



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

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Social Sail this Saturday and Sunday 28/29 Jan

Meet at RYCV @ 10 am with your yachts rigged and ready to go!

More details below..

Hi Bluebirders,

This Saturday 28th January, the BYAV is having a 'social sail' from Williamstown to Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC). To join in, set your boat up on Saturday morning, then meet at Royals on the deck at 10am for a briefing, where you'll be told the "route" for the day (this will match forecast wind direction). We aim to depart at about 11 am, finishing at Sandringham Yacht Club. We will berth at SYC, stay overnight, then sail another "route" back to Williamstown, ending at RYCV on the Sunday afternoon 29th Jan.

A donation of \$20 is suggested per boat (to go to the Off the Beach Program) and a cost of \$5 per head for those staying or joining us for the BBQ on Sat evening (the BYAV will provide the food).

For catering purposes, please send a reply email (or phone call) expressing your interest in joining the weekend. Partners, friends, etc are welcome to join us at SYC (Off the Beach area) for the BBQ (Parking above club) or for a 8 am breakfast Sunday morning at Ken King Centre, SYC.

Regards,

David Barnett, BYAV President

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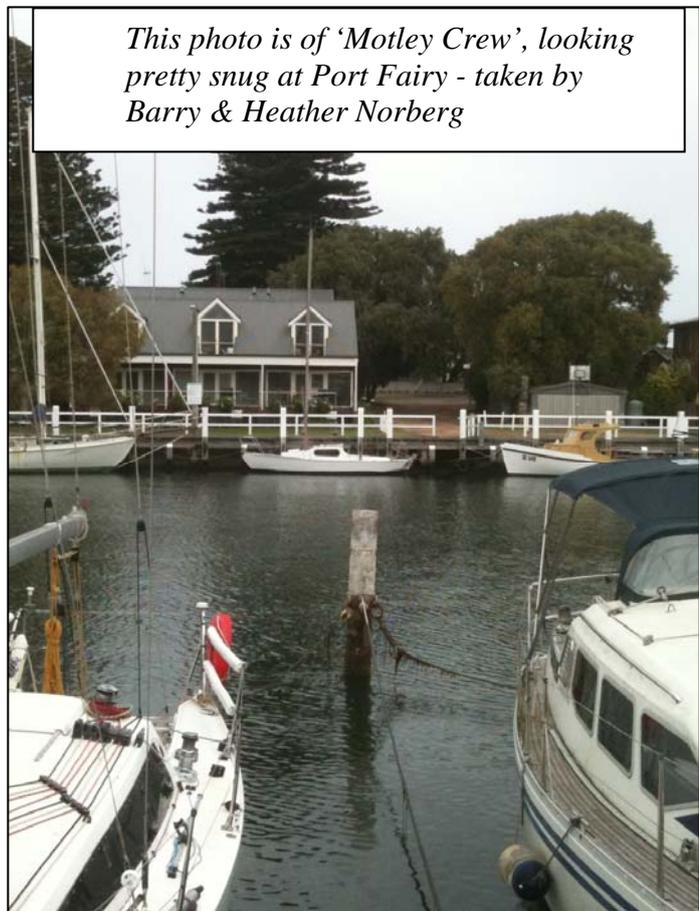
BYAV STATE TITLES 2012

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Details such as NOR, SI's and entry fees will follow soon. It would be great to see as many Bluebirds as possible out on the water during the series.

RYCV will be the organising authority.

This photo is of 'Motley Crew', looking pretty snug at Port Fairy - taken by Barry & Heather Norberg





Past President Ian Lewis presents the Bluebird Cup to winner Craig Black, skipper of Drambuie. Other prize winners are (L to R) Peter Roberts, Dave Barnett & Tim Blunt

From the President, David Barnett

G'day Bluebirders,

The 2011/2012 season began with the Pollywoodside Race1 being either blown out or abandoned due to light winds. We finally achieved a Pollywoodside result for the Lipton Cup Long Race. We had strong winds of 20 knots for most of the race, with winds gusting up to 30 knots in the last half hour. Congratulations to Tandeka for 1st place over the line, followed by Secret, then Revel, with Revel winning the Lipton Cup Long Race on handicap.

