



THE BLUEBIRD YACHT ASSOCIATION OF VIC MONTHLY FLYER – OCT '12

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BYAV AGM & Presentation Night

Please block out in your diaries the evening of Friday 9th November 2012 for the AGM & Presentation Night.

Meeting commences at 7 pm sharp.

Dinner @ 7.30 pm. Details to be confirmed.

RYCV

'Tankeka' wins Class Monkey series 2012

Hi Bluebirders,

The 2nd Long Race for the Pollywoodside series will be held on Sunday 28th OCT - Piggy backing on Tripe & Onions race. Sailing instruction will be sent out soon, as well as entry details. We would probably sail course 18 or similar, with a time limit for the 1st boat of 3.5 hrs. The start and finish will be from the end of the RYCV Marina (unless shortened course). We will all start together and results places be based on performance handicap from previous races.



Great see! Tracy Fels knocking back a coldy whilst husband Gary sits on the rail

From the President, Greetings Bluebirders,

The 2012 Class Monkey series recently completed was a great success with twelve entrants competing throughout the series, with eight or more boats regularly competing in each race. It has been great to see Paramour and Moody Blue on the water racing again. The quality of racing has stepped up this season with more competition. There was tough competition at the front of the fleet with Secret regularly mixing it up with Drambuie and Tandeka. With new sails, Warranilla won race 7 in light winds and has put pressure on the front of the fleet also. Revel won the handicap series with some good performances.

Shadow has a new genoa ready for the Lipton Cup and might surprise a few. If you haven't entered the Lipton Cup series yet, do so soon. For \$60 for the series entry, it remains great value and another opportunity for some quality class racing.

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The Wednesday twilight series has begun with the first race being abandoned at the end due to a dying wind. Nunyarra has entered again and is looking for some other Bluebirds to join on the water even if for casual entry. Twilight racing is lots of fun and a great way of giving the Bluebird

class a presence on the water amongst the fleets of bigger boats. It is a great way to unwind during the week and get vital racing practice (usually in strong, choppy sea breezes).

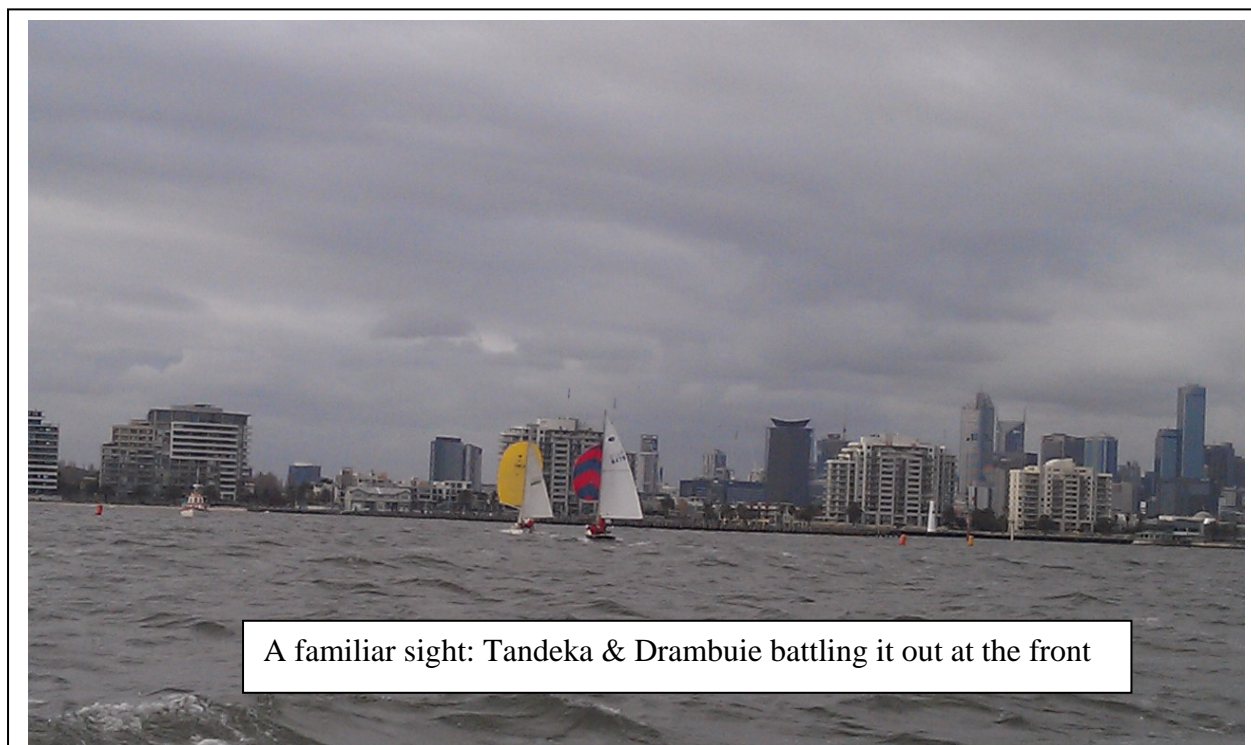
The Bluebird State Title Series begins in February 2013. Dates for series will be confirmed and announced at a later date.

