

REGATTA

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Commodore Comments

Following a wonderful evening at the Annual Presentation Dinner in June, it was encouraging to see a great turn-up for the AGM the following day. Included in the meeting were presentations of badges to members with 25 years or more continuous membership—members since pre June 1992: Anthony Bedford; Trevor Baldock; Trevor Kennewell; Michael Arnold. A tie was also presented to Malcolm Doley for 40 or more years of continuous membership since pre June 1977. Congratulations to these gentlemen whose involvement throughout the years reflect their love and passion for GRYC.

This year the General Committee remained the same apart from Peter Trembath who stepped down from his role as secretary. I sincerely thank Peter for all his efforts and offers to support us wherever he can in the future. The Committee was elected as follows: Commodore, Lyn Roberts; Vice Commodore, Louise Edwards; Rear Commodore, David Howard; Treasurer, Rick Eylward; Ian Barker; Craig Blacker; Paul Harvey; Ben Morris; Andrew Robertson. The position of Secretary was not filled but this role will be shared by Ben Morris and Andrew Robertson. Jan Brice has also put her hand up to help with some of the extra secretarial jobs and we are very grateful for her input. See page 7 this *Regatta* for details of portfolio responsibilities

There is, however, one vacancy on the General Committee and I would be very pleased to speak with any senior member,

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or potential senior member, who may like to be involved in this aspect of GRYC.

Progress on Stage One of the Building Extensions should be finalised before Opening Day on 7th October and we look forward to the wind break and shelter it will provide. Many members and friends have commented favourably and, with the lights on it certainly puts GRYC on the local map. Thanks to Peter Nielsen - Nielsen Architects; Jacek Holgar - Vortrak Constructions; John Easling - Revolution Roofing and to all the tradespeople who worked so efficiently and professionally during the construction.

The next stages will be exciting and will complete the refurbishment program as it appears on the Kinnear Room window. However we will need to raise funds to this end! The first major fundraiser will be The Wine Appreciation Dinner 24th November. Tickets are limited and last year it sold out quickly.

The kitchen upgrade is complete and members and catering staff alike have been amazed at the radical change this has brought to the kitchen area both visually and operationally. Once more this has been a project that has been well supported by members and local businesses and we sincerely thank them all.

As membership continues to grow we look forward to New Members' Night on 16th September. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new members and for them to put faces to names. Please come along and join in an hour or so of fellowship and refreshments.

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GRYC Commodore Lyn Roberts (centre) with, l-r, Length of Membership Awardees, Trevor Kennewell, Trevor Baldock, Malcolm Doley and Tony Bedford at AGM

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Preparations are well underway for Opening Day and you will find a program for the day inserted to this *Regatta* or for download on the GRYC website. You are encouraged to arrive early with a picnic lunch and enjoy the lead up to the official proceedings and sail past. To open our season this year we are fortunate to have Hon Dean Brown AO who is no stranger to GRYC and the lower lakes region. Dean sits on the River Murray Advisory Committee in South Australia, Chairs the Lower Lakes and Coorong Boating and Tourism Group, and was the Premier's Special Adviser on drought during the recent drought.

Planning for Goolwa Regatta Week continues in earnest as the Committee fulfils its roles in providing a week of 'on and off the water' events. Many aspects of the week are in place and of course you may be asked to help out. Peter Briton Jones will be managing the 'On water' volunteers for the Freshwater Classic and he is confident that many of you will continue as you did in 2017, so I thank you in advance. There will be other volunteers required for the remainder of the program and I would be particularly interested in speaking to any of you who would like to coordinate specific events. Thanks to Rear Commodore David Howard for his efforts in securing sponsors and in kind support – this is a mammoth task. I encourage you to check the GRW website for initial programs and dates.

As you peruse this edition of *Regatta* you will notice that there is a lot planned for the coming season and many opportunities both on and off the beautiful South Lakes. I personally thank all the General Committee officers for their dedication to GRYC and to all those members and friends who support them on various committees and groups – a very big **Thank You**.

