

INVITATION TO ATTEND
THE
INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA
26, 27 AND 28 JANUARY 2017



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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.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB COMMODORE

As Commodore of South Gippsland Yacht Club I am excited by the growth of our classic wooden dinghy regatta since its inception in 2014. In 2017 we are expecting increased participation as the word spreads far and wide with interest coming from Queensland, NSW and South Australia.



This is in part due to the networking among wooden dinghy enthusiasts but increasingly a result of an expanding digital presence. Alongside the SGYC webpage there is now a newly developed Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Facebook page and organisations such as Yachting Victoria and the Wooden Boat Association have articles and links on their websites. The Victorian Classic Dinghy Network website contains the history of dinghy classes sailed in Victoria as well as information about our regatta. In this regard we need to thank Yachting Victoria and the Classic Dinghy Network for their support and I welcome the Wooden Boat Association on board as a partner organisation.

One of our aims is to continue to grow the regatta as a significant event on the Inverloch calendar. Thanks to our supporters and sponsors we are able to promote the event and the town and to entice participants to travel to the regatta with the availability of significant prizes. Craftsmanship and presentation of dinghies is celebrated alongside awards for the greatest distance travelled in order to take part. In addition to the sailing aspects there will again be music in The Glade and for the first time, vintage planes flying over Anderson Inlet and model displays in the basketball stadium providing for broader community involvement and even greater appeal for families.



This year the weekend will begin with a social sail on Australia Day Thursday 26 January 2017 and I encourage everyone to join in and make this a spectacular display to kick off the regatta. It should be a fun event and a great chance to iron out any bugs before the official race on Friday. I would like to thank the members of SGYC for their hard work and in particular the Regatta Subcommittee and community groups that have helped to develop the Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta into the successful event that it has become.

Lastly, pull that classic wooden dinghy out of the garage or shed, dust it off and bring it along to Inverloch to be part of the celebration of Victoria's wooden dinghy heritage.



Rob McNair Commodore

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB



INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA COMMITTEE

The fourth Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is fast approaching, and this year's program offers some new and innovative activities and components.

To increase the opportunity for the whole family to participate in sailing we will start the Regatta with a social sail up the inlet for a picnic on one of the more remote Inlet beaches. Registrants are encouraged to take their children, family or friends for a leisurely sail (away from the pressure of racing) and also introduce some of the less experienced to the pleasures of sailing. I urge all those with a boat to give it a go and make this a contributing event to the Regatta. I have complete confidence in the weather and that it will help make this a great day.



Friday is set aside for the Regatta Race for the classic wooden dinghies.



Competition will be more interesting this year as there are increasing numbers of boats within each of the classes. This will also make racing more satisfying. We are fortunate to have Stuart Longley again bringing along his historic Huon pine clinker to act as start boat for the race.



Last year the Indian Motorbike Association joined us for the display in the Glade. This year with the support of Michael Malone, classic aircraft will fly over the Inlet each morning and afternoon of the Regatta which will add to the atmosphere and interest. To add further interest there will be an indoor display in 'The Hub', the town's main hall, of classic wooden dinghies and Indians, model boats and planes along with early pictures of Inverloch. If you cannot come to all of the displays or participate in the sailing, you will be able to catch most of the activities you can follow us on by going to the Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Facebook page.



The event draws a lot of visitors who come to see the dinghies on display and the entire event will be videoed by professional camera crews and will be placed on the internet to be viewed free of charge. It will be an opportunity for you to be part of a great event by showing off your classic wooden dinghy.



Our business partners work with us to build the event also making significantly financial contributions to make this a great event. Our sponsors provide products and services that make up the outstanding and desirable range of prizes and the business supporters help us finance the range of running costs. We appreciate the large amount of voluntary work our community partners take on to help us plan and run the Regatta. I thank all of our sponsors for their contributions and our enthusiastic band of volunteers who each year make this a memorable event for Inverloch.

There is not a better opportunity for you to display your classic wooden dinghy and meet with other enthusiasts in a welcoming environment and have a memorable 2017 Australia Day Weekend.



Keith Cousens Chairman

**INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN
DINGHY REGATTA COMMITTEE
A SUB COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH
GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB**



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA

For general information about the Regatta visit: <https://vimeo.com/channels/sgyc> and see the Drift Media videos of the 2014 and 2015 Regattas.

MODEL BOATS

The Regatta committee has secured a basketball stadium in the centre of the town for displays on 26, 27 and 28 January 2017. The Inverloch and District Lions Club are helping with the management of the displays and if you have a hand crafted model boat, or numerous boats, we would like you to come along to Inverloch to display your models and be part of the event. For more details contact Andrew Chapman at email address: andrewandmarion@bigpond.com

CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGISTRATION

Registration online or by mail

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy **Notice of Regatta**, which describes the conditions of entry, and **Entry Form** can be found on: The South Gippsland Yacht Club website at: http://sgycinverloch.com.au/?page_id=904 and

Yachting Victoria's website at: http://vic.yachting.org.au/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-10099-0-0-0&sID=375609

Regatta entry fee: **Adults \$45.00**. Free polo shirt per entry and additional for crew at \$25.00 or \$15.00 for juniors
Juniors \$25.00. Free polo shirt per entry and additional for junior crew at \$15.00.

