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## Commodore's Comments ...

Welcome to the first edition of Regatta for 2022. Since the last edition the club has held the Annual Xmas Dinner, the Christmas Twilight Series, a fantastic wedding on New Year's Eve and quite a spectrum of SheSails events which have directly resulted in an increase in memberships applications. A successful summer season considering the hoops we've all had to jump through.

The next edition of Regatta coming out soon will include a full spread of Goolwa Regatta Week highlights, photos and results.

The Annual Christmas Dinner was catered for by our club sponsors Bombora on the River who served a fantastic range of food. The courteous and efficient wait staff lead once again by Joel and Casey looked after us very well. The food was outstanding, but it was the comedy magic show put on by club member Kym Bannister that was the biggest surprise.

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and Vice Versa **see page 15**



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Dinner  
Magic **see page 13**



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## Commodore's Comments (cont) ...

Wow. One of the quietest members of our club puts on a gold spangle jacket and becomes the ultimate showman. Jokes, awesome magic tricks, and illusions, it was like a scene from the movie "Mask". When Kym started his act I was sitting near someone who said, "I don't really like magic shows" and by the end, they had claimed it was the funniest and best they had ever seen. We are very lucky to have such a varied and talented membership in our club. Thank you, Kym, for a fantastic show.

The Christmas Twilights Sponsored by Nautilus Marine was when we found that 2021 wasn't quite finished with us yet. The first race was abandoned, and the other 3 races sailed in varying conditions. Nautilus Marine Insurance have been long term sponsors supporting us with insurance vouchers for the placegetters and winners. Food each evening was provided by our favourite food vans, and they never fail to provide good meals at a reasonable price.

On New Year's Eve we hosted a stunning wedding reception. To give them a special GRYC welcome I dressed in Commodore whites and delivered the bride, groom and their wedding party to the club marina onboard Roonie Weeks' beautiful timber river cruiser "Blyth Spirit". The entire entourage enjoyed their time having a quiet cruise on the river. The bride and groom stayed at the reception until after midnight and were the last ones to leave as they were having such a wonderful time. I made sure to tell them we had organised fireworks just for them. Thanks, Roonie and Chris for helping to make this couples day very special.

The outside of GRYC marina was a great position to watch the fireworks display, lots of laughs and tasty food. While all this

was going on, our manager Jade alongside Tayleb, Levi and Toby were working away. Thank you for your efforts and I know all members appreciate your commitment to your work.

The Kies Home Timber and Hardware and Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week has been a success. We have seen good fleet numbers in all events and are appreciative of those who have entered during uncertain times. My favourite event is the Marina Challenge. A sprint through the Coorong Quay's marina, where else in the world could you run an event like this? Yes, I know I won, so am a bit biased. Thank you to Dan Court and the team at Islanders' Tavern for a perfect afternoon out on the lawns, we look forward to coming back to Islanders' Tavern for more GRYC events this year.

Unfortunately, we had to abandon the Club Picnic Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of January which was a shame. Last year it was good fun with lots of visitors and great music, hopefully next year we can bring back this event when things become a little easier restriction wise. The Goolwa Vintage Boat Club racing went ahead, and it was enjoyed by all those who attended. It was the first race for Brian Smith's beautifully restored coua boat "Mimosa" a 24ft gaffer and it looks great on the water, well done Brian and Louise.

The Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island and Kies Home Timber and Hardware Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic was organised in a brief period of time, due to COVID uncertainty. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped plan and run the events we hold, thank you for your dedication to ensuring we can continue to run our flagship event. As I mentioned earlier, there will be a full report in the next edition of Regatta. Thank you to Ros McLennan and Peter for giving the sponsors a cruise on race day upstream and into the oncoming fleet, your river cruiser is very nice and "Lady Eliza" is a perfect vessel for this event.

A special thank you to our Principal Race Officers Peter Briton-Jones, Graeme Evett and Uncle Rick Eylward, thank you for the hours you donate and total commitment you all have to running these events.

Thank you to Helen Reiffel who has been co-ordinating the bridge and support boat crews, your dedication to making things run smoothly each week has been very much appreciated.

I thank my fellow Flag Officers and General Committee who have made things happen and rolled with the punches. Thank you for keeping things moving forward and fixing issues when needed over the Christmas and New Year's period.

