

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB

INVERLOCH

Classic WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA



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The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is about displaying classic wooden sailing dinghies both on and off the water, many of which were once common but are now becoming rare. By focusing on the beauty of the wood crafting, rigging and history of these boats it is hoped people will appreciate them more fully and participate in their restoration and conservation. Over the Australia Day Weekend the Regatta also highlights aspects of Inverloch's unique seaside history.

JESSICA WATSON OAM

CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY AMBASSADOR

SOLO AROUND THE WORLD SAILOR

AND

'2011 YOUNG AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR'

**HIGHLIGHTS OF AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND
23, 24, 25 AND 26 JANUARY 2016**





SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB COMMODORE

Once again, with the running of the 2016 Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta, we have seen what cooperation between the sailing community, whether in Inverloch and/or the wider Victorian areas, the Inverloch business community, service clubs, the Inverloch Historical Society and the public can produce. Their efforts culminated in a wonderful 4 days of fun, festivities and sailing as well as admiration of the classic wooden dinghies over the 2016 Australia Day weekend.

For sailors, business people and the public, the weather was magnificent catering for every taste.

The Regatta Race on Monday was enhanced by the addition of an important historical boat, a 150 year old boat built in Tasmania of Huon Pine which was originally used as a taxi which convicts rowed between Bellerive and Hobart. Stuart Longley found the boat in poor condition and had a vision for its future and with the assistance of Leo Lubranski, David Brewster and Keith Cousens the boat was refurbished and ready to be launched and used as the Regatta Start Boat.



The Regatta and heritage posters produced by Marion Chapman were once again a great success as was the visit by the Indian Motorcycle Club with their 80-90 year old Indian motorcycles. They joined with us to celebrate an era when Burt Munro raced in Inverloch which captured the imagination of the town.



This event took over Inverloch with the new Regatta promotional flags displayed along the main street, road signs alerting travellers, posters displayed in shop windows and supporter decals on shop fronts. The public could not miss that the Regatta was a town event.

The regatta race on Monday was held specifically in such a way that spectators on the shore could maximise their viewing and consequently around 100 spectators witnessed a most entertaining race in glorious weather conditions.

Overall the regatta was a resounding success from every perspective whether from a sailing, social and financially sound point of view.

The ICWDR Subcommittee and SGYC members should be proud of their efforts and we can look forward to another regatta on the Australia Day weekend in 2017.



Allan Driver Commodore

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB



CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHIES ON DISPLAY

ON THE BEACH





AND IN 'THE GLADE' WITH INDIAN MOTORCYCLES







THE INDIAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA CAME ALONG TO CELEBRATE BOTH AUSTRALIA DAY IN 'THE GLADE' AND BURT MUNRO RACING IN INVERLOCH IN THE LATE 1920S





As a result of the the Indian Motorcycle Club of Australia coming to Inverloch members met local Owen Tyler who showed the Club two folders containing comprehensive cataloguing of his father Eric Tyler racing variety of motorcycles, including Indians, from around 1908 to 1927. Much of the material was unknown to the Club and is a significant historic record. Eric held numerous long distance speed records.



Thank you to Connor Murphy President of the Indian Motorcycle Club of Australia and members for coming to Inverloch to be part of our Regatta weekend and share in the Australia Day celebrations of our history.





CR JORDAN CRUGNALE MAYOR, BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL

What I love about this Regatta is that it is the antithesis of the 'go fast, must have and need now' of our modern life. The craft of putting a timber vessel back together again or building from scratch is a painstakingly slow, detailed and almost obsessive compulsion with that undertow of quiet joy.

Congratulations again to the Committee and Club who bring something new in each year which keeps the Regatta fresh and ever widening the admirer base. I look forward to a 1920's dress up evening with themed short film screenings to live music - just a thought for your 2018 Moth 90th program!



BRIAN PAYNTER MLA MEMBER FOR BASS

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Regatta brings together three important things.