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

If electronic funds are transferred, scan and email the entry form to: andrewandmarion@bigpond.com

Cheques payable to: South Gippsland Yacht Club
P. O. Box 2
Inverloch3996

Direct Transfer: Bendigo Bank
A/C Name South Gippsland Yacht Club
BSB 633-000
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Display boards describing each of the boats entered will be made up, however we need you to provide us with a description of your boat in 150 – 200 words with some photos emailed to Toby Leppin at: leppintl@bigpond.com

Early Registration Prize – RACV Inverloch Resort Accommodation Voucher

Registrations received by the Treasurer before 6 January 2017 will go in the draw for a RACV Inverloch Resort Inverloch voucher. The prize will be drawn at the award presentations commencing at 12.00 pm in 'The Glade' on Saturday 28 January 2017.

Registration at the Yacht Club Thursday 26 January

Boats can be registered at the yacht club from 10.00 am onward on Thursday 26 Jan.

Furthest Traveled Prizes – RACV Inverloch Resort Accommodation Vouchers

There will be three prizes; First, Second and Third and each of these will be based on the distance traveled from the home address to Inverloch by a person that attends and registers an eligible classic wooden dinghy participating in the displays and Regatta race. First to Third will be judged by order of distance traveled. The SGYC'S Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Sub Committee will assess the eligible registrations and announce the winners at the award presentations commencing at 12.00 pm in 'The Glade' on Saturday 28 January 2017.

Lunches will be available from food stalls located in the club car park



Thursday 26 January – Afternoon Social Sail

There will be a briefing for the Social Sail to set the most suitable route and destination for the weather. The briefing is set for 1.00 pm with a view to setting off at 2.00 pm. It is most likely, weather permitting, that 'Stevies Gutter', an attractive beach on the back of Point Smyth, will be the destination.

Participants are asked to sign on. All of the skippers signing and their crew and passengers will go into the draw for prizes. The draw from a hat will be at the destination. Bring along your afternoon tea coffee and snacks.

Prizes in the draw:

- Willow esky,
- Dimension Polyant pack with tee shirt, belt and socks
- Ronstan sailing watch
- Doyles sailing kit bag
- Peter Green Sails Voucher

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN INVERLOCH

The display in Basketball Stadium at the Hub. Model boats and model airplanes, classic Indians celebrating the 90 anniversary of Burt Munro racing in Inverloch and some classic dinghies.

Friday 27 January – Beach Display & Regatta Race

BEACH DISPLAY

Friday has been set aside for the display of wooden dinghies on the beach from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at which time a panel of Judges will inspect the boats. They will also assess the boats during racing.



Lunches will be available from food stalls located in the club car park

REGATTA RACE

The Regatta race start is at 2.00 pm to make the most of the tide and sandbar conditions. Briefing will be at 1.00 pm.

For boats to be eligible for awards they must sail in the Regatta race.



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Friday 27 January – Evening – Regatta Dinner

The Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta dinner at the Bowling Club, next to the Yacht Club, will commence at 6.00 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per head and drinks can be purchased from the bar. As there is limited capacity early booking is recommended.



GUEST SPEAKERS AT DINNER

Neil Everitt. Neil will give a brief talk about his book *'They Fished in Wooden Boats'* before introducing Russell Kenery.
Russell Kenery. Russell will give a talk about his book – *'Matthew Flinders Open Boat Voyages'*

AWARDS – TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE DINNER

The Friday judging is to select the awards in the categories described below.

BOAT CATEGORY AWARDS

- **Best Sailing Dinghy in Original Condition** – (may be a dinghy of historic significance either first of type, race history or sailor)
- **Best Presented Sailing Dinghy** – (best in show)
- **Best Presented Sailing Boat** – (best in show but not of a dinghy class but of traditional building techniques. This is for original or new built boats like clinkers)
- **Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition** – (may also be a new build using traditional materials and replicating design and construction methods previously used)

Prizes include a Rotary award plaque, Dimension Polyant bag, tee shirt, belt and socks and a Ronstan sailing watch.

REGATTA RACE SAILING AWARDS

- First** – Ronstan sailing watch, Doyle's sailing kit bag
- Second** – Ronstan sailing watch, Doyle's sailing kit bag
- Third** – Doyle's sailing kit bag

Saturday 26 – Display in 'The Glade' and Overall Awards

'CONCOURS DE ELEGANCE' - FOR CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHIES

The display of participating classic wooden dinghies in 'The Glade'. Set up from 8.00 am display from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Food stalls, live music, balloon art and face painting. The Inverloch Historical Society's Rocket Brigade shed, next to 'The Glade', will be open.

