

**BENDIGO YACHT CLUB INC.**  
*The Sailing Centre for Central Victoria*

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**Congratulations Di Floyd.**  
**Winner of the Inaugural**  
**"Cath Gillies Memorial Lady Skippers Race".**



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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:  
TBA**

**NEXT SAILING COMMITTEE  
MEETING: 9 MAY**

**MAINSHEET DEADLINE  
9 MAY**



# Commodores Comments



**Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>** brought the last day of competition for the summer series, the breeze was up and so were the sails. And then the rain came! Unfortunately, I didn't sail on the day, I forgot the key to the boat, the key to the club, the 4WD to tow the boat and food. Never mind, Easter is just around the corner and we will be holding social sailing over that period for all who are interested.

**Over** the Easter period we will be doing some candle making under the expert direction of Sandra Bray, who is a wiz at the process. I have purchased the ingredients and equipment etc. required, so if you wish to join in you are most welcome. For a cost of \$10 you can make two fragrant candles, coloured or not in a very nice container/jar.

**Those** of us who have caravans at the club will notice that Ron Mason and John Maher have been hard at work in the past week; setting up new "mushrooms" (power outlets) for the extension cords, and they have all been tested and tagged. Campers can expect a bill for the tagging as this is done by an external service provider.

**On Saturday** the sailing school were packing up the training boats for winter. We must extend our thanks to the volunteer club members who ably provide the training for the sailing school: Mick Floyd, Anita Hunter and John Maher and all those who assist and are here every training day. Sailing school is a great avenue for beginners to learn to sail and the majority go on to become much valued members of the club. It is great to see so many people out enjoying their new-found sailing skills.

**The** Inaugural Cath Gillies Memorial Lady Skippers Race we held was an outstanding success, although the wind wasn't favourable, the number of competitors was far greater than expected. The winner overall was Di Floyd, and the funds raised from the race were donated to the charity of her choice, The White Ribbon Society. This race will be held each year in honour of Cath who sadly passed away recently. Rowan and his family will be kindly donating a trophy for this event.

**The** outdoor kitchen project is coming along well, but the working bee which was to have been held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, when it was expected to have the external cladding and roof completed, was unfortunately postponed due to the weather. Ron Mason will now organise another date for this job, and then organise the building inspection. Following this it will be ready to complete the inside.

**The** General Committee have approved funding for the manufacture of new purpose built outdoor furniture. Ian Wallis and Ron Mason have prepared the design for the new furniture which will require a working bee to attach the seats and table tops following the building of the steel frames.

**Additionally**, it is proposed that we will have a shade-sail erected at the rear of the BBQ area to provide shelter from the elements and provide far greater use of the facility.

A large outdoor shade/umbrella, previously used over a swimming pool, has been donated to the club. This umbrella has a fixed steel frame with an extendable arm which can be adjusted, and its location will be dependent on the completed outdoor facility.

**On** housekeeping, we should remember that whilst at the club we are governed by rules and conditions in relation to the driving of the tractor and vehicles. The tractor should not be driven by anyone until they have undertaken training, provided by one of the committee members. The tractor is only to be used for launching rescue boats, moving the jetty or in cases of emergency. The tractor use is governed by Vic Road rules i.e.: driver's licence required when it is to be used at the waterline'.  
All vehicles should not exceed 4kmh/hr.

**Please** be mindful that motor vehicles should not be driven by any person who does not hold a current driver's license. This is not only for your safety but for those who share our club grounds.

**If** you have any queries about anything relating to club rules and regulations, some of which are governed by GMW, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members who will happily assist you.

**We now** have two notebook computers, one pendo pad and a personal DVD player for use by members. These are available from the committee room and should be signed out in the record book as they are borrowed and signed in when being returned. You will have access to the club WIFI with these.

The PlayStation in the children's area now has a few games for use as well as many videos/dvd's for your entertainment; feel free to use these at your convenience. For those who don't do electronics, we have a selection of books for your leisure.

**Don't** forget our Icebreaker Regatta, scheduled for September 23-24, followed a fortnight later by our Season Opening on October 7. Further details will be available soon.

**The AGM** is booked for **June 4<sup>th</sup>** at the club, a social day to elect your new Committee and Commodore to take you into the new season.

**Andrea**

## Rescheduled Working Bee Sunday 23 April 9am.

To get our outdoor kitchen  
up to scratch.

Please confirm your attendance for  
catering purposes.

See you there.