Happy Sailing

Lyn Roberts, Commodore



I-r Rear Commodore,
David Howard,
Vice Commodore,
Louise Edwards and
Commodore, Lyn Roberts

Vice Commodore's Report

As indicated in the previous edition of *Regatta*, the Race Committee has reviewed the program for 2017/18 and introduced a number of changes. There will be three twilight series of seven races each, two drops allowed. The Christmas Twilight Series remains unchanged. The Summer Series has been reworked into a Destination Series and a short course windward/leeward Summer Series. The Winter Series remains unchanged.

The Destination Series will include the Goolwa to Wellington Race, the Goolwa to Narrung Race, the Goolwa to Meningie Race (organised by the Meningie Sailing Club), the Goolwa to Milang Lake Alexandrina Classic and the Goolwa to Finnis Race.

The Summer Series will be held on three Saturdays, with two back-to-back races starting at 1400hrs giving a total of six races for the series. For more information please join us at the 2017 Pre-Season Briefing on Saturday 16th September.

Don't forget to keep the week of 20th to 27th January 2018 free for Goolwa Regatta Week.

The Club's Discover Sailing Centre was recently audited and we passed with flying colours. Two Keel Boat Training Courses and a Power Boat Course have been scheduled thus far for the 2017/18 season—details page 4. A 'Start Power Boating' course is being held on 9th and 10th September, **Free of Charge** for GRYC who wish to volunteer on Safety Boats during GRYC races. If you are interested, please register with Club Manager Jay Leech on 8555 2617 or gryc@gryc.com.au.

We are still looking for volunteers who might be interested in assisting with race management, either on or off water on a regular or intermittent basis. Our current volunteers are a very friendly group and happy to share their knowledge with you. We also provide formal and informal training depending on your needs or role. If you, or if you know of someone who, might be like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me on gryc@gryc.com.au or louandbri@hotmail.com or 0431 053 104.

Finally a reminder that we are now operating under the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing. You can obtain a specially printed copy from the Club for \$20 or download a copy to your electronic device at: www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/racing-rules/

Happy racing.

Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore

New Members' Night
Saturday 16 September, 5.00-7.00pm
Nibbles and Drinks

This is a great time to meet our new members and to welcome them to
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
All Welcome

Rear Commodore's Report

The COBWEB cruises have had rather mixed weather despite which they have been very well attended. David Smallacombe and David Hurford have done an excellent job thinking up interesting places to go and, when necessary, making modifications on the run. I was able to participate in several cruises including to Sails at Clayton for lunch (beautiful weather), Ducks Flat for a picnic (fair weather), Narrung modified by reason of foul weather to Riverside and lunch at Sails next day and the Coorong on one of the best winter days one could wish for. I was gearing up (or rather off) anticipating a reluctant plunge into what Jordy delighted in telling me was 12.2⁰ water to untangle a mooring line which had developed an all too close affinity for *Astrid's* propeller when a bit of clever manoeuvring by Geoff Perry on *Inoqua* aided by Dave Smallacombe's smart use of grappling hook freed the line. Sunny it was, but warm it was not so I was very pleased to avoid a dip. Unfortunately the planned cruise to the Finnis was blown out but enthusiasm remains high. And, by the way, we are not all septuagenarians so come and join in. These cruises are great fun.

On another note I want to thank past sponsors for their support (check your programs and/or the web site so you know of whom I write). I particularly thank the new season's sponsors who have enabled me to slip away knowing the Club now has sponsors for all the Summer Twilight Series (TC's Fruit & Veg, SPI Flooring & Blinds, Goolwa Car & Commercial), the Christmas Twilight Series (Nautilus Marine Insurance), the Winter Series (Bremerton Wines), the 21's (Shaw Family Vintners) and the two Summer Series i.e. both the Destination Races and the new Windward/Leeward Races (DSM Constructions and DSM Landscapes). Whenever you can please support our sponsors.

