

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB

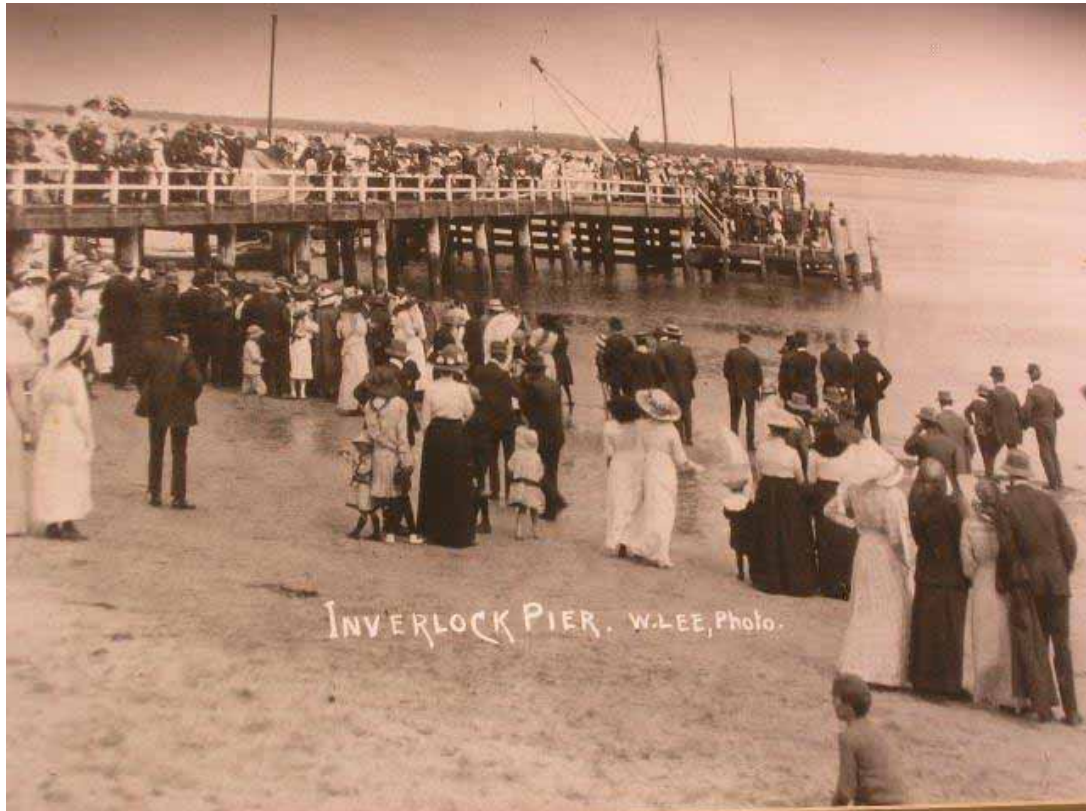


**Australia Day Weekend**

**25, 26 and 27 January 2014**

## Message from South Gippsl and Yacht Club Commodore

On behalf of the SGYC I would like to extend a warm welcome to all sailors to join us over Australia day weekend in celebrating Inverloch's past glory of regattas held on Andersons Inlet commencing more than 100 years ago, a place where the design of the now internationally famous Moth began in 1928.



Regatta Day Source Bob Parry

You are invited to exhibit and race your wooden dingy on the waters and display it on foreshore in front of the club and in the park while joining in the clubs social program.



Mrs McNeish and daughter Edna Newton in front of Jim Newton's Moth.



Jim and Edna Newton on Jim's Moth circa 1932

Source Bob Parry

SGYC is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and although we are a small regional club you will find we have a big heart so pack up that beautiful craft sitting in the garage and head for Inverloch for Australia day weekend.



Early 1930s Source Bob Parry

Thanks to the many sponsors/partners who have encouraged and helped to create this regatta.

A special thanks to the Morris family who not only created history but recorded it, Bob Parry for keeping alive the history of the Inverloch 11 footer and Moth and Eulalie Brewster who is a dedicated custodian of the history of Inverloch.

