

# **YARINGA BOAT HARBOUR-AUTUMN 2009**

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## **Dear Yaringa Members,**

Another summer seasons draws to a close however the heat and fires haven't gone away. This has been our busiest Summer ever, be it boat numbers, usage or extraordinary numbers of fish. There is not a lot new to report from this summer's activities; but development plans to update the harbour are still slowly grinding their way through the system and we expect to make a more detailed public document available in the middle of winter. The rest of this newsletter is more a reminder (for newer members) of things to do or be aware of and preventative action that can be taken to avoid much larger problems.

## **Yaringa Life Savivors:**

This is a note of thanks to the vigilance of Ted and his mate Noel in the good ship 'Tarpin' (of "The Man who sued God" fame [Billy Connelly film]) who on heading out last week into a good stiff Easterly Breeze spotted a red Flare. Their prompt action resulted in the probable saving of the lives of two young blokes who had just had their 18' runabout swamped and upturned. It took over four hours to recover the boat and get it to Supreme Marine's workshop.

The word of warning here is be very careful when retrieving an anchor in rough seas with the wind against the tide, one second of inattention and you anchor rope is around your propeller; you are then anchored stern to the sea and every wave comes over the transom. If you go to the transom even more water pours in!!! It has happened several times before!! The only cure I know is to dive overboard with a knife, or as in this case, put your Life Jackets on; light a Flare and hope someone can see you and responds.

## **Fire Awareness (Bushfires):**

The standard Yaringa Fire Plan is as follows:

- 1. Report to the Marina Office and contact emergency services on "000"**
- 2. Open all Gates.**
- 3. Park any vehicles being used in out of way locations.**
- 4. Assemble all people/personnel to the eastern (Mangrove) end of the Marina.**
- 5. Do not proceed or use vehicles onto Lumeah Road.**

## **Kids Day at Yaringa.**

This event is being organized by Rob Dowling and team to help offer a boating/fishing experience to a group of disadvantaged children. Many Yaringa members have volunteered their boats and time; more are needed. This event will occur on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March and will cause substantial traffic problems around the Harbour. For instance there may be delays in launching and retrieving member's boats and car parking will be restricted to the boat storage yard on the left prior to entering the Marina. If anyone is not involved in the event it would make operations easier if they were to defer using their boats on this Saturday.

## **Mariners Club:**

The Yaringa Mariners' Club is holding a "Round the Bay Rally" on the 21<sup>st</sup> March following a mystery course around the marks while completing various tasks on the way. This is a family fun day and is with all boaties (power and sail) are invited to participate. Entry fees and proceeds will be split equally between the 'Kids Day @ Yaringa' and 'Victorian Bush Fire Appeal'.

For further details visit YMC website [www.ymc.org.au](http://www.ymc.org.au) or use the link from the Yaringa Marina website.

## **Fishing Club:**

The Yaringa Fishing Club has had a very successful season with the huge effort of Ronnie Ellul, Gerry Moloney and the Committee, ***Club membership has increased beyond 100!***

For further details visit club website [www.yaringafishingclub.com](http://www.yaringafishingclub.com) or use the link found on the Yaringa Marina website. (see enclosed flyer)

## **Marina Wet Berths:**

As is usual after a few strong winds and in this case a number of unseasonable Easterlies we have had some damage to boats from lines breaking and fenders jumping out or going flat etc. Could all members check that their lines are not frayed and tied securely while making sure that the boats are well clear of walkways and fingers. The old saying is if you wouldn't use it to tie up your dog with, why use it on your \$100,000 investment? We do check boats constantly but are unable to be everywhere at all times.

## **Dry Storage Operations:**

With the increased traffic we have had severe overloading of the holding pens for those wishing to start before 6:00am. This problem has been exacerbated by owners leaving their boats in overnight with out informing the Office or just thinking about going out tomorrow! Please be considerate of others and only book an early berth if you are definitely going out by 6:00am. We have also, unfortunately had some bad experiences with boats with internal buoyancy chambers (Air Filled) that have had their internal bungs removed. These must be left in at all times as quite simply boats will sink with out these bungs in; as they are internal the Marina staff do not go inside boats to check anything. This is part of our security program so that you should always find the boat in exactly the same condition you left it in.

The wash down area (whilst we have bore water) is just that to wash off salt etc it is not a place to dump rubbish; there is a large bin adjacent and a specific fish cleaning area. The Marina is currently replacing one hose per week and up to half a dozen fittings every week; if this continues we will no longer supply these and each member will need to provide their own hose and fittings.

## **Hardstanding:**

This area of the Marina has experienced substantial growth and we now have over 100 large boats undergoing various degrees of restoration. However as with everywhere else there are some rules and regulations; the main ones here relate to noise; no activity is to take place before 8:00am and after 6:00pm. The boat harbour is not your personal **"Tip"** take home all your rubbish; we are located in an extremely sensitive Environmental area and are under constant observation "possibly by your neighbour!"

## **Boats For Sale:**

There are only two options if you are selling your boat; it is either via Maliney at Yaringa Boat Sales (5977 3004) or privately by yourself. If you choose the do it yourself approach then ***you must accompany*** every prospect/visitor whilst they are on the Marina site. The marina staff/office do not provide an escort service to your prospective purchaser. It is for your and other boat owners' security that no one else is allowed near or on your boat. Unescorted visitors are not allowed where the boats are stored hence please don't open gates for strangers, attempt to stop gate closing or jam open gates etc.

