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Newsletter of the
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As indicated above we have a new Editor for the Couta Boat Club Newsletter SCOOP. Rick Lansell (Skipper of "Weeroona" CB25) has already taken over the reins and would appreciate any contact from members either written or by telephone with matters of interest to CBC members.

Thanks go to Jamie Spencer for producing SCOOP over the last two years - Jamie has unfortunately been forced to resign his editorship due to the pressure of a new business venture in which we wish him good luck.

As of the date of publication the Hearing constituted by the Ministry of Planning to consider the Shire of Flinders Proposal for a Boat Harbour at Sorrento is under way.

We understand that there have been approximately 280 written submissions, some of which have been substantial. The Hearing proceeds currently to hear verbal submissions from parties that have requested same.

It is too early to venture a guess as to the outcome of what has become a major issue.

MARCUS BURKE

FORTHCOMING RACES

Notices of Race are enclosed for the postponed Queenscliff Race and also the Easter Race.

Please note the officers of the day are:

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| Queenscliff | BILL DAVIS | 059 841693 |
| Easter | JOHN ROSS | 059 842539 |

"SCOOP SCUTTLEBUT"

Richard and Tom Buxton have purchased our ex Vice-President Peter Graham's "Minerva". Richard (ex Bill Davis crew) is in charge of tactics and sail handling with Tom at the helm - look out!

Well done to Secretary Bill Davis who, on accepting the Petersville Trophy at the Blairgowrie Yacht Club presentation, had, in front of many hundreds of people, the presence of mind to formally thank Petersville and the organisers for conducting a magnificent series.

Thanks to Tom Buxton who initiated a big clean up on the foredeck at Mornington Yacht Club after a lot of our members (and others) had contributed to what could have been a very big mess that would not have been at all appreciated if it had been left behind.

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SOCIAL NEWS by Jill Hartley

The Southerly Buster was yet again a great evening with over 400 people vying for the food, drink and entertainment. A festive spirit prevailed with endless conversations about the day's sailing and anything vaguely related to Couta Boats and their crews. For those with weak memories an instant video replay was put on the big screen, ably shot and edited by Bruno Savron - one of the many camera happy and shy aboard Will Baillieu's AJAX. Jim Woods kindly organised Light and Sound and Jane and Peter Burke made super effort to ensure that the evening went well and all enjoyed themselves.

At a party de-briefing some points needing attention for future events were noted and improvements will be made:-

Two bars, so you don't have to wait so long for that well earned drink!
More seating, larger marquee, etc.

Overall it was a super event - we can't wait to organise another one'.

'Till our next social.

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P.S. Don't forget the next Social event - The Parkinson's - Youngs Party.

NEW MEMBERS

The Couta Boat Club welcomes the following new members

Nick Buis
Ken Wood
Grant Smith
Geoff Ogden
Chris Kiel
Gregory Gibson
Simon Latchford
Bob Moore
Peter Clarke
James Mighell
David Campbell
James Nason
Dick Whitaaker
Peter Gibson
Jeremy Mantello
Selwyn Custance
Don Harrison