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Season Ahead

This season has 148 sailing days from opening day until our Easter close. We'd like you to make a pact to sail at least 1 in ever 10 days. That's a minimum of 14 days. Of course we'd like to have you on the water all 148 days, but apparently there are other things in life than being on a Couta Boat.

Our calendar is full of great events that offer a mixture of on water and off water events.



Junior Sailing

Junior sailing is back in full swing. The Minnow program starts a week before opening day. Harly Moffat is busy with the program and is keen for assistance.

If you can lend a hand please let Harly know. (03 9817 5050)

Rules Night

Time to brush up on the rules. Rules make the difference between a social sail and a race. Brush up on your rules at our rules night. Who knows, at your next mark rounding you mightn't yell out the wrong rule.

Learn at the rules night the key to avoiding a protest.

Members Sign up Sign Up

The off season has seen our membership drive take a bit of a brake. The club is keen to sign up crew and new comers ASAP.

This season member privileges will be enforced. The SSC/CBC Members Dining facility is a member only privilege. A service refusal may offend, to avoid any issues, keep your membership up to date and sign up your crew & guests.

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Youth Sailing (Parent Tips)

Room to grow, room to explore, room to explore.

Youth sailing is often thought to be the hardest challenge in any yacht club. Here are a few tips that might help.

If you've got teenage kids, see if they'd like to sail on someone else's boat. Often parents cramp style without knowing.

Offer you kids a flexible crewing place, lets face it if you had the option of doing something cool with your mates, you'd probably want to do it.

Treat your kids as adults; their lack of interest in sailing might be because of their perceived lack of freedom and respect.

We're all keen to offer the thrill of Couta Boat sailing to all ages.

A final reflection, youthful people restored the boats and youthful minds sail in our events.

New Committee

October saw the AGM and election of new committee members.

Welcome to our new top brass.

The new president is Ross Wilson (not the Mondo rock Ross, the other one, but I wonder if Ross can do a version of Eagle Rock). Vice President Jeff Richardson, Treasurer Graham Cunningham & Secretary John Dixon.

2001 Year of the Volunteer

The Sydney Olympics showed that participation isn't reserved for athletes. Volunteering is great fun and offers great rewards. When was the last time that you got a buzz by helping others?

2001 is the International Year of the Volunteer and we'd like to offer you the opportunity to get involved and share in some of the great rewards. Throughout the season each week and each event need people power. Many tasks take less than half an hour, some a half day.

Our club is a community based on volunteer efforts; the committee welcomes you to get involved today.

Couta Boat Club Committee 2000-2001

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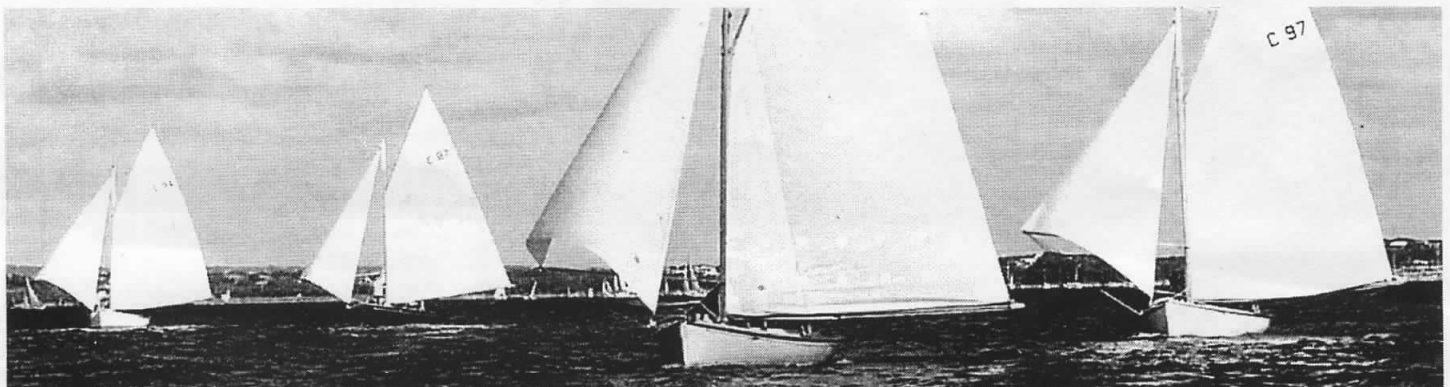
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Race	Dates & Times	Host/Venue
Season Opener 'Patsy' Cocktail Party	Fri 17 Nov	Nepean Rm Portsea Pub
Opening Day Raft Up Sail Past Check the Opening Day Program for social activities	Sat 18 Nov 1100 1330	CBC/SSC
1 Wooden Boatshop Regatta A1 Heat 1 Division 1 A2 Heat 1 Division 2 (Short Course)	Sat 18 Nov 1430 1440	Portsea
Rules Night 'Where Couta's Meet'	Fri 24 Nov 1900	Portsea
2 Wooden Boatshop Regatta A1 Heat 2 Division 1 A2 Heat 2 Division 2 (Short Course)	Sat 25 Nov 1430 1440	Portsea
3 Wooden Boatshop Regatta A1 Heat 3 Division 1 A2 Heat 3 Division 2 (Short Course)	Sat 2 Dec 1430 1440	Portsea
Prov. For Resail Division 1 Division 2	Sat 9 Dec 1430 1440	Portsea
R.T.Edgar Dash to The Heads Division 2 (Start 5 min prior to Div. 1) Division 1 Club House Drinks	Wed 27 Dec 0945 0950 ASAP	Portsea
5 Twilight Race Division 1 & 2 Division 2 to start first.	Thur 28 Dec 1800	CBC/SSC
6 Twilight Race Division 1 & 2 Division 2 to start first. Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.	Fri 29 Dec 1800 ASAP	CBC/SSC

