



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Bringing yachting to Queenscliff families through Yachting Victoria's Discover Sailing Day program..

- **Sunday Nov 17, 2013**

An ideal day dawned for our first Off The Beach (OTB), "Discover Sailing Day", with much effort expended in advertising amongst locals of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale in the preceding weeks.



A beautiful sunny day and a high tide alongside the clubhouse greeted our committee and visitors with preparations early by everyone saw families wide eyed and ready to go on arrival.



Some families were returning after a great experience previously with the club and a number of new families took to the adventure to have their children involved in a water sport not normally enjoyed or experienced by them.

The club had both their own OTB vessels including kayaks, cats and dinghies ready to go and with a good supply of gear quickly fitted out a number of children who patiently waited to have our instructors and experienced parents take them out on the very safe enclosed waters of Swan Bay.

Having a busy quick sail with most arriving before lunch saw a line-up of people and mainly little one to take in the BBQ offered and provided by the club for the event.



Mind you, the adults made a fairly good impression on the food as well with family groups and children sharing experiences already had as the goodies were consumed.



Unfortunately the lower than expected high tide saw some difficulty in getting a few craft to the water but did make available the shores for some adventurous youngsters to explore and capture a few unlucky crabs and creatures for viewing by the many on the apron outside the club.





Committee member Ian Curtis took his granddaughter Lilly on her first, quite brisk ride on beautiful conditions of Swan Bay....



And a kayak race of sorts had a few enthusiastic youngsters looking to expend a bit more energy against the adults...



A small misadventure during the afternoon saw our treasurer Colin dismast the "Cat" of Geoffrey Mathews without mishap to himself and adventurous young sailor Jai... whose description of the subsequent rescue involving Jean and Dave will make a great story for tomorrow's show and tell at school !!

Just for a change there was some extra insect life anticipating some lunch or at least keeping the juniors occupied

between sails!!



Our thanks to a great bunch of committee officers, members and friends who pitched in to make it a real success yesterday lead by OTB Captain Geoffrey with excellent "Show Bags" giveaways from Yachting Victoria which included a cap, sticker, pen and club info.



All participants were logged in for future follow up and Commodore Jill announced that visitors joined in on the fun of the day with 12 families have registering as

potential members, four of which took application forms home.



Next Yacht Club race is the Champagne Stern Chaser (incorporating the Ray Maki #4 on 30th Nov with a Noon briefing at the Harbour – followed by the Commodore's Champagne Reception at the clubhouse

Next Messabout Dinghy Day will be SUNDAY December 15th – 11AM - At the Club House off King Street !!

