



## Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

### Opening Day 2015-16 season

Sun October, 2015

#### The Official Opening of the 2015-2016 season at the Club.

The new season is upon us and to tempt us to give it another go this year we started with the Official Opening of the season under the hand of our re-elected Commodore Jill Golland under beautiful skies and a spectacular day.



As is usual the core of QLYC gathered with a few friends at the Club House before noon on this beginning of a new racing and sailing year.

With a few drinks in hand, the gathering took to the pleasant deck space overlooking Swan Bay, on the outdoor furniture and admired the view before the official proceedings.



A bit after midday Commodore Jill addressed the members and friends commenting by welcoming everyone including our Honorary Life Governor of the club, Jack Golightly and his wife Audrey along with other official members of QLYC.

Jill thanked previous committee members along with the newly elected committee for their dedication to making this club a feature of the Swan Bay landscape and a picture of a healthy sport in Queenscliff.

A sad part of the opening was the recognition of the passing of two of the most well-known members of the club in Jack Beazley's wife Val who passed away in the past weeks along with Gil Allbutt's wife Nancy, and all present took a minutes silence in remembrance for their longstanding part in the clubs existence.



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The committee remains committed to more renovations around the boat shed planned to accommodate more craft and the grounds beautification which have local residents more involved in using the area for recreation and leisure.

The Winter Series racing was a great success and after 5 years is proving a real success with a number of committee member's support. It looks like four new vessels will join in our Keel/Couta fleet this year and providing good competition.

Jill asked Audrey Golightly to break the club burgee at the flag pole which she did with delight assisted by our club captain Brian ....however it was upside down and distress called on the day! One for the "Mishap Award" according to previous recipients!!

Following the formal proceedings lunch was called for with our resident chef Frank doing the honours and working the BBQ combined with some nice sides topped off by Sandy Lee's beautiful Rhubarb/Tomato relish, plus a fruit platter and some delightful cookies.



The afternoon was spent by a majority of attendees using dinghies, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes on the water being escorted by our Rescue RIB "Cygnet" under Frank's tender hand.

Frank Kelloway and co-owner took licence and went far afield with their Hobie almost making Edwards Point via Mac's Jetty

before returning and of course there was Peter Haydon's trimaran (home-made) looking much like a modern junk .. But performing much better.... pity about the hat overboard Peter!



Brendon and his girls made the effort and managed venturing out on a few vessels making their day different ... and getting a dunk for trying!



Jack and Audrey got a real kick out of being there and participating ... departing later than expected but enjoying the club again. Here's cheers Jack!

Overall it was a fun and very restful day by the water and comments in the very positive formed the basis of satisfaction for the organising committee.

Well done to all who attended and got into the spirit of the adventure.

Thanks from Commodore Jill and all of the Committee....let's race next Saturday!



**Remember....The first of the Club Racing starts on....**

***Saturday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> with briefing at Noon in the Harbour by the Shed.***

***Please join us and have a real adventurous time in Port Phillip Bay!***