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Commodore's Report

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Thank you to Don Richardson our immediate past Commodore. I have only been in the role for a few weeks and have found out very quickly how much work Don put into GRYC. His contribution will be very difficult to emulate.

Bram Portas and Simon Barrow did not seek re-election to the General Committee. They both made significant contributions to club management and activities – thank you guys.

We have several new members on the General Committee: Louise Edwards, Bruce Pattullo and Dan Haynes. There has been no rest for the newcomers; they have all been working hard in their given areas of responsibility. Locky McLaren has stepped up to become Vice-Commodore with significant areas of responsibility. Lyn Roberts, with much GRYC club management experience, is our new Rear Commodore. We are fortunate that she has become a Flag Officer. Lyn creates and manages, always with a focus on what's good for GRYC.

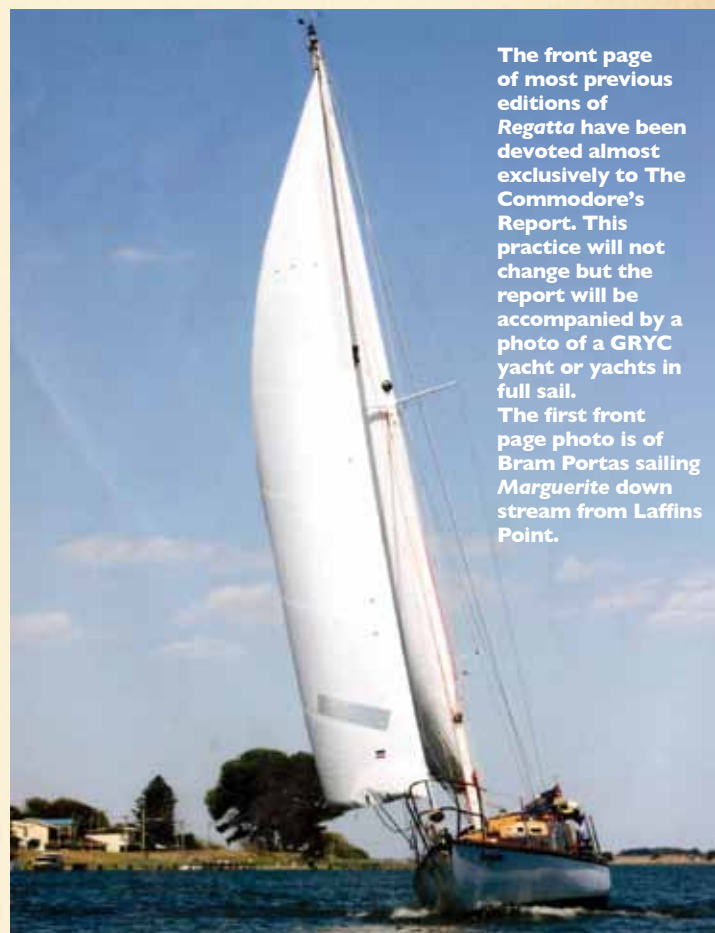
Since the June AGM the General Committee have been busy organising the 2012-13 season. We have several innovations. The first being that we will have a long race on Saturday 29th September, Goolwa to Wellington. For those who do not want to race we are expecting a large cruising fleet (see Bruce Pattullo's article on cruising).

On Saturday October 20th we are starting dinghy racing. This is aimed at those sailors who do not want to go head-to-head with a Restricted 21, or a Trailer Sailer on Friday nights. It will be a good time to gain some racing confidence, especially for those of us who still have those old Lasers, 420s, National Es, Mirrors or Herons in the shed ... and think that we are still young enough to sail them. We also hope that young new sailors such as Tom Woods in his Heron *Sequoia* will participate in this dinghy sailing. Remember that it was in sailing dinghies (see photo of Tom Slingsby, p.5) that Australia won three Gold Medals in the recent London Olympics.

For our sail training Ross Hutchens from *Cheetah Concepts* has volunteered to build another Pacer for GRYC, bringing our fleet to four Pacers. Thank you Ross.

The 2013 The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic is starting to come together under Vice Commodore Locky McLaren's guidance. At the club annual dinner presentation night Tom Chapman from The Marina Hindmarsh Island announced that they would, once again be the major and naming rights sponsor for our great race. Thank you Tom for your generosity. This sponsorship really helps put Goolwa and GRYC on the national sailing map.