I know there are other people I should thank who work away in the background making everything run smoothly at the club, your efforts are noticed and appreciated each week. Through all of the above events Jane, Toby and our wonderful manager Jade have been there to make sure things happen on the day and attend to all the minute details that us sailors tend to miss. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered over this time and see you soon at the club. Please if you're sitting bored at home, see one of the Flag Officers or Jade and volunteer at our club, many hands make light work.

**Randal Cooper**  
**Commodore of the oldest yacht club in Australia**



## GAC Season Opening

Commodore Craig Thornquest of the Goolwa Aquatic Club and Commodore Randal Cooper of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club raise their hats and glasses to open the GAC Summer Sailing Season on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.



## Clubs SA Awards - Update

Secretary Clive Boyce, Club Manager Jade Irvine and her partner Toby Jones attended the recent Clubs SA Awards event held at Adelaide Oval. It was a fantastic evening with the opportunity to recognise the efforts of volunteers and employees across the state.



The winner of the Clubs SA Award for Manager of the Year was Anthony Packard of West Augusta Football Club. Although only a small Club with limited funds available, Anthony ensures the Club supports and includes other local Clubs in their activities. With a family history with the Club of over 50 years, his services are well deserving of this recognition



## Henry fisher Gin Tasting

Thank you to Lachlan from Henry fisher who visited GRYC recently to provide a gin tasting for our members. Past Commodore Lyn Roberts was lucky to win the raffle prize - a case of gin to take home. Congratulations Lucky Lyn !!



## Upcoming Events

### 2021 - 2022 Season Program

#### February 2022

Fri	4th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 1
Sat	5th	09:00	Sailability 5
Fri	11th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 2
Sat	12th	14:00	Summer Series Race 5&6 -Short Course
Fri	18th	18:00	SheSails Women's Twilight Series Race 3
Fri	25th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 3
Sat	26th	09:00	Sailability 6

#### March 2022

Fri	4th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 4
Sat	5th	14:00	Passage Race - Finniss
Fri	11th	18:00	SheSails Women's Twilight Series Race 4 & Presentation
Sat	12th	08:00	Goolwa-Milang Lake Alex Classic (MRC)
Fri	18th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 5
Fri	25th	18:00	Twilight Series 3, Race 6 & Presentation
Sat	26th	09:00	Passage Race - Goolwa to Wellington
Sat	26th	09:00	Sailability State Championships
Sun	27th	09:00	Sailability State Championships

## Club Rules Update

The General Committee has approved an update of the Club Rules, a complete copy of which can be found on the Club's website under the menu item "About GRYC".



The purpose of the Club Rules is to provide Members, visitors, guests and staff with a safe and enjoyable environment, to ensure all are treated with respect and consideration, and that the assets of the Club are properly and safely managed.

The update addresses a number of matters;

**The most important** of which is to update the Club Rules to more clearly address contemporary societal expectations that people should be treated respectfully and without discrimination or harassment, and to make clear the Club will not tolerate behaviour that is hostile, aggressive or intimidating (Rules 3 & 4).

The Club prides itself on its friendly, welcoming atmosphere and while the very great majority of behaviours shown to others is appropriate and considerate, there have regrettably been occasions where Members, staff or volunteers have found themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Please reflect for a moment on how you engage with others while at the Club and how jokes, putdowns, innuendo or uninvited familiarity might be perceived by the persons you are talking to or by those within earshot.

### Other changes include:

- Reflecting the Club's obligations under our liquor licence, the Rule concerning Alcoholic Beverages now makes clear that serving or supply of alcohol to a minor is not permitted.

The Rule now also incorporates an expectation that Members shall manage their alcohol consumption so as not to become a public nuisance or create a disturbance, ie stay tidy please, we'd rather not feel the need to decline service or ask you to leave.

While an existing rule, I take this opportunity to remind Members not to bring alcoholic beverages to the club for consumption in any of the licenced areas of the Club. The licenced areas includes the lawn in front of the Club. Consumption of alcohol not purchased from the Club within the licenced areas is contrary to our liquor licence. You may bring alcoholic beverages for consumption within the marina as it is outside of our licenced area. Also, our licence permits takeaway sales for consumption on the marina.

