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Season Update

The first 30 days of the summer season have been a bumper. Larger fleets than normal and more people around the club enjoying the facilities. If you haven't secured crew for the January racing calendar, it might be time to get on the phone and round them up for each event. The calendar is packed with great racing and social events.

The member's dining facility has reopened and is doing great trade. Make sure to say g'day to Tracy & Paul. Since implementation, the new system has been working fine but please remember your responsibility to sign in all guests.



Logan Portsea Cup

January 6th is the Annual raft up and race at the Portsea pier. This year more than any other please remember safety. The Portsea Cup is a very competitive event, so as a safety precaution make sure you've put in some practice before the day and have an experienced crew onboard. If you're not sure, please join in the raft up and spectator fleet as safety is a club priority.

Rules Night - Outcome

The scuttle-butt from the night was that more courtesy is needed. Since the evening, many skippers have been discussing rules they didn't know existed and some are still coming to terms with the fact there are rules!

Thank you to all of those boats and skippers that featured in the discussion. I'm sure it was only coincidence that the same boats kept coming up.

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Junior Sailing

Harley Moffatt, Wayne Parr, Tim Phillips, Scott Davies, Andrew Skinner, Clive Beckingsale and many others have all been busy on Sunday mornings. Not as sailors but as pit crew. Yes, they have all been there to support the juniors and help get them out on the water. It's great to see the juniors getting in amongst it. Only a few weeks ago many hadn't even stepped foot in a boat, now they're racing and giving it their best.



Mazda Nationals Get In. Be Moved

The Mazda Nationals will take place on the 30th December and 4th January. This year's theme for the event has been suggested by our sponsor – Get In. Be Moved.

Maybe that's a good reminder of what happens to all Mazda drivers. If you'd like to test drive a Mazda please pop in to your local dealer. Don't forget to let them know you're from the CBC & maybe even invite them down for a ride in your other dream machine.



LOGAN QUARANTINE PICNIC Sunday 7th January

Another Logan Quarantine Picnic – are you ready?

Who can forget the spontaneous generosity shown by those present last year. After the Logan Portsea Cup trophy ceremony there was a rush of donations for the Patsy Appeal, in particular a generous \$20,000 CUB donation.

Picnic check list -

- a rug
- broolly
- esky & ice
- food
- drink
- sun cream
- good humour
- friends
- beach gear
- chair
- table
- table cloth
- camera
- gourmet hampers
- wallet
- shore crew

BBQs are provided. Tong swapping and plate space is a sport so be brave and see if you're up to the grade. The only thing to remember is, there is no overlap rule within two tongs of the BBQ.

Bringing a few friends is a great way to introduce them to Cousta Life and a sure-fire way to convince friends to become members.

And my final tip, have a fun day and enjoy everything that being a member of the Cousta Boat Club has to offer.

LADY SKIPPERS

The Lady Skipper's Race is fast approaching – Saturday 13th January to be precise. Last year, Scoop suggested this was the "Tale of Two Races".

Boy did I get a talking to. I think I might have hit upon a nerve or two, not only with the gents.

So, for those Lady Skippers that love to get out and enjoy the best-dressed crew, this is your year. And for those Lady Skippers that want to race and race hard, its your year also. By the way, my fence sitting wouldn't be complete if I didn't say if you'd like to be best dressed and also competitive – GO FOR IT!

2000 was the dawning of a new era, where real Lady Skippers dominated the Lady Skipper's race. Again this year there is the opportunity to prove that racing success is based on wit, skill and tactics rather than macho and muscle.

So for all you Lady Skippers out there, if there is one race you are going to compete in this year, make it this one.

You're humble servant. The editor.

Christmas Wishes

Haven't got the Christmas shopping finished? Not a problem! Why not give a card complete with an order for Club Gear. There's heaps in stock, so if you need to solve that last minute gift, CLUB GEAR is the way to go.

Club Gear Price List

The Sorrento Sailing Club / Couta Boat Club has a fantastic range of Club Gear again this season.

These items are all quality Logan garments specifically designed for the outdoors.

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Logan Hat

\$15.00

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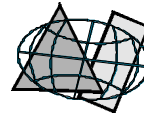
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SUMMER HOLIDAY

Week 1

Wed 27 Dec

R.T.Edgar Dash to The Heads

0945 Div 2 Portsea
0950 Div 1

ASAP Club House Drinks



Thu 28 Dec

Twilight Race

1800 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC
Division 2 to start first.

