion to Sydney traffic, and made the decision to leave a day early and drive up the Newell through Dubbo and then cut across to the coast.

**"You take the high road and I'll take the low " - so goes the old Scottish song. In this case the low road was:  
The Newell Hwy - *Gracernote*, *The Guv'ner General* & *Flying Circus*.**

Leaving Bendigo early on Easter Monday, our intrepid inland travellers enjoyed a leisurely drive up the Newell and found their way to Narrandera, although Warren and Brian had difficulty finding the Lake Talbot Caravan Park. Sat-nav devices on BOTH cars kept sending the drivers in circles, however, good old Google Maps saved the day and a very pleasant night was spent at the park. Amongst the guests were a group of hot rod enthusiasts with all sorts of vintage and hotted up cars. These were very impressive and created quite a bit of interest.



Night two was at Dunedoo and, yes, the locals are aware of the unfortunate name. As well as a thunderbox (see photos) with resident redbacks, they have the most up-to date toilets in Australia - auto lock doors, soft music, auto-flush, etc., etc. Brian found himself reluctant to leave such luxury! Caravan park accommodation was once again used and this time the neighbours were a group of Mini Moke devotees with their little teardrop caravans. They were on their way back to Tenterfield after visiting Shepparton and the Moke 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The following day our travellers left the Newell and began making their way east towards the coast. They came through Maitland and met the Pacific Hwy at Raymond Terrace, just north of Newcastle.

The Pacific Hwy has certainly improved over the years and is now a beautiful road to travel. In a little over an hour they were driving into Tea Gardens where they found the Coulson's and Kevin at the boat ramp just beginning to rig.

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### **The high road: The Hume - Arakana & Freewind**

John and Jenny and Kevin made the decision to take the Hume. Kevin rang to say that he would be late leaving Bendigo and that he would catch up with the Hume travellers at Gunning just north of Yass, which was the planned overnight stop.

John's Prado was under the weather with steering problems. "No, no no" said the mechanic. "That Prado is not safe to take to NSW". So an alternative tow vehicle had to be found and the job went to Jenny's Falcon station wagon. The wagon had only towed *Arakana* to the yacht club, and that was only on one occasion. The poor car must have looked at the fully laden Sonata and trembled at the knees (or axles). And so, the morning of the planned departure John was fitting level rides to Jen's car ..... hence their departure from Bendigo was much later than planned.

All was going well and they crossed the border and pulled off the freeway for a fuel stop. They'd received several toots from the friendly locals and upon checking found the lead of the trailer plug had dragged and worn through leaving them without indicators. The trusty tools were put to work and repairs were done. Back on the road again they continued on and although the wagon was not behaving quite as it should with vibrations, coughs and the occasional misfire, they arrived at Gunning about 11.00pm and found Kevin waiting.

Day 2 and it was good to be travelling with company. They got through Sydney and onto the Newcastle Freeway before deciding to have a break for lunch. By this time they had lost Kevin. They took the Ourimbah exchange, drove under the freeway and began to look for a cafe. There was a wrong turn taken somewhere and they found themselves driving into an area with beautiful manicured lawns and palm trees. This turned out to be the local crematorium, but it had a cafe/bar with parking ideal for the Jen's wagon and *Arakana*. Perfect!! As mourners mingled John and Jenny enjoyed a fine lunch and were the last to drive out of the parking area.

They continued north with the wagon still persisting with the same vibrations and backfires as the previous day. Driving into the outskirts of Tea Gardens they noted a mechanic in the industrial area. With a U turn and a quick visit, arrangements were made to leave the car with the trailer for servicing while John and Jen cruised the lakes.

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## And along came *Bumblebee* from the south east.

