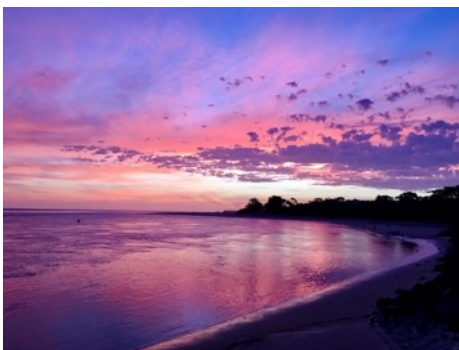




'Mooltan' Peoples Choice Award - George Sutherland

## ICWDR 2019 WRAP UP NEWSLETTER

The 2019 regatta weekend can be epitomised by these following three photos -



The sheer happiness that sailing gives, the stunning natural scenery of Inverloch and the zen of getting away for a weekend sailing in Inverloch. You can't beat that! Once again we had a brilliant event, attracting many new participants along with many returning sailors. This year our Jack Holt theme was rewarded with a bounty of Mirrors, Herons and Miracles, in fact, we had more Mirrors than the Mirror State Titles, which was a huge



achievement. Each year we see newly restored classic dinghies which validates the purpose of the regatta, a weekend to celebrate the incredible history of Australian sailing, the craftsmanship of the classic dinghy and our beautiful town. So a huge thank you to all the visitors, regatta participants, sponsors and volunteers for everything you put into the regatta by helping build its future and celebrating the past.

Now we hunker down for the long cold, the committee will be reforming in the next few weeks to discuss next years exciting plans. If you have thoughts on improvements to next years regatta, don't hesitate to drop a line!



## SOUTH GIPPSLAND YACHT CLUB - COMMODORE'S REPORT

I was really excited to be involved with another successful Australia Day long weekend regatta this year, the weather was kind although we had light winds each morning, but typically the sea breeze picked up enough for great sailing each afternoon.

Again this was a celebration of Inverloch's sailing and seaside heritage which started back in 1893 when the small Inverloch community started a yacht race, not long after this 'Regatta Days' become a regular activity. Today we celebrate the sailing part of Regatta Day, but previously they had sculling, diving, sliding over greasy poles and beauty competitions as well as the well-known 11 footer dinghy "Olive" that became the world renowned Moth class. We had another record number of entrants this year and again the Sailfish class were well represented. Additionally, clinker built craft and Jack Holt designs all made the regatta a spectacle to be seen. Sailing was organised to stay close to the foreshore to make the event easier for public to view the classics close up and in action.

The static display in the Community Hub and vintage flyovers all helped make the event the success that it was.

I thank the many volunteers that were involved plus local community groups such as Inverloch Scouts that assisted with catering and the support from the many local businesses that help finance our event.

South Gippsland Yacht Club was proud to host this regatta that is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and is looking forward to the 7<sup>th</sup> regatta in 2020.



possible future events at the regatta - photos courtesy of Inverloch Historical Society



Wayne Smith

Commodore

South Gippsland Yacht Club

# INVERLOCH CLASSIC WOODEN DINGHY REGATTA COMMITTEE

## CHAIRMAN REPORT

As Chair I'd like to thank the committee for their hard and creative work in the planning for the 2019 regatta. I am humbled by the amount of 'extra' work and initiatives shown by members of the committee as we fielded and carried out a few new ideas. Andrew and Marion Chapman were still heavily involved, to the benefit of the committee's work. I felt the decisions on advertising and promotion were an investment for the future of the Regatta in that much of it concentrated on what the town has to offer rather than just promoting the regatta to participants but we had that covered as well. Marion's stunning artwork on the regatta poster was brilliant as usual.

The yes/no situation with the Regatta Dinner location and catering resolved itself with deal of hard work and many phone calls and was, I think, a great success. The Inverloch Scouts as caterers for the Saturday night and breakfasts was an inspired idea and hopefully will carry through to 2020. The presence of Burra Brewery not only took some pressure off the already pressed club members, but resolved the matter of regulations concerning alcohol service.

