

## **SPRING IS IN THE AIR**

Yes, **winter is officially over** and those who managed a 'winter escape' have returned from skiing in the Alps, fishing at Broome or lazing on the Sunshine Coast. And for those whose winter escape meant sitting in front of the fire, going to the footy or taking the kids to the movies, thoughts have returned to taking out the boat as spring is in the air!

## **IS YOUR BOAT READY TO GO and TROUBLE FREE?**

Negligible maintenance appears to have been done on boats yet all our Boating Contractors and Service Providers at Yaringa have still been very busy. Which means if you don't get in early to have your boat checked out, serviced or repaired you may start hearing the words: **"Sorry, not till after Christmas!"** You can avoid this by booking your boat in NOW! (see p 8)

## **FISHING AND SAILING**

Meanwhile fish have still been out & about, (even migrating Whales have been spotted) with several Snapper, some Squid and the odd Gummy caught off Yaringa. Our Fishing Club report (page 3) should get **you** out & about too, as the fishing season is underway. And for our sailing enthusiasts there have been some interesting and close races on the Bay culminating in a great evening at the restaurant for the end of year function.

**Support your fishing and sailing club: renew your membership or join up NOW!**

## **IS BOATING ON WESTERNPORT AT RISK?**

We should all be aware of constant moves by some within the "Green" community to close off all of Westernport to any form of boating activity (see VNPA website). The VNPA is not a Government body but a group of private individuals. For a contrary view go to the website [vrfish.com.au](http://vrfish.com.au) and feel free to express your own views through internet social networks or by writing to newspapers and/or your local members: Council, State & Federal.

**Boaties: let your views be known whenever and wherever you can.**

## **FURTHER EXPANSION OF MARINE PARKS**

Expansion of the Marine Parks by stealth could lead to the total closure of the Bay; likewise we need to keep the Bay open to major shipping or again there could be pressure to ban small boats. Our Bay is a resource we can all use and appreciate. From wildlife to small leisure boats to heavy industry, it's a constant balancing act, not something to be left to a few armchair theorists to control. Whatever your political views we should be aware that regulations could gradually be introduced, restricting your rights and freedom to use the Bay for recreational boating. **Just be mindful of this!**

## **WEEKEND HARBOUR ACTIVITIES & OPERATING PROCEDURES**

This brings us back to direct Harbour activities and in particular weekend activities which of course is our busiest time for launching & retrieving boats. The “Fair Work Act” and difficulty in finding people *to work long hours on fine sunny weekends and public holidays* have necessitated us to change some of our operating procedures. **See below.** If you or someone you know would be interested in working at the Marina over weekends please contact the office as we are recruiting for the forthcoming season. Training is included.

## **NEW FENCES AND GATES AT 3 LUMEAH ROAD**

Members will have noticed the commencement of new fencing at the start of Number 3 Yard where most of our boat-servicing contractors are located. This is a first early step in replacing all fencing and repositioning components of the Yaringa complex.

As foreshadowed in the 2009/10 Yaringa Magazine it will eventually encompass all road frontages to Lumeah and North Roads including much needed upgrades to gate entrances to all parts of the properties: factories & workshops; accommodation; dry stack; and the marina itself. As usual it will take time but will eventually allow better access for trucks, cranes, boats, caravans, trailers etc as well as enhancing security for all.

## **FACTORIES AT 3 LUMEAH ROAD (Yaringa Boat Services Precinct)**

Extensive modifications are occurring at the boat services yard where the majority of Contractors are currently located. These modifications will cost in excess of \$100,000 to bring the factories into line with current building regulations. Once this has been completed we intend building further factories as there is continuing demand from people and businesses engaged in Marine services to relocate near the water! If you or any associates have an interest in this development please contact the Marina office as we can modify designs at this stage to suit particular requirements. In general these new factories will be 500 square metres in area with access designed so that large boats (say up to 20 metres) can be brought to the door.

## **NEW DRY STORAGE PROCEDURES FOR THIS SUMMER**

Last year we introduced a new ‘Bung Policy’. As a reminder it is reproduced here on **Page 5**. This is still a crucial part of Marina operations **so please read it again**. From past experience we no longer touch bungs. **All boat bungs are your responsibility**. Obviously we will continue to take any action we deem appropriate for the safety of your boat, other boats or personnel.

## **‘BOATS TO THE CONCRETE’ IS UNWORKABLE AT BUSY TIMES**

Severe congestion and with many owners taking far too long to wash boats, chat, clean fish, even wander away for quite a while, this process has become unworkable. Boats will continue to be launched directly from the yard into the water and rinsed off by staff after retrieval. **But from this summer (December, January and February) all boats will be returned directly to the Yard after rinsing; there will be “no going to the concrete”**. Extra taps have been installed on the water in the holding area for customers wanting to wash boats or flush engines in the water ahead of the hose-down by staff. During ‘off peak’ times please restrict your time on the concrete to 5-10 mins maximum. If this system doesn’t work more smoothly a surcharge to use the concrete will be introduced. Obviously if you don’t use this area there will be no impact on your boating activities by these changes.