- The Club's responsibility for the safety of children and vulnerable persons is now addressed in the Rules with a requirement that Members report any instance or suspicion of improper behaviour.
- The Smoke-free Policy has been updated to clarify that e-cigarettes and vaping fall within the Smoke-free Policy.

- The Rules now address drug use whereas before they were silent on this issue.
- The Rule concerning no animals in the clubhouse now confirms that it does not apply to certified assistance animals.
- The Rule regarding Dissemination of Information now references the use of social media.
- Compliance with Directions now makes explicit that a Member shall obey a lawful direction of a person authorised under liquor licencing law, and in a reflection of the times, also now recognises Covid Marshalls or other persons acting to enforce a public health directive.
- The Rules now include sections regarding the reporting of incidences and the consequences of non-compliance. In relation to reporting of sensitive matters such as discrimination or sexual harassment the Rules oblige the General Committee to develop and implement procedures to ensure confidential and sensitive handling of such complaints. These are under development by the General Committee and the procedure will be published on the Club website once finalised.

I thank you for taking the time to read through the updated Club Rules.

**Clive Boyce**  
Secretary

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Masks are currently  
mandatory in SA  
Clubs



We thank you for  
wearing yours today



## Donation to Club

Thank you to Club Patrons Chris and Julie Short from Dominant Chemicals.

When our old coffee machine broke down recently, Chris was quick to donate a beautiful new one, complete with some delicious beans, to the Club.



Chris has also co-ordinated the installation and organised ongoing servicing.

Thank you Chris for a very generous donation.

**Jade Irvine**  
Club Manager



## GRYC SheSails SPONSORSHIP



'GRYC SheSails' and the GRYC are pleased to announce that the Bleasdale Winery in Langhorne Creek has agreed to sponsor the 'GRYC SheSails program'.

On offer will be Mulberry Tree, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay (bottle), Sparkling Shiraz and a Tawny port. Included in the sponsorship package will be tasting events, wine/dinner opportunities and wine offer mail outs. We look forward to a long partnership with Bleasdale and encourage all our members to support our new Club Sponsor – Bleasdale Winery. Watch out for updates!

### Those New GRYC Tops!!!

Yep - You may have seen new grey 'GRYC SheSails' tops being worn by a number of the members in the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club. After trial and testing, these are now available for purchase via the merchandise form which is located on the SheSails tab of the GRYC website [www.gryc.com.au](http://www.gryc.com.au) and give form to Jade. These grey Hoody's are sun resistant, come with thumb holes, are super lightweight and quick drying. They cost \$65.



**Louise**  
SheSails, Co-ordinator



## GRYC SheSails

The History of GRYC SheSails so far ...

### The Launch of GRYC SheSails 25 Sept 21

10 club members were joined by 9 women, new to the club, who came with plenty of enthusiasm and varying degrees of sailing experience. Fortunately the weather was on our side – sunshine and light winds!

Louise started off the proceedings with an introduction about GRYC and SheSails followed by a lively team sailing demonstration by students from Investigator College.

Using a loud speaker, this was commented by Bruce Koning which provided a lot of interest. Their course was set, off from the end of the GRYC Marina, and all of the action was up close. Many thanks to the team sailing volunteers, it was terrific to watch.

After lunch all the women were allocated boats for a 'Come 'n Try' experience. Boats included 2Uley, Dolphin, Elanora and the two Sabres donated by Brian Partridge (BP our GRYC SheSails Sabre Coach).

Many of the 9 new women were given the helm, the main or the jib to practise their skills.



Brian then coached from his Finn as 4 women got the hang of tacking and gybing in these small boats. Some participants did not want to get off their boats! Thanks to BP, Chris, Brian and Jade for their help on the day.

Many of the new women put their names down for a variety of future practical sessions, ie 'introduction to race starts' and 'rope workshops' etc which were later tallied to provide a plan for our program.

A terrific start and a lot of fun had by GRYC She Sails: getting more women confident and involved in sailing.

### Weekend on the Water – Coorong Cruise 2/3 Oct 21 – Everyone Was Welcome

SheSails enjoyed a wonderful day of sailing from the club to Mullooly Point in the Coorong on October 2, 2021. 4 Yachts were helmed or crewed by women; and a powerboat also accompanied us.

We departed at 10am and headed down to the lock where we all managed to squeeze in together with the greatest of ease!



