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**Shortland Bluff from the Rip!**



## ***From the Editor***

Hi everyone,

It has been a busy year, and now we are in December... Christmas is almost here, and with it the promise of some warmer weather, at least for a day or two, and a break so we can go sailing.

Our plans have been temporarily delayed with a routine service of the tow car turning into a much larger job, but it will be done, and ready around the New Year I am now hoping. At least there isn't much else left to go wrong!!! (Did I just moz myself properly???)

We will be heading for the Gippsland Lakes for a week at least, and hoping for some great weather. I believe we might need lots of insect repellent, though.

The boat is almost right to go—just needs a good wash to get rid of the accumulated grime from sitting in the driveway. Amazing where the neighbour's pine and sheoak needles get to... they seem to like the sliding hatch particularly!

As always, please take photos and put some words on paper to share your summer adventures with

the rest of us. It's always good to read about where you went and what you did, and places to visit, and the shallow bits to avoid!

Whatever you do over the break, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and good times spent with family and friends.



Fair sailing,  
Marg

Refuge  
Cove  
(The  
Prom)  
June 2008



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## Travellers Series

The recent Around Sunday Island Race hosted by Port Albert Yacht Club in Victoria was attended by six Noelex 25 and some close racing took place with the lead changing several times. This race was the first heat in the Noelex Travellers Series as well as being a heat in the Victorian Trailable Yacht Travellers Series. The next heat in both series is the Queenscliff Geelong Race, hosted by Geelong Trailable Yacht Club. Following abandoned race dates due to weather, the rescheduled date is Saturday 14 January 2017.

## 2017 Australian Championships at Geelong

The NYAA has reached an agreement with Royal Geelong Yacht Club to host the 2017 Australian Noelex 25 and Noelex 30 Championships on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 2017. The Notice of Race is being finalised and will be distributed in early 2017. NYAA Committee member Trevor Brown, owner of Noelex 30 "*Fleurieu Warrior*", is a member at RGYC and is keen to see a fleet of Noelex 30 at this event. Trevor will be involved in advising RGYC on courses that will suit the Noelex 30 sailors. Corio Bay offers great sailing in all conditions and RGYC has an outstanding record of providing great racing. Geelong and the surrounds have a lot to offer and may be some of the interstate members will take the opportunity to make the trip and spend a few more days exploring the region.

## Summer cruising and the newsletter

As we move into Summer it would be great to hear from members on their favourite cruising experiences. The Newsletter Editor, Marg Goddard, would welcome some photos and a brief account on your summer cruising. It would be great to see a few stories from a number of States to highlight the variety of waterways we have available. The NYAA Committee recently discussed the circulation of the Newsletter and resolved to proceed with mailing hard copies to members. Emailed newsletters whilst convenient and cheap, were often 'lost' or not read. The next newsletter in

early 2017 will be mailed to your address.

## 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing

The 2017-20 Racing Rules of Sailing come into effect from 1 January 2017 and are now available to download from the Australian Sailing website. For the first time, the rules have been published online free of charge in a bookmarked PDF format for all Australian Sailing members to access. The second release of the Blue E-Book will contain Part 1 and Part 2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, applicable from 1 July 2017.

## Safety matter

A recent safety seminar held in Melbourne highlighted the need for skippers and crew to be aware of the legal requirements for servicing inflatable personal flotation devices (lifejackets). PFD's are being inspected for compliance with annual servicing as prescribed by the manufacturer. Evidence of the annual servicing needs to be carried with the device or on the boat. This servicing can be done by yourself; check your own PFD manufacturer's instructions.

The other major learning of the seminar was the need for us all to read and understand the instructions on flares. Recently distributed flares may be different to flares you may have used or practiced with in the past. They are dangerous and in an emergency situation it would be most reassuring if you had some familiarity with their safe use.

Best wishes for the coming festive and holiday season. Stay safe on and off the water.

Ron Parker  
President  
NX744 Tainui



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

December 2016



Hi All,

Good News – the National Noelex 25 and Noelex 30 Championships is now set for Saturday and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017, at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. With the early notice there should be no excuses why you cannot participate. Keep your eyes open early next year for the Notice of Race.

Trevor Brown as the NX30 Representative will be very active in getting all the NX30 sailors to participate. We need a minimum of five (5) NX30 to hold a Championship event.

## Victorian Trailable Yacht Division Traveller Series including the Noelex Traveller Series Calendar 2016-2017:

**Please note** that the date for Race 1 the **GTYC Queenscliff to Geelong race** has again been postponed. The new date being 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 venue Geelong Trailable Yacht Club.

Race 2      Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016      Port Albert Yacht Club      Around Sunday Island Race

Race 3      Sat. 18 & Sun 19 Feb. 2017      Gippsland Lakes YC      Victorian Trailable Yacht & Sports Boat State Titles

Race 4      Sat 11 & Sun 12 March 2017      Lake Wellington YC      Marlay Point Overnight Race

Race 5      Saturday 22 April 2017      Lock Sport Boat Club      Loch Sport Lakes Challenge

Race 6      Saturday 30 April 2017      Melbourne Trailable YC      MTYC Four Points Race

Race 7      Sat 20 & Sun 21 May 2017      Royal Geelong YC      National Noelex Championships  
NX 25's & NX 30's

### Welcome to New Members:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who have joined our Association in the past few months:

|                            |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Norbert & Elizabeth Hrouda | NX 30 # 1567 | "Itchy Feet" |
| Dave Smith                 | NX 30 # 1614 | "Laura"      |
| Wilson & Coralie Bond      | NX 25 # 648  | "Wizard"     |

And our best wishes for the future to our retiring members:

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Graeme & Tonia Vertigan #631 | Don & Lilly Shortridge # 1008 |
| Ross & Lyn Winzer #          | Noel Cooper # 974             |
| Ian & Julie Roberts #993     |                               |

### Noelex 25 Decals:

Members are reminded that the Secretary has on hand, Noelex 25 decals at a cost of \$20 a set of two (2) for members and \$30 a set for non-members, plus \$6.00 for postage.

