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Bay Spray

NEWSLETTER OF THE SPRING
BAY BOAT CLUB



A great start to the boating season.

On Saturday, October 1st, MAST staff and Tasmania Fire Service personnel conducted a briefing and demonstration session to remind boaties of safety matters at sea. It was a well-attended evening with opportunities to ask questions, practise using equipment and learn about current rules, upcoming changes and new gadgets on the market.

Just in time for OPENING DAY the following day!

Committee Notes

Good news! We have found a new Club Treasurer. Welcome to Pam Keygan who has been a Club member for many years, has now joined the Committee and is rapidly learning the ropes from Peter Smith with a view to being an excellent Treasurer and valuable Committee members for years to come. Cheers, Pam!



And not so good! We are currently on the look-out for a new Club Secretary. Please help us identify some candidates for taking on this vital role for the next couple of years (at least). The tasks involved are not terribly hard, but they can be time-consuming. Basic computer skills, a relatively good command of English and the capacity to attend monthly meetings are the three prime requirements. A full run-down of what's involved can be found on the Club Website under the heading **Roles and Responsibilities**. Fingers crossed that another "Pam" can be found!

Notices

- ◆ The **Calendar of Events** for the coming season is available on the Club website. Check it out and add key dates to your personal diary. This calendar is amended occasionally so please make sure you are using the current one – version 12.
- ◆ **Upcoming events** include:
 - * the **Pacer Challenge**, January 8th at Raspins Beach, with after-race barbecue;
 - * our annual **East Coast Classic Cruise** in the week of January 21st to 28th. Watch out for an announcement leading up to this which will outline the destination(s), depending on prevailing weather conditions;
 - * the social function at the Club on **February 17th** (Most likely to be the new date for our **Quiz Night**);
 - * our annual **Camping Weekend**, March 17–19th. More details by email, closer to the event.
- ◆ Don't forget.... if you want to know what's going on at the Club, the **Minutes of Committee Meetings** are always available on request and displayed on the notice-board in the West Wing. You can also talk to one of your Committee Members, come along to any of the many advertised social events on offer, volunteer as boat crew or help out at a working bee. We also have a **Facebook** page where most goings-on are shared. It's [Spring Bay Boat Club – @boatinginspringbay](#)
- ◆ Please ensure your contact details are up to date on our Club data-base. If you have had any recent changes (address, phone number, email etc), please inform us via sbbcontact@gmail.com
- ◆ Don't miss the **Australian Wooden Boat Festival** in Hobart, February 11–13, 2023. A magnificent spectacle for all boating enthusiasts.

Committee Notes cont.

The SBBC **Social Committee** does a fantastic job behind the scenes planning and organising events, shopping, preparing and serving food, keeping the Clubhouse provisioned and everything ship-shape. But we must remember that the members of this committee are all volunteers. They are not our servants! In order to show how much we appreciate their work, let's make sure we never take it for granted. Let's attend to the following list of tasks ourselves whenever we are at the Club:

ALL MEMBERS

Before you leave the Clubrooms, please check

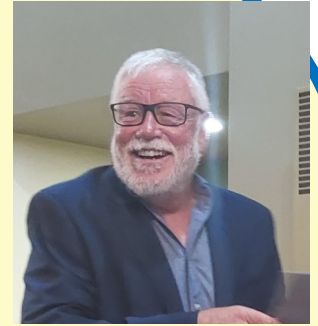
- Is all food put away?
- Are tables and bench-tops wiped clean?
- Are dishes washed, dried and returned to allocated cupboards and drawers?
- Are chairs and tables left in a neat and safe state?
- Has the floor been vacuumed?
- Have the rubbish bin and the recycling bin been emptied into the outside bins and been rinsed out/re-lined?
- Are electrical appliances off and cupboards closed?
- Is the fire safe?
- Is the barbecue area clean and tidy?
- Are lights out and internal glass doors locked?



Happy Hour Bookclub Christmas Party. Do you think they might be BOOKS under the tree?

From your Commodore:

As I ponder writing my report, I reflect, what can I add to the comprehensive reports provided by our Rear Commodore, and the Vice Commodores Power and Sail? Not much for me to add! I am not disheartened by this; it just demonstrates how well your committee, and their helpers, are working together, with individuals setting about their tasks knowing they have each others support and chipping in to help one another when needed.



Despite the contrariness of the weather, any time the weather permitted, SBBC members were out and about fishing, sailing, cruising or simply maintaining their boats. For some, in any weather. But that's all in other reports.

In finishing, over the coming period please:

Take care. Keep well. Look out for one another. And enjoy mucking around in boats!

Tim



....and your Vice-Commodore (Power):

Well it did seem a longer wait than normal this year for the opening of the cray season to start, with lots of members not only using the weekend for the cray opening but the start of the fishing season. We had members

heading north to Schouten Island where the crays were catching well and the weather was fantastic. Others headed south to the outside of Maria Island, where the diving and pot fishing were quite successful as well, and also some nice flat head, ling and other deep sea species were caught. Hopefully with the weather improving, members are planning plenty of raft-ups and fishing trips over the season. And we would love some photos sent in over the season of your catch or just a nice sunset. You could end up in our next newsletter.