We will be asking for volunteers to help ensure the success of Regatta



The front page of most previous editions of *Regatta* have been devoted almost exclusively to The Commodore's Report. This practice will not change but the report will be accompanied by a photo of a GRYC yacht or yachts in full sail. The first front page photo is of Bram Portas sailing *Marguerite* down stream from Laffins Point.

Week and the Freshwater Classic. Plans for the Regatta week that Don initiated are in hand. We will start with the Marina Challenge on Saturday 19th January. This will be followed by events throughout the week including the *Dash for Cash* on Friday 25th. On Saturday 26th after the big breakfast at GRYC, competitors and cruising club members have been invited for lunch at the Clayton Bay Boat Club. CBBC will then hold a Clayton to Milang race starting at 14.00 hours. The finale of the week's events being the Freshwater Classic from Milang to Goolwa on Sunday 27th January.

I look forward to seeing you all at Opening Day on Saturday 13th October. Special details will be posted shortly.

Yours in sailing, Brendan Murray

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Vice Commodore's Report - GRYC Members' Survey 2012

The GRYC General Committee was delighted with the response to the 2012 Members' Survey and all the comments. The response rate was 21.4%, with Seniors and Veterans well represented. Seventy three per cent of the surveys completed were lodged electronically.

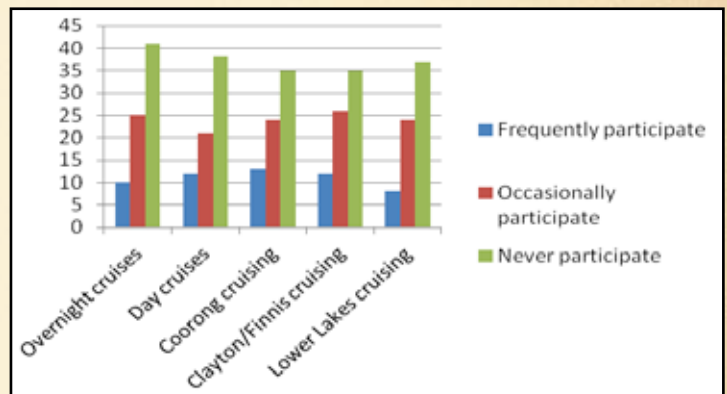
Thank you to everyone for your consideration and ideas, which will give the General Committee invaluable guidance in how to enhance the club for its members and guests.

The General Committee discussed the survey results at a strategic planning meeting on 12 August 2012, and will convey decisions on a number of exciting initiatives in the very near future.

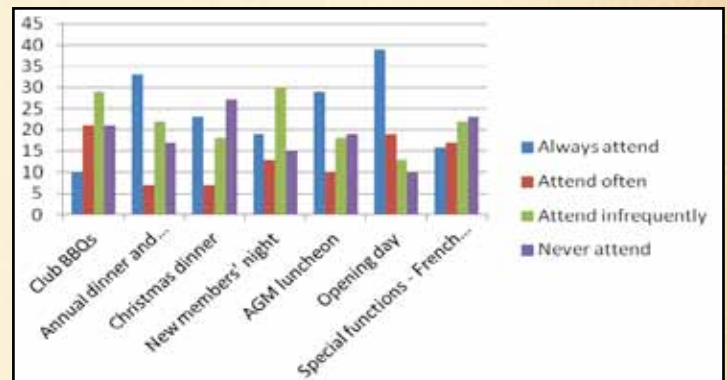
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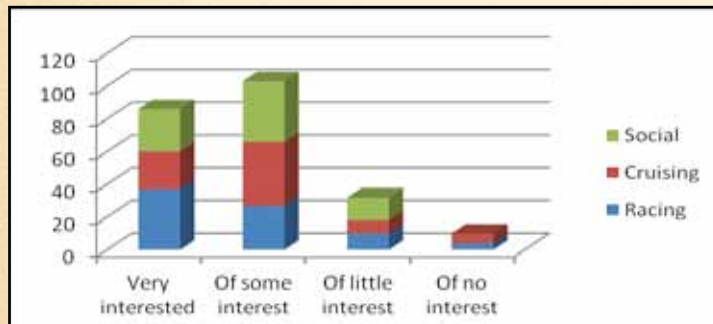
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Total Response	84