**Wishing all Yaringa Members, Contractors, Tenants, etc and their families  
a Very Happy and Safe Easter from Stefan and all the Staff at Yaringa.**



# New Dry Storage Operating Procedures

## “BUNGS”

Over the past few years we have grown very rapidly and are now the largest trailerable Dry Storage operation in Australia and I know of no larger operation anywhere in the world!

However with growth comes necessary changes in operating procedures as especially in the past I would have known where every bung was in every boat; but now whether it is Alzheimer's or early Dementia, I can't remember where the bungs go in over 600 boats! And even our staff can no longer know where all the bungs are, for example the number of bungs range from none to over six; some are at the back upfront inside; some vertically underneath and some half way along the keel etc. Of course then there are bungs for "Kill" tanks, live bait wells and buoyancy chambers and now we even have under deck vortex tubes. The variety of locations and type of bungs has become so complicated that none of us can keep abreast of all situations. Some bung holes are obstructed by ladders, transducers and burley buckets. This has led to some unfortunate experiences, expenses and of course inconvenience to boat owners.

Therefore the new procedure we will be putting into place from the first of July will be as follows;  
**“The Marina will no longer touch any bungs on any boat.”**

This is fully in accordance with our long established policy of not touching or operating any one's boat; or reiterating the fact that any boat stored at Yaringa should be kept in a fully operational condition, able to be used at a moments notice. It will also reinforce the fact that the boat should always be found exactly as you left it.

What does this mean to you the customer? For the majority of boats it will be no change at all; i.e. if you already leave your bungs in then there is no change. However if for what ever reason you take your bungs out **you must put them back in!** Now the only reason in the past to leave bungs out whilst in storage was in case it rained; (Which may never happen again!). If you are concerned that rain water may accumulate in your boat here are two options;

1. Have a tonneau cover or cockpit canopy built (Jason of Peninsula Marine Covers 5977 3399 may be of help). This will not only keep rain and dust out and help maintain the value of your boat, but is also very useful at sea should the weather be inclement.
2. Install an automatic bilge pump connected directly to your Battery (Bob Clow of Clow Marine Electronics 5977 3788 may be of help) this is also a very useful device at sea it might also save your life!

Obviously if you have the above devices then you don't need to do anything.

Please note that any loose covers attached to trailers are not acceptable because they either blow off or the boat won't come off the trailer when the boat is launched etc.

Hopefully this change in operating procedure will only impact on a few boats and not cause any major inconvenience; it will certainly allow me to reduce my blood pressure pills and maybe ameliorate the continuing rise in Insurance premiums which eventually flow back into storage rates.

If any one has any serious problems with this please contact me directly

Stefan. S. Borzecki.

KIDS DAY @ YARINGA



21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009

The "KIDS DAY @ YARINGA" committee would like to express thanks to Yaringa Management, Members & Businesses for the support that has been given for the day. The committee also would like to thank all outside Businesses and Companies who have also shown their support for "KIDS DAY @ YARINGA".

We are still requiring land based volunteers, if you have a spare hour or so, why not come and have some fun. There will be Karaoke, Local Bands, Raffles and Free BBQ lunch for all participating on the day. Just a reminder that participating boats requiring fuel will need to do so before the day as refuelling will not be available on the morning.

Information packs are still available at the Marina Office or by contacting Anita 0423 206 804.

## Yaringa Marine Business Directory

On-site professional contractors, retailers and services

- \* **Boat Builder** - Avenger Marine Shane 5977 3791 / 0421 567 073
- \* **Boat Covers** - Upholstery & Repairs Peninsula Marine Covers: Jason 5977 3399
- \* **Boat Detailing** - Cut & Polish, Cleaning Kojak's Boatshed: Kojak 5977 3027 / Anita 0423 206 804
- \* **Boat Hire** - Yaringa Boat Hire 7 days-a-week all-year-round: Sheryl or Miranda 5977 4154
- \* **Boat Sales** -Used Yaringa Boat Sales: John & Maliney 5977 3004 / 0414 726 024
- \* **Chandlery** - Yaringa Chandlery Gift Shop Ice Bait & Tackle: John & Maliney 5977 3004
- \* **Kiosk** - Yaringa Cafe: James & Michelle 5977 3319
- \* **Marina Pens & Dry Boat Storage** - Yaringa Boat Harbour: Rob 5977 4154
- \* **Marine Electronics** Clow Marine Electronics: Bob 5977 3788
- \* **Metal Fabrication** Maintenance Engineering Solutions Marine Engineer: Kris 0407 174 498
- \* **Outboard Mechanic** Supreme Marine Outboard Motors/Stern Drives/Trailers Leigh & Justin 5977 3066
- \* **Painting & Boat Refurbishment** Streamline Fibreglass Chris 5977 4434 / 0414 819723
- \* **Restaurant** Yaringa Marina Restaurant Fully Licensed for Lunch and Dinner: Yves 5977 3735
- \* **Sail-maker** David Ryan Sails David 5977 4988 / 0412 938 869
- \* **Slipping & Slipway Services** Yaringa Boat Services Rob: 5977 4154
- \* **Yacht masts Alum/SS welding** Superior Masts & Rigging: Craig 5977 3991 / 0412 652 300