

## **Vice Commodore's Report – July 2023**

As we wrap up the 2023/24 Season, I want to thank you all for being part of our growing club.

For me personally, this year has been particularly busy juggling work and achieving some of our sailing goals as we returned from two years exploring Tasmania. The highlight being sailing Daisy safely home across Bass Strait in April. It's good to finally have her at Martha Cove and we're already planning more sailing adventures ahead!

As a club, we've been engaging in both on-water and off-water activities this year. We have had regular social events at various local venues, including Ranelagh Club in Mt Eliza, Mornington Yacht Squadron and Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Jetty Road Brewery and Stella's in Dromana as well as at Martha's Table. We celebrated our end of year function at Jimmy Rum's. We also co-sponsored the spectacular fireworks over Martha Cove on New Year's Eve and hosted a successful opening day in October.

We've continued with our Bay Trail walks, which are a fabulous opportunity to explore our beautiful coast as well as get to know other members whilst walking and over a coffee at venues along the trail.

For me the value in our social events, including the walks, has always been to create the opportunity to build community, hear people's stories and connect over our shared love of boating and the peninsula. Many of our members have amazing stories of wonderful boating adventures, and a wealth of knowledge and wisdom they are very happy to share.

My time on the committee has come to an end with the recognition that the VC role demands a commitment that I can no longer fulfill. It's appropriate therefore to step aside at the AGM to give someone with fresh energy and enthusiasm the opportunity to run with this important role.

Whether as part of the committee or a member, I invite you to get even more involved in our activities and events, your participation on the water or off, is the lifeblood of our community. We're always in search of new volunteers and innovative ideas to enhance our collective experience.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to serve over the last five years, initially on the General Committee and then as Vice Commodore. Glenn and I both look forward to remaining active members of the club – and to more sailing adventures!

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