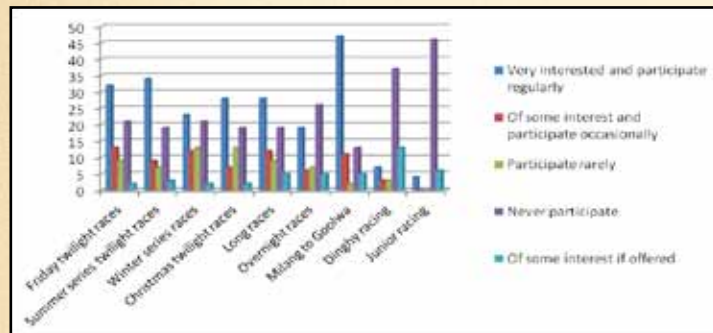
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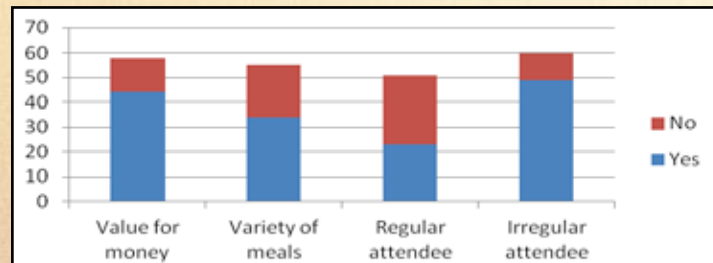
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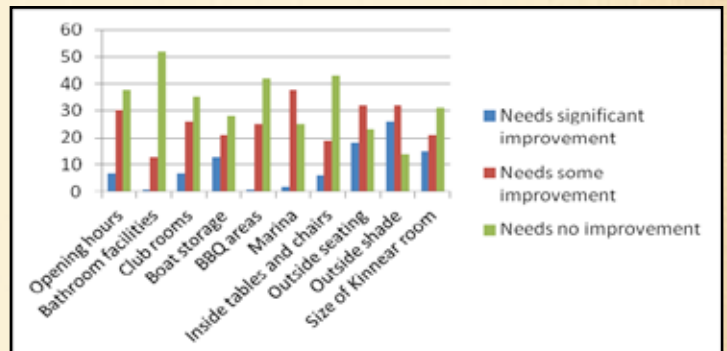
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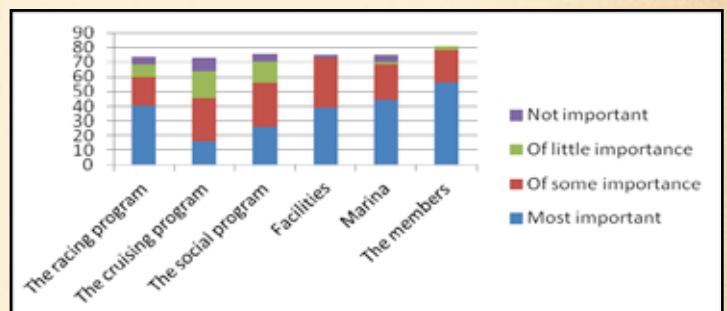
Indicate Your Interest in Types of Sailing Activities



Comment on the Friday Bistro



Indicate Which of the Facilities You Would Like Improved



What do You Like Best about the GRYC?

Club strengths include: Members and their commitment to GRYC, GRYC is financially healthy, comprehensive all year sailing program, fellowship among members, Sailability, social program and the volunteer base, sail training, clubhouse facilities, commitment and work of the General Committee

Locky McLaren

Rear Commodore's Report

It is with great pleasure, and feeling a little bit humble, that I accepted the position of Rear Commodore on the GRYC Committee and I thank those who showed confidence in my ability to accept this position. As many of you know I am passionate about GRYC and all that happens on shore and on the water.

For those of you to whom I am a new face, and I hope for not too long, I have been involved in many aspects of the Club over the last 15 or so years, including Social Committee, General Committee, Sailability and many Milang Goolwa Fresh Water Classic events.

