



Spring is here; the wattles are flowering and the first snapper for the season are being reeled in, but that's for the optimists! September will bring its normal share of rain and gale force winds. Whilst we may have had our wettest winter for a decade or so, surprisingly we have had our busiest winter ever as far as moving boats and demand for boatyard space. Similarly all the trades around the harbour are fully booked already, come summer it will be extremely difficult to find someone to service your boat or trailer; be early or you might be boating after Christmas.

In this our Spring issue is an article by Des Berry a long time member of Yaringa Boat Harbour and proprietor of Condor Trailers, outlining why you should look at your trailer now and maybe consign your existing trailer to scrap or rebirth as a launching trailer only. After a recent examination in the yard less than the half of the 400 trailers in the Yard would pass a roadworthy!

Also in this issue: news from the Yaringa Fishing and Mariners Clubs, upcoming rate increases and a warm welcome to the new proprietors of Yaringa Boat Hire.

And thank-you to everybody who provides us with their great stories and photos, Snez Plunket of "Vasco Pyjoma" took some lovely pictures one foggy morning at the harbour (above and page 8).

So from the management and staff at Yaringa Boat Harbour we wish you a good start to the season and a great summer to follow.

Stefan, Rob, Sheryl, Miranda, Jamie, Huck, Dave, Wayne, Kim, Nigel, Brett, Ray and Kojak

PAPERLESS WORLD

This is the last printed newsletter Yaringa Boat Harbour will distribute; hence it is very important that every member or party interested in activity at Yaringa provides the harbour office with an e-mail address. We will still however produce the last of our “glossy” magazines, by the editorial legendary Frank Gray. If you have any photos or articles of interest to the Yaringa or wider boating community please forward them to Miranda at the harbour office or send to info@yaringa.com.au.

CARING FOR YOUR TRAILER – BY CONDOR TRAILERS



Your boat is your pride and joy - it is tenderly washed, cleaned and routinely serviced. Your boat provides wonderful opportunity experiences out on the water - fishing, exploring, swimming - or just having a great time with friends. Your boat trailer however can be sorely neglected. Your boat trailer is unseen, rarely serviced, and most people at Yaringa do not ever look at their boat trailer - just step off the jetty and drive home. Many of the trailers in the marina are un-roadworthy; many more are in such a poor state of repair that they could collapse under your boat at any moment.

Some things to consider: The marine environment with infrequent immersion in sea water is one of the harshest conditions for metal support structures we can find. The trailer is soaked in salt water - then removed and the salt is baked onto the trailer by the sun. Any trailer which has painted finish will be structurally unsound - about 6 months after the first immersion. This is because paint is completely unsuitable for salt water immersion - and the salt infuses through the paint and sits between the paint and steel corroding the steel from within.

Galvanised trailers require resurfacing. To provide corrosion protection - the zinc coating works by sacrificing itself before the steel is oxidized. In this process, the zinc coating simply dissolves away becoming thinner until there is little zinc coating left protecting the metal structure of the trailer. Once this occurs the oxidation process rapidly eats away at the steel. Any steel showing signs of rust - especially where the surface appears pitted is structurally unsound.

Your trailer is rated to carry the load of boat plus equipment - and is made lightweight to minimise towing load - modern trailers have very little reserve strength to continue to carry loads when pitting occurs. However the good news is that trailer frames can be re-galvanised and reconditioned.

For enquiries phone Roland at Condor Trailers / Western Port Engineering on 5977 3359.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new look Yaringa Boat Harbour website is now up and running, have a look at www.yaringa.com.au. Our new website is now easier to navigate and easily allows us to keep you updated on what's happening at Yaringa. Shortly we will be uploading to the website the long awaited information regarding the planned re-development of the harbour, so stay tuned.

WINTER WINDS

Even though Yaringa Boat Harbour is well protected from large seas, we have still had a lot of wind related damage this winter. Damage has occurred not only to the harbour's fixed assets but many of our members have lost sail covers, boat covers, hatches, fenders or even had sails flogged to death! Hence please ensure that all loose items are secured on your boat, wherever it is stored; it is extremely scary trying to secure a flogging headsail on a boat in hardstand.

HARDSTAND EXPANSION

We have now over 140 vessels in long term hardstand at Yaringa Boat Harbour and we anticipate reaching 200 in the near future.

