



Newsletter – Winter 2010

Dear Yaringa Member,

The middle of Winter is not far away (therefore summer is on it's way) and whilst we have had a wet April and dry May all parts of the Marina have been very busy; the boat usage may have dropped off but all the servicing areas are fully occupied. Therefore if you have major work in mind please get in early as I am certain that by September all the contractors will be saying after Christmas etc.

We have launched a few big catamarans and other boats from the yards and this has now allowed us to create more space for contractors and hence if anyone wishes to lease factories or containers please contact the Marina office. The Marine Service Centre located at no.3 Lumeah Road is about to be overhauled and upgraded to cater for the increasing boat repair traffic from the whole Mornington Peninsula.

Whilst the fishing has quieted down over winter we have been donated a large stainless steel cleaning table thanks to Peter Knell (M146) in anticipation of catches to come. The size suggests that there is room to clean very large fish or lots of littler ones; legal size of course. Your continued co-operation in keeping this area clean after use helps to keep the seagulls to a minimum.

Stefan S Borzecki

E.P.I.R.B. - Don't risk your life

Police Air Wing Visits Yaringa - Rob Kelly

The satellite processing of the old 121.5 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons or E.P.I.R.B's ceased on 1st February 2009. Although the signals are no longer being received by satellite, some are still able to be detected by high flying aircraft. As a consequence search areas are very large and considerable amounts of money and resources are used and quite often wasted trying to find when activated.

On Easter Monday, the Police Air Wing, after 15 minutes or more hovering over the harbour landed at the Western Port Harbour Caravan Park looking for an activated E.P.I.R.B signal which had been detected near here. The initial response came from Canberra where AMSA (Australian Maritime Safety Authority) picked up the signal.

Lending them a vehicle, a team of three police officers using a portable tracking device spent nearly two hours trying to track the signal in the trailer boat storage yard, eventually finding it getting stronger towards Tyabb. At 4pm they left the harbour after receiving a call to attend to two divers at Portland.

So don't just throw your old E.P.I.R.B in the bin, as it will end up in rubbish tips and maybe activated inadvertently. Drop in your old beacons at a Battery World store, the harbour office or phone the advice line on 1800 406 406. Don't risk your life on a 121.5 MHz E.P.I.R.B. See Bob or Dale at Clow Marine Electronics for a new 406 MHz (GPS) E.P.I.R.B and get it registered.

Further information on E.P.I.R.B's or distress beacons is available from the harbour office or visit www.amsa.gov.au/beacons.

Congratulations Yaringa Boat Harbour ***International Gold Anchor Scheme – Miranda Borzecki***

You may have noticed a new flag flying from the crows nest. As first reported in the 2009-2010 summer magazine, Yaringa joined the Gold Anchor scheme and we are now pleased to announce that after being independently assessed against criteria covering more than 96 different elements of marina facilities and services we have been awarded a three gold anchor rating.



Yaringa was in the first of ten marinas nation wide to be accredited and we look forward to continuous improvement to all the facilities to move to a five anchor (star) operation covering over 1000 Boats. The Gold Anchor programme is designed to provide boat owners and marina users with a simple way to determine which marinas best fit their needs via a quick and easy reference system similar to the hotel association's star rating scheme. Further information on the International Gold Anchors Scheme can be found on their website www.goldanchors.net.au.

Yaringa Mariners Club: ***Taken from YMC Newsletter – Allan Coxson***

The cruising division has gone from strength to strength and has been very active during the summer and full credit must be given to Howard Kinns for organising the division from his sick bed. Great to see you back on your feet Howard and see you on the water.

Yaringa yacht racing has a long and proud history under various identities for more than 10 years. In its heyday Yaringa fielded a fleet nearly 40 boats of all shapes and sizes from this Marina alone. Accepting that people and boats move on and interests change, expecting a fleet of that size is a big ask but with the current fleet size where is the next generation of competitive sailors going to come from? If you have even faintly thought about competing in the Yaringa series please give it some serious thought. We don't race for sheep stations and it will increase your sailing skills dramatically just trying to beat the boat in front. The Club will provide training and mentoring to anybody interested.

As a better man than me said – 'A yacht on its own is cruising – two or more yachts in company are racing'.