The Bluebird AGM will be held at the RYCV 7 pm on Friday 9th November, with dinner at the club following the AGM at 7.30. The 2012 State Title and Class Monkey series presentations will be made as well as some fun trivia questions and maybe some spontaneous music.

Please keep this date free in your diary.

The latest blog shows Ivan and Louise in Vanuatu on Brio. It has been fascinating reading about their journey. We look forward to them arriving back safe home soon and sharing all their adventures.

David Barnett
President BYAV



The 2012 Lipton Cup Regatta will be held on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of November. Get your entries in. This is a great weekend of sailing. More details at back of Newsletter
<http://online.rycv.com.au/default.aspx?pageId=3>

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Nick Findlay,
Secretary
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Bluebird "Kotare" For Sale \$4500

This is a plywood version with an epoxy glass covered hull, deck and cabin top, the boat is very strong. It was one of the last built bluebirds and was launched in 1982.

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Small first aid kit

Sails

2 x main sails in fair condtion
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All sheets to control sails

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1 x interior light
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1 Anchor light

Motor

5 HP Marina outboard



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From the Editor

Hi All,

It's certainly great to see so much on going interest in the Bluebird fleet. The sailing has been superb and to see the level of competition is a great incentive for everyone to improve or hone their skills. One has to ask 'why you would go out and spend obscene amounts of money on a 30 + footer?' when the trusty Bluey can offer you class racing at a very affordable price. This is the message we should be spreading to anyone keen to get in to some weekend sailing. Please keep in mind that there are only so many Bluebirds left in the bay, so let's not see our numbers diminish. If you know anyone who's interested, let them know about yachts like Kotare and Hanini. We don't want to see these yachts go else where!

We recently had a weigh in day during which about 5 Blueys were weighed and had sails measured. Remarkably, the average weight came in at about 1400 kgs. Paramour topped the scales at around 1700 kgs! Mmmmm!

There has been quite a bit of interest in an overnight trip down to docklands and it looks like the Sandy overnighter is on again in the new year with Marshall offering to organise.

I look forward to catching up with you all during the Lipton Cup Regatta

In November.