This year I have accepted this position which includes 'House and Grounds' and it is my hope that you will soon notice some changes as we assess the maintenance needs of the Club and develop plans and a budget to ensure that they are attended to. I am very confident that the new Marina Committee, headed up by Trevor Baldock, will be working very hard to guarantee the same care and maintenance of the Marina.

Following the results of the recent survey, I am also excited and enthusiastic about the changes that the Strategic Plan developed from these results will bring. Of course we need to be responsible in our management but with the dedication of the committee and the expertise provided to us, I am sure that the end result will be pleasing and affordable.

Often the discussions we have return to the work of our volunteers at GRYC and I must say that we have a very strong base in this regard. I am always grateful for the time and effort provided by our volunteers and of course there is always room for more in order to ease the load. We are all members of this wonderful club and when there are so many willing helpers I think we should remember that we are in this together.

Recently Robbo and I attended the Raising of the Flag Officers' Burgees at the Royal Yacht Squadron and it was interesting to note that each of the new Flag Officers were ex GRYC members and they were all very proud to relate their association with our club.

Sailing, whether it has been racing or cruising, has provided many happy hours for my family and we all look forward to more. I think it must be in our blood – even little Elliott, our two year old grandson, was keen to sail from Clayton to Goolwa last weekend and has already experienced a trip to Milang prior to the Fresh Water Classic, last January.

I look forward to hearing from you over the next 12 months and invite your ideas and, of course, your indications of wanting to help out.

Lyn Roberts

Editorial

Despite many fears when the water was low, club membership reduced, no Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic as a focus and we had to sail in narrow, shallow channels, the core spirit of GRYC remained. An ethos of service to and belief in GRYC was amplified during the low water, bristle worm and near empty marina period. These were difficult times financially, socially and sailing-wise for former Commodores Graham Roberts, Keith Parkes and, at the commencement of his tenure, Don Richardson. Despite the all too familiar fears of decline and failure, GRYC continued to stage successful sailing, social and sail training events. This 'low water, reduced membership' time set the tone for what has followed.

The club survey results (reported by Vice-Commodore Locky McLaren) indicate that fellowship among members and their commitment to GRYC, ranks high and underpins the successful, sailing and social programs. Members appreciate the GRYC's history, (see profile of former Vice Commodore, Linda Mills p. 4) enjoy the variety of skills and talents of sailors from state and national champions, to regular T-boners and those who 'just enjoy sailing'. Now as Brendan Murray commences his tenure as Commodore we are financially strong, have near maximum membership, near-full marina berths and generous sponsorship.

We are looking forward to a full and rewarding sailing season which includes Regatta Week and the 2013 The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic. This club succeeds brilliantly by drawing on all its talents, exemplified by our many volunteers: by Flag Officers, members of the General Committee and Sailing Committee, our evergreen principal Race Officer Rick Eylward, Brian Southcott's 'Tuesday Boys', Randal Cooper's popular, unofficial Winter Twilight Series, Sailability volunteers, and the oft unheralded women volunteers of GRYC whose multiple skills, quiet determination, humour and good grace are at the core of club spirit.

False dawns can be frequent, especially in times of climate change and economic downturn. Yet GRYC can resist this. It is a club that welcomes new members, applauds just as loudly the achievements of the newcomer and novice yachtsman as it does for club champions, and is determined in the year ahead to remain financially sound, and build on its history of remarkable sailing and social prowess.

RJR

Correction from Clive

For many years now, and certainly since I became editor of *Regatta*, the white lettering on the green background header has contained the title; THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE GOOWLA REGATTA YACHT CLUB. Former Commodore Clive Arnold pointed out the typo. Thanks Clive! Since Clive made us aware of the error I have asked many club members to read the title. No one picked the misspelling – demonstrating that, as ever, we read what we expect to see rather than what is actually printed.

RJR



**OPENING
DAY - 13/10/12**

THE HON. KARLENE MAYWALD,
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE
NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION,
WILL OFFICIATE AND OPEN THE
2012-13 GRYC SAILING SEASON ON
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2012 AT
2-00PM.

Club Profile: Linda Mills

First Woman Flag Officer at GRYC

Linda set an important precedent at GRYC. She was the first female Flag Officer. Linda blazed a trail to be succeeded at this year's elections by Lyn Roberts as Rear Commodore.

