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Participating in Yachting Victoria's Discover Sailing Day.. Social sailing with our local families! - Sunday Oct 27, 2013

The weather was perfect for a social day out on the bay with some local families on board for the experience of Yachting Victoria's Discover Sailing Day around Victoria.

Club members who responded to the YV call for Discover Sailing gathered at the usual spot in the Harbour Precinct at 11.00am on Sunday. Not getting many takers, the Commodore took to accosting people as they walked by before venturing into the Café Latte area of the Harbour, spruiking for anyone who would like a free sail on the bay to join us at the western end of the harbour.

Boats and Skippers were Nellie with Russ Watson, Tiercel with Colin Gibbs and Sundance with John Barry who volunteered their time along with crew members, Alex Eagleson, Jill and Brian Golland, Colin Bishop, Tudor Cosma, Frank McMahon, Dave Hatton and Jennifer Gilbert.

In the end we had a family of four with Brett and three children plus Shane as an interested adult that took us up on the challenge.



Interestingly it was advertised around town by Geoffrey Mathews during the week and a lacklustre attendance probably means people *"love looking at sailing and boating but in the end, really don't feel inclined to make the leap of faith into actual reality!"*

But despite the lack of enthusiasm by many we took the challenge and went sailing on the bay. What a big day it seemed with lovely light winds and a light shower of rain with the promise of some sunshine....!!

As crew were limited and Russ was keen to "blow some cobwebs from Nellie" he headed off alone on a quick jaunt to do just that....but thanks very much Russ for being and offering to be part of the day.

On board Sundance we had the family with Brett and his two sons and daughter and Tiercel had one adult who sailed with them. The young crew in "Leo" on Sundance welcomed a chance to play "Skipper for a Day", taking the helm and guiding the vessel toward our distant destination....nice work!



Both yachts took a direction to Pope's Eye rocks and the Wedge before making a beeline for the Chinaman's Hat structure called "Caisson" off Sorrento.



Some danger was sought as the direction, given the tide was low and the sand banks between marks saw some shallow portions give way to Sundance grounding briefly just short of the "Caisson"....second day in a row with such an incident!!

The wind lightened and the "iron mainsail" maintained the effort to return to harbour in a timely fashion....



However as Sundance head back it could be seen that Tiercel had taken a turn toward the heads and on heading home to the harbour flew the delightful spinnaker with

the emblazoned "Currawong" making their presence known and making a spectacular sight ...

Our thanks to all who ventured out as crew and to the two (well actually three!) skippers and their vessels in a great afternoon on the bay enjoying what can only be described as a delightful sailing!

Next Club Racing start:....

SATURDAY November 2nd - Ray Maki 3 !! And

*SUNDAY November 3rd - For the challenge...
GTYC Queenscliff to Geelong race !!*



AND Cup Day Cruise on Tuesday Nov 5th to Mud Islands to see the bird rookeries and all the recent breeding... Note to all:

1. Courses are revised for this season and will be available at briefing on Saturday.