A fleet of eight Bluebirds raced in the Lipton Cup Regatta. Three short course races were held on the Saturday in light to moderate winds. Congratulations to Secret, winning the Lipton Cup Bluebird Division overall (2nd in Division D), with Revel 2nd and Drambuie 3rd. The Lipton Cup Series was well organized by the RYCV and great fun for all who took part.

Bluebirds had a strong presence in the Wednesday twilight series of races in Division C with Tandeka proving again that Bluebirds could challenge at the front of the fleet. Nunyarra and Tandeka were tied with Lancoorie for equal 1st for Division C Series A, before strong winds in the last race favoured the larger Lancoorie. Congratulations to Tandeka 2nd and Nunyarra 3rd in Series A. Both Bluebirds are still in contention to win Series B and/or the 2011/12 Twilight Division C overall.

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). It would be great to have some other Bluebirds join Nunyarra and Tandeka out there. You can enter single races if you can't commit to the whole of Series B in 2012. If you don't have time to get your boat on the water, but want to crew for Tandeka or Nunyarra, just turn up before 5.20 pm at the Royals. In the strong sea breezes, when we are often overpowered, a 4th or 5th crew member helps. Good to Secret join Tandeka and Nunyarra for the first race of Series B.

I completed the 'Race Tactics' course at the Royals in November. I would highly recommend skippers and crew who want to improve their performance in races to do these courses conducted at RYCV. The courses are run by racing coach Mark Tonner-Joyce. Look on the RYCV website for courses in 2012, or contact Gavin Wall at the club.

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Wanted: Newsletter articles

Nothing too large or small!!

Please forward to Nick Findlay, Secretary nicbec@gmail.com



Members of the BYAV enjoy a relaxing meal on the eve of the AGM in October

Summary of the 2011 AGM held at RYCV 22nd October 2011

President David Barnett welcomed the members and proceeded to highlight the sailing activities of the previous 12 months. He pointed out that there continues to be a healthy and active racing calendar:

9 entrants to Lipton Cup Regatta 2010

7 entrants to Geelong Week 2011

13 entrants to the 2011 State championships

7 participants in the Pollywoodside Series

10 entrants to the Class Monkey series (Bluebird Cup)

A healthy number of members and friends enjoyed another successful presentation dinner and there was an impromptu BBQ held on the day of a cancelled race.

Mention was made of the movement of six Bluebirds from HBYC to RYCV. This had not harmed the numbers racing; if anything it had provoked more interest.

David encouraged members to participate in Wednesday evening twilight races and expressed his gratitude to Peter Roberts for his contribution to promoting racing activities, particularly the Class Monkey (Bluebird Cup) series. The State Championships 2012 will be hosted by RYCV.

David finally thanked the committee for their assistance throughout the year.

Membership numbers have remained very static from the previous year:

29 Financial Members

6 Life Members

Official resignations received Nil

John Owens (ex-owner of Motley Crew) has resigned from his position as Vice-president (replaced by Tim Blunt)

Ivan Knight (ex-owner of Paramour) has resigned from the committee. Peter Roberts has joined the committee.

Yacht Register

16 yachts remain on the Bluebird register owned by financial members.

Paramour sold by Past President Ivan Knight to Barry Norberg and subsequently on to Ann Goodwin (Treasurer)

Motley Crew sold to unknown and moved to Port Fairy

Bet you didn't know about this "Shadowy" character...

Our scientists clone first calf

By VANESSA WILLIAMS,
science reporter

MELBOURNE scientists have cloned Australia's first animal — a dairy calf called Suzi born four weeks ago.

And her twin, implanted into a different cow, is due in a month.

In another breakthrough, a cloned lamb called Matilda is expected to be displayed today in South Australia.

Scientists say Suzi will produce better milk and Matilda will provide better wool.

Researcher Dr Ian Lewis predicted dairy herds made from six or seven cloned cell lines could be common within 10 years.

The Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development, private company Genetics Australia, the Victorian Institute of Animal Science and the Dairy Research and Development Corporation worked together to produce Suzi.

Australian scientists have cloned animals before, using cells taken from an embryo that had not matured into specific cell types, such as liver, kidney or skin.

But this is the first time Australia had a clone made from mature, or differentiated, cells.

It is the same technique used by Scottish scientists to clone Dolly the sheep.

In Suzi's case, skin cells from a fetus were used instead of cells from an udder.