### TRAILERABLE YACHTS - THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY...

#### THIS IS A STORY OF THE "UGLY" - Helen

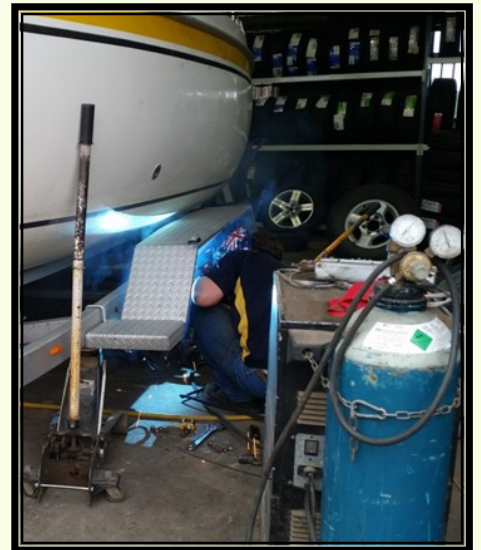
Greg has been sailing for 40+ years, towing boats all around Australia, as well as around Europe and America.... But this did not prepare him for the "Ugly" side of Cruising Sailing - Trailer Issues - The absolutely necessary item that demands soooo much maintenance!!.

We had just spent a glorious 4 days at Gippsland Lakes and on the Tuesday were heading directly up to Myall Lakes to join the other Bendigo Cruisers. We were going to do the trip in a leisurely 2 days, so started with a leisurely breakfast before starting our 6 hour trip from Paynesville to Gunning via the Monaro Highway - a part of Victoria neither Greg nor I had travelled. Our ETA to Gunning was 5.00pm.... Just in time to settle in and head to the Pub for a meal.

About 90 minutes into the trip and a bump in the road meant we had to alter our plans. A couple following us had alerted us to the problem. A brace holding one of the trailer springs had broken and one tyre had started to rub on the mudguard. Greg did some makeshift repairs (MacGyver would be proud) while I rang around to find someone with a welder. Not an easy feat in the middle of nowhere. But country hospitality saved the day. We limped back to Orbost where we were able to get it repaired. Thanks heaps to Orbost Tyres.

Back on the road - New ETA 10:30pm. But we had not allowed for shitty weather. Rain and fog meant the going was slow. When the ETA blew out to be later than midnight we gave up and pulled over for the night. Ok. Bad things run in threes so no surprises when we found that the hatch over our bed had leaked. So we crawled into a wet bed and bombed out for the night.

Nice and early the following morning we were back on the road again... The aim was to get to Tea Gardens by early afternoon in time to prepare the boat before dinner. While heading around the ring road of Canberra Déjà vu hit when we were flagged down yet again!! This time it was one of the wheel bearings....



We pulled over into a lane which had been closed due to road works further which gave us plenty of room to fix the trailer. We were prepared with spare bearings, but the damage was a little more widespread. A quick ring around found the required parts, and Greg went to work with angle grinder to repair the damaged axle and replace the bearing.

Moral of this story.... Give your trailer lots of love.... And then give it some more!!! And then make sure you are prepared with spares because it will let you down sometime.

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## And now for something different....

Everyone knows how dry it has been for the last couple of years, and apart from the inconveniences caused by the shrinking water level in 'our' lake, we have all suffered one way or the other from the lack of rain. We of course aren't the only ones to suffer from 'drought'. Even though there has been some rain over the past few weeks, I thought this might be a good time to look back a few years.

The following poem was written in the drought year of 1944 by my uncle, Reg Dart, who lived in the Mallee for all of his life, farming in the Lascelles area. Following his death in 1983, also a drought year, it was published in the Hopetoun Courier as part of a local tribute to him. I thought it might be appropriate to have it published again in 2003. It is presented exactly as it appeared in the Hopetoun Courier, and as it appeared in the 'Addy' in the dry 2003 summer.

Ian Wallis

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### DROUGHT

Written in the great drought of 1944  
when only 3 inches of rain fell  
on my farm in 12 months.  
Reg Dart

Grey clouds you pass and do not weep upon my fields  
My fields that writhe and toss like one in pain  
Because they do not know the soft caress of rain,  
And now the dust storms rage endlessly day by day  
And all of my fields are drifting sand,  
Drifting ceaselessly away.  
The stock that I love so well grow gaunt and thin and weak,  
Grey shadows of their former selves that were once so fat and sleek,  
Week after weary week I watch the sky in vain,  
For though often the grey clouds come my way  
It is never to bring the rain,  
I dream at night of fields of wheat, fence high and out in ear,  
Was it so very long ago?  
It seems full many a year.  
Oh, God, please send the rain  
Lighten my load of care,  
Make these my fields, grow green again,  
This is my daily prayer.

Reg Dart

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