Winds were kind at 4 knots from the South East. Some sailed, some motored, and some did a combination of both. We lunched earlier and longer than planned just the other side of the mouth as we had to wait for the rearrangement of dredging lines. The Goolwa side was crowded with fishers and picnickers on this the best day of the long weekend.



After lunch we continued on to Boundary Creek, ensuring we allowed enough time to be back for the last lock passage of the day. Intrepidly – "Girls Own", with Trish and Dave Skewes, sailed on through Tauwichee Lock, camping at Deep Creek overnight.

On the return journey, "Girl's Own" reefed the main and furled in the head sail to safely sail home, via Clayton with minimal motor usage. While going through the Tauwichee Lock, some fun was had chasing off the seals.



Boat on the trailer by 11am!! They made it home, before the expected weather change that had caused some of us to decline what would have otherwise have been a great 2-day sail. ... Next time!

## GRYC SheSails (cont)

### Informal Training Day One 30 Oct 2021 – Basic Introduction to Racing

12 women rocked up to the first training day event hosted by the GRYC SheSails program, "Basic Introduction to Racing". Those in attendance included 7 regular and 5 new members. After the obligatory cuppa and introductions, Louise commenced the day with a session about the 'rules of racing'.

This included various whiteboard diagrams depicting the responsibilities of 'windward', 'leeward' and 'overtaking' boats, the concept of 'port and starboard tack', 'overlap at race marks' plus 'room and opportunity'. We were reminded that there was "No Red Port Left"! In future no doubt there will be many more calls of 'Obstruction' (as opposed to 'water') and if the practice session was any indication these will be highly audible.



Oh yes, we also are well versed in our obligation to avoid collision, a very valuable rule indeed! The insights that Louise shared were very valuable with a few Friday evening twilight strategies of the trade!

Then along came Brian Smith with his box of bits and pieces to illustrate the racing start and all that it entails. Flags were raised and lowered, watches were synchronised, wind direction was determined, and boat A and B competed on the carpet for the best start line positions. There is every expectation that the race start will be even more congested from now on in the season.

After lunch, 4 boats were available for us to practice our starts, alternating helmspersons, in 12-15 knots; SheSails hit the river. After assisting with rigging, we set out down to the start line. A total of three short practice races which we all finished in record time! Was it the wind or just our improved skills?



Back for a briefing and what learnings we gained, like getting on the water early before the start line is crowded, looking for line bias, where appropriate commence at the start boat end of the line and don't let anyone bluff you out of your rightful position. The strategy of reminding crew what tack we are on and our 'obligations and rights' we all agreed, was very useful.

In all a great day was had, thank you to Louise and Brian for their presentations and enthusiasm, and Joe on the committee boat. Thanks also to the great group of women who contributed to the discussion and asked lots of questions.

### Sabre Practice – 7 Nov 2021

This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabre practice day and it began with BP giving a theory lesson on the white board after everyone introduced themselves and talked about why they had come to SheSails.

Then we had a rigging class by BP as both the Sabres were prepared for the water.

Light winds were the order of the day! We had two rescue boats skippered by Chris Hocking and Brian Smith and our coach BP, gave instructions from his Finn.

About 11 women wanted to try their skills on the two Sabres, each getting onto the Sabre via the rescue boat. Yes we did have a few "fall ins" but just part of the experience!! [Well I think that's what they said as we hauled them onto the rescue boat].



Some of us wanted to stay out on the Sabre much longer and were obviously having a hoot of a time. Some even went towards the barrage and ignored the set course!! I don't think that was their intention!! What fun.

A great day and looking forward to the next practice day. The support boats, their skippers and our coach are very much appreciated. One of the women has now gone out and purchased a Sabre!

### Mid-Week Meander Cruise - Tuesday 23 Nov 2021. Currency Creek – Everyone was Welcome

Well the weather wasn't that wonderful with drizzle starting from when we arrived to set up. A quick look at the map to Currency Creek and off down under the bridge along the Murray until we got to turn off to Currency Creek and then in we went. A flotilla of 4 with our sails up trying to pick up as much wind as we could as it was very light. We were accompanied by our SheSails coach BP this time in his little outboard with two dogs keeping him company, Chihuahuas with their lifejackets on.