You can vote on boats by buying a set of ribbons (Gold, Silver and Bronze) and tying them to the stay of your favorite boats. The values (Gold 3 points, Silver 2 and Bronze 1) will be tallied to arrive at the 'Peoples Choice' best boats.

PRESENTATIONS - MID-DAY

Lunches will be available from food stalls in 'The Glade'

BEST BOAT AWARDS

INVERLOCH AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PERPETUAL TROPHY

- "Best Boat Overall" – selected from the category winners.
Prizes – Perpetual Trophy, Peter Green Sails Voucher, Willow esky, Marine Timbers Bote Coat pack
- "People Choice", winner and runner ups on ribbon count.
First Prize – Peter Green Sails Voucher, Willow esky, Marine Timbers Boat Cote
Second Prize – Marine Timbers Boat Cote
Third Prize – Marine Timbers Boat Cote

THE GWEN 12 CHALLENGE

- WMC Jackson Sewing Machines Trophy



YOUTH AWARDS CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY SAILOR

INVERLOCH ROTARY CLUB WOODEN DINGHY YOUTH PERPETUAL TROPHY

- Best Youth Sailor during the Regatta

Prize – Perpetual Trophy, Ronstan Watch, Dimension Polyant bag tee shirt, belt and socks.

COMMUNITY BANK BENDIGO

Encouragement awards for all participating young sailors

FURTHEST TRAVELLED PRIZES – RACV INVERLOCH RESORT ACCOMMODATION VOUCHERS

RACV Resort Inverloch will present the following vouchers based on distance travelled.

First - accommodation in an RACV Resort to the value of \$1,800

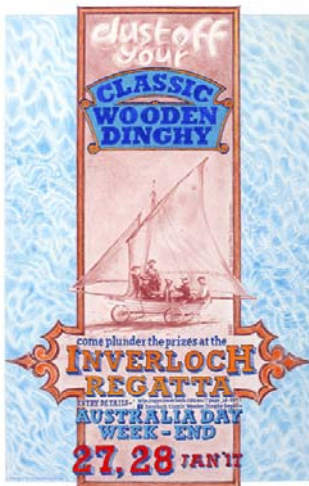
Second - accommodation in an RACV Resort to the value of \$1,200

Third – accommodation in an RACV Resort to the value of \$800

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The display in Basketball Stadium at the Hub. Model boats and model airplanes, classic Indians celebrating the 90 anniversary of Burt Munro racing in Inverloch and some classic dinghies.

Two new posters from Marion Chapman, one promoting the Regatta and the other highlighting a time in Inverloch's history when Captain Frank Roberts, a friend of Cal Wyeth and fellow WW1 pilot, took joy flights in a Gypsy Moth (DH 60) from the beach near Screw Creek. Roberts later set up airlines at Essendon and established some of the first mail runs.



Depicted in the Regatta poster is a family sailing in a dinghy on Lake Le Froy WA. Of course lack of water didn't stop sailors back in 1895, they just put wheels on the boat so they could sail over the salt.

The Moth was the first production aircraft accessible to many as its folding wings meant it could be parked in a car garage. It was the aircraft of choice of many pioneer aviators including Amy Johnson and Francis Chichester who later sailed around the world solo in his yacht called 'Gypsy Moth 3'. The Gypsy Moth is very much a part of pioneering and exploration in Australia which is told in the book "Aussie Moths De Havilland D.H. 60 Moths in Australia by Bruce A. Winley"



Prior to WW2 dinghies were constructed using timber planks to form carvel and clinker round bilge or hard chinned hulls. During the war plywood manufacture was developed and refined for aircraft construction. This enabled strong light weight high performance fighters and bombers to be built by people with carpentry or woodworking skills. After the war sail boat designers and constructors picked up this new material and method of construction and applied it to a new generation of dinghies. The plywood dinghies were easier to build, lighter and faster sailing boats. From that time the dinghy classes grew rapidly and enthusiasts with limited boat building experience could buy plans and build the family dinghy in their garage.

The posters can be purchased from the Inverloch Tourist Information Centre located in 'The Hub'.



CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY COMMITTEE

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is planned and run by the Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta Subcommittee of the South Gippsland Yacht Club.

Committee Members:

Keith Cousens	Committee Chairman
Rob McNair	Committee Secretary – SGYC Commodore Ph 03 5674 1210 rlmcnair@hotmail.com
Allan Driver	SGYC Immediate Past Commodore
Ian Jones	SGYC Past Commodore
Andrew Chapman	Regatta coordinator
Leigh McNolty, Antony Perri, John Honeybone, Marion Chapman, Matt Kiely, Simon Wilson, Wayne Smith	

Assisting the Committee:

Dennis Ginn	Business Advisor
Terry Hall	Inverloch and District Lions Club
Ian Turnbull	Inverloch Rotary Club
Leo Lubransky/Eulalie Brewster	Inverloch Historical Society
Leigh McNolty	Wooden Boat Association
John Fairfax	Sailing Dinghy historian
Mark Rimington	Sailing Dinghy Historian

INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA PARTNERS

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