Firstly keeping the tradition of the beautiful hand crafted wooden dinghy alive. So important in these modern times and advanced technology that we continue to appreciate the beauty and craftsmanship of a wooden boat.

Secondly, the Regatta is a wonderful example of volunteers building strong communities. Without the work of the organising committee the regatta wouldn't be held. Volunteers getting things done add enormous value to our local communities and businesses.

And thirdly the Regatta gives our youth an opportunity to get active and get on the water.



DENNIS GINN ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF

Response to the Regatta on behalf of Sponsors

Sponsors are happy to be involved in such a unique event so successful that it is now being looked at very carefully by other yacht clubs with some now copying it. The history of the International Moth and its direct link to Inverloch is significant for our town and sponsors would be happy to see a home for 'Olive' in Inverloch if it could be returned where it could be visited and viewed. This is a challenge for the Inverloch community

CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY RACE RESULTS

Winner of Mini series of Races – two invitation races and the Regatta race.

A Ronstan sailing watch.

Graeme Cox sailing 'AC/DC', Aquanaut 47.



Winner of the Regatta Race

A Ronstan sailing watch.

Wayne Smith sailing 'Annie', Rainbow 75.



Seat prizes were:

A Summer hamper from Pharmasave Inverloch Pharmacy A'Beckett Street, Inverloch

and

A Sailing book from Boat Books Melbourne, 214 St Kilda Road, Melb.



CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY CATEGORY AWARD WINNERS

JUDGING PANEL ASSESSING BOATS

The members of the judging panel for this year's awards were:-

Leigh McNolty – (Chair) SGYC and Wooden Boat Association
Noel Owen – SGYC
Brian Davidson – Rotary Club
Mark Rimington – Sailmaker
Jim French – Boat builder, Moth Champion



REPORT OF THE JUDGING PANEL

There were four awards to be decided by the panel for the best boat in each of the four categories, plus an award for the best boat overall at the Regatta, to be chosen from one of the category award winners.

The Four Rotary Award Categories are:-

- **“Best Sailing Dinghy in Original Condition”**
- **“Best Presented Sailing Dinghy”**
- **“Best presented sailing boat”**
- **“Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition” and**

Lions Club Perpetual Trophy

- **“Best Boat Overall”**

Also the “People Choice”, Ribbon, winner and runner ups.

The panel met at 9.30am on Monday morning in the clubhouse to check the list of entries and discuss the aspects that we were looking for in the various awards. We agreed that our overarching aim in giving the awards was to recognize and reward the effort entrants have made in preparing their boats, bringing them to the Regatta and sailing in the events.

Armed with our clipboards, we then had the enjoyable task of looking at the boats and talking to their owners. Walking around the yard and on the beach we found interesting boats and enthusiastic owners keen to tell us their story. There were stories of painstaking restoration, of lucky finds and of boats that form part of family histories.

It was great to see a large contingent of International Moth class boats at the Regatta. The scow Moths were a centre of technological and competitive development in sailing in the 60's and 70's. Last year's award winner, Mark Rimington's chine plywood design *'Maggie'*, a replica of the World Championship winning boat sailed by David "Shorty" McKay in 1969 set the standard for the other Moths on display. The chine plywood Moths owned by Jim French *'Skeeta'*, Andrew Chapman *'Blondie'*, Pete Kiely *'Street Fighter'* and Jonathon Parise *'Red'* made it a real contest and made for great racing in the afternoon. However, the newly completed restoration of a moulded veneer scow Moth *'Frolic'* by Phil Johnson stood out for the quality of workmanship and the dedication to the task over 18 months of skilled work.

Phil bought the boat expecting do a quick clean up and take it out sailing. Instead he found that all the veneers had to be carefully prised off, cleaned up and re-glued. The framing and decks were also completely refurbished. This was our clear winner in the **“Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition”** category and Phil is a great supporter of the revival of the vintage Moths and their connection with Inverloch. We also awarded *'Frolic'* the **“Best Boat Overall”** award for the quality of his work and the magnificent appearance of the boat.

