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FUTURE DOLPHIN NEWSLETTERS

Dolphin Newsletters are to be published quarterly.

Articles for the next issue due by the **15th of May, 2023.**

Please send articles, stories and photographs to secretary@hastingsyachtclub.org.au to be published.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

MARK PALMER

COVID has had a major impact on us all in a personal way and as an after-effect on the economy. Hastings Yacht Club has not been immune to these effects, with a loss of membership of around 25%. Of course less members means less income for the club but our outgoings have more or less been the same. We are slowly building the membership numbers again, but it will take us a few years to get back to where we were.

The Committee have achieved some major milestones for the club over this past 12 months including: Dredging – Thanks to a grant from the Mornington Peninsula Shire the Club has been able to dredge around our pontoon and to delete “The Hump” between us and the jetty pens. This area is now a minimum of 0.6m below datum so allows us to use the area in most tides.

Lease – we have finally signed our new lease with Mornington Peninsula Shire for 21 years, locking in the strip of land on our sea wall side, and agreement in principle for the extra 10 metres of land to our West, to be confirmed when the Council upgrades the Boat Ramp carpark (probably in 3-4 years). This new land will allow the club to expand our boat parking and allow for expansion of other projects.

Sailability – Hastings yacht Club has been a strong supporter of this program for many years providing an opportunity for people within our community with disabilities, including the elderly, to enjoy sailing. It is a privilege to participate in this exercise that benefits all involved. I would like to thank our members and carers for their support. Plans have been started to use a portion of the new land for a dedicated shed for Sailability allowing for future expansion. In the meantime, a section of our boat shed has temporarily allocated to Sailability.

Clubroom verandah – You will have noticed that the verandah at the top of the Southern stairs was looking a little worn and in need of repair. Glenn Cooke and Dave Evans (with help from Kevin Hall and Don Irons) have pulled this part of the verandah apart and rebuilt it. It looks fantastic now with new supports, new floor, and a coat or two of fiberglass and paint., also stopping all the leaks in the cupboards underneath. Glenn has said he will do an extra coat of glass and paint on the rest of the verandah soon. Thanks Glen and Dave.

Our Club Captain, Jason Sherwood and his troupe of volunteers have provided us with a racing schedule for Saturdays out in Westernport catering for our Keel boats, trailer sailors, multi-hulls, and the sports boats. Then on Sundays, the Bight Stern Chaser Series run by Malcolm Edwards racing around the marks In Hastings Bight with our smaller trailer sailors.

After having to cancel our open day for a couple of years due to COVID (I promise to try to stop saying that word (acronym?)), we had a wonderful Open Day in 2022 with official guests, Zoe Mackenzie (Federal Member for Flinders), Lisa Dixon (Councilor for Cerberus) and Capt. Shane Vedamuttu (Port of Hastings Harbour Master). Shane gave us a very interesting talk on the current harbour works and the plan for the future. Thanks to our sponsor, Red Hill Baker for a very flavorsome lunch and to all members who helped make this day a success.

We have held a few social events in association with race day events and a few Friday night socials. Thanks to the volunteers who put in their time in organizing and running these events and our sponsors who supported these events including Red Hill Bakery and Hastings Charcoal Chicken. We intend to increase our social calendar, so keep an eye on your emails and come along to enjoy our hospitality. If members have ideas for social events or would like to help to run an event, please contact myself or the Club Secretary.

As always there are things that need to be done around the clubrooms. We do have a core of volunteers that carry out works in the club, a couple of small working bees during the week over the last few months and a full-on working bee in October 2022. I thank these people for the time they kindly gave up. There are always things that need doing around the club so if you have some spare time during the week, please send your contact details to the Secretary. Watch out for more information and set the date aside so you can contribute to the upkeep of our Club.

The past few years have been difficult for some on a personal level. If any of our members are struggling or wish to talk through any issue, whether a club issue or personal issue, I am happy for you to give me a ring for a chat, or if you would like to meet for a coffee.

On behalf of the members of the Hastings Yacht Club I would like to congratulate Dean Greenall and Chelsea Edwards on the recent Arrival of their daughter, Layla.

Happy Sailing and stay safe!!!

Mark Palmer



Open Day October 2022

On 3rd of December 2022 HYC held its first Opening Day since 2019. We deliberately held it later than usual to minimize COVID risks with warmer weather. The event was well attended by about 60 to 70 members and guests including the new MHR for Flinders Zoe McKenzie and our local councilor Lisa Dixon.

Winds were very light so it was more of a 'motor past' rather than a sail past. Nevertheless we had lots of boats including young Jordy Sandell who took one of the new Pacers out and sailed it alone – a great effort. Danny Klimaniec and his wife Sharon again did a great job hosting the official party on Event Horizon - thank you!