## YARINGA FISHING CLUB REPORT from Club Secretary Gerry Moloney



**YARINGA FISHING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY presented to 2010 winner Phil Ryal on 30th July**

Now that the long winter months are behind us, Yaringa Fishing Club is swinging back into action anticipating a productive season ahead. During the off-season members kept busy with social activities - the YFC Annual Dinner & Presentation night was held at the Yaringa Marina Restaurant on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The event was attended by over 60 members and friends and a great night was had by all. Congratulations go to **Phil Ryal** for taking out the **Club Champion** award, and to **Jack Palmer** for taking out the **Junior Club Champion** award. Other big winners on the night were Owen Watson, Warren Carter, Martin Solomon, James Ellul & Zac Carter. For all awards and results visit the fishing Club website at

Many thanks go to **Club Sponsors** who continue to support the Club year after year. Special thanks to the various teams at our major sponsors - **Yaringa Marina, Supreme Marine, Paul Worsteling's Tackleworld Cranbourne and MCN: Marketing, Connecting, Networking.**

Competitions for the 2010-2011 season commence again on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. The format for competitions this year is a Weekly Competition during the week of the New Moon each Month, and a Special Competition on the closest Saturday to the Full Moon. Again, Snapper, Gummy and Whiting are the target species for all Weekly comps and one of these 3 are nominated for each Special Competition. Full details are on the Club website, and posted around the Marina.

The Club is hosting the **MCN Snapper Challenge** on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Major prizes for this event are there to be won - 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 50" Panasonic Wide-screen TV valued at \$1499, 2<sup>nd</sup> is a \$500 Service Voucher from Supreme Marine, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$300 Cash from Carters Roofing. Juniors participating in the event are competing for 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200 Cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100 Voucher, or 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50 Voucher. **MCN: Marketing Connecting Networking** provides a comprehensive range of **Floor Coverings all Electrical Appliances & Bedding Phone 1300 856 826 or on web [www.mcn.net.au](http://www.mcn.net.au)**

The Club is actively seeking new members, so if you are interested in fishing or just in participating in the many social events, why not join the team at YFC – Your home grown Club. Please contact Club President **Mark Palmer** 0418 147 303 or email [president@yaringafishingclub.com](mailto:president@yaringafishingclub.com), or **Gerry Moloney** 0407 740 093 or email [secretary@yaringafishingclub.com](mailto:secretary@yaringafishingclub.com) for further details. **They will be happy to provide you with all the information you need.**

Regards to all,  
**Gerry**

## **DAY BERTH HOLDING AREA**

This area is exclusively for the use of Marina Staff for holding boats ready for customer use and is consequently very high in demand. Thus boats are restricted to **no more than half an hour** sitting in the day berths. Boats must depart (have gone to sea) or the boat will be returned to storage! We must re-state that **there is no free over night storage or berth** in the Marina. If a berth is needed it has to be booked before hand with the Marina Office and an overnight fee of \$20 per night is payable in advance. Additional boats in recent years have dramatically increased demand for early morning departure with many boats launched the night before. If you come back to the Harbour **after five o'clock without prior arrangement for a berth** you are unlikely to find a space to tie-up. **It is your responsibility to be back by 5pm for retrieval.**

## **BERTH FEES**

Due to the usual increases in operating costs of storage, launching, retrieval and wash down (such as Government lease increases, staff training, environmental charges, labour & costs to name a few) it has become necessary to increase *dry berth* and *wet berth* charges approximately 5%. New rates are available from the office and published on our Website and will apply from the first of November. New rates only apply when due for renewal as contracts roll over. There will be no increase in hardstanding fees or to the levy for live-aboards at this point.

## **INSURANCE**

**Insurance is not an optional extra!** Any boat, person or contractor located, operating or within the Yaringa Environs must carry appropriate insurance (Check at Office for details.) This is not only a marina requirement of you but is imposed by the conditions of our Government Lease and Commercial Banking & Insurance activities. Hence please do not give office staff a difficult time; just produce your current certificate or do not enter the precinct.

## **CLEANER MARINAS AUSTRALIA PROGRAM**

As part of our commitment to and participation in this national environmental program Yaringa now has a new Recycling Centre for old oil, batteries and anodes. It is readily located for you to use in the bright green shed near the dump master. By using this facility you will be making a contribution towards our efforts to constantly upgrade environmentally friendly aspects of the marina and this is appreciated.