It was great to see a number of Australian designed dinghy classes represented in the list of entries. Notable amongst these was Graeme Cox's *'AC/DC'* an Aquanaut class training dinghy. Graeme rescued the boat from a hard rubbish collection and after refurbishing and repainting her in bright red and white, he sailed in every race over the weekend. John Honeybone's Sabre *'Shearwater'* was built by our Moth class winner Phil Johnson and was also in great condition for the Monday race. Oscar Llewellyn sailed the club owned Sabre in the Monday race as well. The 16 foot skiff owned by Frank Raisin, *'Crusader'*, has been to all three regattas and looked great after a major overhaul by John Fairfax during the winter. Andrew Chapman's Rainbow class dinghy *'Annie'* was in excellent condition, showing us a rare example of a once very popular class.



The Vaucluse Junior class (VJ) was represented by two boats at this year's regatta. VJ's are a great example of the Australian ethos in boat design during the 1960s. The aim was to make boats that were simple to build, had some allowance for experimentation and were wet and fast to sail.

Abbey Argus-Smith's VJ has sailed at all three regattas, this time with Aaron Lopez-Freeman. The little red boat has been featured in the regatta videos, has been sailed often and has a scar or two to show for it. This year John Fairfax was keen to show us his recently discovered 1970s VJ '*Trend*' which he found under a house a few months ago. His research and relentless pursuit of sails and other VJ gear has rewarded him with a boat which is stunning to look at and sails as fast as a VJ should. With Geoff Cole as crew, John put in a creditable performance in the Monday afternoon race.

John Fairfax's '*Trend*' was the winner of the "**Best Sailing Dinghy in Original Condition**" award. The panel was impressed by the originality of the boat, the fact that it was sailed well and we also enjoyed John's wealth of knowledge on anything to do with VJ's and his enthusiasm for sharing it.

In the "**Best Presented Sailing Dinghy**" category there were a number of outstanding entries, making it difficult to choose a winner. John Fankhauser's 12 Square Metre Sharpie '*Cheyenne*' has sailed in the regatta for all three years and is a testament to his dedication to restoring, maintaining and sailing these long narrow boats with the 1956 Melbourne Olympics history behind them. Trilby Parise and her two daughters sailed their colourful Heron dinghy in the race on Monday and once again were great supporters of the event. Keith Cousen's Fireball '*Fracas*' dinghy returned to the regatta after a year off and sailed by Matt Kiely and Shaun Freeman added to the spectacular variety of vintage boats gathered for the race this year. Three Mirror class dinghies also sailed in the race, representing the class in which so many of us learnt to sail, and which is still active today.

After considering these and other entrants, the award for "**Best Presented Sailing Dinghy**" went to the Sailfish class dinghy '*Debonair*' owned by Andrew Chapman. The history of this boat made it stand out as something that is important to preserve, and some of its features made it unique. '*Debonair*' carries sail No. 2 for the Sailfish class. It was pictured on the cover of a "**SEACRAFT'S Easy Build Boat Plans**" magazine from the early 1960's, with the previous owner in the photo. The owner handed the boat on to Andrew with a copy of the magazine.

The deck of the boat appears to be made of one continuous sheet of plywood; puzzling, since a sheet of plywood 11 feet long is unheard of. Only on close inspection, and with Andrew's assistance, does it become clear that the woodgrain is painted on to the ply over a white base coat. The skill of painting woodgrain, once sought after by furniture repairers and restorers, is now pretty much a lost art.

In the "**Best Presented Sailing Boat**" category for non-racing dinghy designs, special mention must be made of Jeff Cole who has brought along his Oughtred designed '*McGregor*' canoe to each regatta and sailed it – with quite a few capsizes – in company with the larger dinghies. His involvement with the regatta and his interest in talking about boats with every participant has been exactly what we hoped to develop from the event.

