



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club

Annual Presentation Night

Saturday – May 11, 2013

The last event in the racing season for 2012/3 is the Annual Presentation Night of awards to the Skippers and crews, after spending the past six months racing off Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale in delightful weather.

Over 80 people gathered at the Lonsdale Golf Club for the night and combined the night with some very special guests and sponsors.

The chatter and drinks preceding the official night got under way with Club Captain Ian Curtis calling members to order to eat, drink and cheer the recipients of many trophies and awards.

Commodore Jill Golland welcomed all distinguished guests including Mayor Helene Cameron along with Honorary Life Members Bob Mayne, Alex Eagleson, John Barry and Brian Golland with a special note of the absence of Honorary Life Governor and member Jack Golightly who accepted his

award and apologised for his missing such an occasion. Table decorations by the committee with special burgee flags depicting all club boats for skippers and crews to take home as a

souvenir of the night were added to by individual special boats, flags and paraphernalia of their seeking best table prize.



Jill presented a synopsis of an exciting year with thanks to many members who had enhanced the club house and facilities with their special talents in a unequalled renovation for all members and friends to enjoy.

Special presentations began with service appreciation awards to those dedicating their time during the year to managing various elements

of club business, namely Race Officers (Ian & Bev Lee and Jennifer Gilbert), weekly Race Report author (Brian "The Grub" Golland) and co-conspirator / Website Manager (Colin "CBE" Bishop), Monica and Ross Nitz for the new kitchen, Geoffrey Mathews for his Off The Beach "OTB" activities, Jennifer Gilbert and 'Guard Dog' Bec for clubhouse management and updating of the interior, and lastly the Master of Ceremonies and Club Captain Ian Curtis.



The racing awards are as listed elsewhere but essentially were:

Ray Maki Spring Series – Dave Hatton	Wave Dancer
Cole Cup to Portsea – Jock Lee & Rick Gower	Christabelle
Champagne Stern Chaser – David Cross	Defiance
New Year Regatta – (shared) Chris Laker & John Barry	Imagine & Sundance
Channels Race – Dave Hatton	Wave Dancer
Lady Skippers Race – Alison McKenzie	Zen
Cec Anderson Series – Colin Gibbs	Tiercel
Around Mud Island Passage Race – Couta Boats - Russ Watson	Nellie
Around Mud Island Passage Race – CBH - Ron Mason	Sixpenny Bit
Pivot Stern Chaser Race – Chris Laker	Imagine
Irwin Trophy – Doug Curlewis	Kinsale
Easter Regatta – Doug Curlewis	Kinsale
Lady Nelson Race – Paul van Prooyen	Fancy
Commodore's Cup – John Barry	Sundance
Christabelle Cup – Tom Fricke	Drizabone
Club Person of the year – Jennifer Gilbert	House Captain & OOD



Once again, Honorary Life Member & Commodore of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, Brian Golland presented the "*Mishap Award*" through a dissertation of odd and honest mistakes of skippers during the season. The winner for 2012/13 was Colin Bishop on "*Indulgence*"!

Brian together with Commodore Jill announced a special presentation to John Barry of his adventurous attempt at sailing the circumnavigation of Tassie including a summary of all the incidents and misfortunes!!

Tom Fricke as guest presenter took the gathering through an article from the famous journal "Dog Watch" of 1983 by Tim Phillips on "Couta Boats at the Cliff".

The history dated from the 1850's with style of boat and construction, various special events of the time, including technology changes pre and post war, the builders including the Lacco's, Locke, Higgs, Blunt, Jones, McKenzie and Peel Bros. Rigs, Ports and payments all had their special place in history and finally the first race recorded at Queenscliff in 1884 some using special silk sails!



A number of raffles, (drawn by Carmel Murphy of Queenscliffe Herald fame!), and the spirited auctions under the hands of Jill and Ian took a toll on the pockets of those present with some of the items being sailing gear courtesy of Roger Bennett of Four winds Marine, sailing bags (hand made by Jennifer from Sundance sails) and vouchers from Searoad Ferries, the Maritime Museum and Vic Tavern.



And as a crew member on the fated Sundance to Tasmania and return on March under the skipper John Barry, Colin Gibbs gave his version of the "12 Days of Cruising" to a much appreciated round of applause by all who know the stories.



The Borough of Queenscliffe's Mayor, Helene Cameron awarded the Aggregate Championship Cup that recognises the best performing yacht and crew that attains the greatest overall points score for the season. The winner for season 2012/13 was Chris Laker and crew with "Imagine"

Chris gave special thanks to his crew and the experiences they used in assisting the win as a credit to the team. Chris believes next season this will pay dividends again and all our yacht racing activities raise the profile of our unique club and its presence in Queenscliff.

Some of the hard working Queenscliff sailors being presented with awards for their efforts in 2012/13.....as under:



The winning champion crew and skipper of the "Aggregate Winner for 2012/13" Chris Laker above for yacht "Imagine" cherish their new trophy.



Top: Ron Mason of Bendigo Yacht Club takes hold of the trophy for "Around Mud Islands" with Jill Golland – Commodore.
 Centre: John Barry for Dave Hatton (Wave Dancer) congratulated by Honorary Life Member Alex Eagleson; Chris Laker takes the trophy for the Pivot Series;
 Bottom: the Commodore congratulates Ian McKenzie; Tom Fricke takes hold of the Christabelle Cup from Jock Lee representing the trophy; and Honorary Life Member Bob Mayne awards Colin Gibbs with his win in the Cec Anderson series.



Top Left: Imagine's crew dress up for a limelight shot!!

Top Centre: Paul van Prooyen gets to take the shot at the Pivot Series shell trophy

Top Right: Tom Fricke walking everyone through his dissertation on the Couta story through the journal "Dog Watch"

Bottom Left: Paul van Prooyen accepts his "Lady Nelson" trophy from the Commodore and Club Captain

Bottom Centre: Alison McKenzie of Zen delights in her "Lady Skippers" win and trophy!

Bottom Right: Treasurer Colin Bishop is congratulated for his illustrious awards during the evening!

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