As usual Inverloch turned on the weather, the fleet was varied, the standards high, the Sailfish contingent growing, and several restored boats were reunited with their original builders. Then there was the amazing sight of a 90 year old sailor, boat designer and builder, sailing a boat he'd designed and built 65 years before in the presence of 22 boats of his design and his extended family. The regatta was worth it just for that for me.

I would like to thank the SGYC and its members for their commitment to the success of what has become a very significant event in the Australian Classic boating calendar. Without that commitment, from filling sandbags to registrations to juggling class results in the tower to delivering and retrieving boats from our receding beach, the regatta could not be held and I cannot overemphasise how much all that hard work meant to the committee. There will be a new committee in and new faces, and I hope some old ones for 2020 and I am equally certain that the event will celebrate its 7th year with equal success.



Jeff Cole  
Chairman, 2019 ICWDR Committee.

## SAILFISH CLASS REPORT

The Australian Sailfish fleet has been growing strongly at each ICWDR held since 2016, when two of the class turned up. But one of those two was class co-founder Jack Carroll's original Sailfish, number 2, Debonair, which caught the attention of a few of us. Since then the numbers have grown each year and this year we had twenty Sailfish make the journey from near and far to take part in yet another fabulous regatta hosted by the South Gippsland Yacht Club. Fair weather, a really strong turnout, great hosts, what was not to like?



The racing was good, the wind was kind, the sandbars as always, a challenge, and then, on the last morning, something special happened. Jack's son and daughter convinced him to take out Debonair for one more sail. We all watched while Jack, just a month short of turning 90, headed out onto the Inlet, tacked twice, then reached up along the beach before gybing in front of the crowd and bringing Debonair back in.

We are already planning for 2020, and who knows, we might even have more than twenty boats next time. See you there.



Greg Barwick  
Sailfish Guy



## SCOUTS SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Regatta Committee would like to extend their many thanks to Inverloch Scouts for a brilliant effort in catering the Saturday night dinner spit roast. It was fantastic to see how well organised all the kids were, regatta goers were incredibly impressed with the level of service and responsibility the scouts provided. In addition to this, Burra Brewing Co's on tap beer for the evening was genuinely appreciated by everyone and added to the atmosphere and ethos of the whole event. A special mention must go to Aaron Freeman for his music for the evening, it created the perfect backdrop to the starry night!



## REGATTA MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

We have an excess of shirts from previous regattas available for purchase at very reasonable prices, including this years most coveted grey long sleeve shirt. If you would like to know what stock, sizes etc are available please do not hesitate to contact Simon Wilson for details - [simon.wilson@bigpond.com](mailto:simon.wilson@bigpond.com) or 0425 833 631

## REGATTA SPONSORSHIP

We may sound repetitious here at headquarters but we are incredible grateful to all our sponsors. The regatta is sponsored in several different ways and by many members of the community. If you are at all interested in sponsoring the regatta, whether that is by donating a prize for one of the races or categories, a small cash donation which comes with a bronze, silver or gold sticker for display or as a major contributor please contact Andrew Chapman at [andrewandmarion@bigpond.com](mailto:andrewandmarion@bigpond.com) or 0438 567 412.

## PHOTO CREDIT

Please note - we credit Tim Wilson, Marion Chapman and Andrew Chapman with this years photography of the ICWDR

## RACV Inverloch Resort Awards



**Early Bird Prize** – drawn out of a hat containing the early boat registrations.

**Robert Ballard** – Moth *'Li'l Devil'*

- \$300 voucher

**Furthest Travelled** – the person who brings a dinghy the furthest distance to get to Inverloch.

**Warrick Norton** – Australian Sailfish *'Ogg'* 1800 travelled from Strathpine Qld.

- \$600 voucher

**Best Jack Holt Boat** – Judged to be the best Jack Holt boat at the regatta.

**Anthony Berger** – Heron *'Trioppia'* 8926

- \$200 voucher

**Lucky Seat Prize** – selected at the regatta dinner

Lynda McNair - \$200 voucher

**Best Overall Boat** – selected from the category award winners

Rod Mackintosh's Gwen 12 *'Grasshopper'* 2846

- \$200 voucher

## ICWDR Judging Panel Report 2019

The members of the judging panel were:- Andrew Chapman, Jeff Cole, Ian Jones, Mark Rimington, Leo Lubransky and Leigh McNolty Chairman

The panel met in the clubhouse on the Sunday morning of the regatta. With 56 boats registered there was a large task ahead of us but it is also an enjoyable task to look at boats and talk to their owners. In our discussions after viewing the boats registered for the regatta and trying to allocate the awards, we agreed that for each award there are boats that deserve honourable mentions for being close contenders and giving us much to discuss.