For the "**Best Presented Sailing Boat**" award the newly built Derwent Raider '*Elkayel*' design built by Tony Landy stood out as the latest thing in wooden boat technology. This kit boat designed by Alan Witt of Hobart is made from laser cut plywood panels. The jigsaw joins that replace scarp joints to make the 18ft long planks attracted the attention of many onlookers for their precision and ingenuity. The boat was designed to be part of a relatively new activity known as "Raids" in which a group of boats complete a coastal voyage over 2 or 3 days with overnight camps. The boats can be rowed or sailed to the day's camping spot, whichever gets you there fastest, but no motors are allowed.

The judging panel had the pleasure of looking closely at all these boats and talking about them with their owners. With such a variety of classes and designs, methods of construction, levels of restoration and types of sails and fittings, it is difficult to make clear comparisons. We tried to take into account all these factors and come up with an overall assessment but with each of our winners, the boat stood out as unique and beautifully representative of the category.

The award winners were presented with gift packs from our sponsors at the Regatta Dinner in the Bowling Club on Monday evening. In accepting their awards they all spoke about the enjoyment they get from working on their boats, sailing their boats and meeting other people with similar interests. The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is the key event for bringing together enthusiastic people and sharing our interest in keeping classic dinghies alive and on the water being used.

We are convinced there are many potential award winning boats out there, hidden in sheds and garages, or under houses, waiting to be brought to Inverloch for next year's regatta. It is our hope that all of this year's participants will go out and spread the word, and help to display and sail more of these wonderful boats for a new panel of judges to enjoy next year.



The prizes for each winner are a Rotary Club Plaque for the boat, Gail and Rimington pack of Dimension Polyant long sleeve tee shirt, Socks and cap and a Regatta Moth mug. And a Ronstan Sailing Watch



The Four Rotary Awards Category winners are:-

“Best Sailing Dinghy in Original Condition”
‘Trend’ VJ presented by John Fairfax



“Best Presented Sailing Dinghy”
‘Debonair’ Sailfish owned by Andrew Chapman



“Best presented sailing boat”
‘Elkayel’ Derwent Raider owned by Tony Landy



“Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition” and **“Best Boat Overall”**
‘Frolic’ Moulded ply Moth owned by Phil Johnson



Inverloch and District Lions Club Perpetual Award for Best Overall Boat

Phillip Johnson’s **‘Frolic’** a moulded ply Moth sail number 3130.

Awarded the Lions Club perpetual trophy, South Eastern Sails/Marine Timbers sailing bag and Boat Cote pack.

‘Peoples Choice’

boat judged by public, using a tally of ribbons, as best boat.

Ralph Ballard’s **‘Old Timer’** a Gwen 12 sail number 1905.

Awarded a Ronstan sailing watch and Marine Timbers Boat Cote pack.



Marine Timbers Boat Cote Packs

Boat coat packs also went to runners up on the ribbon score in the following order.

- 2nd **‘Elkayel’** Derwnt Raider – Tony Landy
- 3rd **‘Crusader’** 16 Foot Skiff – Frank Raisin
- 4th **‘Maggie’** Moth – Mark Rimington
- 5th **‘Trend’** VJ – John Fairfax



Leigh McNalty Chair of Judging Panel



Inverloch Rotary Club Wooden Dinghy Youth Perpetual Trophy

- The Best young classic wooden dinghy sailor in the Regatta.

Oscar Lewellyn sailing the Club's Sabre was awarded the Perpetual Trophy and a Ronstan sailing watch. Oscar receiving the trophy from Rotary President Isabella McLean



Inverloch and Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank – Youth Encouragement Awards

Start up accounts for youth sailing in the Regatta Race



The Awards were presented by Community Bank Chairman Allen Gostelow to Abbey Argus-Smith, Aaron Lopez-Freeman, Polly Parise, Bonnie Parise and Oscar Llewellyn.



At the Regatta dinner Mark Rimington announced the Gwen 12 Challenge which will be sponsored by Peter Jackson – WMC Jacksons Sewing Machines.