*Ian Jones* Commodore SGYC

## Preparation



Boat displays and poster launch at RACV Resort Inverloch



Display in Community Centre and regatta flags raised in Inverloch

## Outline of the Australia Day Weekend

### Saturday 25

The entry form can be found on the SGYC website. <http://www.sgycinverloch.com.au/>

Participants who have not already registered their boats can do so at the yacht club from 10.00 am onward.

Regatta entry fee:           Adults \$40.00. free cap and tee shirt per entry and additional for crew at \$25.00.  
   Juniors \$20.00. free cap and tee shirt per entry and additional for crew at \$10.00.  
   Juniors sailing with adults will be \$10.00 per junior for cap and tee shirt.

Payment of the entry fee, accompanied by the completed form, to be made as follows:

Cheques payable to:	SGYC	Direct Transfer:	Bendigo Bank
	Yacht Club		A/C Name     South Gippsland Yacht Club
	P. O. Box 2		BSB             633-000
	Inverloch 3996		A/C             105612162

If electronic funds transfer is used email the entry form to SGYC or scan the entry form and email it to: [andrewandmarion@bigpond.com](mailto:andrewandmarion@bigpond.com)

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta will be conducted alongside a Youth Series. Wooden Dinghy sailors can sail in an Invitation commencing at 1.00 pm to be run in conjunction with Youth Series Race 1. Briefing will be at 12.00 am.



Early 1930s



William Gidney and son Gerald 1930

Source Bob Parry

Lunch will be available at the club.

## Sunday 26

Sunday has been set aside for the display of wooden dinghies on the beach from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm and a race that will start at 3.30 pm to make the most of the high tide conditions.

Lunch will be available at the club.



Artist Russel Drysdale on the left with art critic George Bell and his wife and daughter Tionette rigging Moth 'Tionette' circa 1936.

Briefing will be at 1.30 pm. A panel of judges will assess the boats on the beach and during racing.

The Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta dinner at the club will commence with nibbles and drink at 6.00 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$40.00 per head and drinks can be purchased from the bar. As there is limited capacity early booking is recommended.

This will also include announcing the decision of the judges on category winners. The categories are:

### Awards

- **Best Dinghy in Original Condition** – (may be a dinghy of historic significance either first of type, race history or sailor)
- **Best Presented Dinghy** – (best in show)
- **Best Presented Sailing Boat** – (best in show not of a dinghy class but of traditional building techniques)
- **Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition**

Monday 27

*'Concours de Elegance'*



Miss Inverloch was the first Bathing Beauty contest in Victoria circa 1920.  
Source Inverloch Historic Society

*for classic wooden dinghies.*

Display of boats in 'The Glade', the park just behind the yacht club, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Lunch will be available at the park.

Gold, Silver and Bronze ribbons will be sold to the public. Each ribbon tied to the side stay of a boat will recognise the beauty or historic value of the boat. The judges will be guided by this recognition when they award the Lions Club Len Morris Perpetual Trophy.

## Awards

- **Best Overall Boat** – by judges with consideration of public selection

The judges will decide and announce the award at 1.00 pm.

- **Youth Trophy** – (best youth sailor sailing a classic wooden dinghy over the Summer period)

The judges will announce the award shortly after the 1.00 pm.

The Notice of Regatta, Registration Form and Sailing Instructions are on the South Gippsland Yacht Club website.

## Dinghies of Interest

Moth, Vee Jay, Cherub, Heron, Mirror, Javelin, Sabot, 125, Canoe, Skate, Minnow, Flying Ant, Light Weight Sharpie, 12 Sq Metre, 14 foot skiff, Fireball, FJ, Flying Dutchman, Lazy E, Finn, O.K., Cadet, Fairy Penguin, GP 14, Gwen 12, Minnow, Many Junior, Miracle, NS14, Rainbow, Sabre, Sailfish, Solo, Elwood Seahorse, Port Phillip 12, Sailfish, skiffs and others.

Also wooden boats of historical interest.

