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President's Report

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Now its nearly Christmas, I imagine most club fleets have sorted out the "talk" from the "walk", and the ones most likely are showing through.

With the considerable number of boat acquisitions it will be different to last season at some clubs; I understand that at Mordialloc there is some shuffling of the pack, and not all the new boats are coming out on top. At Davey's Bay Chris Mason is looking for challenges in his new boat whilst his old one continues to hold the long name record. Can you believe "Handsome & Modest"? Whatever happened to simple names like Ffantastic? We are yet to hear how the new W Shand vessel is faring on the Lakes, but I expect it to be just as competitive as all the others.

The weather has been kind, some (older) sailors might say too kind with 25 knots on the Bay on a few days, so the sailing has been what Fifteens do best; planing, surfing and rewarding to the hardest hikers upwind.

With the Nationals just a few weeks away, we wish all the Victorian participants the best of luck and good results. Canberra is expecting about 40 boats, not up to last year but a good fleet by most class standards. The 2007 Nationals at Royal Brighton will be confirmed at the Canberra AGM, and Paul Woodman and his committee are well down the track with their planning. I'm sure the local fleet will you have won the lottery or inherited money recently, you can try out for the Worlds in Majorca later in the year.

Three important dates to put in your new 2006 diary are the State Titles at Mordialloc on March 12 & 13 (NOR coming soon), the Sail Boat Show at Sandringham April 8 & 9, and the second running of the Docklands Team Racing regatta on May 14.

New Marine Safety Regulations: you are probably aware that the state laws for boating, and particularly the use of PFD's came into force on December 1; through Yachting Victoria we are negotiating to have the class anchor accepted in lieu of the one required by the law. This is not complete yet but we expect positive news soon.

I hope you enjoy your holiday sailing, and we'll see you out there.

*Doug Bell
Lean & Mean*

Canberra Nationals

Measurer Bob Beard reminds those of you going to Canberra to have all sails, boats, etc. fully measured before you go. Don't forget to take your updated Measurement Certificate, copy of your boat Insurance Policy and YV Card.

Also remember that the FFIV crew buyout is not recognised by FFIA for the Nationals. Your crew must be an individual member.



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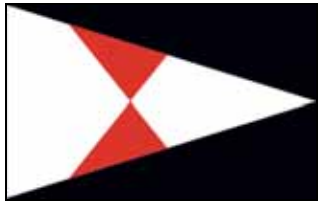
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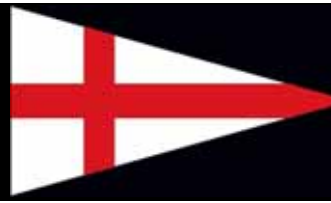
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**Do you use the FFIV web site? A colour version of this magazine is available on the site as well as Race Results if your club sends them in!!!
<http://www.flyingfifteenvic.org.au/>**



Davey's Bay Yacht Club Report



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Report

Chris Mason is sailing his new boat 3662 (ask Sandra for the name) and has sold Watches to Michael Harrison and Cameron Taylor who have renamed her "Handsome & Modest". This has sparked much discussion around the club as to which of her owners is which! It has taken Cameron some time to get used to the spinnaker Bags, but he is now getting the hang of them so they are going faster downwind now.

The wind has been excellent most weekends with good 20 knot plus winds on several Saturdays. Last week was 30+ so racing was abandoned.

The Spring Aggregate has been completed and won by City Lights with Flying Boat second and Oomps third. On handicap Flying Boat won, City Lights second and Forever Fifteen third.

We are now into the Summer Championship series Where Chris Mason & Mike Oxley are leading from Handsome & Modest and Flying Boat third. Flying Boat is leading on handicap with 3662 second and (Hardy Juraschek & Greg Foster) third.

The joint series with Mornington continue to be fun with some trying racing on the first week, when the wind shifted just at the start of the first race and went walkabout all afternoon. Oomps won the first race, Finegan second and City Lights third. In the second race Jump Start with Jeni & Peter Danks on board won, followed by Finegan And Oomps. Cheeky Chic managed 4th in both Races. On the second series only 2 Mornington Boats came to the start which was disappointing.

3662 won both races with fidelity Andrew Coutts and Shane Davies second and Handsome & Modest third.

**Michael Clark
City Lights**

Editors Comment to John Toner

I think back in the 70's there were very few varieties of wines and it was easy. We now have more sophisticated tastes and such a huge range of varieties of grape that it would be too hard to meet everyones choice of grape.

I agree that the World's should be promoted now. Under our Championship rules it is up to the Club & FFI to do this. FFIV is actually excluded unless invited by one of the above parties.

Ed.