Peter Jackson sailed with Ray Veals on Gwen 12's back in the 60s.

We look forward to seeing a good fleet of Gwen's at next year's Regatta.

RACV INVERLOCH RESORT REGISTRATION AWARDS

EARLY REGISTRATION AWARD

Early Registration Prize – RACV Inverloch Resort Accommodation Voucher to the value of \$1,200

The names of people registering before the 16 January 2016 were put into a hat and the winner drawn was Graeme Cox.



Furthest Travelled Prizes – RACV Inverloch Resort Accommodation Vouchers

The distance travelled by people registering boats was assessed and the awards are as follows:

First to the value of \$1,800

Ralph Ballard travelling from Maldon.



Second to the value of \$1,200

Stephen Fankhauser travelling from Hampton.



Third to the value of \$800

Phillip Johnson travelling from Bentleigh.



PAST REGATTA DVDS

For those that would like more information about the Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta you can watch the 2014 videos of the event at the following link. <https://vimeo.com/channels/sgyc>



2014 videos include: Highlights, Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta, Extras and Bottling a VJ.

The 2015 Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta video.

VIDEO CLIPS FROM 2016

Video clips of sailing and displays will be available shortly.



What a beautiful summer's day we had at the wooden boat festival. Or What a great way to spend Australia day. Walking down to The Glade on a beautiful sunny day with 5 energetic giggling kids. Live music with singers who could handle the high seas, face painting to rival Picasso, balloon sculpting like you've never seen before, food, atmosphere. And all for free! Organisers, take a "bow". We had a great time.

Sandy Norton

Australia Post has delivered a wonderful voucher from the Club and RACV for our future enjoyment at Inverloch. Our sincere thanks for this gesture and to SGYC for organising such a memorable and enjoyable regatta. For the family and I it was walk back in history - re-living the cherished memories of sailing regatta's around Victoria. My late father who helped set up the Heron Association in Vic in the early 60's would have been delighted.

With the family now settled in Inverloch we look forward to many other such events in the future.

Again, many thanks and smooth sailing for the rest of the season !!!

Graeme Cox

We would like to express our appreciation for the efforts put in by the Committee and others in running what was for us a very enjoyable Regatta.

We attended on the Monday and Tuesday and got to see some beautiful boats both on and off the water in perfect sailing conditions. The impressive start boat on the water was certainly a special feature of the race. We particularly thought that the display in The Glade was terrific and that the inclusion of the Indian motor bikes was a great additional focus for the display. We also thought the inclusion of the food and coffee vans were a great idea and we were some of their many happy customers.

We enjoyed the dinner and evening at the Bowling Club and listening to some of the recollections and stories people had to tell.

We were disappointed that we were unable to bring our two wooden dinghies to the Regatta due to an injury of Tom's foot but hope to participate in next year.

T & L Butcher



CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY COMMITTEE

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is planned and run by the Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Committee, a subcommittee of the SGYC.

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Committee has now successfully run its third Regatta. The Regatta Committee is greatly assisted by community and business partners. Community partners are the Inverloch and District Lions Club and Inverloch Rotary Club who have provided the committee with valuable advice on planning and running events in Inverloch and helped with work when its been needed. We have also been assisted by the Inverloch Bowling Club. The Inverloch Historical Society is another community partner who helps by providing historical information and also assists with work. Financial assistance for the Regatta is based on partnering where the committee works with businesses to achieved a common goal for Inverloch. Partners participate developing the business plan for the Regatta, the delivery and outcomes. The Regatta received investment and provided returns as follows:

Year	Income (includes 'in kind' contributions)	Income for SGYC
2014	approx. \$25,000	\$3,600
2015	approx \$35,000	\$2,500
2016	approx \$25,000	\$3,000

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Committee has approximately \$1,400 to now allocate in accordance with sponsors expectations. This sponsors money can be used to greatly assist promotional work for the 2017 Regatta.