A bit of coaching was done by Brian as we tried to catch the wind. Most resorted to the motor with the sails up to catch any opportunistic advancement. Got to Tricia's picnic area and tied boats up, passed bags across the decks onto a make shift pontoon and off onto dry land. "Lots of bags apparently" says BP! "Well we have to eat" was the quick quip reply!!!



## GRYC SheSails (cont)

Yes, most of us had wet bums but soon dried off next to the open fire at camp. Under the shelter saw us with a much-welcomed glass of wine and then the shared lunch. A brief education session was delivered by BP and Jeff on how to set the sails in light winds using particularly the leech tell tales. Also the use of the 'cunningham', 'vang' and 'out haul'.

Back to the boats, some of us were a little bit unsteady as we tried to get back up from the pontoon onto the boats and then stepping across the boats to get to our own. [One quite wet person slipped!!]

We were lucky as the winds had picked up and delivered about a 10 to 12 knot wind. It wasn't yahoo wind but it was a good decent sail home. Lots of laughs and chatter accompanied the day. Thanks to Trish for her private picnic area [and the much welcomed fire] and BP on his little outboard providing backup. Another great day.

### Informal Training – 1 Dec 2021 – Preparing for a Cruise via Zoom.

Kate Andre gave an informative and well-prepared power point presentation to a group of 9 eager women. Information included route planning [including potential hazards, lock times etc], emergency procedures and services, equipment including navigation aids and charts, mechanical spares, weather, anchors, suitable anchorages and tides. Lots of photos and suggestions from her experiences. We had one woman zoom in from Cairns and others from the comfort of their lounge chairs.

### Rope Work shop – 5 Dec 2021. – Everyone Welcome

13 women attended the workshop, all with their rope in tow. Brian Partridge started with the one and only – every one should know – it's used all the time on boats – the Bowline. We even learnt how to do it one handed around the waist. Others included the reef knot, clove hitch, the Double Uni knot and how to make a soft shackle. Lots of practice with lots of fun. A great instructive session.



### Watch this space for our next activities and adventures!

Well actually we don't need to 'watch this space' because all members of SheSails are on a connected WhatsApp group and communication flies around the group pretty quickly. For instance, a proposal came through on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December that we should have a luncheon for end of year celebrations and the numbers, date and venue were all agreed and a booking secured by midday on the 9<sup>th</sup> December!

Remember everyone to wear your SheSails jackets!



Other necessary communication is sorted via a GRYC SheSails email address that is responded to by three of our committee members.

At the moment we are meeting once a month for official business, planning and sharing of information and discussing our 'structure'. Ali Law represents the committee's business at the GRYC Committee Meetings and other members have responsibilities for media, website, purchasing jackets, editing, organising and other areas that we haven't even thought of yet.

We are working to increase membership to GRYC by offering women opportunities to sail and options for confidence building. So far we are having a lot of fun.

Louise  
SheSails, Co-ordinator



## Sailability

Since our last Sailability report in October's Regatta, we have had quite a busy time.

Living in Goolwa sometimes has an advantage weatherwise.

For instance, the Friday evening prior to our Sailability day in October, there would have been no way that we would have sailed, wind wise. Come Saturday morning and we could not have had better sailing conditions.

On November's day there were storms, wind and rain predicted. So, keeping an eye on the weather, we got everyone out early. All the predicted bad weather did eventuate but all to the north of Adelaide. A great morning of sailing resulted.

We extend a welcome to our new members:

Reagan Connor and Declan Connor  
together with their parents, Garry and Christa Connor

Simon Turner  
together with his parents, Phil and Kaye Turner.

Craig Bastian and carer, Kathy Kleinig

We also have a new volunteer, Steven Dancer, an existing member of the Club. Steven is a ready-made sailor/volunteer and is enjoying his role taking people out for a sail.



Clients from Quality Time Respite have joined us, and we have been able to take them out in As Good As It Gets. Facial expressions have indicated, much enjoyment.

We have even enticed our Club Manager (Jade Irvine) to join us in skippering. There is potential, and we might make a "real" sailor of her eventually.

The much-anticipated Christmas Lunch was held following our morning sail on the 4th December.

Our group is so fortunate to have a group of volunteers under the leadership of Lyn Roberts who work tirelessly on our behalf. They do this regularly on a monthly basis, then the spread that is put on for us for our Christmas Lunch is unbelievable. I believe there were approx. 79 in attendance. No one went home feeling hungry or empty handed. Feedback has only been complementary. So thank you Lyn and your team for another Christmas lunch to remember.