Suzi was cloned from a cow fetus that, if it had lived, would have produced superior milk.

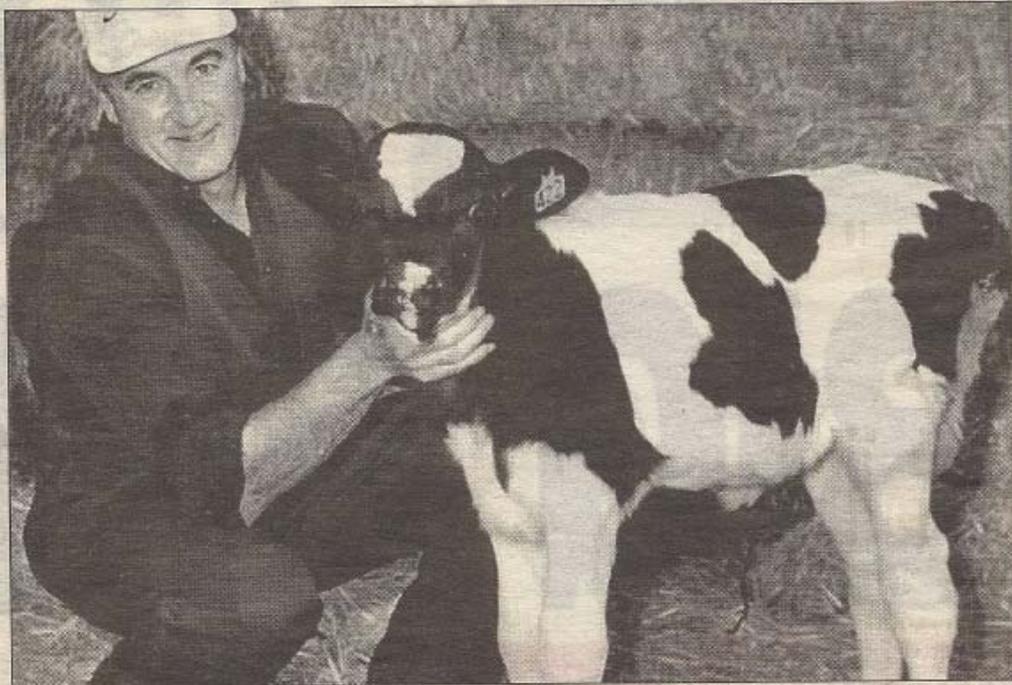
Scientists took eggs from the ovaries of abattoir carcasses and removed their DNA.

They then used an electrical impulse to transfer the superior DNA to the now-empty egg.

The egg was implanted into a surrogate beef cow for the nine-month gestation.

Suzi and her twin were among 24 clones implanted into 12 cows and were the only ones to survive.

Dr Lewis said dairy cow clones



Clone ranger: Melbourne researcher Ian Lewis with Suzi the calf. Picture: REUTERS

could be ready for market within five years and could be sold for as little as \$30 each.

"Instead of buying semen in a straw, farmers will have the option of buying a clone," he said.

He predicted dairy herds could be made up of six to seven cloned cell lineages.

"Otherwise farmers would have all their genetic eggs in one basket and could be vulnerable if one cell line was more susceptible to a particular type of disease," he said.

"This will enable the genetic gain of cows that would take about 30 years with normal breeding to be accomplished in five years."

The researchers are working on cloning new dairy cell lines in beef and dairy cattle.

Details of the SA project that produced Matilda are expected to be revealed today.

"We've been working for a number of years on the development of the technology," said Rob Lewis of the South Australian Research and Development Institute.

"Part of our cloning program is aimed at wool. We're looking at a whole range of technologies."

News of the clones drew cautious support from ethics and animal welfare groups.

RSPCA president Dr Hugh

Animal Welfare League Victoria managing director Jim Wilson said he accepted cloning was inevitable and would protest only if clones were worse off.

Genetics network head Bob Phelps said dairy herds cloned from just six to seven cell lines would be more inbred.

"A loss of biological diversity could be a major threat to food in the long term as a breed would be less fit," he said.

Organic Federation of Australia head Scott Kinnear warned consumers may have religious or

Ian Lewis is owner of Bluebird 'Shadow' (HBYC) and is a regular in all BYAV sailing activities.