Linda and Tony Mills have been members of GRYC for 15 years. Linda was elected to the General Committee during Ian Fulton's time as Commodore and then became Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. As a Flag Officer Linda admits to being comparable to The First Lord of the Admiralty Sir Joseph Porter in Gilbert and Sullivan's light Opera, *HMS Pinafore*. 'I know,' says Linda laughing. 'Sir Joseph never went to sea and I love looking at boats but am not too keen to go on them. I don't enjoy sailing.' However, Linda sure appreciates sailor's camaraderie. She says, 'Tony has always been keen on boats and I love GRYC and wanted to contribute – so after two years on the General Committee I became a Flag Officer.'

Linda was born in Harrow-on-the-Hill in north London – immortalized by John Betjeman's poem *Harrow-on-the-Hill*. Linda might know that Harrow churchyard's 'full of sailors graves' and in Linda's childhood in Harrow (in contrast to Goolwa) there was the '...constant click and hissing of the trolley buses hissing, ...while the rumble of railway is the thunder of the rollers as they gathered up for plunging into caves' – another association with the sea.

Harrow's link with the ocean and sailing was significant for Linda. By 1963, aged 16, Linda sailed to Australia with her family. The family landed in Adelaide and initially took up residence at Para Hills. Linda's parents started a mobile library 'which was one of the first in South Australia.' Managing the mobile library along with her mother soon became Linda's focus and employment. Tony, 'also a Pom', had arrived months earlier. They were soon to meet and by 1967 they had married.

After eight years at Para Hills Linda, Tony and children Mark and Rebecca moved to their 30 acre 'farm' at Carey Gully in the Adelaide Hills. Linda says, 'The children loved it. It was the most magical time, with storybook moments and the fondest of memories. Along with hard work and very steep countryside we made a comfortable home on the hill. Our life at Carey Gully is one that my children relate to all the time. We took walks around the property through chestnut, apple and cherry orchards, with geese, goats, lambs, chickens, dogs, ponies and cats in tow.'

Their next move was to a two acre block at Mylor where they spent 18 years. At Mylor Tony further developed his auto



Linda and Tony Mills cruising on the Sun Princess

mechanics business. During this time Linda had various Office Administration positions which also involved staff training. Talented and entrepreneurial Linda also became involved in managing a café in Aldgate known as *Cloud 9*, which was also a children's party centre.

Linda's association with GRYC began, 'when Tony inherited his parent's house in Goolwa.' From then on Linda and Tony spent most weekends and holidays in Goolwa. It was natural that Tony would enjoy water sports. He built a dinghy and 'speedboat' and eventually bought *Free Spirit* – their RL 28.

Linda's many significant contributions to GRYC are primarily associated with her social and catering enterprises. During the difficult times, when the river was low and Twilight series were limited to the channel, Linda catered for and organised a range of excellent social events which were certainly a mainstay of the club at this time. Linda says that GRYC has provided her with many wonderful friendships. She greatly appreciates and loves the values and history of GRYC. In so many ways Linda Mills concentrated, without heed to herself and contributed unceasingly for the benefit of GRYC.

It is 50 years since Linda and Tony arrived in Adelaide. In 2013 'we are going to have the honeymoon we never had by sailing back ('on an ocean liner of course') to England.' For Linda and Tony it will be 'the trip of a lifetime'. Significantly, Linda Mills has already made a trail blazing 'lifetime's contribution' to GRYC.

Editor

Heather and Robbie Parker, Dundee NT

Once again stalwart GRYC members Robbie and Heather Parker are providing input into the economy of the Northern Territory – particularly the fishing industry. The photo of the delighted Robbie with his prize-winning Barramundi (do they ever get bigger than this?) could be the photo of the year. In fact since *Regatta* has been sent so many excellent photos by club members we have decided to institute a GRYC photo of the year award for the most compelling photo to be produced in the three editions of *Regatta* of the year preceding the 2013 AGM. Surely Robbie and his Barramundi will be difficult to beat? Robbie and Heather are currently in Langkawi sailing with Peter and Liz Mudge. – 'in hot and steamy, if not uncomfortable conditions!'