Our Club Manager has arranged for our Sailability brochure to be printed in a similar format to the Club Program, and is of very high quality which is included in our Welcome Packs to new clients. We shall be placing some of these brochures in the foyer of the Council Library and Information Centre. It is anticipated that impetus for our sailing program will occur from these placements. I have had discussions with Mission Australia, and they are also keen to promote our activity.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> of December was The International Day for People with A Disability. It is a day we are normally involved in. Last year it didn't happen due to Covid. Six of our volunteers went to Murray Bridge with two dinghies and Regatta 3. A long day, but worthwhile introducing children with special needs to sailing.

The next couple of months were intended to be busy for our Group. We will do our best to adapt to COVID restrictions, so that we are able to continue to run our program.

Our Sailability State Championships are programmed for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March at Goolwa. It will be the third time that we have attempted to stage them, as the previous two years, Covid has put a stop to them.

You may notice that the apparatus affectionately known as the "Billy Cart", after designer/builder, Billy Mateer, has had some safety modifications made to it. These were made to avoid the Cart slipping off the hydraulic jack whilst "resting".

As our volunteer group are ageing gracefully, there is always a need for new volunteers. You will be welcomed by the Group, and I am sure you will be rewarded by the expressions on the faces of our clients.

**Ian Barker**  
Sailability, Co-ordinator





## Melbourne Cup



## She Sails





Jenny Smallacombe's  
Birthday



Justin & Phoebe's  
Wedding





## Christmas Dinner





## GRYC 2021 Christmas Dinner

The evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November was crisp with little sign of summer. As ever the intimate Kinnear room, our favourite location for a GRYC Christmas dinner, had its usual sense of welcome. Enjoyment filled the air. Tables were finely decorated by members of our hard working social committee.



Our Commodore, the ever enthusiastic and warmly welcoming Randal Cooper, moved among his fellow members clustered round the tightly packed bar. Conversation was lively and filled with reminiscing, sharing of opinions, laughter and chatting - *Did you know that ... and what's happened to X...?*

As expected, given the chef and his colleague's reputation, expectations for an excellent Bombora on the River dinner were high. Christmas carols were played over the speaker system. We wondered if we had to join in and if this would be part of the evening's entertainment — after all there was no band or musician in sight. There was however a clue of sorts as to what could happen but we took little notice; Dr Kym Bannister the skipper of *Whizzbang* was wearing a carefully pressed white shirt with a bow tie. He's always smartly dressed but not quite like this.

Guided by our club manager Jade, we moved from the bar to take our seats and be ready for Bombora entrees – choice of prawn cocktails or salmon cotta and caviar. We ordered bottles of wine and tucked in.

The Commodore and Vice Commodore Chris Reifel named and presented winners of the Winter Series, to warm and sometimes raucous applause.



Soon the Maitre D, the ever smiling Casey Cousins, along with Shannon O'Brien and Hannah Talbot-Smith, served our choice of main course; roast turkey with vegetables or mullet with kipfler potatoes. Meanwhile events were taking place at a clothed table and diners from the bar room tables were now standing around the Kinnear room.



By this time Kym Bannister had put on a glittering gold spangled jacket with a \$1000.00 Christian Dior cut. "He probably got it from Las Vegas" advised Trevor Baldock — only for Kym to reveal later that he had bought the jacket for \$25 on line from China.

Then the entertainment began with selected diners invited to join in. First there were card tricks in which Kym's direction and speed of hand resulted in false shuffles, false cuts, side steps and palming. Choose a card, remember the card, what colour and number and don't forget. Four of us from different tables stood, each carefully nurtured by Kym so our confidence grew. Kym picked three chosen cards correctly and just to help us think he was fallible he failed on one selection.

More entertaining card tricks were followed by the multiplying bottles routine in which items originally covered disappeared. How, what and who could Kym make disappear? We strained to see how this was done and what was happening. There was a hush. We were intrigued and captivated by Kym's skill or was it magic. The magician's reputation building, Sherlock Holmes book test followed in which an audience member, chosen at random, was asked to choose a page of a book. Choose any page you want, said Kym. Kym then was able to tell them about the paragraph on the numbered page - indeed details of the whole page. Was Kym also now a mind reader? Our physical and psychological wellbeing, certainly our enjoyment was enhanced. Many of us are still talking about the fun and happiness of that evening. Kym's passion for magic, his well honed skills and entertaining performance made this a GRYC Christmas event to long, long be remembered; especially as Kym advised, "I do this magic purely for fun".

