



Regatta momentum is moving into top gear.

With the Regatta entry cut off time approaching entries numbers are beginning to boil. Remember Wednesday October 30 is the entry cut-off date. Keep in mind one feature of the Classics using the Melbourne City Marina at Melbourne's Docklands as our Cup Regatta HQ is the option for any member that cannot race to bring the yacht up for the world to look over and take in the Regatta social activity. This is the only place where we have the opportunity to sit down on our Classic Yacht, relax and with meet up with other members.

Our social scene is all set for kick off with our Regatta cocktail function at "**Berth**" on Friday at 6:00pm, a great New Quay @ Docklands venue that will overlook our Classic Fleet. Catering arrangements are set up so no one will leave the place famished. This function will be a unique opportunity to bring family and mates along to meet up socially with other members of Melbourne's and New Zealand's Classic Yacht Association members.

The social plans for Saturday and Sunday after racing is supposed to be informal. The flies on the wall will be watching to see what informal means around Classic Yachts.

To assist members who wish to travel to Docklands and back by the river from Williamstown they are welcome to join the visiting New Zealand Classic Yacht Association contingent ferry, "**Melburnian**" for an early morning departure and late evening arrival back at Williamstown.

Our post Regatta celebrations will happen at the RYCV. We have the RYCV catering organising the BBQ essentials for us while "The Long and Short of it" with Patsy Toop and David Baird will entertain us with their dulcet tones. David McKenzie on the pipes will presage the Trophy presentation and farewell the 2013 Regatta with that great melody that we sing to our beloved Classic Yachts "Speed bonny boat"

Regatta Milestone reached

A new milestone for the Regatta has been reached with a first ever entry from the RGYC. Bill Chitterden who recently joined up with the Classics has entered his 32' Swanson Carmen class **Cardinal Puff**. Bill has built up an excellent collection of historical articles that tell the story of "**Cardinal Puff**". Built by Ron Swanson and Wally Ward in a disused Brisbane dairy for Peter Kurts, Bill used Hobart shipwright, Don Bailey at Derwent Marine, to bring her back to her original build condition. **Cardinal Puff** came in at 62nd out of 90 starters in the 1973 Sydney Hobart. Not to be outdone, **Mercedes III** came in at 48th in this race.

Round the Bay Regatta entries

“**Oenone**” with her skipper Helen Lovett from Mornington Yacht Club is with the Regatta again. Twice winner of the “**Col Bandy Trophy**” that late and great mate of ours, Helen is ready to let “**Oenone**”, with her mast rebuilt by Peter Blake, take the Classic Regatta fleet on again. Other entries recently received are from our members from Sandringham Yacht club, Jean Pierre Marquet (J P) with “**Faylene**” has signalled his intentions, while Phil Aitkins with “**Trim** “ was Regatta entry No. 1. We must pay tribute to the work and effort that Kent Bacon and his team have put into “**Renene**” to bring her to the start line. Removing a deck with all its associated fittings is not a task for the fainthearted. Kent and his team of crew members, with shipwright Ferdy Darly, did the job. Take a look. She’ll be a picture book Classic Yacht, sitting there for all the world to see, when tied up at Docklands.



Regatta Marina Berth allocations

With the Melbourne City Marina being one of the prime public celebration locations during the Melbourne’s Cup Carnival, Master of Berthing Ceremonies, **Roger Dundas**, that great man, has produced a brilliant arrangement to show off our Classic Yacht fleet to the Melbourne people and World at large.

We have plans to squeeze Sayonara in to a tight spot up into a berth against the New Quay concourse. Co-operation from all of us will be needed to make this happen. To celebrate the Tumlare` contribution to Melbourne's Classic Yachting, Roger, has also done some further squeezing to fit all the Tums, Avian, Dingo and Zephyr into a tighter berth area that will put them alongside Sayonara. To complete the Classic fleet visage we'll have Jim Woods Windward II being the focal Classic yacht of the fleet as seen from Victoria Harbour and its surrounds.

To recognise the work and effort to present their Classic yachts in original and pristine condition, Cardinal Puff and Renene, will be located in berths also adjacent to the public concourse.

The berthing layout will be sent to entered skippers when the Sailing Instructions are published.

Regatta Racing

The Regatta Sailing Instructions have been prepared and passed over to the Principle Race Officer for RYCV David LeRoy for technical approval. They will be issued shortly after RYCV go ahead.

A feature of this year's Regatta racing will be the combined start for Classic Yachts and Couta Boats. It will be Guineas racing again but in spades.

Our Regatta racing calendar begins with two invitational sets of races. The Guineas and the inaugural Inter Association Trophy. The Guineas will see a series of 3 x 20 minute match races Windward /Leeward between two Classics and two Couta boats conducted in waters adjacent to Webb Dock and the shipping channel. To test out those still young at heart, aren't we all, the Inter Association Trophy has been set up. 2 teams each of 3 members from the Classic Yacht Association's from Australia and New Zealand and the Couta boat Association, racing in the RYCV Elliott 5.9 yachts, will follow the Guineas teams in the same series of 3 x 20 minutes races. The team with the yacht that has the lowest in aggregated points will be the winning team, in both the Guineas and the Inter Association Trophy.

For our Saturday passage race, a series of 6 courses has been prepared to cater for all wind conditions on the day, except for those over 25 knots. Maps of all these courses have been prepared and will be available.

On Sunday a Concour's d'Elegance sponsored by Karen Batson's Cookie Restaurant in Swanston Street, known for it's Thai food and beer, will be judged for us by Doug Shields. After a Docklands sail around, if possible, it's back down the river for our "Allocated Course" race that will begin at 2:00pm. The courses used for this race are described in the SI's, they will be some of those used for our normal racing series.

The Regatta racing calendar wraps up with a fleet departure from Docklands on Monday morning to compete in the Pursuit Start Race. Start time for all entered yachts will be published on the Sunday evening. They will be based on the performance of each yacht during the Regatta.

Regatta Handicaps and Results

Allocated handicaps for Classic yachts will use known handicaps based on their racing performance throughout the year or on previous Regatta performances. For Coutu Boats comparable performances to Classic yachts in previous Regattas will be used to derive their handicap. Let the handicap verbage begin.

Arrangements are in place to provide results of each race at the Docklands Regatta HQ office. They will also appear on the RYCV website under Classic Yacht Racing Results and on the Classic Yacht Association Website. Handicaps for the Sunday race will be controlled by the RYCV Principal Race officer

Melbourne City Marina Facilities

All Skippers entered in the 2013 Regatta will receive a key code pass that will allow access to the Marina onshore facilities, Showers e/w Towels and toilets plus Coffee/Tea facilities etc . the key code will also open the Marina gates after daylight hours. Other marina documentation with a list of "Do's and Do not's will be sent out to each skipper. These documents are now available on the Melbourne City Marina website. Take a look at their website at

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/PARKSANDACTIVITIES/WATERWAYS/Pages/citymarina.aspx>

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Remember keep the entries coming in. If not racing use the event to show your boat off and join in with the Regatta social fun.

Regards to all

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