### **Best Australian designed dinghy in original condition.**

- Inverloch Rotary Club boat plaque and Ronstan watch

This award aims to reward and encourage people to bring boats to the regatta which are not in perfectly restored condition, but have an interesting history or represent a class or design that played a part in the story of Australian dinghy sailing. A rare class of boat that has been stored in a shed for many years and then dusted off and prepared for sailing at the regatta is what we are looking for.

This year's winner fits this description well. Ray Murphy's VJ *'Vengeance'* was the winner of the last VJ State championship to be held in Victoria. The boat has been kept in storage and rarely sailed since then. As a result, the boat, its sails, rig and fittings are all original, showing the patina of age.



In this category the panel wanted to recognise John Gratton's Sabre *'Odds and Ends'* for its originality and the fact that John was the builder of Gwen 12 *'Grasshopper'* and came from South Australia for the regatta. We

also wanted to mention Toby Leppin's Gwen 12 '*Avenger*' for a restoration that enabled the boat to sail so spectacularly with its flat cut spinnaker in the races.

**Best Presented Sailing Dinghy.** (Racing Class dinghy, not necessarily of Australian design)

- Inverloch Rotary Club boat plaque and Ronstan watch

This award is for the boat which has had considerable sympathetic restoration and represents a racing class that has some significance in the history of dinghy racing.

The winner of this award was Rod Mackintosh's Gwen 12 '*Grasshopper*'. When Rod acquired the boat it was covered in thick green paint. He has completed a magnificent restoration to have the boat looking great. The boat now has clear finishes all over with some inlaid timbers to set off the dark grain of the original ply.



Rod came over from South Australia to sail in the regatta and join the other Gwen 12's

The panel wanted to note Trilby Chapman's Rainbow '*Moonraker*' as a boat that looked great on the water and participated in all events as a representative of a truly Aussie classic racing class. We also admired previous winner, Steven Fankhauser's 12 Sq Mtr Sharpie '*Cheyenne*' for a fantastic restoration and for having sailed in every Inverloch regatta.

**Best Presented Sailing Boat.**

- Inverloch Rotary Club boat plaque and Ronstan watch

This award is for the boats that do not belong to a racing class. Among the entries at every regatta there have been both restorations and new builds of boats that keep alive the traditions of skilled maritime woodworking and catch the eye with a beautiful sheerline or traditional rig.

This year's winner is Tony Landy with his Ian Oughtred designed '*Shearwater*'. Tony has built a number of boats using the clinker plywood construction method and '*Shearwater*' is a brilliant example of how a very traditional looking boat can be built with the maintenance advantages of modern materials. The gunter rig and tan sails complete the picture.



George Sutherland's '*Mooltan*', an Oughtred designed Fulmar, was a brilliantly presented contender for this award, with tan sails and lugsail ketch rig.

**Best Moth in Original or Restored Condition.**

- Inverloch Rotary Club boat plaque, Doyle sail bag and Marine Timbers Bote Cote

The Moth class has a special place in Inverloch's history, with its connection to Len Moriss and the first Moth '*Olive*'. This award is for boats in original condition, restored boats or new builds.

This year's award goes to long term regatta participant Ralph Ballard for his 1953 Mark II Moth '*Vixen*'. Last year Ralph discovered the boat in a garage in Geelong and has done some basic restoration to make the boat seaworthy. The sail number 185 makes '*Vixen*' the oldest Moth sailing in Australia. The original sail found with the boat had been eaten by rats, but the original rotating wing type mast was quite useable.





An honourable mention has to be made of Robert Ballard's Moth '**L'il Devil**' for its originality.

