



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all well it's been a big couple of months with Carrum and then Echuca. Both events went and without a hitch.

We had a great turn out of boats and a great show of members and friends at Carrum. The weather started off sensational but unfortunately declined as the day progressed with the wind making conditions far from ideal. It was great to see Warren Box's "Cloud Nine" finally on the water with Warren keenly putting her through her paces in events. We also had a good show of new members which is always great to see. All the boats look neat with some having a lick of paint or some new trim installed or repaired and lots n' lots of polish - really good to see .

How great was the Echuca Regatta? - To start with the beach at Merool was once again a great setting for an absolute gun weekend. There was no time to blink; it was all go all weekend. I believe we had around 40 boats and I would like to say they all looked immaculate and yes Butterbox looked cool too. I am glad to say I wasn't the one trying to pick out the best presented as they all look great-thanks judges, well done. I would also like to say how fantastic it was to see more and more of the youngsters of our club doing a great job skiing up and down the river. The time between the boats just seems to be getting closer and closer which is always great to see .The V- drive boats looked great coming up the river at speed; always spectacular to see.

The club meeting on Friday night was good as we were all able to air problems that had come to light throughout the year and iron them out together. (After some feisty discussions of course) The weekend proceedings went without a hitch. Happy hour Saturday night through tea and the raffles were all great. Now is a good time to say the Lions Club have done a top job with the meals on the Saturday night. I would also like to thank Ryan Box for his help with his trailer and pulling beers "Cheers Ryno".

The meeting on Saturday night has put some new committee nominees together. I would like to say to the present committee thanks for your support throughout my time at the helm, you have been an incredible team to work with. I wish the new committee all the best with the future.

Looking forward to the presentation night on the 23rd May at Warranga Basin again. This has become a great family night and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks

KEV



BOAT PROFILES

Anybody who hasn't given Noel Palmer their boat profile and wants to be in the SSBOC BOOK that Noel is working on please do so ASAP. Just write the details of your boat including any history you know of, engine details including modifications, interior, paint, etc. and send to Noel.

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NOELS TIPS

Single ski tricks

First trick on single is the side slide, with the boat speed slightly higher than 2 ski speed, approx 18/19mph ,directly behind boat with handle at waist height, snap turn 90* to boat, hold this position for a few seconds and return. This will take some practice, make sure handle is at waist height at all times attempting this trick, keep leading edge of ski slightly up, and keep body straight but leaning slightly away from boat. It will take a few goes to perfect, once you have mastered this one you then try the reverse slide.

The next trick is the 180* front to back, with handle at waist height pull handle into body and snap turn to backwards position, as you turn drop one hand and grasp handle quickly once turn is complete, maintain handle at backside height, remember the old rule, look up, if you look down you go down.

When you can do this one try the reverse direction.

The 360* turn is similar and must be completed quickly without a pause at 180*position, boat speed is critical for these tricks, if you are going too fast you will find it slippery, too slow you will drag and crash. Once successful the next is the reverse. These tricks take considerable practice so keep at it, at least a couple of hours per day.

Rope on toe tricks 180* turn.

PLEASE DO NOT USE MOUSE TRAP TRICK HANDLE FOR LEARNING ROPE ON TOE

With basic toehold strap, at skiing speed take out one foot and place in toe hold strap, with arms outstretched for balance, body straight leaning slightly away from boat, bring the strap/handle in as close as possible to your skiing knee, once again make it a snap turn to the backwards position, keep those arms outstretched, and do not look down. Once you have done the turn to back position, you will find your foot hold leg outstretched, to return to the front again you must bring the foothold into the back of your skiing knee, and snap turn to the front again.

Next is the 90* toehold slide, one of the most difficult to learn, and it will take you hours of practice to perfect both the slide and the 180*.

If you need help for any of these tricks please ask me and I will do my best to help, please under no circumstances use a mousetrap to learn any of these tricks,(you must be extremely experienced to use one of these) if you don't know what one looks like ask me to show you.

Happy Tricking N.P.



The Committee would like to thank David Lightbody (Bolb) for his time and effort in repainting the Club trailer. It looks great with the fresh white paint and new signage.

