



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Discover Sailing Day ends a big weekend for the club. Sunday January 24, 2016

Another overcast morning brings a shine to sailing!

There was some discouraging weather looming over the club house as the committee few gathered to set up and facilitate another day of Discover Sailing as the last weekend before school returns this week.

A forecast number of people and families had already expressed their attendance and this promised to be another big day by all standards.

With assembling dinghies, canoes, paddle boards, shade and preparatory work was finishing at 11am it was a number of cars and people walking up to the club that revved us into action.

Commodore Jill was at her best, greeting people, especially those who had chatted to her earlier in the week and directing traffic as friends and family continued to pour into the club. By lunchtime it was a very busy atmosphere both in the club house as people registered with Catherine and Alex, and outside with parents encouraging children and teenagers to get organised with PFD's ready to take to the water in dinghies and canoes on Swan Bay.



On the water it was our three Sparrows going full tilt with skippers, John, Colin and Brian alongside the cat skippered by Geoffrey competing with any number of canoes and paddle boards in the mix. Later the Pacer also hit the water and made a few waves with its versatility.



The rescue RIB was out and had its first couple of runs with Frank as Skipper before he changed hats to be BBQ chef, having to juggle priorities and still keep a careful eye on the water.



Around 1pm it was almost a rush in the school yard as lunch was served and the deck turned into a sea of eaters taking shelter from the sun, fuelling up in preparation for a great afternoon session on the water.

Early afternoon saw a few first timers take to the

water in a Sparrow by themselves and make it back with the odd few tacks toward the club house.

By midafternoon it was slacking off and most were now having a second or third ride and getting the most out of it....along came a few others having discovered the club through signage around the local streets...even a family of experienced



sailors arrived late on their way back to Blairgowrie with their two young fellows diving into the Pacer to give it a big run across the bay and back.



However all that aside it was pack up time and with a few exhausted committee dragging their heels got all of our gear, dinghies, paddle boards back on the trailer, canoes stowed

in the shed, PFD's away, shade packed, chairs and tables organised and BBQ locked away.

At the end of the day it was a very tired but satisfied committee that celebrated a great day's organisation, day on the water, registrations filed and completed pack up with a quiet, well deserved drink from the bar stocks.

A few even watched the sun go down whilst enjoying some pizza courtesy of Catherine and Alex's journey into town and return! Thanks guys.

Rounding up the events of the day we found to our surprise we entertained, assisted, taught and had fun with 20 families including 42 adults and 37 children from 3 years to 15 years.

Teenagers were a surprise number with 16 in total and 21 kids under 12 years.

A great day for all concerned and thanks go to



the dedicated and hard working committee and members who contributed to a very successful Discover Sailing in this lovely part of Regional Victoria.

Thanks go to everyone who contributes so much of their time and effort into these days at the club...you know who you are and we thank you very much.



Our next Discover Sailing Day is on....Sunday February 21st at 11am.

Thank you to all who participated and especially to the few members who rallied behind the club on these days.

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