



Try Sailing Extravaganza

At the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club

Club House on Swan Bay
January 22, 2012

What a Sensational Day !

With an air of expectation, under the guidance and initiative of committee member Geoffrey Mathews with the support of Commodore Jill Golland and committee . . . QLYC conducted an OTB (off the beach) sailing day at its clubhouse on Swan Bay last Sunday.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Neil and Lyn May of **"Action Kayak and Sail"** in Moolap, a variety of their craft were provided . . . 'set up' and supervised by mighty **"Jim"**, who ensured that there was plenty to do and try for all.



Commencing at 11am and running well into the afternoon in conjunction with the high tide . . . it proved to be a spectacular sea (sic) of colour, vessels and people with the emphasis on families and the young attending.

Overall it's estimated that around 140 people took advantage of the beautiful day to get close up and personal with the water and sample some of the water craft on display including the club's own craft and members bringing their personal vessels down for the event.

The BBQ was a hit, combined with cool drinks and green salad; the throng enjoyed the hospitality amidst the colourful backdrop of Swan Bay and the inland waters of Queenscliff. The serenity was palpable . . . far exceeding 'Bonny Doon'!



We particularly thank hard working BBQ Chefs Phil and Barry . . . for cooking up a storm of snags and hamburgers which we all so gladly devoured . . . what is it about water sports that makes you so hungry?

Thanks also to Russ (our Barman from Barbados) seen here in full command of the 'esky' in contrast to the helm of Couta Boat "Nellie" . . . (is he nodding off behind those dark glasses) . . . surely not!



'Jim' ensured that everyone got to experience all that Hobie Cat's could offer, sailing or kayaking, by providing all participants with a unique opportunity to try an outstanding array of on water experiences in this "Give it a Go Day".

Participants seemed surprised at the delights on offer and fun filled outcomes, particularly the variety of craft available enabling them to take to the inland waters with great enthusiasm.

The photos capture the successful outcomes of the day, showing how all enjoyed the activities . . . especially the variety or craft in all shapes and sizes, which were available.

Mums, Dads, kids and others of all ages queued at all ramps for a chance to 'have a go', with all ages and abilities catered for.



The shore was littered with all manner of craft to try, including Club owned dinghies and various other craft which Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club members assisted participants to use.

As can be seen, the spectacular backdrop of Queenscliff and Swan Bay made for a great day.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the unique chance to experience this great vista . . . that is so very special.

Many thanks to all who participated and assisted in any way, with a final special thanks to the 'rescue boat' operator Jack Mathews for an outstanding job with an unfamiliar Zodiac and motor!

Based on this success and interest shown, we're hoping to conduct another similar day before the season finishes in April, to further showcase the unique benefits of membership to QLYC.



In closing, don't forget to check out Lyn and Neil May's Moolap Action Kayak and Sail website . . . www.kayakandsail.com.au . . . for safe, stable craft that will enable you and your family to enjoy all that our magnificent Swan Bay has to offer in the safety of shallow inland waters.

Also, you might like to keep an eye on QLYC's website . . . www.glyc.org.au to follow all club activities, including our regular racing program with trailer sailers, cousta boats and keel boats.

New crew are always welcome . . . just come along to briefing, conducted at 12 noon on Saturdays in Queenscliff harbour during the summer sailing season.

Look forward to seeing you again soon !