



ON THE BREEZE

Newsletter of the Mersey Yacht Club Inc - September 2013

Commodore's Report

I am organising a meeting for all boat owners, crew and any other interested persons to provide input to the programme of events for the coming season. The meeting will be on Thursday 12 September, commencing at 7.30 pm. The plan is to include cruising events, as well as sailing events and races.

Opening Day will be on Saturday October 19 and a full programme of events will be organised. I would encourage everyone to come along, preferably with a boat. Help to make this a colourful and fun day.

As part of our commitment to sail training, the Club is now registered as a Discover Sailing Centre. A full programme of Training will commence late October, please contact the Club for further details.

Tim Grant

Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

During all the wild weather we 've had this winter, one of the older marina pontoons has sunk. Fortunately there was no damage to the yachts tied to it. Brian Marshall and other volunteers are working on its replacement.

If anybody has any spare time please contact Brian or me to see what assistance may be required.

It 's good to see Splash back in the water. Jaimie Connelly has done a great job, and the boat will be a better sailer for the work he 's done. I look forward to see how she goes against Aquila.

Graeme Woodhouse

Vice Commodore

From the Club Manager

We have a few social events coming up.

28 Sept—AFL Grand Final Day.

\$10 buys admission with four beers, food and nibbles and various sweeps.

20 October—Dragons Abreast will bring the popular band Abandon Ship to the Club on a Sunday afternoon.

1 November—Friday night. Wine tasting evening presented by Ben Bray of Treasury Wine Estates. Taste and learn.

9 November— Saturday night. The Suffrajettes Live. Kaye Payne and friend giving a sweet sound to the classic pop hits of the last 40 years.

Also, a reminder that quite a few people haven't paid their membership yet.

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Mike Castle

Editor's Ramblings

The old pontoon isn't the only casualty of August. Chris King's yacht, Escapade has been living up to it's name with an escapade of her own across the river to the leeward shore. Fortunately, she was rescued by Brian Marshall and Bob Cumming. Chris was last seen in his dinghy with a grapnel trying to find his mooring.

Pilgrim, my own yacht, had her mooring line nearly chafe through at the waterline, probably by a sharp barked log. A couple of hours with a fid on a the foredeck soon had it all ship-shape again.

So, a timely reminder to all boat owners to check their gear, and pull their moorings every two years, as per MAST rules. The Club will pull your mooring with the work boat, and replace it for \$140. Seems like good value to me.

See you on Opening Day!

Mark Stephenson
Editor