Some last minute challenges presented when Reverend Matthew Campbell the Cerberus chaplain came down with pneumonia the day before and had to cancel on blessing the fleet. A big thanks to Reverend Tim Anderson the local Hastings Anglican priest who stepped up to take his place with less than a day's notice.

Our guest speaker was Captain Shane Vedamuttu, Harbor Master for Westernport who gave an excellent outline of commercial activity on Westernport past, present and future.

The day concluded with a late lunch of excellent food largely catered for by member Ray Johns from the Red Hill Bakery - thanks Ray! This was supplemented by sandwich plates and an open bar.

Overall a successful event and another step back to normality after two years of lockdowns. We should be back to our traditional first or second Saturday in October for opening day this year.

Tony Downey - HYC Secretary





FROM OUR MEMBERS...

*Opportunity knocks only once...**Roger & Jan Siversen*

I have been asked to put a couple of articles together for this and future newsletters on our experiences over the past 6 years cruising the East Coast of Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania. Plan was to also visit the Kimberley and Indonesia but unfortunately Covid put an end to that.

Now I have no desire to bore you senseless with endless stories of day to day travels so at the risk of setting off some debate I would like to outline the things we have learnt and propose to you the things we believe are important/useful to have onboard for extended cruising.

Before delving into all that allow me to introduce myself and my wife along with our trusty vessel 'Opportunity'. My name is Roger Siversen and along with my wife Jan we have been members at Hastings for 34 years. During that time we have had a number of keel boats starting with a 22 foot Blue bird, then a 28 footer followed by a Harley RORC 34 which we bought as a hull and fitted out. In 2015, one year before we both retired we purchased Opportunity, a Corbin 39, up in Manly Queensland and brought her back to Hastings to undertake a refit of the vessel before setting off on the Cruise we had been planning for a number of years.

The refit included a new paint job, top and bottom, new engine [something we will discuss in more depth later] mast overhaul, new canvas work including the dodger and bimini along with a multitude of smaller tasks.

We had been looking for our 'perfect' cruising yacht [everything is a compromise in my view] for sometime and stumbled upon Opportunity on Yachthub. She had just completed a 2 year cruise from Canada down the East Coast of America, through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific. Once here the owner packed up, put her on the Market and flew home to Canada, lucky for us he put a very affordable price on the boat so we called the broker, jumped on a plane to Brisbane and the rest is history.



Safe return to Hastings after 6 years of cruising.

Many of you may not have heard of Corbin's before so here is an over view. The Corbin 39 was born in 1974 starting life as a design commission for an offshore yacht capable of Ocean passages with a short-handed crew in comfort. Since then there have been a number of new designs made but Opportunity is based on the original concept, that is, an aft cockpit cutter rigged with an 18 metre mast. As it states in the Corbin Owner's manual she is a well founded cruising boat with a large open foredeck that allows the crew to go forward to handle the sails safely under all condition. [see attached photos]

Down below she has two double cabins, a single berth in the pilot house and the capacity to sleep around the salon table. The pilot house also has a large chart table and originally an internal steering station which we removed from Opportunity when putting in the new engine as we found this allowed us more space below.

All Corbin's are built by Corbin Les Bateaux to a Robert Dufour design. Many have been fitted out by the owners with a small number completed by the builder. Opportunity was completed by her original owner who is an Engineer so the interior was well designed and built to a high standard however we have made and continue to make changes to her based on our experiences and what we feel works best on the boat.

Corbins are have a 'Norwegian' or 'Canoe' stern, along with $\frac{3}{4}$ fin keel and skeg hung rudder which provides excellent stability in all conditions as we discovered on many occasions over the past 6 years. They are made of fibreglass over an Airex core, an excellent material for yacht construction as it does not age or deteriorate when sealed between several layers of fibreglass. I have read that it eliminates condensation and acts as a sound proofing. Due to its elasticity it provides impact resistance and will not fracture even when the fibreglass does, thus preventing water from entering the boat.

Below are the yachts specifications:

LOA – 12.65 M
LWL – 9.75M
Beam – 3.68 M
Draft – 1.68 M
Displacement 10342 KG
Ballast 4082 KG

Having found the boat we felt would serve us well and completing the upgrades required, within budget, we then set about preparing and planning our first big cruise. We had a rough idea of where we were heading but being retired and having no time restraints we were prepared to work with nature and explore as much as we could of Tasmania and the East Coast before heading off further afield.



Shows the keel and rudder structure.

Our plan was to spend eight to nine months of the year cruising and return home to Victoria for the Cyclone season as we had no desire to live in far north Queensland and beyond during the hot and humid summer months. This of course is an advantage of cruising on the East Coast as you are always within close proximity to an airport. It also meant we could spend time with family and friends over the Christmas period, something we very much enjoy.