### **Best Presented Sailfish**

- Inverloch Rotary Club boat plaque, Perpetual Trophy, Doyle sail bag and Marine Timbers Bote Cote

The huge growth in the numbers of Sailfish entering the regatta over the past few years has meant there had to be a specific award for the class. As with the Moth class, this award is for original boats, restorations and new builds.

Dale Watson's '**Super Trooper**' impressed the judges with its excellent restoration work. It is a boat with a long and illustrious history in the class and it shows what can be done to maintain a boat in excellent racing condition.



The decision in this category was a difficult one between the above winner and Chris Cleary's newly built Sailfish '**Westerley**'. The carefully positioned grain of the plywood deck was highly impressive. We believe there are other new builds out there that may be at next year's regatta.

### **Best Presented Boat of a Jack Holt design - a special award for this year**

The focus or theme of the regatta this year was the designs of Jack Holt. His designs, possibly more than any other's brought sailing as a sport to the general public with cheap, easily home built boats. The Jack Holt designed Heron and Mirror were immensely popular in the 60's and 70's. Many of us started our sailing careers in one of these boats.

Anthony Berger's Heron '**Triopia**' was chosen as winner of this award for its excellent restoration and its originality in the cockpit layout. Anthony races the boat regularly and was the winner of the Jack Holt Memorial race on Saturday.



Francis Sullivan's Mirror '**Alice**' No 2672 has to be recognised for being the oldest Mirror still sailing in Australia.

### **Inverloch and District Lions Club Perpetual Trophy for the Best Overall boat**

- Lions Club Trophy, RACV voucher, Ronstan watch and Dimension Polyant sail cloth

This award is given to the boat which the panel decides is the best of the above category winners.

The Judging Panel gave this award to Rod Mackintosh's Gwen 12 '**Grasshopper**'



**Peoples Choice** – the boat the public likes most as having the most ribbons

George Sutherland's '*Mooltan*' an Ian Oughtred Fulmar



The panel members wish to thank all entrants to the regatta for the work they have put into preparing their boats, bringing to them to the regatta and engaging in the activities on and off the water. It is a great pleasure to be on the panel and learn about the stories of the boats and their owners.

Leigh McNolty  
Chairman

# Regatta Race Results

## Jack Holt Race

### B Division - yardsticks less than 110

1<sup>st</sup> Darren Lidiard  
– NS14 **‘Woody’ 1181**  
– Ronstan back pack/stubby holder

2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Rimington  
– Moth **‘Maggie’ 9244**  
– Tea towel

3<sup>rd</sup> John Gratton  
– Sabre **‘Odds’N’Ends’ 1182**  
– Bottle of wine



### C Division – yardsticks greater than 110

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Berger  
– Heron **‘Triopia’ 8926**  
– Ronstan back pack/stubby holder

2<sup>nd</sup> Jaemie Wilson  
– Mirror **‘Illusion’ 68040**  
– Tea towel/stubby holder

3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Cousens  
– Mirror **‘Nemo’**  
– Bottle of wine



## Sailfish Division

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Cleary  
– **‘Westerly’ 2218**  
– Ronstan back pack

2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Milton  
– **‘Gooney Bird’ 2188**  
– Tea towel

3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Carroll  
– **‘Jack’s Toy’ 3461**  
– Bottle of wine





## Regatta Race

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Carroll  
– Sailfish ***'Jack's Toy'*** 3461  
– Ronstan Watch and  
\$200 sail voucher from Peter Green



2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Cleary  
– Sailfish ***'Westerly'*** 2218  
– Ronstan back pack and  
\$100 sail voucher from Peter Green



3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Milton  
– Sailfish ***'Gooney Bird'*** 2188  
– Ronstan back pack



4<sup>th</sup> Darren Lydiard  
– NS14 ***'Woody'*** 1181  
– Inverloch Pharmacy pack

## Gwen 12 Challenge Cup

Toby Leppin  
– ***'Avenger'*** 1941



## Community Bank Inverloch Bendigo Bank

Youth Encouragement Awards



South Gippsland Yacht Club Commodore Wayne Smith and Alan Gostelo  
Chairman of the Community Bank Inverloch Bendigo Bank with youth  
encouragement award winners Sam Shannon, Bonnie Parise and Polly Parise.

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