Cheers,
Nick

Class Monkey 2012 Winter Series Results

Race

3
drops

SAIL NO.	YACHT	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total	BB Cup
R479	TANDEKA	Roberts	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	3	1	6	1	2		26	13
R57	DRAMBUIE	Black	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3		25	16
R280	Secret	Fell	4	3	3	3	3	1	4	2	3	1	2	1		30	19
H271	WARRANILLA	Mcgrath	5	4	4	5	4	6	1	13	4	2	13	13		74	35
R292	REVEL	Norman	3	5	9	9	5	3	6	6	9	12	6	5		78	48
R471	NUNYARRA	Barnett	7	6	7	7	6	5	13	4	7	5	4	4		75	48
R711	PANACEA	Findlay	12	12	6	4	7	8	13	9	5	4	5	8		93	56
H56	BOUNTY	Hocking	6	7	11	8	8	7	9	13	10	12	13	13		117	78
H241	SHADOW	Lewis	8	8	10	10	13	13	9	13	8	12	7	6		117	78
R147	GAYLENE	Blunt	12	12	8	11	13	13	5	5	13	13	13	13		131	92
H1150	Moody Blue	Wilson	12	12	5	6	13	13	13	13	6	12	13	13		131	94
H66	Paramour	Goodwin	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	9	12	12	13	13		148	109

Class Monkey 2012 Winter Series Handicap

Results

Race

3 drops

SAIL NO.	YACHT	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total	BB Cup
R479	TANDEKA	Roberts	2	2	3	4	5	7	4	4	1	6	1	1		40	22
R280	Secret	Fell	5	5	2	2	3	2	5	2	5	1	3	4		39	24
R57	DRAMBUIE	Black	4	6	1	3	6	5	3	1	4	4	4	5		46	29
R292	REVEL	Norman	1	1	10	10	1	1	6	6	9	12	6	3		66	34
H271	WARRANILLA	Mcgrath	6	3	4	5	4	6	1	13	6	2	13	13		76	37
R471	NUNYARRA	Barnett	8	8	6	7	7	4	13	3	7	5	2	6		76	47
R711	PANACEA	Findlay	12	12	5	1	8	8	13	9	3	3	5	8		87	50
H241	SHADOW	Lewis	7	7	9	8	13	13	9	13	2	12	7	2		102	63
H56	BOUNTY	Hocking	3	4	11	9	2	3	9	13	10	12	13	13		102	63
R147	GAYLENE	Blunt	12	12	8	11	13	13	2	5	13	13	13	13		128	89
H1150	Moody Blue	Wilson	13	13	7	6	13	13	13	13	8	12	13	13		137	98
H66	Paramour	Goodwin	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	9	12	12	13	13		148	109

Notice of AGM

THE BLUEBIRD YACHT ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

Dear Members,

Please be advised that the 2012BYAV AGM has been scheduled for 7.00 pm on the 9th November 2012.

The meeting will be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

All members and friends are welcome.

Apologies can be forwarded to the secretary.

Regards,

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2012 Presentation Dinner
7.30 pm on the 9th Nov 12 (after the AGM)
at RYCV.
Details to be confirmed.

The latest from Ivan & Louise in Port Vila

Hello everyone,

Just to let you know that Louise & I are about to cast off for the final leg of our cruise to Australia. We have joined the Port to Port rally for yachts entering Bundaberg from the 15 th Oct to 16 th Nov. We hope to arrive on about the 23rd. About a hundred yachts have entered this rally which should make entry as our first port of call easier & apparently streamlined. We shall see.

Louise has been able to put another entry to our blog site www.bringingbriohome.blogspot.com while here,

but as we are only in Port Vila few 2 days all is a rush. We had a wonderful time at the more southern Islands of Vanuatu being Aneityum & Tanna, spending 3 weeks there, having sailed direct from Tonga about 1000 NM.

Now we are looking at a 1100 NM passage.

Hope everyone is doing well,

All the best,

Ivan & Louise



Ann Goodwin's Article for the RYCV Mag



Ann is the Treasurer of the BYAV and a passionate Bluebird owner. Below is an extract she provided for the RYCV Magazine

Wednesday twilights: Nunyarra, Tandeka and Drambuie have raised the profile of the Bluebird class in Division C of the twilight races. Nunyarra skippered by David Barnett with crew Peter Behrendt and Ann Goodwin, won series B Division C (10/11) on handicap. The following summer (season 2011/12) Tandeka - Peter Roberts and Gary Prestedge, performed well to win series B and achieved 2nd place in Division C for both Series A and B. Nunyarra came 4th. Three other Bluebirds competed as casual entries during the season. They were Secret, Panacea, and Paramour.