## **MORE SOLAR POWERED CHANNEL MARKER LIGHTS**

The success of the initial seaward channel marker lights and favorable comments from night users of our channel has led to us fitting solar powered lights to all Yaringa Channel markers. We are proud to now have **the best lit channel in Westernport** providing easy to use, safe night access. All users can now confidently enter or leave Yaringa after dark. It is an asset for any emergency access and for the emergency rescue service which we currently provide at Yaringa (free of charge thanks to volunteer staff and friends of Yaringa.)

## **MAXIMUM SIZE FOR BOATS ACCEPTED FOR DRY BERTHING**

Boats over 7.0 metres in length (measured from the furthest point or protrusion at each end) are no longer accepted into dry storage. If you are thinking of purchasing a new or secondhand boat keep in mind that **if LOA (Length Over All) is greater than 7 metres** it may have to go into a wet berth. Avoid disappointment by checking with the Office before you buy!

**RE-PRINT OF STEFAN'S BUNG POLICY IMPLEMENTED in 2009**

## **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 any where in the world!

However with growth come necessary changes in operating procedures. 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! None of our staff can any longer know where all the bungs are for every boat; for example the number of bungs range from none to over six; some are at the back, upfront and inside; some are vertically underneath and some are half-way along the keel. 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 types 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 lead to some unfortunate experiences, unnecessary expenses and of course inconvenience to boat owners.

Therefore the new procedure we will be putting into place from the first of July 2009 will be as follows:

**“Marina staff will no longer touch any bungs on any boat.”**

**This is fully in keeping with our long established policy of not starting motors or operating any one's boat. It reiterates the fact that any boat stored at Yaringa should be kept in a fully operational state, able to be used at a moments notice. It reinforces that boats should be found exactly as left by owners.**

**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!** 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 a couple of 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.
2. Install an automatic bilge pump connected downstream of your battery switch (Bob Clow of Clow Marine Electronics 5977 3788 may be of help). It's a very useful device at sea and might even save a life!

Obviously if you have the above devices then you don't need to do anything. Please note that loose covers of any kind that are 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.

**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 intake of 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

## **SHORT TERM HARDSTAND, CRADLES & SPRAY BOOTHS**

You will be aware that inside the Harbour especially the slipway vicinity is constantly jammed up with boats. Many of these are supposedly up for a short term which somehow turns out to be for months or even years!!! This makes it difficult for the Marina to plan & manage operations and of course inconveniences those customers who plan effectively, get work done and keep to agreed timelines. The fact is that up to 100 boats are using or waiting to use work spaces. Appropriate policies and procedures are mostly already in place but will now be more strictly enforced:

- Concrete hardstanding is limited. We must tighten procedures to share it round fairly.
- Non-productive time in flexible cradles/spray booths/on concrete is unfair to other users.
- So to address this we will still keep long term storage on the Hard at current low rates.
- However we will strictly enforce policy that this applies only to outside the Harbour itself.
- All low-cost hardstanding will be located elsewhere in the Yaringa Marina complex.
- We will continue our seven days for free on the Hard to existing Yaringa members.
- This is extended to our own Contractors when they organize an outside boat to come in.
- After seven days any wet-berth paying Yaringa member is charged \$10 per day
- Everyone else (including non-members) is charged \$20 per day.
- After thirty days regardless of who it is, boat owners will be charged \$30 per day.
- **NOTE:** Nearby professional boatyards are charging up to \$100 per day from day one.
- Spray booths will be charged out at \$30 per day from day one.
- Any contractor/client issues are not the Marina's fault or responsibility. Charges still apply.

## **NEW LONG TERM HARDSTANDING YARD**

For those involved in the growing Hardstanding sector within Yaringa and others contemplating becoming involved or buying a bigger boat, we have some good news. We are in the process of negotiating to develop a much larger yard specifically designed for this purpose. Despite bureaucratic barriers we are intent on setting up a new yard that is seen as a state of the art, positive and constructive adjunct to the thriving Boat Harbour. Mast-up storage may be limited by height limits depending on the location of the new yard. Stay tuned for more on this project.

## **CLEANING UP EXISTING HARDSTANDING FACILITIES**

A vital life-blood area of an active marina is where the plans and dreams of boating enthusiasts are put into action. Building, finishing off or renovating boats often involves a "bit of wrecking" and always a heap of off-cuts and bits & pieces of waste. So let's not get carried away with the plans and dreams and clean up your rubbish as you go. **The tip is only a few minutes away** and it is your responsibility to visit it regularly, keeping your site clean & tidy. You cannot assume any rights to constructing shacks/roofs/out houses or extraordinary tents. Please remove any "Stuff" that is not a boat or it will be removed and you will be charged for it! Council makes regular inspections as well as neighbours and the Banks & Insurance Companies. Even just one person's junk, tars everyone with the same brush. So **please** cut the grass, remove rubbish daily, pick up plastic drink bottles & used sandpaper, leave no junk in the drains, don't feed the birds or snakes, and absolutely **NO FIRES!** Are you getting the message here???" **"REMOVE YOUR CRAP"** or you will be charged for having it removed.