## Easter Social Sailing and Activities

This Easter, instead of staying  
home and gorging yourselves on  
too many chocolates, come out to  
club and join in some of the fun.

The barbie will be sizzling and the  
coffee hot.



# Vale Cath.

Catherine Ann Gillies -  
November 17 1949 - March 19 2017.



The Bendigo Yacht Club recently faced the sad death of a very special person, Cath Gillies.

All member's thoughts are with Rowan, David, Sally, Mark, Abby, Tavis, Adriana and Blake. The Gillies family have been active members since the late 1970's.

"Where is Cath Gillies?" or "Ask Cath" were commonly heard statements at the club. She was a leader, helper and Mrs Fix-it!. Cath, the photocopier's jammed; The pumps aren't working; How do we get the watering system set up?? Where will I find ..... ??

Cath worked in all ways at the club, as well as heading up the canteen in recent years.

She frequently filled in as crew for club races, titles and Marley Points. Cath was always there to help the kids with their boats, with rescue boat duty, also with Discover Sailing, the Active After School Program as well as Sailing School lunchtime BBQ's.

Cath was passionate about Sailability, always being there to help.

This community dedication of Cath was also clearly shown in her commitment to Netball in Bendigo from young players, young mothers and the Masters Games. Cath was there organising, playing, coaching or driving the bus.

A truly caring person who always had time to listen, talk, dance on table tops and, best of all, watch the moon over Lake Eppalock from her favourite seat.

The Canteen Ladies have recently purchased a new native plant, a "Ring Ding Ding" Correa, to remember Cath at her favourite sitting spot. Thankyou to the Gillies boys for planting it. When you think of Cath please give this plant a water at the same time.

I sit there and talk to Cath and feel at peace for her.

Marg Grant.



# Cath Gillies Memorial Lady Skippers Race.

On Saturday 25 March the Inaugural Cath Gillies Memorial Lady Skippers Race was held and what a day it turned out to be. 14 ladies took to the water with gusto, some fresh out of sailing school. Shari took over the helm from John Scott, Abbie was boss on the Community Enterprises boat, Rain was in the 125, Emma in the Croc Pacer and Bronwyn in the Impulse. Charlotte sailed with her Dad on the Mosquito for the day and proudly brought home the chocolates. There wasn't much wind but there was plenty of enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the winner, Di Floyd, who donated the money raised to White Ribbon Australia.



A great day and a wonderful tribute to Cath.

## Results

### Division 1:

- 1st Di Floyd
- 2nd Abbie Henderson
- 3rd Fran Forge

### Division 2: Female Crew

- 1st : Chris and Jenny Clarke
- 2nd: Ewan and Charlotte Watson

### Division 3: Gentlemen

- 1st: Russell Denholm
- 2nd: Russell Bradshaw
- 3rd: Jack Carroll

For all results check the website [www.bendigo.yachting.org.au](http://www.bendigo.yachting.org.au)

# On the Water

## The Kimbolton Series

I've been asked to write about the Kimbolton Series for this issue of Mainsheet and what comes to mind is great racing but cut short with unfortunate weather.

This series we had great participation with 7 Cats, mainly Mosquitos and one Paper Tiger, 19 mono's made up of Sabres, Lasers, Tasars, Pacers, 145, Hartley and Impulse. Division 3 had 4 boats, two Timps a Noelex and a Farr. The Green Fleet had 3 boats competing with two out of three moving to Division 2 as the season progressed.

Each week we had a good number of these boats participating in close racing with the results reflecting this leaving the last Saturday of the series to settle many of the top positions for the Championship. In fact the Mosquitos coming into the last Saturday has one point separating Phillip Mann, in top position, and Stuart Ridge in close second. The last day will be very interesting with Stuart getting average points as he is on duty leaving Phil needing two bullets to hold on to the title. In Div 2 first place is sealed but in second and third place we have Bernie Young and Chris and Toby Clark fighting it out with one point between them also. Doug Carswell has taken out Div 3 with Rowan Gillies coming a very admirable second which is a sensational effort considering the hardship he and his family were going through. Div 4 currently has Paul Cooper leading Lyn Ashby with Brett and Blaze Houlden coming a close third.

I'm writing this on purpose with one week to go so the presentation night will still hold a few surprises. I mentioned the weather being a bit disappointing as we lost 4 races to no wind with Division 2 losing another due to protest. This was a shame as with such close fleet racing the results could have changed dramatically if we had got them all in but that's sailing.

