

# VIEWS FROM A WINTERY POOP DECK

Hello Sailors

Well winter has once again beaten a retreat and the days are getting longer.

CYC sailors had a mixed winter with many of the Frostbites being timed with ugly weather that allowed only the craggiest skippers out of the safe harbour (the Deep Dene) and out into the maelstrom. Chief amongst this was our craggiest skipper Arthur, closely followed by the Boykett clan on board the old and the new vessels.

The last Frostbite also saw the biggest turnout for the winter with Kyzo Too, Andalusia, Paprika and Beaujolais all having a great day out.

Unfortunately, or otherwise, the good ship Beagle was also celebrating our Mum's (your Sylvia or Mrs B) 80<sup>th</sup>

birthday. So, with eleven people onboard and average age approaching 70 years we were slow off the mark, quick on the turnaround and then a couple of extra laps to make the most of the fine weather. Mum remained in the Deep Dene with Obbo, while Joce (another occupational therapist from mums year at college) and her husband Peter (from dad's (Pete's) year at Scotch Melbourne) joined us for a lap of the bank with three generations of Boyketts onboard (also known as a 'catastrophe' of Boyketts!



This winter has seen a couple of boats changing hands.

- Serana has gone across to David and his daughter who have already given her a splash of paint. Unfortunately, the pet dog stepped in the paint and left a trail of foot prints all over the deck!
- We have also been joined by Craig Feake's with his Spacesailer. This gives us a great fleet of yachts in the 22-24 foot range, promising some great sailing. Please welcome Craig and his crew into the club.
- We have also seen the Cook's catamaran preparing to head off to Dongara and runs the Abrolhos. And Vinnies Daughter off to join the Royals.



- We have also welcomed Beagle with your RCS Richie at the helm for its inaugural year. The Beagle is a Spirit 28 some while unlikely to beat Colin on Kyzo we are hoping to keep him honest at the front of the pack!



On the 19<sup>th</sup> September the club held the CYC AGM and it was good to see a few sailors there. The club, through the Commodore, also recognised Sylvia Boyketts many years of service with the CYC archives. She has done a great job and we wish the new archive team all the best in the future.



In the spirit of good water safety, our departing Commodore, Bill McLeod, organised a safety and flare demonstration. This was a great reminder as we head into the season to ensure safety is our top priority. Thank you Bill for your service to the club and your support of sailing.

In the next few weeks we have a Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October (0900-1500). It would be great to see all the sailors down to make people welcome and maybe go out for a cruise around the bank. We will also be burning some snaggers and these will be available for a small donation going towards the sailing/dinghy progress association.

The following Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October is the clubs 2019/20 Opening Day. This is a great event and we will have our new Commodore Darren Chatfield and Vice Commodore Paul

Hodgson opening the season and taking the salute. The sail past and the first (short) race are a celebration of all things sailing and I look forward to seeing all the boats dressed up in their finest. I hope and expect all yachts to be out there showing the club that sailing, whether racing, cruising or adventuring, is alive and well in our club now and for many years to come.

As always, if you have any queries, questions or concerns – please call or come over and have a chat and your Sail Committee will see what we can do, including offering the cheapest of advice.

Fair Winds

**RCS Richie Boykett**