



QLYC.... Opening Day at the Clubhouse! - Sun Oct 20, 2013

What a great day to have an Opening Day....not sure about the sail past!!

A great day dawned for QLYC's Opening Day celebrations....

A quick and early spruce up and set up by a number of committee members saw the place looking a treat as usual with all the accommodating food, drinks and open doors for all our members and visitors to survey our great little club house.



Arrival time was around 11.30 am and as the hour approaches many people attend and gather inside and out by the water as a high tide greets us and shows how we planned the day perfectly.

As we see, the carpark is a busy place with our off the beach boats taking quite a space in the background....visitors gathering in greeting and enjoying the mild weather for the morning.

After a few drinks and informal grouping by the members our Commodore Jill Golland calls the group to the front of house and in a low key ceremonial speech, welcomes everyone including Honorary Life Members, members and friends, recounting the activities around the club, the events for the coming season and thanks the committee and volunteers for their commitment to QLYC.

Special mention by Jill is that 2013 constitutes 100 years (or a Century in the old language!) since sailing activities began at this location, now just as strong today as ever!!

The Commodore was prepped by Ian Curtis (past Mayor and Councillor for the Borough!).

The Commodore pronounces the season opened and breaks the burgee on the flagpole as a sign of a new season!



QLYC's new Off The Beach rescue craft is shown off and resoundingly applauded by the OTB Captain Geoffrey Mathews together with what could be the largest crew ever for a rescue boat...all wanting to be first on board!!

Thanks to John Barry, Geoffrey and Ross Nitz for their work in evaluating the choice and of course Jean Monger for allowing the club to purchase same.



Members continued their ramblings and social chit chat in the car park and with the beautiful day sauntered around enjoying the ambience....whilst taking in the BBQ and sounds of lunch cooking with Frank, John and Ross.....Oscar supervised the process!!

And special

thanks to all those who bought salads to accompany the meat and vege burgers from the lads out the back!



A notable conversation entailed the senior members of the club recalling the good days of yesteryear with Alex Eagleson, Bob Mayne and Ian McKenzie (as can be seen!)



Of note to all was the presence of some notable characters of the Borough in ex MLA for Bellarine, Garry Spry who was a borough councillor along with John Barry who also was a Councillor and Mayor.

Post the discussions everyone enjoyed the hospitality and tucked into a well-earned lunch provided by the club and topped off with some excellent chocolate brownies and a lovely sponge slice with a cuppa! (Thanks Jill and Bev for these...and with or without cream!)

Thanks to all who came and contributed to a fabulous Opening Day and BBQ before we get to the rough and tumble of reall racing on the Bay as we have down for many years at Queenscliff.

Next Club Racing start:

Is on....

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 - Ray Maki 2 !!

And

SUNDAY October 27 – Try Sailing !!



Note to all:

1. Courses are revised for this season and available at briefing on Saturday,
2. All club invoices have been sent to members and we would appreciate your attention to these...please advise us via the Secretary of any changes,
3. AND this Sunday we are having a Try Sailing Daywe need skippers to assist with having vessels available for crew out of the Harbour...call John Barry 0408 955 299!!