The Yaringa Mariners Club annual dinner will be held in the Yaringa Marina Restaurant at 7pm for 7.30 pm on 24th July 2010. All members of the Yaringa community are invited to attend; tickets are \$40 per head and bookings can be made taken through the Marina office.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6.30 pm sharp on 24th July 2010 in the Yaringa Restaurant. All members and potential members of the YMC are invited to attend.



YMC

Yaringa Fishing Club:

After a very successful fishing summer the Yaringa Fishing Clubs 2009-2010 the season will come to a close on Sunday 27th June. Once again the club board outside the chandlery reflects the diversity of fish in Western Port and the keenest of the anglers seeking their catch.

The Yaringa Fishing Club will be holding its Annual Dinner and Presentation Night on Friday 30th July from 7pm at the Yaringa Marina Restaurant. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children and can be obtained from Maliney at the Yaringa Chandlery on 5977 3004; please book early to secure your seat.

The club awards for the 2009-2010 season will be presented on the night. We look forward to seeing you there members and non members are all welcome.



Reminder about Visitors:

For you and your vessels security and safety, no visitor unaccompanied by the boat owner is allowed access to the harbour precinct (including 1, 3 & 4 Lumeah Road) unless previously arranged with the harbour office. If you are expecting visitors please arrange to meet them in the public areas of the marina or at either the kiosk or the restaurant.

In addition please remind your visitors that Yaringa is a “**dog free**” marina and ask them to leave their loved ones at home when they come to visit.

Postcards:

Over the last couple months we have had several boats depart to head north and beyond. Find below some of the adventures and stories that have been sent to us. We love to hear your news and adventures out and about on the high seas so don't forget to send us your boating news and we shall endeavour to put them in our newsletters.

Hi Miranda,

We're just slowly working our way up the coast. We spent 5 days in Bermagui catching up with friend; we caught 27 Flathead in 4 hours. We spent only one day in Ulladula, they were charging \$40 a night warfage. Currently we are in Jervis Bay anchored beside "The Young Endeavour" The Navy is having fun trying to blow up the land just near us with there 47mm gun, I think the land should be allowed to shoot back. They are forecasting winds up to 30 knots for tomorrow so we will probably stay another day, we will have anchor in another part of the bay as this location will be bad in a southerly.

**Regards Ross
Black & Tan**

"Hi All,

It has been sometime since our last update. Some of you may not have heard from us since leaving Camden Haven. We made our way to Clarence River and then onto the Gold Coast. We made it through the Spit nicely and anchored up off Seaworld for the night. We ventured to Gold Coast City Marina on the Coomera River. We were there for a couple of weeks. We had to fix the Raymarine E120. They kept fading out and that was scary. We caught up with some friends and family.

We left the Gold Coast and got as far as Mooloolaba. Again we were here for a couple of weeks. The conditions limited us – with the cyclone etc. We also had to get a guy out to look at the E120's again. We were able to sand back the cap rails. This time we covered them with Cetol. It looks a whole lot better.

Monday morning we took off for Bundaberg. As the Sandy Straits entrance (between Fraser Island and Hervey Bay) was not ideal for us to pass through we did a 24 hour stint to Bundaberg port. It was a full moon and was not so bad visually. There was some rain about but our plotted course had us travelling just along the continental shelf. This hampered our speed and the swells were quite large. Nevertheless we made it into Bundy. We anchored up but it started drying up and left little water under us. We moved back a bit and rang the little Marina. We fuelled up and they allowed us to stay at the fuel berth for the night. A crab fisherman came in. Got talking to him and he gave us 10 live spanner crabs for \$20.00. He showed us how to prep them for the bbq; Sweet meat. Even Matthew liked it.

We are now on our way to Rodd Bay (Turkey Beach). This Bay/Harbour is about 23nm south of Gladstone. We expect to be there about 04:30 this afternoon. Well that is a quick update on our position. Everything else is going good. Hope all is well with you.

Cheers.....

Well I couldn't get a signal to send email. Therefore I can give you a further update. On the way from Bundy to Port Rodd we were trolling. We caught 2 beautiful Spanish Mackerels. Guess what we are having for dinner tonight. We have anchored up for the night and set a couple of crab pots. We will do some fishing as well.

*Hopefully I can get a signal tomorrow and you will get this soon.
Bye for now.*

***Bernie Anderson & Shelley Strelow
M.V. PACIFICA"***