Audi Victoria Week: The passage race to Geelong on a Bluebird can be long day on the water if the breeze is hard to find. Six Bluebirds completed the race in January 2011 when dinner at the Indian restaurant was delayed by an hour. Secret was the winner in the Bluebird series over four races. No Bluebirds went to Geelong in 2012.

Bluebird Class Races

Bluebird Cup: Over the winter months yachts compete for the Bluebird Cup. In 2010, the inaugural Class Monkeys series was held on the alternate week to the Brass Monkeys races. This series was imitated by Peter Roberts with assistance from RYCV race management and supported with enthusiasm by Bluebird and Diamond classes.

State Titles: The Bluebird state championships are held over seven races in February/ March. In 2011 racing was close right up to the last race where Panacea – raced by Nick Findlay beat Drambuie sailed by Craig Black to win the state title. This year, Tandeka, Nunyarra, and Panacea competed strongly against Drambuie. However Craig on Drambuie single-handedly attained an unassailable lead after five races to become State Bluebird champion for 2012 with Tandeka in second place.

Polly Woodside Trophy: A long course series is conducted in conjunction with other events the Bluebirds compete in. One long distance race (12nm) from each of the main events is allocated to the Polly Woodside Trophy. Four races have been available from the Bluebird winter series Class Monkeys, Lipton Regatta long race and the Bluebird summer series State championships and the Geelong passage race. The format for PWT is under review to consider an alternative long distance race to the Geelong passage race. A handicap format has been introduced to encourage entries. The best three results from four races are used to award trophy points.

Crystal Ball gazing for season 2012- 2013 ...

Another two Bluebird yachts, Moody Blue and Shadow are due to “nest” at the club. As more Bluebirds attain an AMS handicap rating, look for them in mixed fleet racing eg. in the non-spinnaker division of the Brass Monkeys next winter. For more information on the fleet or past BYAV newsletters visit www.bluebirdsailing.org.au

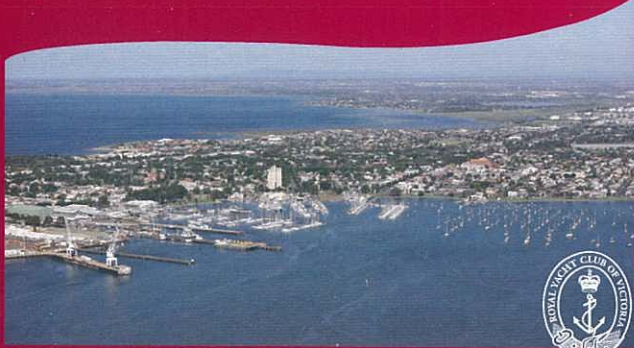
For Sale
“Seahorse”
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The Venue

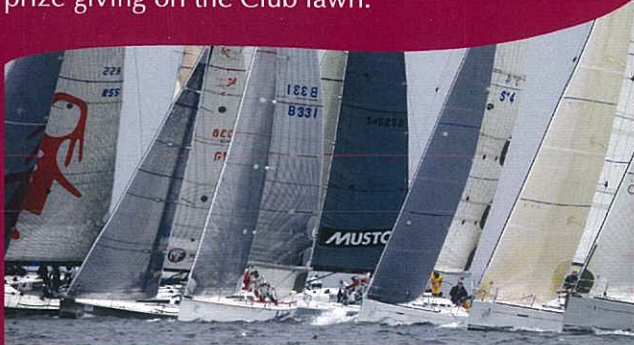
The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria was first founded in May 1853 as the Port Phillip Yacht Club and has been known by its current name since 1887. In more recent times the Club has gained a reputation for providing excellent race management in a variety of formats to suit a wide range of sailing enthusiasts. The waters to the south of Point Gellibrand offer excellent sailing, dramatic views of the city of Melbourne and fresh summer sea breezes.