Junior Sailing and Optimist State Championship 2012

The SA Junior Sailing and Optimist State Championship were held at GRYC Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June 2012.

Tom Slingsby (pictured below sailing an Optimist as a Junior) who recently won a Gold medal in the London Olympics started sailing as a junior in Optimists.



This is where it all begins. At GRYC Dan Haynes has taken responsibility for organising Junior Sailing and we are hoping that dinghy racing will introduce many children to the delights of sailing – not least Sophie, Joe and Layla Woods. Joe (aged 10) completed the GRYC sail training course and was on the mainsheet of *Wind in the Willows* when, thanks to Joe, *WW* won on handicap the Winter Series race on Sunday 29th July. Is Joe a future Olympic Gold Medallist?

Junior sailing these days begins with Optimists (and also Herons and Mirrors!). Thirty young sailors, age range 6-12 years, sailed in this year's SA State Optimist Championships at GRYC. Winds were light, millpond like on occasions but the enthusiasm and skill demonstrated was inspiring. I interviewed Sam Ede, aged 7, sailing his Optimist *Sparky*. "How long have you been sailing?" I question. "Ten years!" says Sam. See what I mean by enthusiasm? Josh from Brighton and Seacliff Sailing club is in his Optimist *Destination Unknown* says he particularly likes sailing upwind. He soon demonstrates his talent. Alongside him are the young skippers of *Angry Angus*, *Impossible Princess*, *No One Knows*, *Hurricane Harry*, *Mean Machine* and many others. These young Optimist sailors will graduate to sailing Lasers and Flying 15s and for some it will be on to National and International Championships. Small beginnings in enjoyable Junior sailing at GRYC.

Joe Woods with 1st place trophy in July 29 Winter Series race.



Sailability

With the addition of four new 3.03s last December, the capability to give our sailors with a disability a longer sail time has been achieved. Our band of volunteers is now the limiting factor in increasing the participation. Nevertheless, we put on the 2012 State Championships in March and fielded 11 boats against 8 state and interstate boats. Trish Faulkner came 3rd in the 3.03s whilst Simon Thiele got 3rd in the Liberty dinghies.

After the State Titles our sailors were glad to spend a few outings just cruising and in August cruises were made up to Birks Harbor with Regatta 3 escorting the fleet. Crews were interested to have a look at the orange 30ft Ketch that is moored at Chippies.

Ian Rick and Rosie Heidreich have missed a couple of outings due to ill health and I am informed that although their health has improved they will also miss the next Sailability as they are close to and are preparing for their up-coming wedding in September. We wish them a long and happy marriage and all the best for their special day.

Another absentee sailor is Steve Williams who is convalescing at home after a fall at the Gym in Victor Harbor, leading to hospitalisation and the pinning of a broken hip. Get well soon Steve. We're all looking forward to having you back sailing.

On Tuesday 11th September we will be running a sailing day for the Mount Barker C.L.A.S.S. This will be a trial day and the Tuesday Work Group who are mainly Sailability volunteers will run the day.

A special thanks to the Burnside Symphony Orchestra for putting on a concert on the 29th of August supporting GRYC Sailability and to Ali Bell for her input.

Training and selection will start soon for the Milang Goolwa Week Sailability invitation race on Saturday January 19th and also the State Championships to be held at Port Adelaide in 2013 on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March.

Brian Southcott, Chairman GRYC Sailability

GRYC General Committee 2012-2013

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Club Profile: Simon Thiele

'Sailing provides and is huge Therapy'

I first noticed Simon as, stick in hand, he strode away from the Acquacaf. Then I noticed him helping Rick Elyward sort out GRYC finances before an AGM and recognised him again on a Sailability Saturday when Simon was, as ever, either sailing a Liberty or volunteering as the skipper of *As Good As It Gets*. Each of these events, is significant in Simon's life and indicate many times over the substantial contribution he has made to GRYC.

Simon is descended from **3 generations of Victorian apple orchardists**. He has a twin sister who lives on the Gold Coast. Their Mother was a 'land army girl' during World War II **seconded to a Thiele orchard** and was crowned Miss Massey-Harris in 1948!