Presentation Dinner Booking

WHEN: Saturday 23rd May 2009

TIME: Presentation from 6:00pm

WHERE: Lake Waranga Caravan Park & Holiday Camp,
Rushworth, Victoria 5826 1243

PRICE: Adults \$35.00 U/12 \$20.00 U/ 4 Free

NAMES	ADULT	U/12	U/4

Fill in all names of attendees and tick appropriate box

ACCOMMODATION:

	Adults\$20	U/16\$10
MAIN BUILDING ACCOMMODATION		

Please let us know how many beds you require for the night.

	Quantity
Echuca Regatta DVD \$10	

Electronic transfer details: BSB: 033 115 ACC: 116 135

Please remember that in relation to accommodation bookings the club is only accepting bookings for the main building, all other accommodation bookings and are to go through the caravan park PH: 5856 1243

Completed forms can be copied and Emailed to cdboyle@bigpond.net.au or aprilandneil@westnet.com.au or posted to Neil Williams 26 Walter Way Cranbourne Sth 3977.

BEST PRESENTED BOATS



0 – 10 YEARS

NAILED



11 – 20 YEARS

THE OUTSIDER



21 – 30 YEARS

MUDDY WATERS



31 – 40 YEARS

CONQUISTADOR



41 – 50 YEARS - OLDE WOOD



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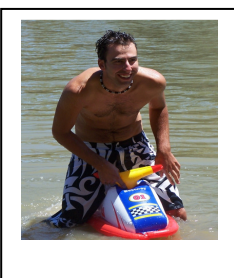
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DIDGERIDOO

Didgeridoo by Stan Haritou

The story of me and the 'Didge' began back in June 2006, when after spending 2 seasons being a member of the club and skiing behind Syndicate, I decided it was time to buy my own baby. After checking out a few boats, I met 'Didge' and fell in love... Maybe it was her clean body, her veneer finish or the small 202 that sat in her that screamed at me humming at 6200 rpm "I can beat Syndicate...." that sold her to me. In all reality she was a good clean boat that needed a little TLC and could become my little baby. Once I got her, the first thing I did was take her for a spin at Lake Eildon and learnt how to handle her. After quite a few spins I worked out how she turned, how she accelerated and how to win all my races. Once we got the driving down to a reasonable pace, it was time to make some changes to her looks. The first thing was to change the interior, the old brown and yellow carpeted seats were reupholstered to cream pleather with orange stitching and the Seacraft Syndicate Boat owners club logo embroidered into the back seat and didgeridoo into the front seats. Next we had to cater for the cold beer after a long day of winning by installing 4 chrome cup holders, now that she was starting to look a little bit sharper it was time to refresh the old looking black engine with a coat of chevi orange paint. Now the smart person would have removed the engine and painted it that way, but I am always looking for a quicker way, so I taped the whole boat up with clear plastic, cut a hole around the engine, duct taped her up and away we went. Now it may not be the most professional paint job you've ever seen but it has lasted me three years and still looks pretty good – so I think!!... The next upgrade was a new chrome billet steering wheel, followed by a cover for the flywheel and rear pulleys so I could get rid of the old wooden box that surrounded the engine. Now that she was looking good, it was time to enjoy her, after 3 seasons she is now one of the fastest single carb 6 cylinder in the club. We can owe this to her Holden 202, side draft weebber, roller rockers, solid lifters and solid cam. After spending 2 seasons learning and winning, I was itching to improve her again, it was decided that some spare change could be spent on making her look just as good off the water as she does on it- with a few changes to the old trailer-it was transformed into a sleek custom trailer. After a lot of hard work from some very good friends, a lot of long hours and COLD BEERS the trailer was finished, looking better than I could have imagined. After 3 successful seasons and a lot of fun times, it's now time this winter to strip her down to bear timber, fix a few niches, give her a new coat of clear, update her sign writing with a bit of airbrushing and a new 202.

The 'Didge' is here to stay.....



Two wetsuits were left on the beach at Merool over the weekend of the Regatta. If anyboby is missing theirs Tony Glass was good enough to pick them up and he has them at home. Tony can be contacted on 0418 304 368.



