



BYAV MONTHLY FLYER - NOV 2010

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President's Report from the AGM.



Once again

the 2009/10 sailing year was a winner for Bluebirders with lots of fun cruising and racing. The year kicked off with an overnighter at Docklands after the HBYC Open Day sail past. Other spontaneous cruises around the bay by various Bluebirds ensured plenty of leisurely cruising during the year.

On the racing front, the November 2009 *Lipton's Regatta*, hosted by the RYCV, again had a strong Bluebird contingent enjoying the Royal's hospitality.

In January, the "must sail my Bluebird in" *Geelong Regatta*

(now sponsored by Audi) saw 9 Bluebird's competing and enjoying the sailing and socializing that are a hallmark of this great event – the largest yachting regatta in the Southern hemisphere.

The *2010 State Titles* had 13 entrants racing 2 races each day over 3 days, (with a 4th day booked just in case), a format which seems to suit most of us. Great competitive Class racing as is fitting of the State Titles, but not so competitive that it isn't fun, even for those of us "back in the ruck".

The *Pollywoodside series*, ably run by Christian O'Halloran, provides a challenging long course series of 4 races which adds to the spice and variety of Bluebird racing calendar.

The inaugural *Class Monkey's* series, the brain child of Peter Roberts, proved a great success and while only 2 classes (Bluebirds and Diamonds) competed in the 9 race series this year, it is sure to grow in popularity and stature over the years, as it's hard to beat Class racing. Congratulations to Peter, whose enthusiasm and drive ensured the success of the 1st Class Monkeys series, and a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the sponsor whose contributions ensured a very welcome interclub, interclass interaction after each race. The main sponsors were:

Holdfast Plumbing and Marine,
Rightship
Vicsail + Power
Jeanneau

At an age when I should be winding down from "serious" work, unfortunately I seem to be heading in the other direction. My bank manager (what's a financial adviser?) says I have to keep my head down and bum up for a few more years yet. Consequently, after 3 years as BYAV Secretary and the last 2 years as President, I must step back a little and hand over the reigns as President, although I am staying as a Committee member.

Tandeka back on the hardstand

It's great to see Tandeka back on her cradle after a significant down time. She's looking pretty fast too! More inside..



It has been an enjoyable time for me on the BYAV Executive and a privilege to preside over the relaxed, fun loving and “competitive enough, but not obsessively so” fleet of Bluebirders for the last 2 years. As I have remarked on previously, my task has been made easy by the excellent BYAV committee whose common sense and commitment to outcomes ensure that the BYAV remains an enjoyable and effective organization.

Nick Findlay – Secretary for the last 2 years (after a previous stint in the job a few years ago), does a heap of work for the Association - as BYAV racing series organizer, publisher of “Bluebird Flyer” monthly newsletter and lots of other stuff. Thanks Nick.

Ann Goodwin – since taking over as BYAV Treasurer has done a really great job.

Once again, the Pollywoodside “long-course” series was well run by Christian O’Halloran.

John Owens , BYAV Vice President has been an important link for the Association to the HBYC Racing Committee.

Warwick Norman as “webmaster” of the Bluebird website has set up and maintained a good interactive website

Thanks also to the Rest of the Committee –Tim Blunt, David Barnett, Glenn Hall, Ivan Knight, Jock Murphy

Ian Lewis



LIPTON CUP REGATTA 2010

November 20-21

INVITATION

The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, as the Organising Authority, invites entries from Keelboats, Cruising Yachts, Trailable Sportsboats and Trailable Yachts currently on the register of a Yachting Australia (YA) and/or Yachting Victoria (YV) affiliated yacht club to the Lipton Cup Regatta to be conducted on the waters of Hobsons Bay and Port Phillip on the 20th and 21st November 2010.

On-line entry is now OPEN

Entries close 1200hrs 18th November 2010., Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Division D Smaller Keel Yachts and Trailable Yachts with a CBH Of 0.799 or less

A Regatta entry fee of \$60 for division D

SCHEDULE OF RACES

There will be 4 races in the series

Race Day & Date Time of first Warning Signal

Division D

Race 1 20th November 1025

Race 2 20th November As soon as practical after race 1

Race 3 20th November As soon as practical after race 2

Race 4 21st November 0955

For more information, contact the RYCV office by phone on 9397 1277 or email rycv@rycv.asn.au

Get your entries in!! This is a great event and should not be missed, Nick

Editor's Note

Welcome to another 'not-so-monthly flyer... In October we held the 2010 AGM. Unfortunately there were only about a dozen people in attendance. Had there not been free beer over the bar afterwards, associated with the Class Monkey Presentation Night, I think there would have been even less!

There has been a bit of movement in the last few months in Bluebird ownership and it looks like there is more to come. Secret has moved over to RYCV and the new owners: Lyndsay Lauder, Marshall Gibbs and Gary Fell are slowly but surely getting the boat in to racing condition. Welcome aboard Gents! Jock Murphy has gone 'missing in action' and I suspect it is the lure of owning and sailing a larger yacht that is the catalyst for his absence. No doubt he will come back into the fold when he realises the pleasure one gains from sailing the Bluey!!

Rumour has it that Motley Crew is on the market and so is Hanini. Finally Peter Roberts has taken ownership of Bunyip which was owned by past member, Mick Doull. Hopefully we will see Bunyip restored to good health and brought back in to the racing fleet.

I should report that Jean Price has been out of action for a while due to back problems, so on behalf of the BYAV, I hope she returns to good health very soon. Ann Goodwin, our Treasurer, has also recently had surgery and I will be happy to see her smiley face back on Nunyarra's deck (behind Panacea). There has been a move of about 6 yachts over to RYCV. It's quite an impressive sight seeing + 7 bluebirds all lined up on their cradles. This has created quite a stir at Royals and has certainly raised the visibility of the class. You will see Drambuie, Tandeka, Gaylene, Nunyarra, Paramour, Secret and Revel all over there and Panacea will be there shortly after I learn how to make the paint stop running down the hull!! Oh what fun it is to sand and paint a yacht. Thank God it's not a 40 footer!

Don't forget that the Lipton Cup Regatta is next weekend and a good showing of Bluebirds is expected.



The Bluebird fleet at Royals

FOR SALE

Hanini 11

Bluebird 22

The asking price is \$5500

Includes: 3 spinnakers, 2 mains, 4 headsails and a 2006 model 4hp mercury outboard motor.

Anyone interested can contact Dan Kennedy on 0418 508100.



The New BYAV Committee

Office Bearers:

President: David Barnett
Vice President: John Owens
Secretary: Nick Findlay
Treasurer: Ann Goodwin

General Committee:

Ivan Knight, Tim Blunt, Warwick Norman, Christian O'Halloran, Ian Lewis, Barry Nordberg and Glenn Hall

THE TANDEKA REVIVAL

Due to slight altercation with Chelinda, a swanston 36, during a Brass Monkey and a Bluebird Cup race some 3 years ago a rather large hole appeared in the forward portside of Tandeka. The mast was subsequently reconfigured during the entanglement to a Mirror style two piece arrangement that would also require some attention.

After much soul searching and deliberation (much Frothies required) it was decided to remove the keel and put the boat into the factory of Peter's and repaint it. Code for a complete strip down and re-glass and rebuild the cockpit.

The finished product is seen with a fully sheathed hull and deck and new cockpit layout.

Most boats are seen as a marriage. So to embrace this theory, you need something old (the hull) something borrowed (the mast) and something blue (colour of the hull) all the elements to stand up to the test of time.

I'm sure Peter will have many a happy day on the water with his revitalized charge now back in its element.

Regards

Dave Wallace