Long-term hard standing at Yaringa Boat Harbour will undergo significant changes over the next few years to reflect the increasing demand for storage of boats, the shortage of waterfront land and increasing environmental restrictions.

In time, on the foreshore area there will be no long term storage and all remaining long term boats will be eventually moved to the adjacent freehold land at numbers 1 and 3 Lumeah road.



To this end, we are developing a new long term storage precinct at the rear of the factories which will be available after Christmas. Hence it would be appreciated if owners of boats currently in long-term storage could indicate to harbour management their best estimates of how long they expect their boat to remain in storage and what physical activities /work they intend to undertake on their boats in that time.

Also at this point it would be good to remind all owners of vessels that certain activities are prohibited such as sand blasting, uncontrolled spray painting and the like outside of the spray booths. All such activities must first be discussed with harbour management. We operate on a total "Non Discharge Policy" as required by government regulations; which means taking your rubbish with you and hardstand areas are not to be treated as your personal junk yard. Did I also say No Dogs!

SUPREME MARINE GROWING STRONG



By next month we hope that the "Boys" at Supreme Marine will have become a coveted service centre for a well-known brand; to this end they have already doubled their workshop space and taken on new apprentice Morgan. Welcome to the team, Morgan.

One look at their new and impressive workshop tells all and that combined with the fact that there are engines and boats everywhere says that they are flat out seven days a week even now in winter! Don't leave your outboard service till next month!

For repairs and service to your outboard motor or stern drive phone Leigh or Justin on 5977 3066.

NEW OWNERSHIP OF YARINGA BOAT HIRE



You may have noticed that there is a new portable office located at the end of the north car park and there have been changes to the pontoon in front of the north gate. From this month this will be the new home of Yaringa Boat Hire.

Yaringa Boat Hire has been taken over by Paul Pingiaro of the very successful Snapper Point Boat Hire located in Mornington. The two locations combined will have a total of 26 vessels making it one of the largest hire boat fleets in Victoria.

Both sites will be able to be operated all year around regardless of weather conditions as the two

locations give opposite weather protection. Paul also will be adding to the hire boat services by providing fishing rod and GPS hire and in time, kayak hire.

We warmly welcome Paul and his family to the Yaringa Boat Harbour community.

BOAT FLOATS

Members would have noticed the increased use of floating pontoons to secure boats out of the water whilst in the marina berths. It should be noted that these devices are banned at a few marinas and hence a word of caution! At present Yaringa has reserved its decision on the use of floats but it cannot be assumed that because you have a vessel you can just put it on a float. These types of floats impact on adjacent users and are usually poorly secured i.e. your boat maybe secure on the float but the float is only attached by a couple of pieces of string to the marina! The boat and float need to be securely attached to the marina. There are also additional charges as the overall length and beam of the whole device is significantly altered. So, if you are considering purchasing a float ensure that you speak to Yaringa management about your boat and the berths suitability.

MEGA BOAT AUCTION



Over the years Yaringa Boat Harbour has collected a “fine” assortment of unwanted 25+ boats and now that space is at a premium across the harbour, the time has come to move along some of the “unloved” opportunities.

Later in the year, when some legal aspects have been resolved, all these “boats” will be auctioned off. Some of these vessels are in good condition, some can be resurrected but the majority will be dismantled or demolished.

There will be no reserve price on these vessels but they must be removed off site or at least a year’s storage paid in advance. If you would like to add your vessel for auction please contact the harbour office. The full list of the boats and photos in the auction along with viewing dates and times will be posted on the Yaringa web site in the near future.

RATS!!!



A couple of years ago we had problems with ant infestations in boats particularly those located undercover i.e. nice and dry. Last year it was the turn of Portuguese millipedes and this year it appears to be rats! These are no ordinary rats; they work during the day in packs and are scared of nothing including the yard dogs. The rats preferred food is plastic, seat covers, awnings and buckets; electrical wiring is a delicacy.

Now rat eradication is not easy as one requires clearance from Canberra before they can be nuked. Naturally a committee has been formed to study the situation and there are expert consultants available at the drop of a hat or is that a dollar. The problem is not simple as there are rats and there are rats. If it can be proved that they are an introduced species one can have an open season, however if they are deemed to be native rats, another committee is required to work out if they are native to the area! Of course the committee has to first determine whether the “native area” is the Mornington Peninsula or is it the Westernport Biosphere or maybe Victoria etc; hence our hands are tied. If you have suffered rat damage; please contact your Local Member of Parliament.

