



Opening Day 2011

– Sunday Nov 6thClub House

Well here we were on a really pleasant Sunday morning to celebrate the forthcoming 2011-2012 sailing season with our friendly QLYC sailors, partners, wives and families of all denominations (Politics aside!!).....



As can be seen our Commodore Jill awaited the gathering throng of guests and as can be seen a keen eye on proceedings in the car park....we should say everybody was well behaved!!

A mini working bee beforehand had prepared the club house with flags and ropes should anyone get out of hand...there was a threat of “occupy QLYC” but it was averted.

Jill opened proceedings with an eloquent speech welcoming our honorary life members present, in Bill and Bob, and thanking many members for their participation particularly through the winter series racing including our support OOD etc.



Her anticipatory comments were welcomed, particularly around the return of the Couta fleet as a result of the Pile Moorings and new boats arriving to join the racing for the season.



Appropriately the Sailing Captain Ian Curtis assisted the Commodore with the breaking of the burgee to the masthead heralding the opening of the season.

Arriving guests and members had already been mixing and swapping stories over the “odd quiet drink” prior to proceedings whilst some younger members took to catch a few crabs off the launching ramp!



Doug Curlewis sorted out the opposition crew of Sundance whilst our OOD Ian Lee took some time toward making Heather a member of the rescue crew!!



Immediate Past Commodore John Barry had a more relaxed position and maintained a steady composure in conversation looking over the water.



Young Liam Watson entertained with parts from his forthcoming commercial acting career.



Most took time just taking in the ambience of the day and the beautiful weather which made the day for everyone.



The feel of the day had everyone close to the water and Swan Bay was a very pleasant sight as the throng milled around just prior to our BBQ lunch.

As can be seen, Rear Commodore JB had his work cut out for the day in BBQ-ing for all concerned and it did appear that the more he cooked the more people ate etc, etc Good work John...preparation work here for onboard roasts later in the season!! And just behind John you can see the watchful eye of Bev Lee taking in the work and almost ready to provide a tip to John!!



Meanwhile with some time on their hands...our Cousta captains in Russ and Dave, were hard at it looking over past experiences in photos and editorials searching for glimpses of their exploits!!

Sensational food was all that could be said of the catering as most people and kids came back for more...and more....Both David Millie and John B must have been doing it right.



Looking around we could see that in all our club house was almost full to capacity with around 50 plus people joining in the splendour of the occasion and seeing each other before a great season.....assuming our handicapper provides the incentive to our crews and skippers!! Hint...hint!!



With all our dessert stomachs "very" empty.....we all welcomed Sandy Lee's sumptuous chocolate cake dessert as the culinary highlight.....!!

Given an additional beer or glass of vino, all our guests felt that they had enjoyed a fabulous Sunday and opening day with all the delights for a big season on the water and hopefully in social calendar!



See you all on the water ...fair winds and smooth seas!!
- from the Commodore.