For the last two races of November and the first two races of December the sailing conditions have been great with winds ranging from 10 to 15+ knots. There have been very strong winds on the Gippsland Lakes but for our Sunday races the light to moderate conditions have been a great warm up for the season. For the last three races of November the fleet numbers have been a bit down with four to six boats on the line. Most of the fleet have been on the water for the December races with seven or eight boats racing.

Bill Shand launched his new boat, Relaffentyffoo, on the 26th of November. Relaffentyffoo proved to be very fast winning the Four Winds Grange Race by a huge margin! It's great to see Bill and David back on the water. We will try and get a picture of Bill and David on Refaffentyffoo for the next issue.

Craig and Ian Rainey have continued to dominate the aggregate series with the other positions being hotly contested.

The 'Lifebuoy and Bell' was the first race in December and the changeable wind conditions proved very challenging. The race started in steady 10-12 knots of wind but about half way through the race the fleet experienced large wind shifts and by the end of the race we found ourselves running to the finish line with the fleet quickly closing the gap on Craig and Ian with a following tail wind. Last Sunday's race, December 11th, was sailed in excellent conditions with an 8 boat fleet. Craig and Ian along with Bill and Dave were out front followed by a close race between Andrew Peck in Ffirsty and Trevor in Good Thing. Bob Beard, Kevin Brown and Fred Steinkellner also fought a closely contested race with Wendy Gardiner unfortunately having to retire from the race.

So far we have had a great sailing season and we look forward to further close racing in the New Year.

Gippsland Lakes Flying Fifteen sailors extend their best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year---2006!

**Jim Callahan
F n F**



Royal Brighton Yacht Club Report

At the most recent General Committee meeting held in November, approval was given to commission the builder to commence the long awaited \$4.5 million extension of our marina, redevelopment of our Clubhouse and Carpark facilities.

The works will commence mid to late January 2006 and will be completed by the following September ready for the new sailing season.



This is the image Flying Fifteen competitors will be welcomed with as they approach the Royal Brighton Clubhouse

This will set the scene for a fabulous 2007 International Flying Fifteen class National regatta at Royal Brighton.

Additional council approved Car-parking will be secured adjacent to the club site with container parking available a short distance from the clubhouse.



Cranes and pontoon area looking south

The series will be a dry series regatta with the availability of wet storage if desired. Wet storage in the pontoon area and additional storage in marina berth seen here in the foreground

Royal Brighton's fabulous hard stand facility complete with three large Etchell cranes should easily handle the storage and lifting requirements of the Flying Fifteen fleet.



Five of our seven new RIB (Ducks) seen here in the foreground



**RBYC Race Control fleet consisting of three large vessels from the left-
*REDEEMER, WILD FIRE AND TARNI***



Royal Brighton Yacht Club Report



MAG crossing the finish line in second place in heat 2 of the twilight series

MAG And The Twilight Series

Flying Fifteen' crew John Bransgrove and myself have been sailing the Flying Fifteen MAG each Wednesday Evening in the Twilight series. At just twenty feet overall length MAG is the smallest keelboat in the fleet but is capable of sailing up with forty footers' in heavy conditions. MAG is currently lying second in the twilight series aggregate.

Rear Commodore John Spencer and I will race the MAG in Canberra and will be presenting our club and its new facilities to the association at the Annual General Meeting.



Ari and Ryan in training for the Canberra Classics

Ari Sherr and Ryan Epstein will also be racing the *SHALOM* in Canberra and have been training three times a week in preparation for a stronger performance this time round.

We are endeavouring to secure Charter Vessel Accommodation in the club marina for those who may be interested in sleeping aboard during the regatta, Now that sounds like a great idea!

Information packages will be available in Canberra, complete with details of accommodation, entertainment and Invitation To Race documentation.

From the members at Royal Brighton we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***Paul Woodman
Chairman Youth Committee***

Picture from Apollo Bay – Crayfish Cup



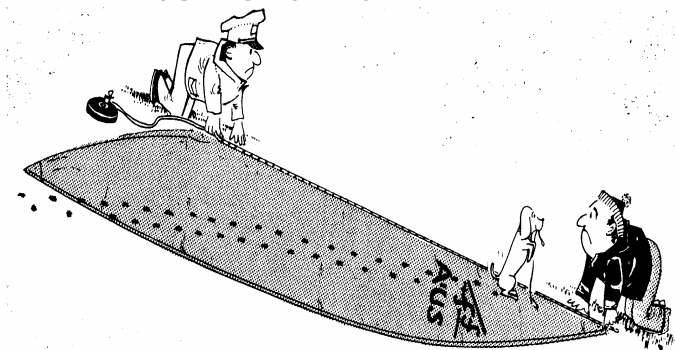
Amanda it is hard to plane like this!



