

YARINGA BOAT HARBOUR - SPRING 2008

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No mains electrical heating in boats or containers permitted at Yaringa

Dear Yaringa Members,

Winter is behind us, with very little storm damage recorded to boats compared to other places apart from the usual trees on fences. With the first spring wattles flowering some fish including sharks are being caught, and the hardy breed of sailors are working the winter series. Around the Marina the majority of activity has been related to the repairs and maintenance of essential equipment and infrastructure.

WHAT'S NEW!

Check out the newly installed solar powered Channel Marker Lights; they make Yaringa the easiest Channel at night to come or go in Victoria. As resources allow more will be installed so that all the Yaringa marks are lit at night. Please try not to crash into the Channel Markers for apart from damaging your boat the Solar Powered lights don't float!

OSSIE WHITTLEY'S BOAT SHOW:

The show was well received by our own members and many outside visitors including the Local Press and Glen Knight on the Radio. We will be building a Museum down the track here at Yaringa which will record nautical artifacts of the early years of Western Port; hence we are very interested in collecting all types of memorabilia including obviously old boats and their equipment.

YARINGA BOAT SALES:

Should anyone have looked in the Boat Sales yard they may have noticed a lot of empty space! The reason is that Maliney has been very successful in moving boats and now desperately needs quality stock to enter the peak Pre Summer selling season. Hence if anyone is thinking of changing boats, or has a "Mate" trying to sell a boat please contact Boat Sales.

BOAT SERVICING:

For those of you who think Summer is a long way away beware if you need your boat attended to prior to Summer then now is the time, because the Mechanics have only just cleared last years backlog and are already attending to "Won't Start/Stay in Gear" early on Sunday mornings etc. Last year the "Boys" were fully booked six weeks prior to Christmas; hence get in early.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY:

Whilst we have had limited storm damage through winter the major problems in the Marina have related to the huge increase in electricity demand. In some cases this "Free" energy supply is totally abused with the consequent result of total loss of power to the whole Marina. In addition no one appears to have made any effort to actually comply with Government regulations regarding the tagging of Electrical extension cords and informing the Marina Office in writing of their actual power needs. Expect further action in this area especially in regard to unattended vessels and excessive usage; if anyone has not noticed energy supply is a world wide problem. This will lead to individual metering with additional costs!

SLIPPING/HARDSTANDING:

The past year has been our busiest year ever; recording a fifty percent increase in slippings and antifouling. The hard standing area has reached capacity and we are expanding this area again, as we now operate one of the largest hard standing areas for boats in Australia. By the end of this summer we expect to have over 100 boats in hard standing.

DRY STORAGE:

This area of operation has reached its storage capacity and we are now investigating the erection of a large Dry Stack (Multi Level) which will not only improve the quality of storage (Fully enclosed Building) but further enhance the security of your boat. For those of you with boats in dry storage now is a good time to study the enclosed paper on how your trailer and boat need to be set up! THE WORD IS MAINTENANCE. The odd new larger shackle; longer chain may save your boat; what about a winch that turns or a new cable. It is even possible to grease a trailer here and there or put air in the tyres!

YARINGA MARINERS CLUB INCORPORATED:

Combination of Yaringa Yacht Club; Yaringa Cruising Club; Yaringa Fishing Club

YARINGA FISHING CLUB:

Yaringa Fishing Club AGM was held on Monday 11th August to prepare for what hopes to be a bumper season of fishing on Western Port Bay. A new committee has been elected and is in the process of organizing the competition dates and these will be available at the marina office along with membership forms in the next couple of weeks. We welcome our new president Ronnie Ellul who is a new Yaringa member and is very keen on seeing that everyone has an enjoyable season. If anybody is interested to take on the position of Secretary please see Sheryl or Miranda at the office. It does not require a lot of time during the season and would help to expand the input for the club. The season will begin at the beginning of October so make sure your ready to go so you don't miss out.

We thank the out going committee for their time and efforts over the past two fishing seasons.

YARINGA YACHT CLUB:

Make a note in your diary for the 23rd August for two important events!

Firstly at 6pm an AGM will be held to elect all office bearers for the Yaringa Mariners Club Incorporation which also includes the fishing club along with the cruising club. If you have not heard any of the details or are not aware of the benefits of an incorporated body then attendance will be to your benefit to understand what this means to you. Secondly after the meeting the Annual Dinner and summer series presentation night will be held at Yaringa Marina Restaurant and everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Miranda and Sheryl at the office for details.

LIVING-A-BOARD:

Whilst at Yaringa we have always enjoyed and allowed a limited number of Live-A Boards for security reasons however the current situation has become excessive in regards to several areas. Namely overloaded Laundry/Shower facility; Rubbish collection; Security and the Excessive Electrical situation mentioned above. Other areas relate to the behavior around the Barbecue and Restaurant late at night resulting in smashed windows and wrecked gates etc. As a result no further increase in people Living-Board will be permitted and the Charge for this extra load all around on the Marina and Staff will increase to \$15 per week per person. Should the attitude of some members to Yaringa Staff and its environments not improve we will then follow most other Marinas and not allow permanent Living-A-Board.

Stefan S Borzecki.