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7 MAZDA Nationals Regatta A1 Heat 1 Division 1 A2 Heat 1 Division 2 (Short Course)	Sat 30 Dec 1330 1340	Capel Sound
8 A1 Heat 2 Division 1 A2 Heat 2 Division 2 (Short Course)	ASAP ASAP	
New Years Eve Party	Sun 31 Dec 1930	CBC/SSC
9 Dean International South Channel Race	Mon 1 Jan 1300	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
10 KPMG Couta Boat Classic Raft up at club jetty	Wed 3 Jan 0900	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
11 MAZDA Nationals Regatta A1 Heat 3 Division 1 A2 Heat 3 Division 2 (Short Course)	Thu 4 Jan 1330 1340	Capel Sound
12 A1 Heat 4 Division 1 A2 Heat 4 Division 2 (Short Course)	ASAP ASAP	
13 Twilight Race Division 1 & 2 Division 2 to start first. Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.	Fri 5 Jan 1800 ASAP	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
14 Logan Portsea Cup Raft Up - Portsea Pier A1 Division 1 A2 Division 2 (Short Course) Club House Drinks	Sat 6 Jan 1100 1400 1410 ASAP	Portsea
Logan Quarantine Picnic	Sun 7 Jan 1200	Quarantine
15 Twilight Race Division 1 & 2 Division 2 to start first.	Wed 10 Jan 1800	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions

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Race	Dates & Times	Host/Venue
16 Twilight Race Division 1 & 2 Division 2 to start first. Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.	Fri 12 Jan 1800	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
17 Lady Skipper's Race Division 1 Division 2 (Short Course) Club House Presentation & Function	Sat 13 Jan 1300 1310 1600	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
18 Australia Day Race	Fri 26 Jan TBA	CBC/SSC
or		
19 Geelong Regatta Pt Arlington Geelong Passage Race	Fri 26 Jan Sat 27 Jan	RGYC Separate Race Entry & Sailing Instructions
20 Heat 1 Geelong Regatta A1		
21 Heat 2 Geelong Regatta A1	Sun 28 Jan	
22 Captain Slocum Classic Boats Race		
23 CUB Carlton Cold - Match Racing Championships Division 1 & 2	Sat 3 Feb 1200	CBC/SSC Separate Sailing Instructions
Cruise to the Golden Sands Yacht Club and "The Mussel Extravaganza"	Sun 4 Feb 1030	See Nick Cable for entry details
Australian Wooden Boat Festival Hobart, Tasmania	Sat 10 Feb -Mon 12 Feb	
24 Round Mud Island Race TBA	Sat 10 Feb	Q.C.Y.C Separate Sailing Instructions
Air International		
25 State Championships A1 Heat 1 Division 1 A2 Heat 1 Division 2 (Short Course) Heat 1 Ham Cup "Flying Dutchmans"	Sat 17 Feb 1400 1410 1420	Portsea
26 A1 Heat 2 Division 1 A2 Heat 2 Division 2 (Short Course) Heat 2 Ham Cup "Flying Dutchmans"	ASAP ASAP ASAP	