Mordialloc Sailing Club Report

Well here we are almost half way through the season and most of our "New Season Resolutions" have been broken! You must remember the enthusiasm as you discussed the plans for '05/'06 – "we'll do the States at Canberra, the tuning weekend at Cairn Curran and get in some mid week practice sessions before the Nationals". I seem to remember that almost the whole club fleet was off to the Nats. Of course the real world (wives, partners, work) then takes over and revises the plan on an almost daily basis so that now it looks like only four club boats will head to Canberra – Brian Carroll's *Supertoy Plays* (with Adelaide rock star Phil Parish crewing!), Dale Collings and John Houlihan with *Fflagship*, Nick Carew is coming over from Perth to sail *Fizz* crewed by Harley Kruse and David Williamson's *Slythly Ffirmer*, but not sure who will be driving or crewing. Word is that new Fifteen owner Peter Milne has been seen at the club every Sunday and Wednesday to get in some practice, but big winds have prevented any so-called practice, is this to take the ffirmier to Canberra? David has been heard muttering in the boat park about secret meetings with Mark Rimmington concerning a new flatter jib to suit Canberra conditions. No word yet on the outcome.

THE NEW SUIT OF SAILS



"I hear you are a Flying Fifteen measurer "

With the arrival Bart and Gillian Scheen's new boat AUS3242, *Isn't it amazing*, from Bendigo the club fleet now has 13 boats. Bart and Gill have quickly settled in to the boat they are

doing very nicely at club racing. Ben Hosie's *The Velvet Glove* has been missing for a couple of weeks but has arrived back after some refurbishment.

On the racing front the fleet has averaged 7 boats with 10 boats on one day. The weather has been much kinder than last year and we have had some nice 15 knot days. At least one of the L brigade has been kicking butt – Dale Collings and John Houlihan in *Fflagship* have upstaged some of "the green boats" on occasions. During the last few weeks John has suffered with "motion sickness" and looks out the window on sailing mornings to decide if he is well or not! As for us in *ffenian*, well we have had one memorable ride, unfortunately it was after the race had finished and we were heading back to shore. We picked up a nice big wave to seaward of Mordi pier and rode it all the way into the creek. Wish we could do that during a race! Club results to date – in the Championship *Supertoy* is leading from Peter Smith in *Turning Vehicle* and Dale Collings in *Fflagship*. In the Aggregate *Turning Vehicle* leads from *Supertoy*. Positions are reversed in the Perpetual with Greg Gleeson in *Reliance...* in third place.

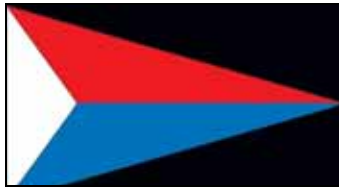
During some musings over a glass or two of grape juice (the fermented sort!) my wife – definitely a non-sailor - asked "whatever happened to the wine bottling fund raisers we used to have in the OK class" – we are talking the mid 70's here - . They were a very popular event and very profitable for the class. They were always held at the President's (who always seemed to be Bill Bell – and a recent Commodore of Black Rock YC) house and consisted of an all day tasting and BBQ. We had exclusive labels designed by Phil Sharp a graphics designer. I haven't heard of it being done in years. Is it that wine is so cheap these days that there would be no profit in it?

The 2009 Worlds are not that far away.

What literature has been sent to overseas Associations to convince them that Melbourne is worth making the effort to come to? I am visiting the UK/Ireland in August/September 2006 and will be taking charts/location maps with me. I have already secured a FF ride in Dun Laoghaire my home town.

Good luck to all sailing in Canberra – May the lifts be with you.

John Toner
ffenian



Mornington Yacht Club Report

It's a small but competitive fleet at Mornington this season; the re-emergence of *Cheeky Chic* in the hands of the Tadich father and son combination has put pressure on the rest of us. Paul Tadich has moved up from sailing Etchells at Brighton, so he is ready to take on all and sundry. The fleet has decided (quite generously, some believe) to race on yardstick for the scratch races, making *Cheeky Chic* a real chance for the silver this year.

Some inexplicably bad diary management by the *Finnigan* team has meant their absence from some races, allowing the rest of us to move up the placings; I'm sure this has been addressed, and the challenge will be on after New Year.

That is when we now expect to see Joe Etherson's new boat *Under the Pump*; Joe has had Grant Alderson under the pump to deliver the new toy after an unreasonably long gestation, and the arrival is imminent.

Roland Joseffson has recruited a new helm for *Cinderella*, and Bernie is getting the hang of Fifteens, if not the Mornington courses. When they are in their groove the boat is very quick. In a recent Thursday sternchaser *Cinderella* beat 36 boats home, due in part to some great surfing on the reaches. It's a wonderful thing to plane past a 30 footer!