For myself I've had a great second half of the year after a rather disappointing National Titles, results wise, but I did learn heaps from my fellow Impulse sailors. One thing I did learn was my sail had seen better days and with no one being able to tell me the best sailmaker to get a replacement from I decided to build a loft and make my own. A big gamble but it paid off big time with great speed gains from the first half of the season leading to a terrific improvement in the State Titles.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who did duty each week making it possible for us to enjoy our racing at the club.

Great sailing.  
Russell.

## Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 4 June**

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

# 2017 Winter Series

**Saturday 27 May**

**Saturday 24 June**

**Saturday 29 July**

**Saturday 26 August**

## Canteen Open on Winter Sailing Days. Menu and Prices

The canteen will be open for lunches on sailing days during the winter.

Could you please contact Judy or Andrea if you can assist on those days.

**Phone Judy: 0439 415 598  
or Andrea: 0402 940 805**

Pies	\$4.00
Pasties	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Mini Pizza	\$3.00
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Carrot Cake	\$2.50
Anzac Biscuits	0.50
Large Chocolate Bars	0.50
Small Packets Chips	0.50
Soft Drinks	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00



# Sailing School

## Congratulations to our Newest Sailors

Well done to our Sailing School Cadets who graduated last month and a big THANKYOU to the instructors and organisers who coordinated and taught the large number of students we have had this season.

Our newest sailors tried their hand at racing in the “Cath Gillies Memorial Lady Skippers Race”. Some took out a Pacer while others were matched and sailed with a more experienced member. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are keen to do it again.





# Bull Sheet

## Cruizin' Cowen's



"Arakana" - John & Jenny Lockie    "Deckchairs Overboard" - Peter & Wendy Rogasch  
"The Governor General" - Brian & Marilyn Coman    "Sea Sharp" - Rob & Judy Heath  
"Shamrock" - Ken & Jenny Coulson    "Takila" - Warren Matherson

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It had been 12 months since the cruising group had hit the road and headed interstate and we were all looking forward to the cruise. Cowen's Creek is in a beautiful part of the world. It's a tributary of the Hawkesbury River in Ku-rin-gai Chase National Park between Sydney and Newcastle. As our departure date drew closer all eyes were drawn to the weather apps. Goodalls had left a week earlier to cruise the Hawkesbury waters with the Sonata Association and if conditions permitted, to sail to Sydney. Unfortunately the weather had been atrocious causing them to spend the week hibernating in their boats and it was hoped we wouldn't face a similar fate.

*The Governor General, Deckchairs Overboard and Shamrock* left Bendigo on a brilliant morning in mid March with the rest of the flotilla to meet us at Gundagai that evening. We stopped at Violet Town for morning tea. It was there that the first hiccup occurred. Wendy received a text that her mother was very ill and they turned and headed back to Bendigo with the intention of getting to Ballina in northern NSW as quickly as possible.

That evening at the Gundagai pub a pleasant evening was spent with the remaining members of our group. We were entertained by Warren with a story of the loose Clipper, *Takila*, being jostled back onto the trailer by kilt clad Scotsmen at the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival that morning. Perhaps some patrons of the Festival now know the secret of what is worn under a Scotsman's kilt. The following afternoon we arrived at Brooklyn and rigged the boats ready for a morning departure.

We launched in quite warm conditions and the grey clouds soon began to lift. We headed to Cowen's Creek and into the secluded America Bay for lunch. A waterfall cascaded into the bay and Brian and Rob rowed their tenders in for a closer look. Brian considered a bath as the water was so warm. 60 metres above, hikers waved to us from the top of the falls. So much for seclusion.





Following the lunch break we motored the short distance into Refuge Bay. This, in my opinion, is one of the prettiest and best spots in the whole of Cowen's Creek. There are a multitude of mooring buoys and in holiday times it must be packed. When we arrived there were only a few boats dotted around. A waterfall drops straight down the sandstone cliff face into a rockpool and onto a little beach. It looked so inviting that I decided to take the tender and row ashore. I've come to the conclusion that rowing is not my forte and after turning in circles for a quite some time, decided it was much easier to swim the short distance. The water coming over the cliff was cold, although surprisingly, not teeth chattering so, and it wasn't long before Bendigo mermaids and mermen were frolicking under the clear water.



