

## CLAREMONT YACHT CLUB.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Claremont Yacht Club, established 1905, saw its Yachting Season opened for the 113th time.

Commodore David Bovell along with 160 guests, including various Club Commodores, past CYC Commodores, members and their families, enjoyed glorious sunshine and fair winds. Although the Yachting fleets have dwindled over the years some yachts took to the water for the sail past accompanied by 5 from the Laser Fleet. The Club was officially opened by Jock Barker and after a few speeches the official guests made their way to two launches, "Utopia" and "Ocean Magic" for the sail past.

The Sail past, led by power yacht "Sansterre" skippered by Past Commodore Chas Milner, followed by other power yachts with yacht "Flight" skippered by Peter Tate leading the other keelboats. After the sail past "Utopia" and "Ocean magic" left the jetty taking the guests for a short cruise to watch the yachts racing for the trophies of the day.

Starting at 1450hrs a small fleet of laser yachts and 14 keelboats at 1455hrs took to the water. "Vinnies Daughter" and "Serana" won the Commodore's and Vice Commodore's trophy respectively. It was great to see so many yachts out, many of which had not sailed for some time. The shorter course was chosen as there were more smaller yachts than large ones but all were home by 1645 with the exception of "Windspinner" who decided to "clean her keel" on the sand bank near "Dome" buoy. "Theseus" unfortunately broke her rudder and "Mafalda" entertained the start box crew by sailing across Karrakatta Bank from Black to Burnside Spits but fortunately the tide was high so no damage was done. Two other boats retired because of a little too much wind for their light crew. Well done!! To everyone who took part and we home to see you all again soon.

The sailors returned to the Deep Dene area to enjoy some relaxation before the presentation and then the drive home. Meals were available and music from a duo called "D'Vision2" enticed both the youngest and oldest members to the dance floor.

Please remember that the Sailing Programme booklet is available from reception and both the upstairs and downstairs bar area or alternatively find RCS Rob Boykett, Robert Jeffery, Walter Reeves or myself and we will happily get as many copies as you wish.

There are many differing makes of yachts at Claremont Yacht Club ranging from Farr 9.2, Spirit 28's, Space Sailor 24's and 22's, Red Witches and even some lovingly restored timber yachts including some gaff rigged ones. CYC is always looking to expand their sailing fleets and information may be obtained by contacting [membership@claremontyachtclub.org.au](mailto:membership@claremontyachtclub.org.au) or simply turn up on the first and last Sunday in the month or the intervening Saturdays or any Wednesday for a Twilight.

Thanks,

Wilma Poland