## From Bob Parry's notes on the Moth

I started researching the Inverloch Yacht Club and Moth history in 1993 when I attended the Moth National titles in Lauderdale, Tasmania. I discovered that Jack Newey 1932/33 was the first name on the National trophy (which is the original Inverloch silver cup). I started interviewing Jack in 1993 and much of the following was learnt.

Len Morris designed and built "Olive" the first Inverloch 11foot class dinghy at Darnham near Warragul where the Morris family dairies had a depot for collecting milk. The dinghy had to be no wider than four feet so it would fit in the trailer. It had to be unsinkable and had holes around the centreboard case to drain the cockpit. The first sail was made by Radin a sailmaker in Flinders Street, Melbourne. The second sail was made by Ratsey & Laphorne, England, sailmakers to the King. He got this sail before his second dinghy "Flutterby" was built. Sails were a light canvas, cotton Japara.

The first mast was solid spruce. The second mast was taller about 21feet hollow timber, much lighter.

There were three mast step positions and three sets of matching chain plates. The first centreboard was solid steel, pivoted on a bolt with a mechanism to lock it in position. It was enamelled and they used graphite to help slide it.

William Gidney, coal mine manager of Wonthaggi copied "Olive" but his dinghy "Whoopee" was much heavier. This dinghy was built by William and his son Arthur. Luckily for our moth history Arthur purchased a photographic business in McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi, and this is where most of the old photos came from. Thanks to Graeme and Helen Gidney for the copies of these photos.

Len Morris then built "Flutterby" and sold "Olive" to the Newey family. Now there were three dinghies.

Mr Arnold Phillip Newey a school teacher from Melbourne founded the Elwood Life Saving Club where three members of his family are life members. He was also Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Association of Victoria from 1910 to 1932. In 1924 Arnold and his wife Margaret purchased

a house in Hopetoun Street, Inverloch, on the beach side on the crest of the hill with a palm tree in the front yard. The house was named “JAJOBEBOWI” from his five childrens names. Jack, Joy, Betty, Bob and Winson.

They did not own a car so it was a big annual event packing up for seven people and getting a carrier to pick them up and take them to the station for a train trip to Wonthaggi. Mr Cuttriss picked them up delivered them to Inverloch. Mr Cuttriss was the Secretary for the Inverloch Aquatic Sports in 1928 and Mr Newey became involved and organised the running, swimming and sailing events each January. Mr Newey became the first Commodore of the Inverloch Yacht Club. Described as a tall man with a thunderous voice he was a great organiser and respected by all. He died suddenly in 1934 at the age of 46.

Jack Newey recalls that one night working by the light of kerosene lanterns (pre electricity) his mother, Mrs Morris and Mrs Gidney sat around the kitchen table cutting out moth shapes and sowing them by hand onto their sails, this would have been in late 1933. This was the start of the “Moth Class” formerly the “Inverloch 11Foot Class”.

The Lake Boga, Yarrawonga and Albury Clubs all formed because of the moth class.



Len Morris      Source Bob Parry

## Partners

The following are partners in the Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta.

The Inverloch & District Lions Club, Rotary Club of Inverloch, Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, Julio Marcolongo-Wood Carver, Inverloch Historic Society, Marion Chapman-Artist, PurpleX, Bass Coast Shire Council, Inverloch Recreation Reserve Committee, Inverloch Kongwak Football & Netball Club, Alex Scott & Staff, BJS Insurance Brokers, Yachtmaster Sailing School, RACV Resort Inverloch, Bendigo Community Bank, Southern Bazaar, UK Halesy, Club Marine, Inverloch Newsagency, Serious Surf Stuff, Marine Timbers, Anchor Marine, AFI Branding, Burke Marine, Drift Media



## Classic Wooden Dinghy Subcommittee

Members include:

Ian Jones	Commodore
Wayne Smith	Committee member
Tim Wilson	Committee member
Dianne Grimmond	Committee member
Andrew Chapman	member
Marion Chapman	member
Dennis Ginn	Alex Scott & Staff
Neil Everitt	Inverloch and District Lions Club
Terry Grace	Inverloch and District Rotary Club

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How to get there



Source Inverloch Historic Society