We have also had a heartening response from many quarters by Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for Regatta Week and the M-G Freshwater Classic. Unfortunately TMHI is unable to continue as principal sponsor having loyally supported Regatta Week and the Race for the last six years. The Club greatly appreciates that support. As well we have not yet (very early August) tied down a new naming rights sponsor. No, it is not because we sat on our hands. It is a bit like selling a house. You just have to find the right buyer. We remain optimistic but may have to make up the sponsorship shortfall with additional Gold (\$3,000 plus), Silver (\$1,500 plus) and Bronze (\$750 plus) sponsorships. No doubt there are dozens of members whom I have not approached who would love to be a sponsor of Regatta Week. Don't be shy! Come forward soon! We want to send the promotional material to the printers and web page designers within the next few weeks. I'm away for the rest of August for family matters but I'll be back on 7 September. Meanwhile Commodore Lyn and Vice Commodore Louise will be more than happy to take your details and ensure you are included in all the early publicity and promotions.

David Howard, Rear Commodore

Marina Matters

The Tuesday Working Group has made excellent progress on annual deck maintenance on A Finger. This includes board flipping and treatment of sub-deck structures.

The Marina Committee is pleased to announce that after an exhaustive process a preferred supplier has been selected for the Pedestal Replacement Program. The new pedestals will be manufactured and installed by local company Goolwa Masts and Welding. The Pedestals have been specifically designed for the GRYC and constructed of robust aluminium housing dual power outlets, water and lighting services. A pedestal will be installed in the near future for a short trial period to test lighting options. After the completion of the trial, new pedestals will be progressively installed starting with those that are in the poorest condition.

The Marina Committee for 2017/18 comprises: Louise Edwards (Chair), Steve West, Andrew Robertson, David Hurford, Ian Powrie, Peter Gibberd and Lloyd Goudge. Please feel free to discuss any issues or ideas you have with any member of the Marina Committee.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of electrical lines are rather precariously run from the service pedestals to boats. Can you please check your electrical lines and ensure that they do not constitute a trip hazard and are not in contact with the water?

A reminder please, if you see something needs attention on the marina, please complete the form located in the Marina Maintenance Folder next to the entrance to the Kinnear Room. This is the fastest and most reliable way of getting mooring lines, lights and other minor maintenance issues addressed.

Louise Edwards, Chair, Marina Committee



Wanted: Creative Writers and Photographers

The GRYC is seeking help to promote our club to the local Fleurieu and Hills communities and to yachties in metropolitan Adelaide by publishing short stories on each of our races in the *Victor Times*, the *Southern Argus*, the *Courier* and race results in the *Sunday Mail*.

Articles are quite short – just a couple of hundred words accompanied by a photo.

We have received great feedback in the past on these stories and results and would like to re-establish this on a regular basis.

There are plenty of 'back editions' available to work from and a great selection of historical images too.

If you are interested (or maybe interested) please contact either Louise Edwards on louandbri@hotmail.com or 0431 053 104 or our Club Manager Jay Leech on gryc@gryc.com.au or 8555 2617.



Learn to sail keel boats at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Keelboats allow you to learn to sail without fear of capsizing, and with several other people on the boat. Learning to sail in self-righting keelboats (trailable yachts) provides a learning platform that is stable yet responsive. As your skills progress, you will also develop an understanding of each person's role and how teamwork plays a major part of being an effective crew.

You should come away with the knowledge and confidence to sail a small boat competently and, for those that wish, you can progress to larger boats or participate as crew on a racing boat.