As it turned out we were required to return home at various times due to family issues and medical matters. Unfortunately much of our time away was during the Covid outbreak so our ability to move from state to state [and further afield] was limited for fear of not being able to get back to the boat if we returned home for some time. We saw many boats left in marinas due to Covid ,with the owners unable to return, looking a bit worse for wear something we did not wish upon Opportunity.

When we returned home for the summer months we left Opportunity safely tucked up in either a marina or on the hard, the later being our preferred option [Bundaberg and Gladstone are two good options of the later]. We are by no means wealthy people so research into the best and most economical marinas was a must. It also meant that we had to head south at the end of each season to a marina that was deemed safe and out of the cyclone zones by our insurance company, something you need to explore if planning such a trip.

I've added a few photos of Opportunity here for your interest and give you a visual of our home for nine months of the year. We are currently in the yard at Hastings doing some much needed maintenance after 6 years of hard sailing and are preparing her for the next planned cruise to Tasmania and South Australia followed by a possible Pacific adventure.



View of fore deck as we head up a river north of Cairns.



Opportunity at Kent Island Northern Qld

In our next article we will outline the many things we feel are important to have onboard if you are planning an extended cruise along with the things we learnt along the way which served us well.

Feel free to stop by 'Opportunity' in the yard if you wish to have a chat about anything sailing and cruising.

Roger Siversen

Sparrow Dinghy For Sale



Here's a great opportunity for members young and old. The club has a Sparrow dinghies surplus to our needs which we now have for sale. It is fully functional and was used by the club for sail training before we got the Optis.

If you are interested please give Rear Commodore Al a call on 0419 331 596 to make him an offer.

The tiniest member of them all...



Introducing our newest member baby Layla Greenall. Born on the 19th of October, 2022.

Daughter of members Chelsea Edwards and Dean Greenall.

Only just fitting into a tiny lifejacket, she'll be out on the water in no time!

SATURDAY RACING PHOTOS





SUMMER SAILING CALENDAR 2022-23

Date	Day	Start Time	Race	Event
Saturday Racing				
Hastings Western Port Summer Series				
29/10/2022	Saturday	11:00	Race 1	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
12/11/2022	Saturday	11:00	Race 2	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
26/11/2022	Saturday	11:00	Race 3	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
10/12/2022	Saturday	20:00	Trophy Race	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Bill Tambo (Night Race)
17/12/2022	Saturday	11:00	Race 4	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
4/02/2023	Saturday	11:00	Race 5	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
18/02/2023	Saturday	11:00	Race 6	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
4/03/2023	Saturday	11:00	Race 7	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
18/03/2023	Saturday	11:00	Trophy Race	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Flinders (Long Dist)
1/04/2023	Saturday	11:00	Race 8	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Summer series
New Year Regatta				
Hasting Western Port Short Course Regatta				
21/01/2023	Saturday	9:00	Race 1	Hasting Div1 ,Div2, Div3, Div 4 Bucket series
21/01/2023	Saturday	13:00	Race 2	Hasting Div1, Div2, Div3, Div 4 Bucket series
22/01/2023	Sunday	9:00	Race 3	Hasting Div1 Div2, Div3, Div 4 Bucket series
22/01/2023	Sunday			BBQ & Presentations following Races
Sunday Racing				
Hastings Bight Summer Series				
(All Off the Beach and Trailables)				
30/10/2022	Sunday	15:00	Race 1	Hastings Bight Pursuit racing
13/11/2022	Sunday	14:30	Race 2	Hastings Bight Pursuit racing
27/11/2022	Sunday	14:00	Race 3	Hastings Bight Pursuit racing
11/12/2022	Sunday	14:00	Race 4	Hastings Bight Pursuit racing
12/02/2022	Sunday	16:30	Race 5	Hastings Bight Pursuit sunset racing and function TBA
26/02/2022	Sunday	16:30	Race 6	Hastings Bight Pursuit sunset racing and function TBA
12/03/2023	Sunday	16:30	Race 7	Hastings Bight Pursuit sunset racing and function TBA
26/03/2022	Sunday	15:30	Race 8	Hastings Bight Pursuit racing



Times and Heights of High and Low Waters

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Martin Dean
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Ross Barnett
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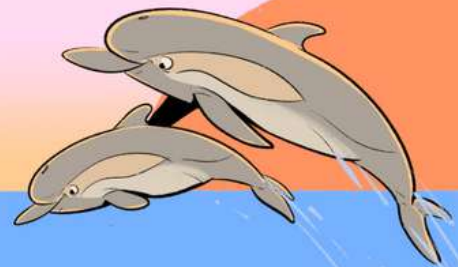
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Going Cruising? Looking for Crew?

Make sure to like our Facebook group "Hastings Yacht Club" to stay connected.

We also have two private groups which you can join.

HYC Cruising Group and HYC Crewing Group to get in touch with like minded people!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

SMOKE FREE ZONE

Please refrain from smoking within
4 metres of club rooms
to adhere with the Tobacco Act 1987.