Fri 29 Dec

Twilight Race

1800 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC
Division 2 to start first.

ASAP Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.

Sat 30 Dec

MAZDA Nationals Regatta

1330 Heat 1 Division 1 Capel Sound
1340 Heat 1 Division 2
(Short Course)

ASAP Heat 2 Division 1 Capel Sound
Heat 2 Division 2
(Short Course)



Sun 31 Dec

New Year's Eve Party

1930 CBC/SSC



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Week 2

Mon 1 Jan

Dean International South Channel Race

1300 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC



Wed 3 Jan

KPMG Couta Boat Classic

0900 Raft up at club jetty CBC/SSC



Thu 4 Jan

MAZDA Nationals Regatta

1330 Heat 3 Division 1 Capel Sound
1340 Heat 3 Division 2
(Short Course)

ASAP Heat 4 Division 1 Capel Sound
Heat 4 Division 2
(Short Course)



Fri 5 Jan

Twilight Race

1800 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC
Division 2 to start first.

ASAP Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.

Sat 6 Jan

Logan Portsea Cup

1100 Raft Up – Portsea Pier Portsea
1400 Division 1
1410 Division 2 (Short Course)

ASAP Club House Drinks

Sun 7 Jan

Logan Quarantine Picnic

1200 Quarantine



2001 PLANNER

Week 3

Wed 10 Jan

Twilight Race

1800 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC
Division 2 to start first.

ASAP Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.

Fri 12 Jan

Twilight Race

1800 Division 1 & 2 CBC/SSC
Division 2 to start first.

ASAP Post race BBQ at club. BYO food.

Sat 13 Jan

Lady Skipper's Race

1300 Division 1 CBC/SSC
1310 Division 2 (Short Course)

1600 Club House Presentation & Function

Week 4

See Holiday Ideas

Week 5

Fri 26 Jan

Inaugural Australia Day Race

TBA CBC/SSC



Fri 26 Jan

Geelong Regatta

Pt Arlington Geelong Passage Race

TBA RGYC

Sat 27 Jan

Geelong Regatta Heat 1 & 2

TBA RGYC

Sun 28 Jan

Captain Slocum Classic Boats Race

TBA RGYC

HOLIDAY IDEAS CLUB LAWN PICNIC

Last year Scoop suggested more picnics more often. WOW, the response was great! If you haven't already road tested a club lawn picnic, do soon.

The club lawn is just the ticket for a great picnic. A good location, great facilities and good safe swimming. There is even a jetty – making it easy for the family to get on & off the boat.

This might be a good resolution for the New Year - **More picnics - More Often!**

HOLIDAY IDEAS

Need something to do and are looking for an alternative to fleet racing? Here are a few ideas:

- Run a safety inspection across your boat. Do you have flares, buckets, anchors... It's a must to be prepared.
- Sail to Quarantine and back. Good practice for the Logan Picnic day.
- Visit the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum.
- Go for a sail around Sorrento and check your plate clearance. It might save valuable time in a race.
- Jump in an OTB boat and brush up on your skills.
- Join the SSC OTB race. Dust off the cobwebs and get out on the water. Maybe it's an opportunity to go sailing with a mate!
- Skill practice - jump in a Couta Boat and practice tacking, starting and boat trim.
- Cruising - How about a cruise to Queenscliff, Mud Island or Rye Pier.
- Have a long lunch at the club and maybe even turn it into a dinner.
- Write down your boat's history and dimensions and post into the boat register.



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Heritage Program

John Ross has been extremely busy bringing the Heritage Program to life. Over the last month John has launched the Friends of Patsy offer, Heritage Group Membership program and organised a ripper travel offer to the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival.

There have also been opportunities for old friends to get reacquainted. In particular, the Queenscliff Maritime Museum. If you haven't visited recently, it's well worth the trip.

Like to 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)

CoutaNet

Thanks to all members utilising CoutaNet.

This seasons improvements include faster result postings, discussion forums, tides and weather charts, more images, screen savers, wallpaper and a huge boat register.

The discussion forums allow you to have your say, join me online to discuss rules, juniors program or just chew the fat.

There has also been a site developed for the SSC. it can be found at www.yachte.com.au/ssc

Any ideas please send to info@couta.net

Couta Boat Register **REGISTER YOUR BOAT NOW**

There has been a fantastic response to the Boat Register and the Couta Boat Heritage Program. We now have 69 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.