### Editorials :

Remember, any contributions of sailing articles, cruise activities, photographs, would be greatly appreciated and should be emailed to our Telltales Editor, Marg Goddard at the following email address:

[margg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:margg@bigpond.net.au)

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All,  
Until next time**

**Veronica Burgess  
Secretary**



# Flare Demonstration and PFD Servicing...

On November 30, representatives from MTYC, the NYAA, Baysiders and various hangers on, attended a great demonstration of the appropriate use of flares, and servicing of inflatable lifejackets given by Peter for Pains Wessex, and Tim Warner for Marine Safety Victoria—now Transport Safety Victoria.

Peter began proceedings by showing us the new type of red flare, which has been in use for the last 3 or 4 years—I checked when I got home, and the current flares I have are of the new type.

Note that to use these flares you must first extend them until they click into place... It takes a firm tug and is not something you would want to try and figure out in an emergency! It was embarrassing to a number of us that we hadn't realised the design had changed!!

To the delight of the local sea scouts, we then each had a go at letting off a flare. It was good to do this again and refresh the memory.

It is always impressive to see the heat generated by the red flares particularly, and to understand that you cannot extinguish them. One was ignited and dropped into a bucket of water where it continued burning. The casing of the red flare was white hot when the flare had gone out, and it was a reminder to not drop the spent flare into the boat, to cause further problems...

It was noted that once the flares have expired they become dangerous goods, which has rather different connotations for carrying them...

Tim then went through the safety requirements for inflatable lifejackets/pfds. These should be visually inspected on each occasion you go out, but are required to have an annual inspection. They are not legal unless dated proof of inspection is recorded on the jacket by whoever inspects it. The procedures for doing this inspection can be downloaded from the various manufacturer's websites, along with forms to record the results of the inspection. Most jackets have a tab on which the test can be recorded also. If this is not present to be shown as required, Tim suggested that a copy of the inspection report be carried in the pocket of the jacket (in a suitable plastic bag) to comply with the requirements.



Example requirements:

Marlin

<http://www.marlin-australia.com.au/inflatable-servicing.html>

Burke

[https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0661/4837/files/Inflatable\\_PFD\\_Self\\_Inspection\\_Manual.pdf?17836141347623498507](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0661/4837/files/Inflatable_PFD_Self_Inspection_Manual.pdf?17836141347623498507)

Google "inflatable life jacket servicing" to locate instructions for your make and model.

All in all it was an informative evening for those who attended. Thanks to MTYC for organising it and opening it to other associations.

Marg Goddard



# 2016/2017 DOUGLAS TROPHY – TRAILABLE YACHT SERIES

**Saturdays 26 November 2016, 21 January 2017,  
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In 2016 BYS was crowned Victorian Discover Sailing Centre of the year - join fellow trailable yacht sailors in the first Douglas Trophy race series (class based handicap) and find out why. BYS has undergone the greatest transformation in its history, with a \$5m clubhouse completed in 2015 – incorporating facilities that include a bistro, members lounge, canteen, licensed bar and deck with stunning views of the bay and surrounding coastline. The club offers a range of opportunities for all ages and levels of sailing.



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## Warneet Around French Island Race (WAFIR)



The annual Warneet Around French Island Race (WAFIR) is on again. The pre race briefing is at the Warneet Motor Yacht Club at 7 PM on Friday the 24 th February, 2017. Finger food provided.

Race day is Saturday 25th February, 2017, start time is 9am. See below for Entry Forms and Notice of Race

WAFIR Notice of Race  
[wafir2017nor](#)

WAFIR Entry Form  
[wafir2017norwafir-entry](#)

[www.warneetyachtclub.com.au](http://www.warneetyachtclub.com.au)

### Race Inquiries:

All racing inquiries should be directed to the Rear Commodore, Alex Stroud  
Email: [sthmst729@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sthmst729@yahoo.com.au)  
Phone: 0403 739 119

## BOATS CURRENTLY FOR SALE ON WEBSITE

NX 30...  
N30 #1568 "Kanda II"

NX 25...  
#723 "Sirocco"  
#767 "Serenity"  
#794 "Director Special"  
#986 "Proteus"  
#754 "Capricorn Dancer"

For further information please see our website:

<http://noelex.org.au/>

If your boat is sold, please let the Webmaster know so that it can be removed from the website



Anyone for a bow thruster???  
Found somewhere on the net!



The Iron Pot!





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## Travellers Series 2016 – 2017

*To be conducted at the following events in conjunction with the Trailable Yacht Division of Yachting Victoria.*

| Date                             | Host Club                      | Event  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>NOW Jan 14 2017</b>           | Geelong Trailable Yacht Club   | Queenscliff To Geelong Race                          |
| Sat 03<br>December 2016          | Port Albert Yacht Club         | Around Sunday Island Race                            |
| Sat 18 - Sun 19<br>February 2017 | Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club     | Victorian Trailable Yacht & Sports Boat State Titles |
| Sat 11 Sun 12<br>March 2017      | Lake Wellington Yacht Club     | Marlay Point Overnight Race                          |
| Sat 22<br>April 2017             | Loch Sport Boat Club           | Loch Sport Lakes Challenge                           |
| Sat 30<br>April 2017             | Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club | MTYC Four Points Race                                |
| Sat 20 & Sun 21**<br>May 2017    | **To be confirmed              | Australian Noelex Championship                       |



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