In all seriousness however whilst we are taking steps to reduce the impact of these rats, we ask that you ensure that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided and that all food, burley, bait etc is removed from your boat after use.

YARINGA MARINERS CLUB

The Yaringa Mariners Club is off to a flying start this year with a dinner in the Yaringa Restaurant last month and the presentation of the upcoming year’s program of events.

Last season saw a number of successful cruises on Western Port run by Howard Kinns including cruises to Rhyll, around French Island, Barraliar Island and Tortoise Head Cove.

This season will be a cracker, starting with an opening of the season sail past and salute to the Commodore followed by a barbecue at the marina. A number of cruises have been planned, both one day and overnight and even an extended cruise for keel boats.

Wives and partners have not been forgotten, with a Lady Skippers day planned for later in the season. Safety and training will also be addressed with an informative evening planned and there will be a fun navigation exercise out on the water.

The social side is not forgotten, with a couple of barbecues and cruise dinners at destinations.

All in all, the Yaringa Mariners Club is presenting an active and in some respects adventurous program for the year, so please come along and join in the fun. The more the merrier. And power boat people are just as welcome to join as yachties.

For more information on dates and activities, please check out the full program on the club website at www.ymc.org.au or phone Cruise Director Kenton Lillecrapp on 0418 422 099.



BERTH PRICES 2011

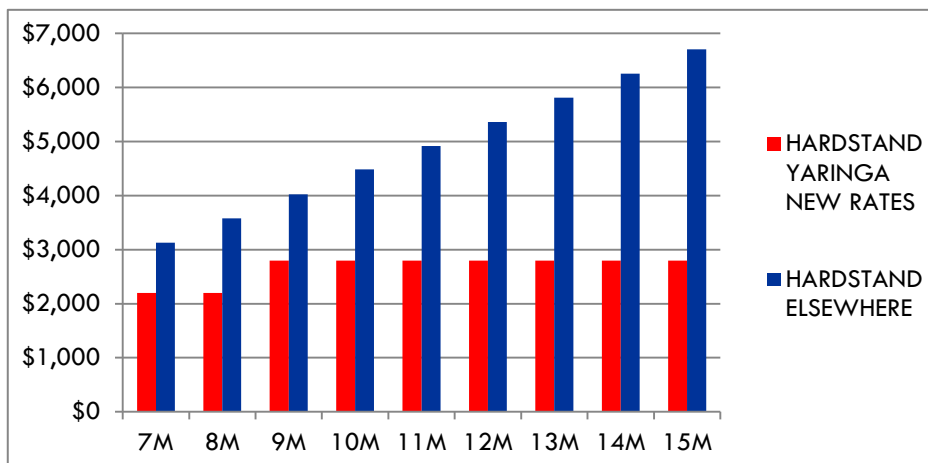
It's come about yet again to revise prices in light of constant cost increases especially in the area of labour costs and specifically penalty rates. As we operate in the leisure and recreation arena our main activities occur on weekends and public holidays and therefore recent government changes have heavily impacted on this segment.

The following rates will be applicable from 1st November 2011. As always you are able to pay up to one year in advance for your storage at the current rates up until 31st October.

Marina Berths	\$410 per meter per annum
Trailer Boat Storage	\$290 per meter per annum
Hardstand – Up to 9m	\$2200 per annum
Hardstand – 9m and over	\$2800 per annum

Monthly and quarterly will increase accordingly. There will be no other increases in harbour charges covering items such as slipping, living aboard, etc.