\$360 GRYC members \$470 non members (includes GRYC associate membership)

12, 14, 22 Oct and 4, 10* Nov 2017

15, 17, 25 Feb and 3, 9* March 2018

For more information contact the GRYC on 8555 2617 or gryc@gryc.com.au

*** Race Experience either on a safety boat or as crew in a twilight race**

Course	Length	Overview	Areas Covered
Start Crewing	12 hours	The first step on the Keelboat pathway introduces you to the basics of sailing on a small boat, including boat handling, safety and sailing theory	Basic sailing terminology and rules, basic knots, tacking and gybing, main overboard recovery
Start Helming	12 hours	This course develops both your theory and practical skills to confidently take control of the helm	Preparation of the boat, helm and trim on all points of sail, recovery of man overboard whilst at the helm

Learn to drive power boats at the GRYC

- Do you want to learn to drive a small powerboat?
- Would you like to man a safety boat to support your local sailing club?

This program will provide you with the necessary skills for the safe use of small powerboats, including the equipment to be carried, knowledge of seamanship, navigation and weather.

As part of the program, you will have the opportunity to achieve the Powerboat Operator's Certificate which satisfies licensing requirements in some states of Australia.

If you wish to assist in club events or desire to be an instructor, coach or official, then the Safety Boat Operator course is particularly beneficial. The skills and knowledge gained in this program can be applied in most of the other programs and it is highly recommended for all.



Course	Length	Overview	Areas Covered
Start Power Boating	12 hours	Your powerboating pathway begins here introducing practical driving skills, trip planning, boat maintenance and safety equipment. Following the course you will have sufficient skills and knowledge to skipper a small boat	Passage planning, equipment requirements, sourcing weather information, powerboat terminology and rules, boat launching and docking, basic steering and manoeuvre techniques, dealing with emergency situations
Powerboat Handling	8 hours	This course is designed to improve your boat handling skills, especially in confined areas such as marinas and in swell and waves	Pre-departure checks, engine and fuel checks, course navigation and passage planning, man overboard recovery, boat handling techniques in swells and waves, towing
Safety Boat Operator	12 hours	This course provides the skills needed to support water based activities at clubs, schools and outdoor recreation centres	Equipment selection, race management theory, race course design, communication techniques, rescue of other craft, lay and recover markers

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2017 Winter Racing

When you read this there will be just one race left in the 2017 Bremerton Wines Winter Series. This series has proved popular over the winter with a great turn out for each race thus far. Conditions have been variable with light conditions testing sailors early on while the latter races have been run in moderate to strong gusty breezes.

The highlight of the Winter Series is the Dauntlus Cup which attracted 23 entrants in four divisions. The course of the Dauntlus Cup is upstream past Clayton, around Rat Island and a finish in front of the GRYC. The forecast for light conditions came to be and the course had to be shortened.

First on corrected:

Non Spinnaker

Anoqua (G Perry)

OTB Cats

Ram Raider (J Southall)

First on PH:

Non Spinnaker

Wind in the Willows (R Rees)

Spinnaker

Dolphin (C Reiffel)

Large Multihull

Pussytown (S Johnston)

Spinnaker

Seabomb (H Cooper)

Why not join in the final race on 10th September to blow off some of those cobwebs before the Summer Season gets underway on Saturday 30th September with the Goolwa to Wellington Race?

For the current Winter Series the Race Committee is trialling the posting of running series results along with individual race results on the GRYC website. Have you noticed? Is it interesting to you? Does it motivate you and your crew to try harder? We'd appreciate your thoughts and feedback on this initiative.

It has been great to see some new boats on the water including new club member Graham Franklin with his mini tonner *Shambles*; Drew Stevens on his Elliot 7 *Envy*; Alex Blacker has brought a Blazer to Goolwa and had a hoot on her in the 4th race of the series while Randal Cooper has been campaigning his beautifully restored vintage river boat *Wylo* (boat story page 7 this *Regatta*). Whilst not new to Trevor Baldock or the Club, vintage river boat *Ellen* has recently been refurbished sporting a new prodger, redesigned cockpit and is making a real mark out on the race course.

Also proving popular have been the informal twilight races held on the Friday preceding a Winter Series Race. Informal by name and informal in nature – and results! You never know who will win until the results are announced!