## **LIVE-ABOARDS**

This aspect of our marina operations is constantly under the careful scrutiny of government, shire, neighbours and our own members! Not everyone is in favour or relaxed about it and as a first point usually roll out the 'damage to the environment' issue! Whatever underlying reasons may be, we are constantly being required to justify it and incurring additional costs to service this clientele that non live-aboards don't incur such as burnt out power points. Most Marinas across Australia and around the world do not allow permanent live-aboards or long term transients! Several neighbours have recently used our allowing live-aboards as a basis of objection to expansion of the Marina. Their opinion affects planning decisions and you should be aware of this because in the longer term it affects you as well. To pre-empt a major problem we have a ceiling on numbers and no longer accept new people in this category beyond that ceiling. Owning a boat here is not a right to live-aboard. There is an excellent Caravan Park next door. I'm happy to discuss issues with or about live-aboards. Levies are not changing at this stage.

## **COMPUTERS AND OTHER SYSTEMS**

We are about to undertake a major upgrade of our computer system operation mainly related to customer records and work programming. The present system was developed by me over twenty years ago, upgraded by my nephew and more recently by Dave Saly. Suffice to say every component is becoming archaic and not sufficiently stable to be upgradeable! We will soon have all new hardware and software that is being specifically built for us as there is no "off the shelf" product available for the myriad of business we currently run at Yaringa.

This upgrade of our computer systems will no doubt have some teething problems as all historical data will have to be reloaded; hence the possibility of errors may arise. Please in the first instance take up any queries you have with the Marina Office staff and allow for the fact there could be a gremlin or two in the new system. Of course it is not possible to operate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with a box of file cards, especially with ongoing and ever increasing government regulations. There is now a regulation or ticket covering every move you make. We are also down-sizing our daily operations by putting the factories out to Professional Independent Management (Century 21 Real Estate). This is a big plus for everyone.

***Have a great summer boating season, Stefan & the Yaringa Crew.***

## **STOP PRESS**

### **News update**

As this Spring Newsletter goes to press a decision on who will govern our nation has just been resolved - nearly 3 weeks after the Federal Election. Strangely this is democracy at work. Over the next month or so Victoria will also go to the polls. Then we will know what rules will apply for all the projects Yaringa has '**In the Pipeline**', and project planning can move forward. If you have not read the last coloured glossy 2009-10 Yaringa Magazine, particularly Part Two of the Three Part Series on **The Yaringa Story** tracing Yaringa's history, growth & development, please collect one from the office and read what Yaringa projects are actually '**In the Pipeline**'. Then you will be ready to receive in due course the final glossy in the Three Part Series **The Yaringa Story** by former General Manager & Publications Editor Frank Gray. It will provide the latest news on Yaringa project developments at the Harbour, on French Island and in other places.



## 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 Carly's Specialised Boat Cleaning Services: Carly 0425 851 443
  - \*Boat Hire Yaringa Boat Hire 7 days-a-week all-year-round: Sheryl or Miranda 5977 4154
  - \*Boat Repairs & Maintenance The Yacht Doctor: Joe 0400 156 390 / Frank 0424 573 149
  - \*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
  - \*Painting Act Two Electro Painters Commercial & Industrial: Geoff 0417 561 744
  - \*Fibreglass Manufacturing Streamline Fibreglass Repairs Painting Re-fits: Chris 5977 4434
  - \*Kiosk Yaringa Cafe Take-away and outdoor seating: Brian & Lindy 5977 3319
  - \*Marina Pens & Dry Boat Storage Yaringa Boat Harbour: Rob 5977 4154
  - \*Marine Electronics Clow Marine Electronics: Bob & Dale 5977 3788
  - \*Metal Fabrication Maintenance Engineering Solutions Engineer: Kris 0407 174 498
  - \*Outboard Mechanic Supreme Marine Outboards/Stern Drives/: Leigh & Justin 5977 3066
  - \*Painting & Boat Refurbishment Streamline Fibreglass: Chris 5977 4434 / 0414 819723
  - \*Restaurant Yaringa Marina Restaurant Fully Licensed / Lunch & Dinner: Ravish 5977 3735
  - \*Sail-maker David Ryan Sails: David 5977 4988 / 0412 938 869
  - \*Signage and Vinyl Cut Lettering Prestige Signs: Shane 0418 556 176
  - \*Slipping & Slipway Services Yaringa Boat Services: Rob: 5977 4154
  - \*Trailer Import & Repairs Western Port Engineering: Roland 5977 3359 / 0428018 3359
  - \*Yacht masts / Welding Superior Masts & Rigging: Craig 5977 3991 / 0412 652 300
- Berthing & slipping enquiries should initially be directed to Miranda in the office 5977 4154**