Finally the sweets were served – traditional Christmas pudding or Eggnog Pannacotta. We called to applaud the remarkable chef Joel Cousins, his talented Bombora staff, Anthony, Jaden, Andrew, Shannon and Hannah and not forgetting Casey, the evening's ambassador of dining, working hand in hand with her Joel our chef, making the 2021 GRYC Christmas dinner experience both magical and magnificent.

Well done and thanks — let's repeat these combinations in 2022.

**Roger Rees**

## Nautilus Marine Xmas Twilight Series Results

### Division 2 up to Race 4 Mixed Class YS

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	2666	Encore	D Richardson	8.0
2	666	The Shed	P Nielson	9.0
3	125	High C	B Doser	12.0
4	134	Voodoo Child	C Reiffel	13.0
5	026	Destiny	T Baldock	17.0
6	962	Wind in the Willows	R Rees	17.0
7	3398	Lena	A Woods	18.0
8	6804	Annecy	D Brumpton	28.0
9	2605	After Midnight	J Holgar	29.0
10	GIDGET	Gidget	B Sanders	31.0
11	210	Stumpy	B Murray	32.0
12	963	Cocktail	M Ludlow	38.0
13	3109	Whizz Bang	K Bannister	39.0
14	T478	2Uley	P Robertson	39.0
15	KA9	Lookin Good	B Davis	40.0
16	20	Tui	W Trowse	41.0
17	6774	Itsa Rule	A Law	42.0

### Division 3 up to Race 4 Mixed Class YS

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	221	Seabomb	H Cooper	4.0
2	SA03	Nerana	R Cooper	9.0
3	B1	Bright'un	M Schirmer	14.0
4	L750	Retuned	T Bartlett	14.0
5	Y550	Escapee	D Hart	16.0
6	3096	Ffuiton	B Briggs	17.0
7	S4	Endeavour	L Bartlett	18.0
8	H7	Altair	A Stevens	21.0
9	3109	Whizz Bang	K Bannister	22.0
10	216	Jessie G	C Grundy	26.0

### Division 4 up to Race 4 Mixed Class YS

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	211480	Wahoo	S Marcroft	4.0

## Tuesday Working Group

The TWG (Tuesday Boys) 'partners luncheon' was well attended at The Greenman Inn for the conclusion of the 2021 year.

A long list of "jobs around the Club" and many great lunches during the past year of uncertainty were acknowledged. With more to come during the coming year.



Ian Barker, Committee member and coordinator of the TWG, was generous in his congratulations on the TWG'S achievements around and inside the GRYC premises and for work on the never ending 'job list'.

There is always a 'spot in the group' for new faces to join in the Tuesday Working Group.

A friendly welcome awaits for those who have Tuesday morning free to join with the 'Tuesday Boys'.

Ian Barker



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## Memories of Milang to Goolwa and Vice Versa

When Jade asked if I would pen a few lines of my recollections of Goolwa to Milang and Milang to Goolwa for the Regatta, I started thinking.

To many Members I am 'Fenno.' My first then Goolwa to Milang was in 1971 when we started at Chippy Barkley's slip which is now Alan Edwards'. This year will be my 51<sup>st</sup> year of either sailing, officiating in various positions or wishing the drought would end. In these years you can imagine I have many thousands of very fond memories. Just to share a few...

My earliest years in Dinghy Division racing, from Goolwa to Milang, was always 'off the wind.' When numbers started to grow, three 'Gwen 12' boys from Brighton & Seadcliff Yacht Club were thrilled when 'Macca' loaned them his Sharpie. To ensure they would not dehydrate they strapped a large foam esky to the centre case and filled it with suitable beverage. The start was at GRYC, then across to the ferry; after which in a healthy breeze they jibed and capsized. In the exercise, almost up upside down, the esky went and emptied the beverage leaving them to sail the course 'dry.' SHAME JIM !!!

