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"Making Waves"

"Making Waves" is the regular newsletter of the HBYC Cruising Group

Updates and Reports

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th Oct –
Overnight Cruise to Werribee**



The Cruising Group has had several of its recent events adversely affected by weather, and so it was good to report that the cruise to Werribee River this month was a success.

Ray Proudlock on "*Seleka*" started off early followed by five others at about 1000, all under motor. After an hour, most sails were hoisted but some motors stayed on. We arrived with the tide rather low and Bill Duffy on "*Windgrace*" stayed off and had lunch and a sunbake while the rest motored in to the jetty. This required holding a line about three meters off the beach. You could have shaken hands with the large numbers on the beach if it were not for the fact that some were fishing and you had to wonder whether their lines would wrap around the propeller.

"*Spinner*" was last in and rafted up on "*Seleka*". Keith Mitchell distributed G&T's from "*Orion's Belt*" and we all had lunch for about an hour. "*Orion's Belt*", John Martin's "*Indigo*" and Gary

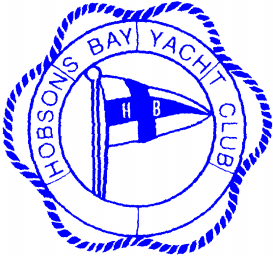
and Deb Marks' "*Bondi Tram*" looked the goods, rafted up together with their club burgees flying. It made you want to claim the surrounding land for the Club. It was glorious weather and a busy scene on the beach and on the boat ramp.



Apparently, Werribee River had not been visited by HBYC for about twenty years and for those who had not been there it was quite a surprise. The weekend before, Peter Farries on "*Minora*", with Bill and Keith also on board, had reconnoitred four miles up river with quite adequate depth and found it easy to secure to the riverbank. The original idea for this trip had been to stay overnight upriver, but in the end, all those who went intended to limit it to the Saturday. "*Orion's Belt*" had to leave first. Keith motored out and woke Bill up, and they sailed back together.

The best course from the jetty through the mooring field and into the deeper water of the river had been pointed out to Peter the previous week by the Coast Guard. However, the three of us who tried all touched bottom, so the grand plan to go upriver was abandoned for another day with a higher tide, and we set sail for home in the glorious weather and about 10 knots of southerly breeze, fully persuaded that we had had a very good time.

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Opening Day Saturday 3rd Oct

Sadly, your redoubtable Editor was ill that weekend and did not front up. However, I have heard that a good time was had by all. There will no doubt be a report elsewhere in the HBYC pages.

Tuesday 27th October – Monthly Meeting

Rob Latimer presented a very interesting talk and show of his adventures on the high seas, from Bass Strait and the evolutionary process of sailing to Vanuatu and beyond. Like many of us, Rob started in dinghies and grew up sharing boats with various members of his family. For many years he sailed "Tee Pee" a Nicholson 32 and has a number of Bass Strait crossings to his credit. Last year Rob started Medical Sailing

Ministries (MSM) www.msm.org.au with a view to making use of the 53 foot steel yacht "Chimere" and supported by a dedicated team of 16 volunteer yachties. For the technically minded, "Chimere" has an 85hp Perkins diesel with a 100litre fuel tank, so had quite a good range. Rob also reminded us of the necessity to test and retest every system on board as they were undertaking a long ocean voyage.

Through several DVDs we saw first hand the results of what was dubbed "purposeful sailing" where a good, solid boat and a hearty crew were able to assist with what had become a water ambulance, and a ferry service, transporting people and medical supplies from one remote shore to another within the 85 island Vanuatu group. With accompanying lilting music from Irish fiddles and drums we saw evocative scenes of sunsets at sea, wild winds, blue skies and rolling swells.

Tue 24 November - Monthly meeting

where we will plan activities for 2010, including:

January- a sail to Phillip Island
Second Radio Course
Traversing the Heads

Saturday 28 November – Yarra River evening cruise and BBQ

Our November event is a Yarra cruise potentially to Victoria Harbour on the south side of the River. This will be confirmed at our November meeting.

Saturday Dec 5th – Christmas function – details to be advised

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