

MERRICKS MOMENTS



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**Social Update,
Activities for
teenagers and kids**

The latest on the season ahead
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**Remember the Club
has an automatic
defibrillator that can
be used by anyone!**

**Enjoy a quiet beer,
wine or cappuccino
with Merrick's best
view from the Club
House**

**Lots of opportunities
to try sailing, or get
back on the water
again.**

WELCOME FROM COMMODORE

Christmas 2010 is upon us! The weather is on the improve, and it's time to dust off the togs and hit the beach. Merricks over the summer months is a very special place to be. There are a number of sailing and social activities happening at the club, and our facilities are a great resource to our members. If you are a member, keep an eye on our sailing and social programme for special events, or come down and have a coffee from our new professional machine. If you aren't a member, there are options for limited memberships over the summer, so you can still enjoy our events and facilities. I invite you to come down and have a look at our unique club.

Richard Jagger

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Activities for teenagers and kids

Summer is on our doorstep so here's a few dates for the younger members and their parents to put in their diaries. The first two weeks after Christmas are a busy time, with movie nights on Tuesday 28th December and Sunday 2nd January. They will feature a G-rated movie for the younger kids at 6.30pm, followed by an M-rated movie for the teens at 8.30pm.

Movies will be advertised around Merricks a couple of days before hand.

The Little Dudes Disco will be on Tuesday 4th January at 6.30pm, so dust off your frocks and dance pants, and start practising your moves, kids. It promises to be another action-packed event with loads of prizes!

For the young sailors, we'll be running a Junior Race Series with short races at 11.00am on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th December and Wednesday 5th January. These races will be followed by BBQ lunch for all sailors.

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Upcoming holiday events

- Monday 27 December
10am-2pm Try Sailing
- Tuesday 28 December
11am Junior Races
- Tuesday 28 December
6.30pm Movie night
- Wednesday 29 December
6.30pm Big Pie & Hot Dog Night
- Thursday 30 December
11am Junior Races
- Friday 31 December
New Years Eve Function
(members & guests)
- Sunday 2 January
2pm Summer Series ht 3
- Sunday 2 January
6.30pm Movie night
- Monday 3 January
2pm Sailing Master's Race
(Junior Crew)
- Monday 3 January
6.30pm Family BBQ
- Tuesday 4 January
6.30pm Little Dude's Disco
- Wednesday 5 January
Junior race series day
- Saturday 8 January
2pm Summer Series ht 4
AND LOTS MORE - see
www.merricks.org



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Social activities for all ages

This year we have a great range of social events, with a mixture of catered and byo evenings for families, as well as range of adult focussed functions:

- The Big Pie & Hot Dog Night
- 2011 Commodore's Wine Selection & Cheese tasting
- Paella & Pinot night
- Beer and Pizza night
- Australia Day dinner
- Gourmet Sausage Sizzle
- Breakfast by the Bay
- Curry and Crownies night

(Dates and times are in the sailing programme available on the website or from the club)

The Club has long been the social hub of Merricks, with Thursday night drinks from 5.30pm during the daylight saving months, for our growing number of permanent residents.

The Foreshore Committee also has events over summer, such as the 'Found Objects Art Activity' for adults on 1 January from 12.30pm, in the Yacht Club's upstairs.

Joining the club

Joining and sailing from Merricks is very affordable, with annual membership only \$395 for a family sailing membership, or as little as \$180 for a social membership for a couple.

And remember, MYC has no joining fees.

For those

who are renting for a few weeks over summer, you might want to consider a temporary membership - just ask at the club or send an email to **Ralph Dalton**, our membership Co-ordinator. email: membership@merricks.org phone: 0418 315 478



Sailing opportunities

Merricks is a great place for off the beach sailing and has regular club races throughout the season from October until April.

Every race day the club's rescue boat is out keeping an eye on all the sailors (anyone interested in joining the rescue team are very welcome).

The Club has several Sparrows, small sailing boats very suitable for one adult and a child learning to sail, as well as a few faster boats for those who would like to try sailing. And there are several days in the program over summer where experienced sailors can take new comers out to introduce them to sailing.

We also have day and overnight cruises to nearby beaches around Westernport Bay.

Sailing at Merricks is easy, with safe waters and few obstacles - and this 'low carbon' sport offers the opportunity to see a dolphin swim across your bow!

Contacting the club

If you want more information about joining or events on at Merricks either email or phone any of the committee (see the website - www.merricks.org) or pop down to the club when its open.