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25 years of Classic Yacht racing

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Held at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown, Victoria 3016 Sunday 28th November 2021, commencing at 2:30 pm

President's Report

Sailing Report

CYAA 2021 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Welcome all,

The highlights of the year to June 30th and post year end events include:

We maintained our strong financial position. David will elaborate.

We welcomed 10 Classic yachts to the Register: Acrospire IV, Florence, Margaret Rintoul, Pampero, Caprice of Huon, Cherub, Larapinta, Lupa Wylo, Julia Jane and Samiel.

Our membership numbers are currently 123.

Current website views average between 50 and 200 per day.

Our Sydney members enjoyed a breezy Great Veterans Race in May including Fair Winds and Interstate members.

Our Melbourne members had an interrupted year but enjoyed a delayed Cup Regatta, including a Geelong Passage race.

The disappointments, on top of our restricted sailing, were the inability for the kiwis to join our Regattas and vice versa.

Looking forward,

- 1. We have the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta next month, with a contingent of Victorian members joining as crew.
- 2. We have our Cup Regatta in February, back to its normal format, and with a dinner celebrating our 25th Anniversary as CYAA.
- 3. In March we have the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival to which we have promised the CYAA's wholehearted support.

A significant undertaking commenced in August, the development of our new website, which is 90% completed. If any members have particular skills which could assist in the finishing touches, please contact Peter, David or me.

Thank you to our Committee members for their contributions in frustrating circumstances. A couple of Committee members have indicated that they are ready to relinquish for new members to inject their enthusiasm, so let us know if you are considering joining our Committee.

The first such initiative is that Colin Orchard is joining as Secretary; we are very much looking forward to his input.

Finally, an extra thank you to Peter Costolloe and David McKenzie for shouldering most of the work, including the new website.

I encourage you to vote in favour of the Proposed New Rules of the Association or suggest improvements, preferably before the Meeting.

Martin Ryan

Twenty five yea racing or

2020 Winter Series.

For Vic Govt. Covid-19 Restrictions reasons the Eight races scheduled for this Winter series on Port Phillip were abandoned. Three sail training events were organised to sustain skipper and crew classic yacht racing skills.

Mercedes III with her 2019 Winter team

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2020/2021 Summer Series

Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed in December 2019 and re-imposed in Feburary Two races with 13 participants were conducted in this interval. Race one saw Evan Bieske's Folkboat **Seabird** took out Race one on corrected time. Gordon Tait's Tumlarern **Ettrick** followed by Scott McDonalds Skerry style 30 square

metre Pastime II.

Seabird Summer Series Race 1

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Ettrick

PASTIME II Stan Macdonalds (designer, builder and skipper) adaption of Uffa Fox's Skerrie Cruisers designs of a 30 square metre .

Series results for 2019 Winter and 2019/2020 Summer on Port Phillip

For lack of conducted races no series points for the Marie Louise III consistency trophy were recorded.



Ettrick Sail 321 in

Tumlaren skippers Roger Dundas of Avian hands over the Marie Louise III Consistency Trophy to Gordon Tait skipper of Ettrick in preparatory for his 2020 Summer and Winter defence.

Tumlaren One Design Aggregate for 2021 racing season

As part of our Series racing our Tumlaren fleet conducts a one design based series score that covers two series of races. Out of the only two races for the winter and summer series of 2019/2020 Ettrick was the best performing Tumlaren with a second and a first.



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A special 25th year note about CYAA Series racing

This 2020/2021 Season of series of Summer and winter racing was the 24th consecutive of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip. From the beginning of our racing in 1997 the number of Classic yachts participating in these races has grown significantly to a point where thirty boats have been listed as entrants in some series.

Throughout these series of races over the year's a group of classic yachts have participated in every series. While some yachts such as Martin Ryan's **Mercedes III**, George Fisschers

and Michael Rhodes **Boambillee** and Ross Clark and Michael Williams **Martini** through restoration issues at the time may not have been on the water in the beginning. Although our fleet flagship from those first days, **Sayonara**, is still with us, it's three classic yachts that we recognise as the core fleet that has bought us into our 25th year of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.

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Marie Louise III

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Special recognition for their contribution to the ethos of classic yachting over these years we ust go to Col Anderson and his **Acrospire III**, Peter Lloyd and his **Marie Louise III** and in particular



Kent Bacon and his crew of best mates from **Renene**. A special note of thanks goes to Kent Bacon for his continuing dulcet tones of support to the handicapper.