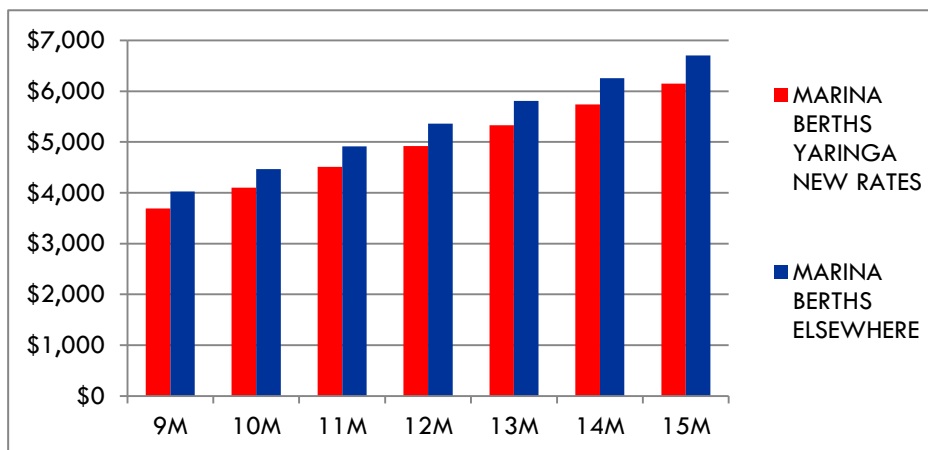
By way of comparison to the rest of the market we have compiled a few graphs below which show how we rate against nearby facilities for hard stand and marina berth prices; these are still a fraction of Port Phillip or East Coast prices.



SHORT VS LONG TERM RATE CLARIFICATION

Short term hardstand vessels are slipped to the concrete apron (subject to space) in the marina precinct at 1 Lumeah Road and the applicable rate is for a return slip plus the short term hardstanding rates. All other slip movements for repairs etc., are deemed to be slips for long term hardstand and the relevant charges apply.

It is at all times the discretion of the harbour management as to where the boat is placed in the hardstand areas. Quotes for specific jobs can be obtained by contacting Miranda at the harbour office.



YARINGA FISHING CLUB

The 2010 / 2011 fishing season has come to a close and it is time to reflect on what a great year the Yaringa Fishing Club has had. The Yaringa Fishing Club provides an opportunity for family and friends to get together and enjoy some good company and healthy competition while fishing.



The 2010/ 2011 season was a ripper – we saw more families than ever getting out on the water. Having junior and senior prices available for all competitions provided an opportunity for a few kids to gain bragging rights as they attempted to out fish their parents. The photo below shows Grace, winner of the junior section of the Annual Snapper Challenge held in November 2010. Other junior catches of note were a snapper weighing in at over 9kg by Zac Carter and some impressive catches by Jack Palmer.



The whiting season was fantastic, there was plenty of big gummy action and some almost unbelievably big squid catches. Tim's gummy is indicative of the great catches seen this season and the photo below has NOT been photo-shopped – this squid, caught by Sarah, weighed in at 2.46 kg.

The Yaringa Fishing Club presentation evening was held earlier this month with a host of prizes being won and a great time being had by all who attended. While we look back on a great 2010 /20 11 season we also look forward to the 2011/ 2012 season. Membership renewals are now due. The club would love to welcome

new members and remember that there are great family memberships available so you can get the kids involved too.

The schedule of events for the up-coming season is posted on the Yaringa Fishing Club Website. The club website is in the process of being re-vamped so please check out the progress at: www.yaringafishingclub.com

If you have any enquiries or want to talk about fishing give Club President Mark Palmer a call on 0418 147 303.

And remember as one of our members likes to say...

...fishing is a sport and if it was an Olympic event we'd all be professional athletes!



GENERAL REMINDERS

SELLING BOATS AT YARINGA

There are only three options if you are selling your boat; either via Maliney at Yaringa Boat Sales, through other sales organisations approved by Yaringa Boat Harbour or privately yourself. If you choose the do-it-yourself approach you must accompany every prospective purchaser and visitor whilst they are at the harbour. Harbour staff do not provide an escort service to your prospective purchaser.

CONTRACTORS

No contractor is to work within the harbour precinct (including 1, 2, 3 and 4 Lumeah Road) without prior approval from harbour management, regardless if accompanied by boat owner or not. They must provide the harbour with up to date copies of business and public liability insurance with minimum value of \$10 million. External contractors (who do not operate a business within Yaringa) must sign in at the marina office before commencing any work each day, and only during the hours of 9 am – 5 pm, seven days unless by special arrangement.

SPEED LIMITS

The speed limit in both the harbour and access channel is 5km/hour (no wake) and is actively policed. Speed limits also apply to all vehicles inside the harbour complex; please keep your speed to a walking pace for the safety of people and wildlife.

WORKSHOPS AND CONTAINERS FOR LEASE

Interested in workshops or container storage? Register your interest at the harbour office.