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) 9670 7747.

Cliff Thwaits

Extract from 'Craft And Craftsmen Of Australian Fishing' - by Garry Kerr

Available from Boatbooks and Wooden Boatshop.

The major development in the 'couta boat as a distinct type took place during the 1880's, and was gradually refined up till about the Second World War.

There was continuing debate among fishermen regarding the merit of various boats and their builders. Cliff Thwaits was a fourth generation Queenscliff fisherman, who, as a lad in the 1920's, used to sit around and listen to the older men discuss the issue. The following is part of a taped conversation I had with Cliff in 1984....

"I used to sit and listen to the old blokes talking and arguing the point about things - when you were a kid you weren't expected to say much. They argued that a clinker boat was the strongest, then after that they came to the conclusion that the carvel boat was the strongest. The clinker boat used to 'work' and get nail sick, where a carvel boat would go a long way longer before she got nail sick. One of the reasons they went for the clinker boat was they reckoned they were drier. The idea was that they reckoned the water wouldn't run up the side and over, like the smoother carvel hull.

There was the odd boat here with the three top planks clinker, the idea being that they would throw the water away more. This was important because the older boats didn't have much freeboard, because they had to row them. In later times they gave them more freeboard when they put bigger motors in.

"They reckoned the fastest boats were those that weren't built too strong. See, the weaker boats give with the sea, they offer less resistance. There was a boat here that McKenzie built for Ern Todd, I can't think of the name of it, but I don't care what anybody says, the fact is that she was the fastest 'couta boat ever at Queenscliff. She used to 'work', and they reckon that was why she was fast. The other boats used to try and blanket him and pinch his wind, but she'd sail out from under their lee.

"When I was a young fellow I remember the Old Man sayin' that some of the early boats had what they called a 'griping piece'. The stem came down and went out forward a bit under the water. They called that the griping piece, the idea was to make 'em go to wind'ard better. Now when Hansen come along they built them straight stem, they cut that out. Then Lacco, and the later boats that Hansen built, that was when they started to give them a curve in the stem, and they cut the fore-foot away a bit. Then they found that boats that had bows like that went to wind'ard better than the older boats. The experiments went on."

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Jessmar - by Garry Kerr

There have been numerous restorations of cousta boats from the mid 1970's to the present day, although there have been fewer in recent years as the supply of old boats runs out.

One of the more recent has been that of the 23 foot Jessmar, built by Peter Locke at Queenscliff in 1939 for Col Ferrier. She was substantially repaired over a two year period by Graeme Thomas of Portland, and re-launched in 1999.

Although built by Locke, according to Lewis Ferrier, his brother had the boat drawn up by Ken Lacco, as he particularly wanted a Lacco design. She was named after Col's wife Jessie and his daughter Marion. Ferrier worked her till the mid 1950's when she was bought by John Quayle of Oakbank Station, north of Heywood, and trucked to Portland. Quayle leased her to fishermen 'Soldier' Smith and 'Secca' Dusting, but retained the right to use the boat at weekends. After a time she proved too small for Smith & Dusting and was replaced by the 35 foot well boat Bounty, which had also been built at the 'Cliff'. Jessmar, rather than being sold, was taken to Quayle's property, where she was to spend an incredible 35 years in his hayshed, providing a roost for sparrows and hens.

When Graeme bought the boat she was, not surprisingly, in need of a major refit. Both garboard planks were replaced, and almost half the ribs. Recycled timber was used in the restoration which has the dual benefit of being perfectly seasoned and inexpensive. A new deck of New Zealand kauri was laid using flooring from an old picture theatre in Melbourne, while new mast and spars of clear oregon were fashioned from floor joists salvaged from a demolished Geelong wool store. Graeme and his family use her for recreational fishing, as well as competing against the three other cousta boats at Portland.

Wooden Boatshop Series Results

Division 1

AGGREGATE SCORES

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Score	Line
1	C101	TICONDEROGA	A WILLIAMS	1	2
2	C41	PHOENIX	B GRIFFITHS	2	1
3	C106	CHRISTABELLE	S LEE	3	14

Division 2

AGGREGATE SCORES

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Score	Line
1	C40	SARAH	D HART	1	1
2	C32	ELSIE - E	H MOFFATT	2	4
3	C911	LYNDAL LEA	C BELL	3	9



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