Louise Edwards, Vice Commodore



Pre-Season Briefing

The GRYC Race Committee invite skippers, crew and race management volunteers to attend a pre-season briefing with a special guest from the YSA Race Officials Committee.

Saturday 16 September 1215 hrs for 1230 – 1530 hrs (approx.)

The latest edition of the RRS 2017-2020 are now in play. Come and find out what will be different and how it will affect your racing.

Available on the day:

- 2017/18 version of GRYC standard sailing instructions
- Hard copies of the current RRS (limited) for \$20
- BYO: questions, pen, paper, your copy of the RRS
- A light lunch will be available from 1200

Why not stay on for New Members' Night at 1700hrs?



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Sailability Around the World

Around the world Sailability operates under different names. Sailability organisations are not-for-profit, volunteer-based and, through the activity of sailing, enrich the lives of people of all abilities – older people, people who are financially and socially disadvantaged as well as people with physical disability.

Sailability is a program at some sailing clubs that offers an additional level of support, an established network of volunteers, and equipment to assist people of all-abilities to get into sailing. It is an international program first introduced to Australia in the 1990s, which has grown to being available in every state.

The trophy for 'Passionate Participation in Sailing' was recently presented to Tom Byrne and donated by GRYC. Corinthian Lodge Perpetual Trophy for Champion Skipper for 2016/17 was awarded to Laurence Byrne, donated by the Corinthian Lodge.

In their continued support of the Sailability Program at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, on 29th November the Burnside Symphony Orchestra will provide a program of orchestral music (see below) – come along and support Sailability.



Burnside Symphony Orchestra GRYC Sailability Concert

Wednesday 29th November, 2017 8pm

Burnside Ballroom, 401 Greenhill Road Tasmore

Program

Von Suppe – Poet and Peasant Overture

Thais – Meditation for solo violin and orchestra

Borodin – Polovtsian Dances

Conductor: **Philip Paine**

Boat Stories

Envy

I absolutely love this sport! I can't think of another sport in the world that includes such rich complexities. When you really think about it, sailing can involve so much more than the rules, weather conditions, navigable water constraints, aero and hydro dynamics, not to mention the complexity of finding available and skilled crew to complete the game plan. Yet this is merely describing cruising ... to make it a race we require a great club with rescue crews, coordinators, volunteers and most importantly competitors. I have great respect for all who compete and contribute to racing here at the GRYC and look forward to many years of contributing to this sport.

My current boat, an Elliot 7 was acquired from Newcastle and trucked here late April, sight unseen. When you expect the worst you can only be pleased when it arrives better than expected. I renamed it *Envy* as it is one of the seven deadly sins (Elliot '7').

So far we have had a great time on it (particularly trying to get the kite down in 25 knots) and are now counting down the sleeps until the twilight season begins. See you out there!

Andrew Stevens (Drewzo)



Shambles

Shambles (named after the Shambles Light in UK) is a John Swarbrick design built in 1979 and intended for JOG racing (short offshore races). I have owned it since 2000. Under the old



IOR rule it rated as a "mini-tonner". LOA 6.7m, beam 2m and it draws 1.3m. Weight is a little over 1000kg. The hull is foam sandwich with a balsa cored deck. The drop keel is a stainless steel fabrication filled with lead shot. The mast is alloy sleeved to the spreaders. The rig is single spreader with diamonds to support the upper section. Sail areas - main 14 sq m, no.1 Genoa 12 sq m and fractional spinnaker 26 sq m. We have recently fitted a bowsprit with the intention of trying asymmetric spinnakers. (nice job thanks Randal).

We have raced her on the Noosa River, Sydney Harbour, Yamba and the south and east coasts of UK. Race highlights include a division win in the Bay to Bay race (Tin Can Bay to Hervey Bay). The picture is of *Shambles* racing on the Noosa River.