Finally we must recognise that without the guidance from those early year CYAA members, Doug Shield's of **Sayonara** and Col Anderson of **Acrospire III** our CYAA series racing would not being enjoying the credibility and respect from the keelboat clubs who have conducted racing for the previous twenty four years.

The 14th Cup Regatta Feb 2020.

Covid-19 restrictions required a reschedule of our 14th Cup Regatta from November 2019to Feburary 2020.

From 32 intents to enter we had 27 convert into actual entries.

For our 14th Cup Regatta the racing format was based on three division for the four top of the bay races and a single division for the first time Cup Regatta passage race from Williamstown to Geelong.

The Col Bandy trophy for the best overall performance in both the Top of the Bay races and the passage race went to the George Fischer and Michael Rhode's S&S One tonner **Boambillee**.

Martini

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Martini winner of the 2019/202 Tony Blake Trophy



Boambillee Winner of the 2020 Cup Regattra Col Bandy Trophy and Cup Regatta Passage race approaching Geelong.

The Tony Blake trophy for the best performing boat for all 2020 and 2021 Summer races went to the Ross Clark and Michael Williams **S&S 30 Martini.**

A record of our 14th Cup Regatta fleet can be seen with these links.<u>Mark Chew's racing</u> <u>day one photo's</u> and the Archie Chew <u>video of Day one racing</u>

2020 Cup Regatta Sponsors

A feature of our Cup Regatta's is the consistency of our sponsor support. For the 14th Cup Regattaa all our Sponsors over the past Cup Regatta's and in particular $Vic\ Sail$ of Geelong for their con of our Classic Yacht racing.



Ferdi Darley Classic Yacht Shipwright

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2021 Tumlaren State Championship

While Classic yacht fleets have their signature boats it's not a everyday occurrence to have a classic yacht fleet with bot signature classic yachts and a signature classic fleet, such is th situation with the CYAA on Port Phillip. Now in the their 84 consecutive year of racing on Port Phillip, our Tumlaren flee now the worlds largest fleet, is still actively racing with a flee

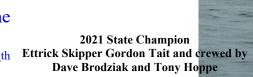
of eight on water Tumlarens and the most credentialed Port Phillip Tumlaren **Yvonne** under active restoration. With strong and continuing support by the general manager Matt Solly and Sailing administrator Colin Burgess of their traditional home club, the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (ex Royal St,KildaYC), the biannual Victorian Tumlaren State championship series continues to be the signature event for Tumlaren racing on Port Phillip.

RMYS perpetual trophies for Tumlaren State Championship racing are the original series T.L. Banks Trophy for best one design result, the Eric Haydon Trophy for best on handicap result, the Knud Reimer Trophy for first home last race and the James Frecheville trophy for best year on year performance.

For the 2021 event, Gordon Taits **Ettrick** took out the T L Banks and Eric Haydon trophies plus the Jame Frecheville trophy while Roger Dundas with **Avian** took out the Knud Reimer Trophy.

A notable feature of the State Championship is the pre event function for Tumlaren Skippers, crews an supporters conducted by George and Sarah Low (**Snow Goose**) at Oberwyl. This event was used to preser all participating Tumlaren skippers with their boat named State Championship flags.

Through event reports provided to the Classic Boat magazine, our Tumlaren fleet and the CYAA continuall receives comments and requests for information from the global classic yacht supporter community.



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T. L. Banks Trophy









Avian Winner of the Knud Reimer Trophy

Zephyr's crew doing fast post kite launch clean up

Tumlarens Zephyr, Snow goose, Avian and Dingo

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Avian, Dingo and Sirocco approaching the RMYS E Mark

Interstate CYAA racing activity

In Brisbane, we have Peter Kerr and Dan deBuriatte with their Alan Payne designed Seabirds, **Pagan** and **JoAnne Brodie**, along with our many CYAA menbers continue their support of the CYAA by competing in their Deanbilla Bay event and events conducted by the Wynnum Manly yacht club.

In Sydney CYAA member David Champtaloup of **Caprice of Huon** organised the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia to conduct the Sydney

to Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta. This regatta recognises of the contribution made by classic yachting to the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. The Ernie Digby designed and built 8 metre **Defiance** and raced under the helm of a CYAA member Nicole Shrimpton put on a brilliant display of classic yacht racing to take out the regatta's division one trophy.