The Regatta

The Lipton Cup Regatta is a two day event that caters to the serious racing fraternity by offering a combination of short course racing and long distance racing as well as an enjoyable weekends sailing for the cruising boats with long distance races on both days.

The weekend is concluded with entertainment and prize giving on the Club lawn.



Berthing

Berthing will be available at Williamstown for either overnight stay or for the full regatta weekend at no cost.

Social Program

The Social Program will complement the Racing Program and reflect the nature of the event and the competitors.

The program for Saturday incorporates live music and various dining options. Breakfasts and lunches will be available at the Club throughout the regatta.

The Presentation ceremony will be held as soon as practical upon conclusion of racing on Sunday 18th November. OTB presentations will take place on Saturday 17 November at Williamstown Sailing Club.

Race Entries and Further Information

Online entry will be available not later than August 30 on the Lipton Cup Regatta web page www.liptoncupregatta.com

Enquiries may also be directed to the Race Director on (03) 9397 1277.



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LIPTON CUP REGATTA

17th & 18th November 2012

Divisions

Racing will be conducted in seven Divisions in three different course areas.

Division A, B, C and D IRC/AMS and PHD racing windward/leeward on Saturday and a long distance race on Sunday.

Trailable Yacht and Sportsboat Division CBH/SMS racing windward/leeward on Saturday and a long distance race on Sunday. A valid SMS rating certificate is required for entry in the Sportsboat Division.

Cruising with Spinnaker Division AMS/PHD racing around fixed mark courses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday scored as standalone races and as a series.

Cruising Non-Spinnaker Division AMS/PHD racing around fixed mark courses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday scored as standalone races and as a series.

OTB Williamstown Sailing Club will be conducting the races for this division. Courses will be laid in Hobsons Bay.

Yachts that do not hold either an IRC, AMS or SMS certificate may be entered in Division B, C or D at the Race Director's discretion.

Schedule of Races and Course Locations

The Regatta combines windward/leeward and passage course racing on Saturday November 17th followed by a longer distance race on Sunday November 18th.

Short Races – Saturday 17th November
Warning Signal 1025hrs

For Divisions A, B, C, D Trailable Yachts and Sportsboats, three short course races will be conducted on Saturday, each with a target duration of 75 minutes and a minimal interval between races:-

- ❖ **Division A and B** will compete around laid marks in the open waters of Port Phillip, west of the main shipping channel.
- ❖ **Division C and Sportsboats** will compete around laid marks in the open waters of Port Phillip, east of the main shipping channel.
- ❖ **Division D and Trailable Yachts** will race around laid marks in Hobsons Bay.

Cruising Divisions – Saturday 17th November
Warning Signal 1325hrs

- ❖ **Cruising with Spinnaker** will compete over a fixed marks course with target race duration of two hours. The race will start and finish south of St Kilda in the vicinity of R3.

- ❖ **Cruising Non-Spinnaker** will compete over a fixed marks course with target race duration of two hours. The race will start and finish south of St Kilda in the vicinity of R3.

Long Race – Sunday 18th November
Warning Signal 0955hrs

- ❖ **For all divisions** the longer distance race will start and finish south of St Kilda in the vicinity of R3 with separate starts for each division. The course will be around fixed marks with a range of course options to provide target race duration of between 4 and 4.5 hours for all divisions.

The Sunday race is designed to facilitate a presentation at 1600hrs on the lawn of RYCV.

Invited Classes

Subject to race entries, Class and one design racing will be accommodated and separately scored within the above Divisions. Invited classes will include:

- ❖ **Sydney 38**
- ❖ **Diamond**
- ❖ **J24**
- ❖ **Bluebirds**
- ❖ **OTB invited classes** (at Williamstown Sailing Club)
- ❖ **S80**
- ❖ **Noelex 25**
- ❖ **Beneteau 36.7**
- ❖ **SB3**