Graham Franklin

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The Wylo (willow) story so far

Liz and I went to the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival in 2013 to buy a wooden boat to sail around Goolwa and the lakes, preferably a yacht already restored and in going condition. Instead I bought a wreck from The Garden Island Sailing Club built in 1929 when all decisions were based on the length of the foot of the owner's wife, but that's another story.

We trucked the wreck down to Goolwa, pulled it up into the big shed at Captain Sturt Marina and I removed the lead keel and dead wood, Harry (our son) cut the rotten cabin off and together we pulled up the decks.

Next I removed the engine and then we rolled the hull over and sanded and sanded and sanded until all 84 years worth of paint and antifoul were removed and then we waited for the timber to dry out enough to epoxy glass the whole hull.

Mean time I purchased *Hoodlum* and reregged it just to fill in some time and a gap in boats that I owned.

About this time I moved back into the sheds at Gardiner Street that I had built 10 years earlier and we glassed, faired and primed *Wylo's* hull. Next Paul Harvey and I worked on the decks and cabin and made the cockpit longer; I know hard to believe it was 900mm shorter.

While this was going on I sold *Hoodlum* and bought *Zealot*, now named *The Calm* which is my new racing attitude. Then came the 2015 Tassie Wooden Boat Festival, Pt. Lincoln Race Week, European vacation and, sorry, business trip, so work on *Wylo* slowed for a while. After the 2017 Wooden Boat Festival in Tassie I made the brave announcement that we would be sailing at The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival at Goolwa in 2017. So with the help of our shipwrights Grant and Ronnie and Harry we pulled this off. She looks stunning and the first time Paul and I



sailed her all the right numbers came up on the smart phone.

With cracking starts, no spinnaker and the spare sails borrowed off my 21 *Nerana*, we won both races at the Festival over the line and the Neil Shaw Trophy. Lucky it was very light breezes, as we were under-ballasted but now carry close to a tonne of internal lead ingots. Full credit for the event to my crew Liz and Paul and to all the crew we have had so far; thank you.

This is the 11th yacht to carry the name *Wylo* – old English or Welsh for 'a girl of the forest', a boy of the forest is spelt Willow; this can all be learned from old black and white movies. The owner had 13 yachts of the same name with number 12 owned by a past GRYC member in Qld.

Randal Cooper

GRYC Wine
Appreciation Dinner
24 November 2017 - 7pm
\$75 per Head



Dr Peter Dry, recipient of the 2014 McWilliams Wines Maurice O'Shea Award, will be presenting ten 'emerging wines' from the local region.

Wines will not be the usual culprits, but grape varieties that are less well known.

Examples: Whites – Fiano & Vermentino; Reds – Montepulciano & Lagrein.

Fundraiser for GRYC Building Extensions

Limited Numbers Bookings with Jay: Phone 8555 2617

GRYC General Committee 2017/2018

Portfolios

Lyn Roberts

- Commodore - Oversee all aspects of GRYC
- Chair GC meetings and other official functions
- GRYC staff employment
- Strategic and development planning
- GRW/MG Steering Committee
- Community Liaison
- Policies & Procedures
- Building development

Louise Edwards

- Vice Commodore - Deputise for Commodore in her absence
- GRW/MG Steering Committee
- Sailing, incl Race Committee
- Marina, incl Marina Committee
- Yachting SA Delegate
- Building development
- Sailing Training - Keel Boat and Power Boat Training

David Howard

- Rear Commodore - Deputise for Commodore and Vice-Commodore in their absence
- GRW/MG Steering Committee
- Legals & Licensing
- Risk Management
- Sponsorship & Documentation

Rick Eylward

- Treasurer
- Principal Race Officer
- Insurance
- GRW/MG Steering Committee
- Building development

Ben Morris

- Radio Controlled yacht group
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- Data Base Integrity

Ian Barker

- Chair Sailability Committee
- Tuesday Working Group
- House and Grounds

Craig Blacker

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- Building Development

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