We missed out on catching up with Greg, Helen and the Sonatas as with the weather apparently on the improve, they were planning on doing the Sydney sail the following day. Cowen's Creek gives the appearance of a rugged, remote area, but in truth, the Sydney northern beaches and freeways are just a stone's throw away and we could hear Greg on the radio in Pittwater just across the range, organising his troops in preparation for their sail.

After spending the night in Refuge Bay we ventured on exploring Jerusalem Bay, then into Coal and Candle Creek and then into Smith's Creek where we anchored for the night. As the clouds built and the thunder rumbled, covers and tarps were hurriedly erected and we were hit with torrential rain.

The next morning - hiccup #2.

The stanchions on the vice regal residence had leaked badly during the storm causing all bedding and possessions to be soaked. Repairs were needed and sadly we waved goodbye to *The Governor General* as she headed down the creek to return to Bendigo and the Tannery Lane workshop.

Then we were four and we headed for Bobbin Head where we could get off the boat and stretch our legs. Bobbin Head has been popular for picnics for Sydneysiders since the late 1800's. In 1936 it became the home of the famous Lars Halvorsen & Son's classic timber boats. About that time the art deco Bobbin Head Inn was a popular dance hall where the sounds of swing music drifted across the head waters of Cowen's Creek. Today there are cafes in the both the Inn and at the Marina. We chose the Marina cafe to have our coffee where we could check out the huge shiny cruisers. We wondered if these ever move from the Marina. Perhaps just occasionally they are taken out for a jaunt by their owners, or are used to enjoy a champagne breakfast or luncheon in the idyllic surrounds.



It had become extremely hot and humid and after having a wander around we headed back to the boats. Clouds were building again in the west and in the far distance thunder began to rumble. The plan was to get back to Refuge Bay as quickly as possible. The race was on. Ken, like a sheep dog yapping at the heels of his flock, encouraged any stragglers in the group to look behind at the rapidly advancing black clouds. A bolt of lightning came out of clear blue sky in front of us and we turned into the bay and raced for the

moorings. A blast of wind hit us and the heavens opened as we grabbed mooring lines and secured the boats with a menagerie of knots. Storm boards were rammed into place and hatches closed as thunder clapped and rain pelted down. For what seemed an eternity the storm raged and then suddenly, it stopped. Rob's voice came over the radio to check on everyone's welfare. All were OK. We emerged from our cocoons and looked around. The storm was gone but our beautiful little waterfall had become a raging torrent and was growing by the minute. There was no cavorting under the falls that evening.

The next day we planned to go into Pittwater for a look see. It was cooler and the grey clouds hung around. Warren needed to dry things out. He was also unsure that the little Clipper was suitable to meet any swell that we might encounter and so the solo Scot decided to cut his cruise short and head to Brooklyn.



We were then three, and headed towards the mouth of the Hawkesbury. We circumnavigated Lion Island and then headed across the mouth of the river into Pittwater and the northern Sydney suburbs. There was rain coming again and we slipped into Coasters Retreat, a sheltered inlet on the western shore of Pittwater. The shower passed and we continued to explore. Ferries scuttled here and there and there were boats everywhere. They seemed to be in every conceivable nook and cranny and we were the smallest of all. We spent the night in Coasters Retreat accompanied once again by rain.

Sunshine greeted us for our last morning on the water and we headed for Brooklyn. John and Jenny planned to meet their son for lunch and then go for a sail, something we had done very little of on this cruise. As we headed up the Hawkesbury, once again the sunshine was replaced with a heavy shower.

Jenny C.

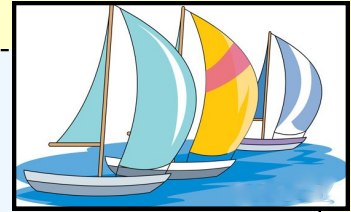


# Cruising

## Revamped 2017 Cruising Calendar .

Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd April - Coliban River

Saturday 2nd September - Sunday 10th September - Sydney Harbour



## Be Prepared

### Be Prepared 1:

Most folk like to be prepared for a future event of some kind, and if that event was likely to involve a reasonable expenditure of energy, they'd take a nap. So here's Alyssa catching a few ZZZ's on *Cool Bananas* between races:

And it transpired that the wind really came in for the second race and she had to use all that saved energy too!