Our CYAA rep in Sydney, Phillip Brown of Anitra V continues to provide us with Classic yachting news. The strength of our CYAA fleet in Sydney is such that the most notable Classic yachts of Sydney now enjoy listing on the CYAA boat register.





Pagan (R18) and Joanne Brodie (721) with the Brisbane CYAA Deanbilla Bay race fleet

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CYAA Classic's at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) Great Veterans Race May 2019

Our CYAA Sydney member and owner of Caprice of Huon reported the event went off in great style. Meaning it was a wild affair on Sydney Harbour when 30 knot south westerly's kicked in.

For the record in winds she was set up for Caprice of Huon, a Robert Clark design, took out the Division One Windward Trophy. She finished two minutes ahead of Love and War and Kialoa. Phillip Brown's Anitra V was in the finisher mix with a creditable 5th place.

Our members participating in the Great Veterans were

David Chamtaloup	Caprice of Huon
Nigel Stokes	Fidelis
Mark Chew	Fair Winds
Nicole Shrimpton	Defiance
Bruce Gould	Margaret Rintoul
Phillin Brown	Anitra V



Photo Andrea Francolini Anitra V





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Tack Tracker for Port Phillip racing

CYAA Member who participated in the 2018 Cowes UK Panerai British Classic week came back with stories about the use of the TackTracker as a post race bar room hit. Analysis at the time showed the expense of running the Tack Tracker required a deep pocket sponsor to support and deliver the product. Recently TackTracker developed an app for a mobile device to replace the Tacktracker standalone unit. When the Cup Regatta passage race was setup the CYAA purchased the necessary licences and tracker rights to assist with their safety on water risk management and promote the Classic yacht passage race to a local and global based community.

To date, success with the Tack Tracker product continues to elude us.



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While the product's application processes and support cannot be faulted, continual loss of mobile phone signal by the mobile device being tracked during racing events has been a blight on the expected outcome. To sustain the CYAA's perseverance with this product, a person dedicated to the task is required. If a dedicated person willing to take on the TrackTracker management, the annual tracker licence and tracker right won't be renewed.

Top Yacht race management licence

To be in line with recent requirements by keelboat clubs for better management of people on their contact details on board a boat while participating in a club race the CYAA moved to the top Yacht race management system.

Use of a CYAA based Top Yacht system was required to support the generation and publication of race entries and results under a single web site address. Previously race results were dependent on key RYCV personnel being available to process race finish times.

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Initial use of Top Yacht began with results management the 2019/2020 Summer Series was a success. However this experience has shown continual use of the product by CYAA race management and boat skippers is required to make successful use of the many features. We need to continue deep diving into the Top Yacht process to sustain the confidence in the CYAA race people management by the keelboat clubs who conduct our racing.

A thank you to HBYC, RMYS and RYCV, our race conducting clubs.

Setting up the 18 months ahead year on year CYAA race schedule on Port Phillip is now at the stage where CYAA race dates are part of the club racing schedule of the keelboat clubs who conduct our races.

With a tight supply of volunteers and a tight club race schedule, every CYAA race has dramas that could lead into a show stopper. In every case, the support from the race directors of each club, HBYC, RMYS and RYCV to sort out issues in our favour and to make our race events happen on schedule deserves a special thanks for the CYAA. It's these people that allow your handicapper to sleep at night.

A special thank you to RGYC and our Geelong based supporters.

While on this subject of thank you's to our race conducting keelboat clubs, a special mention must be made of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. Without support from RGYC Commodore Stuart Dickson, Vice commodore Roger Bennett, their team of volunteers including the Yot dining room staff, our Cup Regatta passage race wouldn't have been such a notable and successful Classic yacht racing event.



RGYC Vice Commodore Roger Bennett address the crew of Boambillee and RGYC Commodore Stuart Dickson during 2020 Cup Regatta trophy presentation ceremony at Royal Geelong Yacht Club



Digby Family trophies from 1932 all set for refurbishment and reactivation as RGYC Perpetual Trophies for Classic Yacht racing We must make a special mention of the support provided by the Geelong Vic Sail manager and CYAA men for his support for his generous support of Classic yachting and in particular for his taking on the restoration Digby Australian Day Regatta Trophies for the 1930's. These trophies will be reactivated by RGYC trophies for Classic Yacht racing on Corio Bay.

