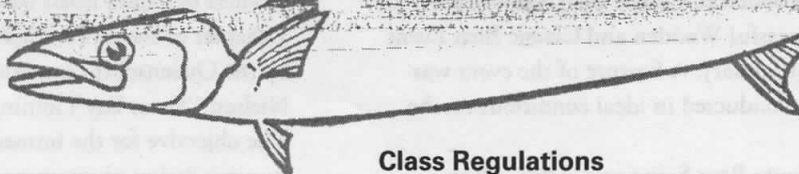


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Database

After a delayed start the Couta Boat Association (CBA) is now making some headway.

A key issue has been getting a data base of boat owners together. We judge that this is now about 90% accurate. If we still have errors in your contact details please let us know. If you know of anyone not on our data base please encourage them to contact us. A complete and accurate data base is the foundation for a strong Class Association.

Affiliations

The CBA is currently finalising formal affiliations with the Australian Yachting Federation and Yachting Victoria. One of the roles of the Association will be to represent members interests in certain areas – particularly safety regulations, race management, risk management etc. These areas are all increasingly important for Class Associations, Clubs and owners/crew.

Class Regulations

A sub-committee of Tim Phillips, Jeffrey Richardson and Peter Hannah is currently reviewing the Couta Boat Regulations. An up-dated version will be produced for Season 2002/03. It is anticipated that the review will essentially result in minor changes/revisions/ amendments only.

Sorrento Results

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC) has completed very successful summer and winter race programmes for Couta Boats. Our congratulations and sincere thanks to all involved in managing and running the racing. Our thanks also to the many Couta Boat owners who turned up for their scheduled roster duty. This voluntary participation is essential to assist the Club's Race Officers.

The SSCBC hosted three key events for the CBA. Our congratulations to the major trophy winners.

Logan Portsea Cup

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
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| Div. 2 | Kentdale B.Bell | Lady Virginia N.Cable | Elise W.Oswin |

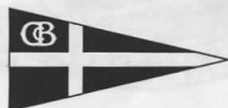
Mazda Nationals

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
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| Div. 1 | C97 J.Richardson | Ripple P.Hannah | Swan Bay G.Nielsen |
| Div. 2 | Elise W.Oswin | Rosie B.Almond | Julia J.Spencer |

Air International State Championships

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
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| Div. 1 | Jessie M.Green | Armadale T.Bail | C97 J.Richardson |
| Div. 2 | Lady Virginia N.Cable | Lyndal Lea C.Bell | Dawn S.Haysom |

Detailed results are available on the SSCBC web site.



Port Fairy Success

The Port Fairy Wooden & Classic Boat Association staged a very successful Wooden and Classic Boat Event over two days last January. A Feature of the event was a parade of boats conducted in ideal conditions on the Moyne River.

Winner of the Cousta Boat Series was 'Ariel' – Roy Jennings, second was 'Legend' – Gary Stewart. 'Ariel' is believed to be the oldest boat to have participated in the festivities.

Club Marine Fishin' Boat Festival - Mordialloc

Congratulations to Nigel Abbott for his efforts in the successful staging of the above mentioned event last March at Mordialloc.

The event included the inaugural Club Marine Cousta Boat Cup – a three-race series sailed from the Mordialloc Sailing Club. Winner was 'Rhapsody' – Greg Chisolm on a countback from 'Sally' – Peter McKeand. Eleven Cousta Boats participated in the event.

Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart

The fifth Australian Wooden Boat Festival will take over Hobart's historic waterfront from Friday 7 to Monday 10 February 2003.

A new committee and a new festival director are setting out to build on past successes.

This is an event not to be missed – early travel and accommodation bookings are recommended. The official travel and booking agent for the Festival is Tasvacations

Tel: 1800 030 160
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Email: reservations@tasvacations.com.au

Queenscliff Chapter Established

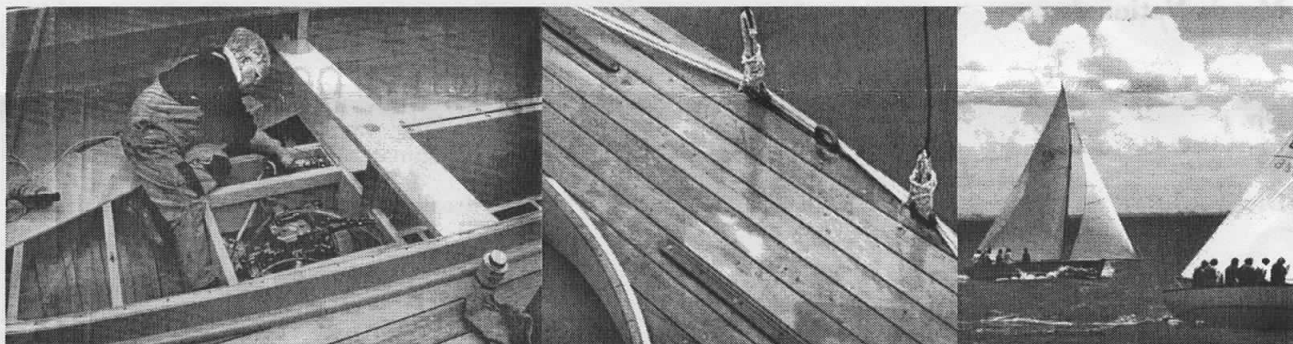
Owners of Cousta Boats based at Queenscliff have formed a chapter of the CBA. This has been formally recognised by the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club with Greg Nielsen ('Swan Bay') joining the yacht club committee. The objective for the immediate future is to develop a summer racing programme combining selected SSCBC events with local races. It is great to see the fledgling Queenscliff fleet establishing itself under Greg's guidance. Another avenue being developed is a closer relationship between the Cousta Boat community and the Queenscliff Maritime Museum via our Queenscliff based members.

Sydney Moves

Bill Gale of Ranger fame has convened a meeting of Ranger and Cousta Boat owners scheduled for Friday July 26 at the Sydney Amater Sailing Squadron. Could we possibly see Rangers and Cousta Boat sailing together on Sydney Harbour? We would really like to see that! Coincidentally this is occurring shortly after Phillip Kinsella has relocated 'Sylvia' from Pittwater to the Harbour.

Meanwhile on Pittwater Mick Morris is preparing 'Cariad' to defend the Palm Beach Yacht Club Great Wooden Boat Race on August 11. Go Mick!

The CBA through John Dixon is re-establishing links with the National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. The idea is to maintain contact with 'Thistle', explore opportunities to participate in museum sponsored events and possibly use the museum facilities as a venue for Cousta Boat events in the future.



Transitional Committee

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| President: | John Ross |
| Vice President: | Jeffrey Richardson |
| Hon. Secretary: | John Dixon |
| Hon. Treasurer: | To be advised |
| Committee: | Tim Phillips, Peter Hannah, Greg Nielsen |
| Delegates: | Queenscliff – Greg Nielsen Portland/Port Fairy – Garry Kerr, Sydney – Mick Morris Perth – c/o Tim Phillips |

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