### Be Prepared 2:

At the time of writing the lake was sitting on 89%. But we all know that the level will fall, and we will want to keep racing as long as possible. So in preparation for the lake to get down to 50%, under Cap'n Ron, the crew of *Kimbolton* has set the Finish Line for racing up the North end of the lake, with GPS co-ordinates and all. And here's a shot of where it will be:

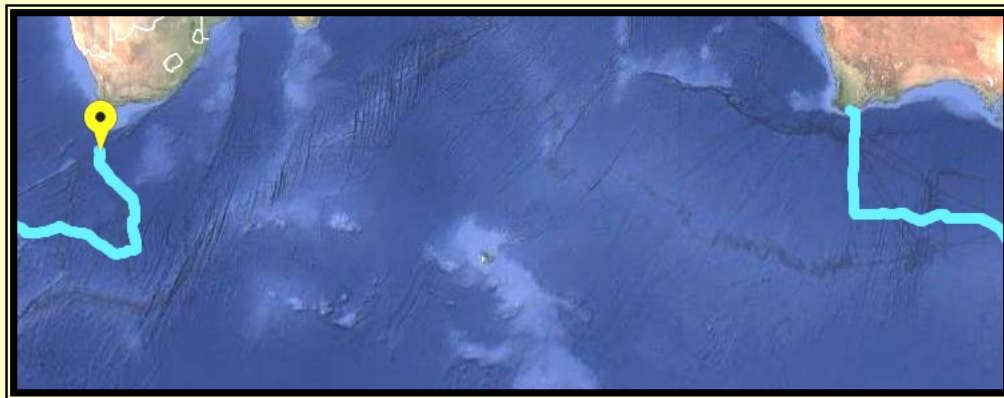
The Pin has been placed (misplaced?) and all that needs to be done is park *Campaspe* on the other end.

# Lisa Blair Sails On

For those members who are following Lisa Blair on her effort to circumnavigate the Antarctic, here is a map of her progress and it will be seen that she is now headed for Cape Town...as a result of losing her mast. Her blog of this event alone is scary reading, and her endeavours to construct a jury rig are amazing. A full report of her voyage will make enthralling reading some day.

For those who may have missed it, here is a link to her website where her blogs and tracker can be found.

[lisablairsailstheworld.com/tracker/](http://lisablairsailstheworld.com/tracker/)



**Ian Wallis**

## For Sale Taser - Yellow Submarine

2 sets of sails 1 x mylar (new jib),  
very good dacron set  
Beach trolley & trailer  
New stays  
Currently at Bendigo Yacht Club  
Great boat just not being used.  
\$4000  
Contact Andrea 0402 940 805



**For Sale**

**"Flying Circus"  
Timpenny 670**



TIMPENNY 670 – TP3039  
(BENDIGO VICTORIA)  
FLYING CIRCUS  
YELLOW HULL CREAM TOP  
DECK  
Boat and trailer registered

A great boat for both racing and cruising.

In good condition.

Plenty of extras.

\$12,000 ONO

Contact Rob Heath

0439155981

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**"Shiralee" 1683 Mark 1  
Flying Fifteen**

The "Shiralee" is for sale  
Macgregor built at Elmore mid 1970's.  
The trailer is roadworthy and registered  
with near new tyres and bearing buddies.  
The boat comes with a set of small non road  
wheels  
to allow easy launch on almost any ramp.  
**\$1,150 ONO**

Contact Robert Chaffe : email

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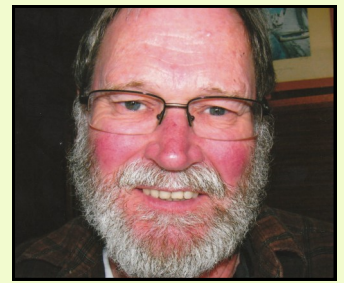
**John Maher**  
Rear Commodore  
Risk Management.  
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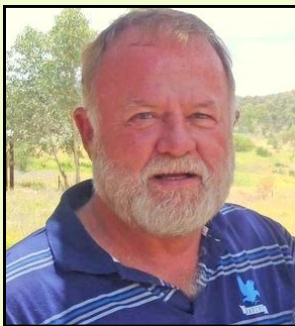
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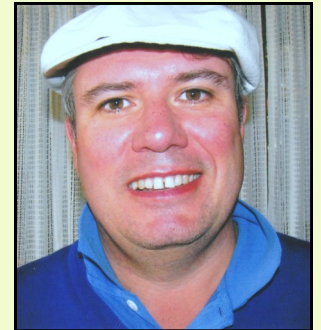


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23 - 24 September*

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2 - 10 September**

**Opening Day  
7 October**