

2019 ICWDR NEWSLETTER #1



AHOY!

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta 2019. In just over three months we'll be splashing about having fun in our dinghies again! As we peruse the past regatta [photos](#) we've been struck by the stunning variety of classic wooden dinghies (over 40 classes) in all sorts of repair/disrepair, out on the water, doing exactly what they were made to do. The ICWDR really has become the most spectacular gathering of wooden dinghies that can be found out on the water in Australia, the regatta has even drawn attention from overseas with international magazines, blogs and webpages reporting on the event. No small feat. Continual and growing support for the event has come from many places, including local community groups such as Lions and Rotary, our greatly appreciated business sponsors, the Bass Coast Shire Council, the community in general and of course the South Gippsland Yacht Club itself. Each year we are overwhelmed with the commitment of regatta participants, many travelling from interstate to be part of the weekends' enthusiastic atmosphere. This upcoming year will be the sixth of the annual regatta and we expect another large turnout.



The ever growing Sailfish fleet.

There has been a clear and definite resurgence in classic wooden dinghies, they're making a comeback. Classes are quite literally rebuilding and reforming (some from the most meagre and decaying slivers of timber), [Sailfish](#), [Gwen 12s](#), [Heavyweight Sharpies](#), [Rainbows](#) and [Vee Jays](#) can once again compete against one another. After so many years of the plastic fantastic, wood is finally floating to the surface again....are we...are we the ultimate hipster yuppies? So on trend we don't even know it? Harnessing the natural elements in our up-cycled, recycled, carbon storing water craft. Well, regardless, it's quite clear that we all just want to have fun, make friends, share stories and see craftsmanship and history revived and preserved.

PLANNING FOR 2019

In previous regatta years we've celebrated different elements of interest, last year it was the much loved Moths 90th birthday. This year we're making a big nod to [Jack Holt](#). [Holt boats](#) were and still are incredibly influential on the shape of sailing, with such popular family dinghies as the Heron, Mirror (the [history](#) of the Mirrors conception is an interesting story of collaboration), Miracle, GP14 and Cadet. We're putting out the call, if you have a Jack Holt design, now's the time to dust it off!!! Regardless of condition, we want to see you out on the waters of Anderson's Inlet alongside all the other lovely woodies. There is also an opportunity for those that may not want to get wet, to display your dinghy in the town hall for the long weekend as part of the Jack Holt Display.

There's always room for more Mirrors on Anderson's Inlet! The most recognisable sales on the water, often affectionately described as a "rash".



Itinerary

Our 2019 weekend itinerary has a variety of events to suit everyone, whether you're just a spectator or up for some competitive fun, our currently plans run a little like this :-

Saturday 26th January	10am late registration 2pm ALL dinghies welcome for Jack Holt Memorial race.
Sunday 27th January	9am-10am official adjudicating 11am - Supervised *"Wet your sails " water time 2pm - Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta
Monday 28th January	10am till 11am - beach display 1:30pm *"Dry your Sails" supervised water time

*The "wet your sails" and "dry your sails" supervised sailing time are open to change dependent on weather etc, they may be a formal race, picnic sail, social sail or treasure hunt.

Catering

The weekends event will have several social dinners, including a Spit Roast at the yacht club catered by Inverloch Scouts Group whom we are very proud to have on board this year! Sunday night will see a more formal Regatta Dinner with presentations. Breakfasts will also be catered by the Scouts and there will be a variety of food vendors in the South Gippsland Yacht Clubs car park plus meals provided by the club.

Being involved with the Regatta

The ICWDR Committee is constantly working over the plans for the regatta weekend to ensure that guests are well looked after on and off the water. It's worth contacting one of the committee members if you would like to participate on the weekend as a volunteer or even as crew on one of the many dinghies.

Entry Form and Other Documents

The following Regatta documents will be updated and available shortly on the SGYC page [here](#):-

- **2019 Entry Form**
- **Race Rules**
- **Notice of Regatta &**
- **Judging Guidelines**

Accommodation

If you're unsure of where to start looking for accommodation around Inverloch, one of the best places for you to start is with one of our major sponsors-:

[Alex Scott and Staff Real Estate](#) - Holiday Rentals

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*Please note – there are many co-opted committee members in addition to the above including Leigh McNolty, Leo Lubransky, Ian Jones, Allan Driver, Tim Wilson, Andrew Chapman and Marion Chapman, and no doubt more to be co-opted closer to the date.

LOOKING BACK AT 2018

This years' event attracted a spectacular display of lovingly restored dinghies, special mention has to go to such craft as Terry and Vicky Lean's Heavyweight Sharpie "**Jabiru**", making the trip from Tasmania and deservingly taking out the "**Best Presented Sailing Dinghy**" and "**Best Boat Overall**" awards. The Cavalcade of Moths (for their 90th Birthday) had a fantastic variety out on the water, including the super slick and modern Foiling Scows to a MarkII. Olive (Moth #2) was kindly loaned to the regatta and on display in The Hub for the weekend. Michael Green from Drift Media once again produced excellent footage of the weekends sailing, you can view a special Moth video [here](#) or the fully regatta video [here](#). To read Andrew Chapman's full write up of the 2018 ICWDR highlights, awards, results and much more, please use this handy [link](#).



Heavyweight Sharpies, Vee Jays and Mark #2 Moths all in the mix.



Jim French in one of his much admired Foiling Moths, despite trying conditions of low wind and high current, these Moths put on an incredible display.



Wayne Fry and crew with Cherub "Inner Visions" with Jonathan Parise in Scow Moth "Red Ned" coming up from behind. "Inner Visions" came all the way from South Australia, an absolutely faultless restoration that could easily be mistaken for freshly being popped out of a modern foam mould!



Rainbows are another dinghy to keep an eye on, their sleek scow hulls epitomise a popular period in the 60s and 70s where they had massive numbers regularly sailing. Until recently they had all but died out, the ICWDR saw two Rainbows compete in 2018 and



Terry Lean at the helm with Toby Leppin and Graeme Cooper working sheets and strategies.



Michael Golding and Tricia O'Briens "Five Bells" Tammie Norris designed by Ian Oughted is just one of those dinghies that epitomises the romance of sailing.

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