Member activity to promote the CYAA



Jane Williamson on Mercedes III

racing moments that are valued content for our post race event stories. We must include thank you's to both Mark and Archie Chew for similar work. Mark for his <u>race day photos</u> and in particular his <u>42 Australians</u> document that lead to a significant increase in membership and to Archie for his documentary

While not an actual sailing activity I would like thank you to some members who assisted pr during 2020 and 2021.

First up is the support by Noel Sutcliff to prov of the **<u>1934 Centenary Regatta program</u>**. Thi invaluable to us to as a document of record of of today were doing in 1934.

We have Jane Williamson to thank for providin

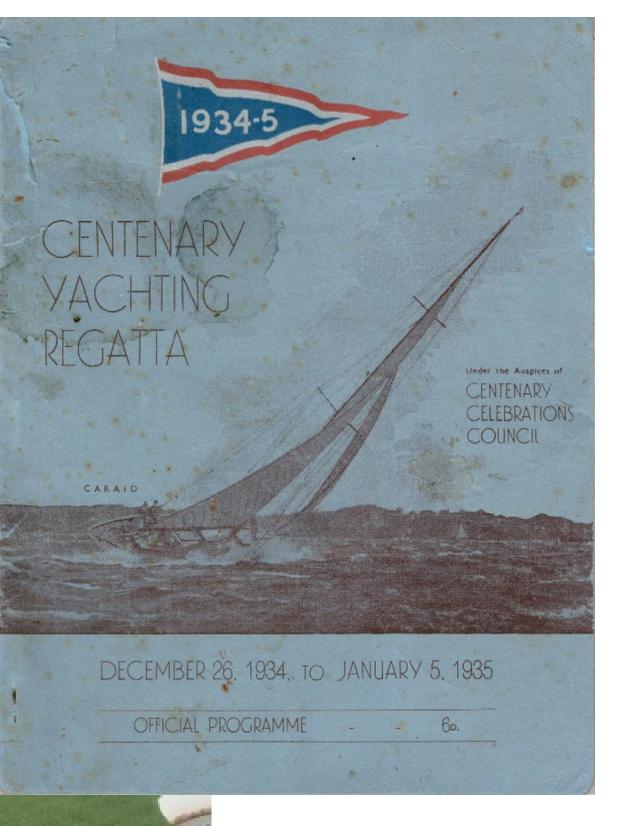


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Front cover of the 1934 Victoria Centenary Regatta Programme

RYCV lawn table now in full operation

video of our <u>2020 Cup Regatta conducted in Feb 2021</u>. All these photo's and video is still being viewed. The 42 Australians document has well over 1000 views recorded.

While not a sailing activity the CYAA support of the RYCV lawn table replacement project was a working example that shows how much our CYAA members value the support of Classic yachting by the RYCV. In particular the support of the Kingurra connections was notable.

On to 2022

Records of CYAA racing over the 2020/2021 season indicate a broad and continuing support of the CYAA mission as demonstrated by our skipper/owner members accepting the financial cost maintaining and racing their classic yacht in compliance with the various Australian Sailing safety categories.

As we evolve from the Covid-19 restrictions the cost and resolve to sustain our pre Covid-19 restriction support of classic yachting is being tested. Indications from all our skippers show the resolve to restart their Classic yachting life is strong. So while it will take some time to get back to the high level of sailing skill required to race our boats, we are on our way to enjoying what our boats were built for. Racing.

One other feature of what's ahead for Classic yacht is the number of restorations being under taken. From shipwright checkout visit's and contacts this indicator says classic yachting will retain a strong presence on the world of Australian yachting.

Best wishes to all our skippers and crew plus our supporters who have made Classic yacht racing a feature of Australia's sailing scene. To make sure Classic yacht racing ethos retains it's place in Australian yachting we need to ensure we bring people into the Association administration to ensure this role is sustained.

Hearts of Oak is where lies the Acrospire of the CYAA challenge

Looking after the CYAA racing scene is a world of non stop action. The reward is being part of this non stop world of Classic yachting. The opportunity to a driver of this non stop action is there. Be prepared to be hit with all the fun that goes with this no stop action. So who is up to this challenge? This challenge is not based on a bubble, it's based on wood. Hearts of Oak that is.

Report wrap up

So to wrap up this 2020/2021 CYAA sailing report your handicapper says thank you to all our CYAA members for their sustained support of Classic yachting.

It's all go for our 25th year of Classic Yacht racing.