I wish all members a safe and wonderful boating season.

Nathan Hardy.

... and your Vice-Commodore (Sail):

Twilight Series 1

We brushed the cobwebs off to start the season by using the outer buoy at Windlass Bay. *Sagittarius* and *Thomas A* had a rush and left *Baiame* and *Vite* to finish a minute apart on the line.

The Windlass buoy was used again in the second twilight race. A moderate Easterly was enough to get around the buoy but the wind dropped hence a drifter became evident. *Vite*, *Madiba*, *Baiame* and *Farrijk* finished with a minute between each boat.

A long wait for a drink!

Number three race started in another Easterly. This time wet! More close finishes with *Baiame* and *Vite* six seconds apart with their elapsed times.

Thunder storms threatening and an actual hail storm but five boats braved the fourth heat. Another close finish with *Vite* and *Thomas A* with the same elapsed time and *Madiba* finishing thirty seconds earlier. A warm fire was welcoming the sailors when they arrived back at the club.

An exciting start for the fifth heat with eight boats crossing the start line at once without any mishaps. We had light North-Easterly and Easterly breezes which were fluky at times. *Vite* had a perfect race finishing second across the line. We were all quite evenly spaced. Handicap results were still very close!

We missed two twilights due to bad weather.

All seven boats were keen to get out for the sixth race. What was a very stiff south-westerly, quietened down to a very pleasant sail. *Zebedee* gave *Sagittarius* some competition to be one minute behind on the finish line.

This series is now finished and final handicap results will be announced at our Annual Dinner in April.

Summer Pennant

Our Pennant series started on October 9, 2022. This is a series of six races in Prosser Bay/ Spring Bay. The first race started with adequate wind but unfortunately did not stay. A shortened course was in order.

We welcomed Rijk Hendricks in *Farrijk* and David Rees in *Topknot* in the second race. We all had a great time with many broad reaches and moderate East-Nor-Easterlies.



Vice –Commodore’s Report cont.

After missing four race days due to weather or lack of entrants it was mutually decided to have a third and last race for the 2022 pennant. Four competing boats lined up at the Eastcoaster start line. Easterly again moving slightly to the North. We had great reaches and the wind increased more for the finish. Roy on *Madiba* had a go with his spinnaker which was the first one to be used this season.

This was our last sailing event for our pre-Xmas series.

All results will be announced at our dinner in April.

Due to the weather and tides we did not endeavour to take our boats out for a “raft up” this year. Instead we gathered at the club with our picnic tea. We had a very pleasant and relaxing time.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Xmas, and Happy New Year.

Deb West



Hi all,

As I received no boat,-related articles by yesterday’s deadline, I have made this a NEWS, MESSAGES, PHOTOS and REPORTS edition of our newsletter.

Members tell me that they really like reading the various articles that have appeared in the *Bay Spray* over the years, many of them quite specific to our Club, our boats and our local area/waterways. It’s always much more interesting when they are also written by a variety of contributors. You certainly don’t want to be forever reading something that I have cobbled together!

So, prior to the next edition of Bay Spray, let’s see if some of you can come up with some articles (always better when enhanced by photos) for publication. It might be the story of a recent cruise; the history of your current boat; a one-that-got-away story; a biography of a local “old salt”; or any adventure on the high seas. Ideally, I will end up with enough articles to see us through until this time next year!

Today’s edition goes out to you on the same day as our annual Christmas Party so, hopefully, I will be able to see many of you there, ready to celebrate the festive season with like-minded maritime folk.

See you in 2023.

Leanne O’Brien

Rear Commodore/Editor

MAST Safety and Information Evening



Keegan Higgs (Marine and Safety Tasmania) conducted a lively and most informative session, complemented by the Tasmanian Fire Service.

50 people attended and most stayed for a free barbecue afterwards.

Flares were ignited; fires were lit and extinguished; PFDs were examined; EPIRBs and radios were recommended.

A great start to the season.



Opening Day, 2022



As you can see, it was a stunning day. Ray Coope, our most recent Life Member, took the salute from aboard *Baiame*. A very healthy fleet of 15 boats took part and crew and guests met afterwards for a barbecue at the Club. A fabulous start to the boating season.

Below is *Deseado*, who always dresses very prettily for Opening Day!



Photo Gallery



Aboard *Sagittarius* (above) for the first Twilight race of the 22/23 season. Conditions were nice and brisk and the skies were magnificent; Maria was wearing her favourite cotton-wool beanie.



To demonstrate just how fickle the weather can be in Mercury Passage, compare the seas above and on page 8 with those on the left. Here is Ben West proving that a schedule must be maintained and appointments kept as he returns from a delivery trip to Chinaman's Bay. *Girls and boys at home—this is not recommended as safe!!*

Right: a boat club raft-up in Chinaman's Bay. If you look carefully, you can see there is a 55 foot steel yacht at the stern of the other vessels.