The Mornington v Davey's Bay contest continues; I regret to say DBYC have won all four races so far, but the contest is great fun and there is nothing like sailing with a larger fleet. Please come down if you want to join in; you can launch at Mornington or Davey's Bay and sail to the course (half-way between) and have two good races. Dates are January 28, March 18 and April 29.

You are also invited to Schnapper Point on February 11 & 12, which will be a 250 boat regatta that coincides with the Volvo departure on the Sunday. If you want to see them up close, come and sail as well.

Results to date in our three series events are:

Club Champs:

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| Lean & Mean | Doug Bell | 2 |
| Cinderella | Roland Joseffson | 7 |
| Fly by Night | Richard Trembath | 7 |

Aggregate

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|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Lean & Mean | | 2 |
| Finnigan | P Wardlaw/G Kilpatrick | 6 |
| Fly by Night | | 6 |

Class Series

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|--------------|--------------|---|
| Cheeky Chic | J & P Tadich | 9 |
| Fly by Night | | 9 |
| Cinderella | | 1 |

Doug Bell
Lean & Mean

PFD's or in common language Life Jackets

The law changed on December 1st, the Difference for Flying Fifteens is that you cannot use a PFD Type 3 at any time.

PFD Type 1 or Type 2 are acceptable at all times provided you do not go more than 2nm Offshore.

It is a Class rule that you must wear a life jacket at **all** times.



Calendar of Events Flying Fifteen International Victoria 2005 - 2006

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| 8 th – 13 th January 2006 | 44 th Australian Championships | Canberra Yacht Club |
| 11 th -12 th February 2006 | Schnapper Point Regatta | Mornington Yacht Club |
| 25 th – 26 th February 2006 | Summer Regatta | Royal Yacht Club of Victoria |
| 11 th – 13 th March 2006 | Victorian State Titles | Mordialloc Sailing Club |
| 14 th May 2006 | Team Race Regatta | Docklands |
| 5 th - 12 th January 2007 | 45 th Australian Championships | Royal Brighton Yacht Club |
| 9 th – 21 st January 2009 | Australian & World Championships | Royal Yacht Club of Victoria |

Boats For Sale

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| FF 3761 "Supertoy Plays" , 24 months old Ginnivan-built, foam-sandwich G&R mould. 14.5kg correctors. Harken fit-out. SuperSpar mast and boom. Several sets of Horizon Sails, less than nine months old, some only nine races old. \$ 23,000. | Brian Carroll 0411 743 602 |
| FF3663 "Grin & Bare It" A well prepared Victorian boat with a number of gear options available upon negotiation. First place Victorian Titles 2002 and 2003. Located: Victoria | Craig Rainey 03 5143 1215 |
| FF3261 "City Lights" Shand Mark 3, Proctor Epsilon Mast with Dyform rigging, 2 sets Sails, Cover, Trailer, etc Everything works - ready to sail.. \$8500 | Michael Clark 03 5976 2277 email: Michael@nwh.com.au |
| FF3099 "Shipping News" Current measurement certificate, Gale & Rimington hull. New sails, standing and running rigging 2004, New Boat Cover 2003 and New Wind Indicator 2005, Trailer, New Tyres and Dolly wheel 2003 . Competed in State Titles 2004, Club Aggregate 2002-2003-2004 Shipping News is ready to race. \$7850.00 | Contact Peter on 0419 006 398 pgsails@relax.com.au |
| FF 2911 "Split Enz" Currently at Davey's Bay Yacht Club waiting for some tender loving care and restoration. It has not been sailed in the past 3 years. I'm looking for about \$3,000. | Tony Oldjohn. 03 8549 9253 Oldjohna@nobleparksc.vic.edu.au |
| FF 2356 "Ricochet" Good condition, one very good set of sails, another main and jib which are OK \$3300 | Geoff Warren 5156 2750/0438 527 389 |
| FF 2344 "Luffin it Up" previously "Morna 2" Shand built balsa core has been cut. Sails and hull are in very good condition. Sails new for 2001/2002 Nationals. Goldspar mast, central control box on good resisted trailer. Boat in Tura Beach 5km from Merimbula. \$8000 | Tim 0414 646 550 or 02 6495 9302 |
| FF 2113 "Moody Blue" 3 Mains, 2 Jibs & Spinnakers, Registered Trailer Located NSW \$1700 | Anthony Carroll 0405 220 832 |
| FF 1687 "Softly" Shand mk 1 VGC, 1 main , 2 jibs, 1 spinnaker Road trailer/beach Trolley \$4900 | Fred Baker 03 55723956 |
| FF 1403 "FFootloose" - Cut Mk 1. Sails, trailer, etc \$2500 Boat at Davey's Bay. | Bob Swinton 0420 063 608 |