Since he was eight, Simon and his older brother Colin have repaired and sailed boats. Sailing in childhood and youth was on Westernport Bay out of Hastings Yacht Club. Their Father, a keen fisherman owned a 22 foot gaff rigged Cousta boat with canvas sails which the boys hoisted at every opportunity. Simon and his brother first learned to sail in a Sabot (similar to a Holdfast Trainer) and graduated to sail a Gwen 12 (Keith Teagle still has one in his Goolwa shed). Simon's Gwen 12 'was a battered, old, falling to bits boat when we first set eyes on it, but before long we repaired it and enjoyed hundreds of hours of sailing the tidal waters of Westernport Bay.' A Flying Dutchman (FD KA 37) was Simon's next yacht. On this he and Colin together with some mates in their boats would sail the 20 kilometres from Hastings to Philip Island to attend the local Saturday dance, drag the boats up the beach and camp overnight on the sand. The return sail had to take place regardless of the state of the weather or the hangover. 'We had many exploits in our Flying Dutchman.'

What does Simon have in common with 1950s Hollywood screen legends Ava Gardner & Gregory Peck ?

This early Dutchman (Simon's Dutchman?) featured in the film "On The Beach" which was shot in Melbourne in 1959. In Simon's favourite scene the boat is being sailed on Port Phillip Bay by Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner.

Simon is a Chartered Accountant with an economics degree from Monash University. Later he completed his MBA at University of SA.

Sailing with Robin in their Hartley 18 off Brighton beach was the beginning of Simon's South Australian sailing life following relocation to Adelaide in 1973. 'We used to sail for hours off the coast, often until midnight. It was huge therapy,' he says. After two years Simon & Robin bought a Farr 6 and named her *Gin & Tonic* – a family tradition. In 1988 Simon and Robin joined the GRYC and by then owned their Farr 7500 *Trad Jazz*. For the next 15 years, along with daughters Belinda and Jen, their sailing in the waters of the Lower Murray and Coorong became a distinct part of Thiele family life along with the close friendships made within the Farr Association of SA.

In 1992 Simon was encouraged to nominate for the vacant position of GRYC Treasurer, a position he held for five years. In the following years, 1997–2002, Simon was Rear, Vice-Commodore and then Commodore. These 10 years, with Simon holding most significant positions on GRYC General Committee, were 'to a large extent years of transition during which club membership and club focus shifted toward the local community and the community responded with support for the club. I was more than happy to continue the legacy of my predecessors and mentors, Commodores Arnold, Kennett & Teagle to encourage the shift.'

Simon sees it as crucial to build GRYC resources. 'It is so important to make sure that our club has a sound financial base,' he comments with his wry smile. But it not just his skilled financial management, but also his development role that is also most significant. When Vice



Simon and Robin Thiele aboard Trad Jazz

Commodore, he and Commodore Keith Teagle, enlisted the ideas of Julie Langhorne and the late Geoff Heath to establish Sailability within GRYC. Simon observes how Sailability grants, now skilfully managed by Brian Southcott, have provided substantial development capital to ensure the whole activity has been at the very least, self funding. From these small beginnings GRYC Sailability has become the largest disabled sailing organisation in the State.

As Commodore, Simon and his General Committee embraced the suggestion of Malcolm Doley and Barrie Payne to introduce the Flying 15 as a club class. Malcolm and Barrie promptly organised the purchase of Flying 15s from Perth and Melbourne while Simon lent on club stalwarts City Holden, Kennett Builders, Alongshore Aquatics and Weeks & Macklin to fund the purchase and restoration of 4 club boats. 'Initially these Flying 15s were almost wrecks which Malcolm and Barrie restored.' This was the start of this class of racing at GRYC.

'LIFE CAN BE A SERIES OF SURPRISES'

Simon notes that when he joined the General Committee the club owned two boats including the tinnie and when he left the fleet had grown with a second rescue boat, four Flying 15s and six Access dinghies. (On last count the club now owns 17 boats.)

Prior to his joining the GRYC committee in 1987, Simon was suddenly afflicted by the extremely rare disabling neurological disorder, Transverse Myelitis. He copes with resolution and practises a doctrine of self-reliance, arrived at painstakingly; asserting quietly that people don't need to know about his disability, rather it's his problem.

