



## INVITATION TO ATTEND

# THE 2016 INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA

### BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL

It is with abundant enthusiasm that I welcome back the flotilla of timber vessels to our stunning natural surrounds and our ever changing Anderson Inlet. For a third year running, we are not only taken back in time but are creating new memories we can share as a community, with our visitors and with our children here and now.

The Regatta weekend and all its ancillary programs and activities, positively crystallizes our town's innovative achievements, give us that sense and pride of place and also emphasizes how much we value our distinctive history.

I commend the Committee who each year also brings a 'new' undiscovered historical gem into the public realm. This 'new' is the celebration of Burt Munro racing an Indian motorbike along the foreshore in 1927 and the display of these classic motorbikes importantly ensures the longevity of the regatta itself, and brings a freshness to the weekend.



Congratulations in advance to everyone involved; sponsors, volunteers, local and visitor sailing enthusiasts and their families and friends.

**Jordan Crugnale Mayor  
Bass Coast Shire Council**

## REGATTA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Sub Committee of the South Gippsland Yacht Club has been very busy over recent months preparing a sailing program for classic wooden dinghies over the Australia Day weekend. Planning and developing the plan for the Regatta in partnership with Inverloch business community has resulted in enthusiastic and generous support.

The experience and expertise of the Rotary and Lions Clubs and the Historical Society help bring to life Inverloch's seaside history and the traditions of sailing and maintaining wooden boats and dinghies. Over the last two or three decades dinghy sailing has undergone a number of changes including a shift to more standardized easier to maintain fibre glass reinforced plastic hulls. Sail fabrics and construction have also changed as more stable longer lasting materials have become available. This has also brought about changes to the way boats are sailed and maintained but along the way some of the important traditions have been virtually lost. Much of sailing in the past was about building your own boat and many boats were built in the garage by amateurs. Whether you sail a new boat of modern materials or a wooden boat of traditional materials sailing still requires skill and Regattas like ours which focus on wooden sailing dinghies keep the traditional skills alive.

As well as visitors bringing wooden sailing boats that they have salvaged or built, people in the town are now securing and restoring wooden boats.



Keith Cousens and Leo Lubranksy helping Stuart Longley to restore a repurposed Huon Pine rowing clinker which is nearly 150 year old. The boat was built in Tasmania to taxi people from Bellerive to Hobart using convict labour as rowers.

Hopefully the boat will be completed in time to act as the Regatta Race start boat.

The Inverloch regatta is different to many of the others in that it is not a static display as we encourage people to bring their boats and sail them so that they can be viewed both on and off the water. The committee invites you to bring along your classic wooden dinghy and sail with us this coming Australia Day weekend. Classic wooden dinghies will be displayed on the Beach on Monday with the Regatta Race following in the afternoon and the Regatta dinner will be held in the evening. Boats will be displayed in 'The Glade' on Tuesday along with classic Indians, live music, a balloon twisting clown, model boats and food will be provided by vendors.

Information is on the Yachting Victoria website [http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?client=1-10099-0-0-0&SID=312342&&news\\_task=DETAIL&articleID=39172551](http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-10099-0-0-0&SID=312342&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=39172551) and the South Gippsland Yacht Club website <http://sgycinverloch.com.au>

I look forward to seeing you and your classic wooden dinghy at the Regatta.



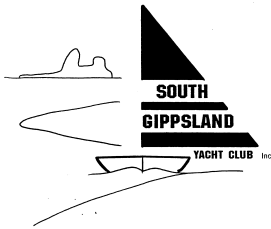
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## INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA PARTNERS

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Inverloch Historical Society

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