I also remember our 'Ray,' famous sail maker, in his youth in a Tornado Cat – extremely fast. He had a wager that he would race his mate Phil in a fast dinghy. Dinghies were 3rd start and all Cats 4th. Phil was overly excited when he passed Rat Island and Ray still hadn't caught him. Shortly after Ray shot past him – I believe with smoke coming from his ears and the famous black stain to the top of the main sail. I won't bother to explain the technicalities of the 'Goolwa mainsail stain' to those of you who are not dingy trained.

As the numbers grew with the Trailer Sailer fleet and we were fortunate in having Australia Day holiday always on a Monday, the Club's coffers were bolstered by the Friday gathering at the Club of yachties preparing for the Saturday voyage. This was a novel destination event for most who came from off-the-beach clubs. The gathered group, excited and enjoying a bevy, were entertained by senior club members and the highest profiled was our 'Old Bill' (Bill Appleby), who had instigated the event years before. When a newcomer asked how he would know 'Where to go?' Bill responded: 'just follow the stubbies son' to huge applause.

Growth year by year brought about the reversal of the race.

In the mid-eighties the number of starters grew to nearly 600 starters. Firstly, the Club saw the benefits in logistics – easier to finish at our new Club House and the encouraging income from the competitors waiting for results. Remember the Monday was always a public holiday. But wait—more problems ! ! !

The Highway Department invited us to a meeting and demanded we stop the fleet crossing the ferry (operating across the river where the bridge now sits). Funny about that! Many competitors, in their sailing years, hadn't experienced a ferry with their dreaded cables. On what was always a terribly busy weekend for the ferry (12 cars maximum a trip), I remember crazed sunstruck mad yachties would unwisely think they might make it across in front of the travelling ferry. Only to get their plate caught on the cables and end up on the front of the ferry which, in trying to stop .... applied reverse, which pulled up the trailing cables to the surface, catching someone passing behind causing substantial delays. Anyway, Keith Veenstra to the rescue (as he did many times) offered his then office, upstairs in the then almost complete Captain Sturt Marina, as the 'before the ferry finish' and another hurdle was crossed.

In the growing numbers there were many problems as you can imagine. Shortly before my turn as 'OOD' (Officer Of the Day) as it was then, there was a general recall for the Trailer Sailer fleet. Given the noise at the start, with nearly 80 yachts on the start line, the additional two warning guns were not audible to all competitors. Also, the start boat was virtually hidden amongst the sails, so the starting flags were not visible. Some restarted some did not – very confusing for results – so more adjustments.

At the time we were using reloaded blank 12-gauge cartridges so how were we to create more audible warnings. Off to another friend at 'Winchester Rifles' in the city – my job. He explained the options and loaned us a 'Davey Crocket smooth bore rifle.' He said if we didn't waste the black powder, to put in 2 or 3 normal measures of powder. When Friday evening frivolities were going at the Club, I thought it only fair that I should demonstrate our new starting warning signal with three measures and a small ignition cap. When all were gathered on the front lawn, I fired the weapon – more smoke than a steam train and a six-metre flame shot from the barrel – no recoil. Success – sort of. The noise rattled all the windows in Riverside Drive and the local police were there in minutes. We calmed them down with a few schooners.

Sometimes in life it is hard to stop but I realise I need to finish, maybe just one more ----

In my last year of running the event, Alf the then owner of Swamp Fox, had found work as stoker on the Mundoo, Veenstra's steam powered paddle steamer and was unable to bring Swamp Fox to Milang. Panic - NO START BOAT. It was essential to find a suitable and very large craft to function as the Start Boat. By pure coincidence Dominant Star and Leslie Short arrived in Goolwa at that time. Trying to show impartiality on approaching this new craft moored down at South Lake Marina, I arrived hailing 'permission to come aboard.' That was the introduction of Leslie to GRYC. He slid open the cabin door and welcomed me aboard, 'permission granted.' Leslie was delighted with my invitation and as was usual with his wonderful generosity I left after several hours and some delightful red and a lifelong friendship.

Now I must close.

This event has allowed so many yachties from all over Australia to enjoy our most wonderful waterways and the camaraderie that yachting brings to all.

In Januarys make sure you come to Milang – one and all -- to experience this amazing event.

**Fenno**

### P.S. The Challenge

What other memories do sailors have?  
Tell your salty tales so all can enjoy!

**Michael Fairnington**





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