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Kids in coutas Sail to the Heads Sausage Sizzle	Sun 18 Feb 1100 1400	CBC/SSC
27 Pier to Perignon Briefing Swim Division 2 Division 1 Raft up at Portsea pier.	Sat 3 Mar 0930 1130 1135 1140 ASAP	Sorrento
San Remo Federation Festival NOT AN OFFICIAL CBC EVENT.	Sat 10 Mar	San Remo Ph Contact Ken Lacco 5956-7240 Separate Race Entry & Sailing Instructions
Air International 28 State Championships A1 Heat 3 Division 1 A2 Heat 3 Division 2 (Short Course) 29 A1 Heat 4 Division 1 A2 Heat 4 Division 2 (Short Course) Club House Presentation	Sat 17 Mar ASAP ASAP ASAP	Portsea
30 Queenscliff Regatta Raftup - Queenscliff A1 Division 1 A2 Division 2	Sat 24 Mar 1200 1400 1410	Queenscliff
Fishing under sail competition	Sat 7 Apr	CBC/SSC
31 Consolidated Insurance Agencies Sternchaser Division 1 & 2	Sat 14 Apr 1400	CBC/SSC
Easter Party	Sat 14 Apr TBA	
Provision for resale	Sun 15 Apr	

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Sponsor Summary

It's great to see the majority of sponsors have returned and we welcome new sponsors. Each of the sponsors are keen to have your support in making their event a success.

When you're off the water don't forget our sponsors, if you're thirsty – think **CUB**, when your boat needs repairs or maintenance – think **Wooden Boatshop**, when you need to buy or sell a house – think **R.T.Edgar**, need a car – think **Mazda**, feeling cold or want to look the part – think **Logan**, need to move something – think **Dean Cargo**, do you want better business performance – think **KPMG**, want to sing our anthem – think **Australia Day Committee**, need to be inspired – think **Air International**, want to be covered – think **CIA Insurance**, need more from the internet – **www.thinking.com.au**

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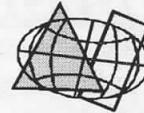
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There has been a fantastic response to the Boat Register and the Couta Boat Heritage Program. We now have 64 boats with updated details

Make sure you take a look at the new boats that have made it onto the CoutaNet Boat Register.

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Our aim is to get all the Couta Boats that are registered up on the site so everyone can share in their history.

For those of you who have put your boat on the register, remember that you can always add more information to your page at any time.

Please keep us informed of any recent race winnings, special events or memorable tales that involved your boat so we can keep your page up to date. CoutaNet will gladly update your page with this information and any special comments you wish to add.

So far, the histories of the boats have been gathered from a range of sources. Let everyone know of your boat's history and successes by simply filling out the Online Boat Register. I'm sure there will be stories and legends that we haven't tapped into, so send them to -

info@couta.net or fax them to (03) 96707747.

Heritage Program

John Ross has been busy in the shed all winter. He hasn't been restoring a boat, but putting together a heritage program. The committee had received input from a range of members that fleet racing was great but they wanted a few other options. Heritage activities featured high on the options list.

John has begun a major project that needs your input. Please contact John and get involved, this is a great opportunity to get the most from both on water and off water heritage activities.

John Ross (03 9646-3111)

Queenscliff Fleet

Rumour has it that the Queenscliff fleet have been making a few changes. I've heard that the Swan Bay will be joining our fleet. Over the last years our Queenscliff fleet has performed above average, maybe as a result of their extensive training sailing (sailing over each week).

We wish the guys well and look forward to seeing them on the water or around the club.

Gary Kerr - Author

In the off season I had the pleasure of reading Craft And Craftsmen of Australian Fishing by Gary Kerr. This is a great work and captures a wide range of fishing boat history.

Books like this don't come about overnight. In fact Gary is in the process of researching a further book on Couta Boats. Over the last 20 years the Couta fleet has come back to life and Gary is keen to document the stories about your Couta Boat.

The living history of Couta Boats covers some of most diverse stories I've heard. Please get the stories ready and update your boat profile on CoutaNet. We currently have 64 boat profiles. All need more detail and we're hungry for the next 60+. If you have any details please chip in and give a hand.

Gary's books are available from Boat Books www.boatbooks.com.au

Jane Flowers Artist

Have you ever walked into a room and had a painting transport you to paradise. If you have then it might have been one of Jane Flowers works of art. Jane's paintings capture the Southern Bay and bring any room to life. This month on CoutaNet you can get a screen saver of some of Jane's works. I'm sure that after a few glimpses of the screen saver you'll want more. If you do, Jane does take commissions.

Jane Flowers (03 5258 1701)



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