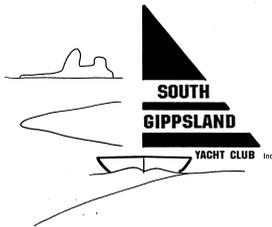
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Andrew Chapman	
Antony Perri	
John Honeybone	
Leigh McNolty	
Marion Chapman	
Matt Kiely	
Simon Wilson	
Wayne Smith	

Assisting the Committee:

Dennis Ginn	Major Sponsor
Neil Everitt	Inverloch and District Lions Club
Ian Turnbull	Inverloch Rotary Club
Leo Lubransky/Eulalie Brewster	Inverloch Historical Society
John Fairfax	Sailing Dinghy historian
Mark Rimington	Sailing Dinghy Historian

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Inverloch and District Lions Club



Inverloch Rotary Club



Inverloch Historical Society

INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA PARTNERS

BUSINESS PARTNERS



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South Coast First National RE
Big 4 Caravan Park
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Beach Box Café
Boat Books
LJ Hooker



Serious Surf Stuff
Inverloch Marine
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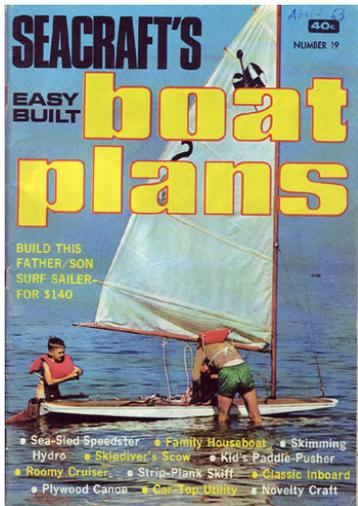


Inverloch Central Motor Inn
Motel on A'Beckett Street
Eugenie's
Paul the Pie Man
Slice of Paradise
Rod Bending
Earth Art Studio
Ian Symonds & Ass
Coffees Up

Viewing the Regatta over the weekend particularly on the Monday and Tuesday it was in my view a huge success. Involving the Indian motorcycles did not detract from the Classic wooden dinghies but actually enhanced the event as a whole and gave a good focus on Inverloch's heritage. The array of other items brought into the wooden dinghy display in 'The Glade' created a festive atmosphere. From a sponsors point of view the 2016 Regatta was a win win win.

Dennis Ginn Alex Scott and Staff - major sponsor and coordinator for other major sponsors.

THERE ARE BOATS OUT THERE IN NEED OF HOMES



Last March, Russell Brown Secretary of the Hampton Sailing Club, contacted me and said he had been reading our newsletters and that there was a boat that needed a new home. The boat was 'Debonair' Sailfish number 2, shown on the front cover of a circa 1960 Seacraft magazine along Peter Jones and his son Phillip. Peter purchased the boat and later built others as he was active in the class. When he died about 10 years ago the sail was hoisted up the mast boom and displayed at his funeral. After that the boat continued to be stored under the roof of the garage at the family home until Peter's wife died early last year and the family home needed to be cleared out. When Russell contacted me I thought the very reason for our Regatta was to ensure that boats of this historic significance were not lost so said I would take it. Phillip, the young child in the picture, now in his sixties gave me the boat and I have since restored it and displayed it at the recent Inverloch Regatta.

Ralph Ballard saw the boat at the Regatta and said Jack Carol, the co founder of the Sailfish Class, named many of his boat Debonair. About two weeks after the Regatta I received a phone call from Jack Carol who confirmed that it was his boat and that it was build around 1952. The Sailfish is one of the most significant historic finds that has turned up and this has been very much as a result of the Inverloch Classic Woden Dinghy Regatta.

There are many boats out there in garages, sheds or under houses. Some like the VJ 'Trend' are in excellent condition whilst others may require some work. Not only are the boats rare but many of the timbers used are no longer commercially available.

If you are aware of any classic wooden dinghies that are in need of a new home and possibly require restoration please let us know by contacting Andrew Chapman Ph 03 56 741266 or email andrewandmarion@bigpond.com.