In 1998 Simon and Robin bought and restored a Halvorsen 30 named *Laitoki*. In the Centenary Year, 2001, Simon and Robin completed the Source to Sea run from Border Cliffs, NSW to Goolwa, in company of a fleet of 120 assorted boats and 19 paddle wheelers. The arrival in Goolwa of the paddle steamers at the beginning of October that year meant that Simon as Commodore

Simon and Colin Thiele rebuilding their Gwen 12



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had dozens of river cruisers and the Murray River paddle steamers saluting him in the Commodore's opening day sail past. A one-off memorable day!

Simon Thiele is a keen cook and food and wine connoisseur as well as a committed and talented sailor. He recognises that life can be a series of surprises.

He is thrilled by the success of Sailability and the Flying 15s, by the resilience of GRYC in difficult times and by its current membership strength and status. Simon Thiele, in his quiet and self effacing manner has seen to it that so much has been achieved and is excellent at GRYC. By any standards he has played no small part in making this possible.

RJR

Goolwa Radio Yachting Group

Despite the often appalling winter weather, a group of diehard yachties continued to race on Monday and Friday evenings. The Summer/Autumn series was well supported by as many as 20 'sailors'. There have been 26 races. Overall results: 1st Warren Miller. 2nd Kaye Illman. 3rd Graham (Jordy) Jordan.

Monday evenings have been our 'Soup Nights'. "Man Soups" were delicately blended by 'radio controlled men' who took it in turns to provide a soup - served with a 'variety of condiments'. Our repast also included Lyn's crusty bread, and cheeses. A variety of club wines helped the conviviality. Simon Thiele's Crab Soup was 'a particularly fine brew', and was clearly most highly regarded. 'Let's have some more Simon!' Monday 'Soup Nights' have raised \$1300 towards the new GRYC REGATTA ONE. All GRYC members and guests are invited to join us on Monday evenings for soup and experience the benefits of sailing radio controlled yachts. Several 'Radio Controlled Sailors' have recently joined the GRYC as Associate Members.

The Radio Yachting Group is planning to again run a Melbourne Cup luncheon at GRYC on Tuesday 6th November. A one day Radio Controlled Yacht Regatta will be held on 30th September from the Board Walk as part of *Goolwa Alive* celebrations.

Graham (Jordy) Jordan.

Dauntlus Cup Results

On a gusty Saturday 25th August, 34 yachts and 95 sailors competed in the GRYC 2012 Round Rat Island Dauntlus Cup Race. Racing commenced at 11:00hrs with finishing time of 'within six hours'. Head wind conditions after rounding the Rat Island mark were heavy, with gusts up to 20 plus knots and generally around 18 knots.

Results:

River Boats - 1st *Terrible Terrible/r*
Skipper Terry O'Connell

Yachts with Spinnaker - 1st *Oh Really* Farr 740 Sport/T
Skipper Mike O'Reilly

Non Spinnaker - 1st *Wind in the Willows* Noalex 25
Skipper Roger Rees

Multi Hulls - 1st *Bob & Tom* Hobie 16
Skipper Bob Schahinger

Cruising 2012 - 2013

With the spring weather just around the corner the 2012/13 cruising season is nearly upon us.

This year we are welcoming and encouraging members of non racing yachts and power boats to cruise along with our fleet of race goers on our Summer Series Races, all of which either have an overnight camping spot at the end or a BBQ lunch spot half way. These are very social events and members who have participated in the past have enjoyed the socializing and after race function. These outings all have the ability for members, friends and families to drive to the location at the end of the race to join in.

These outings also give members who have not yet ventured into racing the opportunity to tag along at the rear of the fleet and learn how easy it is to race in a more relaxed but nevertheless competitive event. These races will be the ideal outing for sailors to enter their yacht in its first race.

The proposed cruises are:

29th September 2012 - Wellington Summer Series Race

7th December 2012 - Narrung Summer Series Race

16th February 2013 - Clayton Bay Summer Series Regatta

23rd March 2013 - Finnis Summer Series Race

Members, their friends and family are encouraged to join in the fun that these cruising style races offer.

All participants, be they racers or cruisers in last season's Finnis Race, BBQ and overnight camp reported that this was one of the best Club functions that they had ever attended.

For any further information and to register your interest in joining any of these cruises please contact:

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