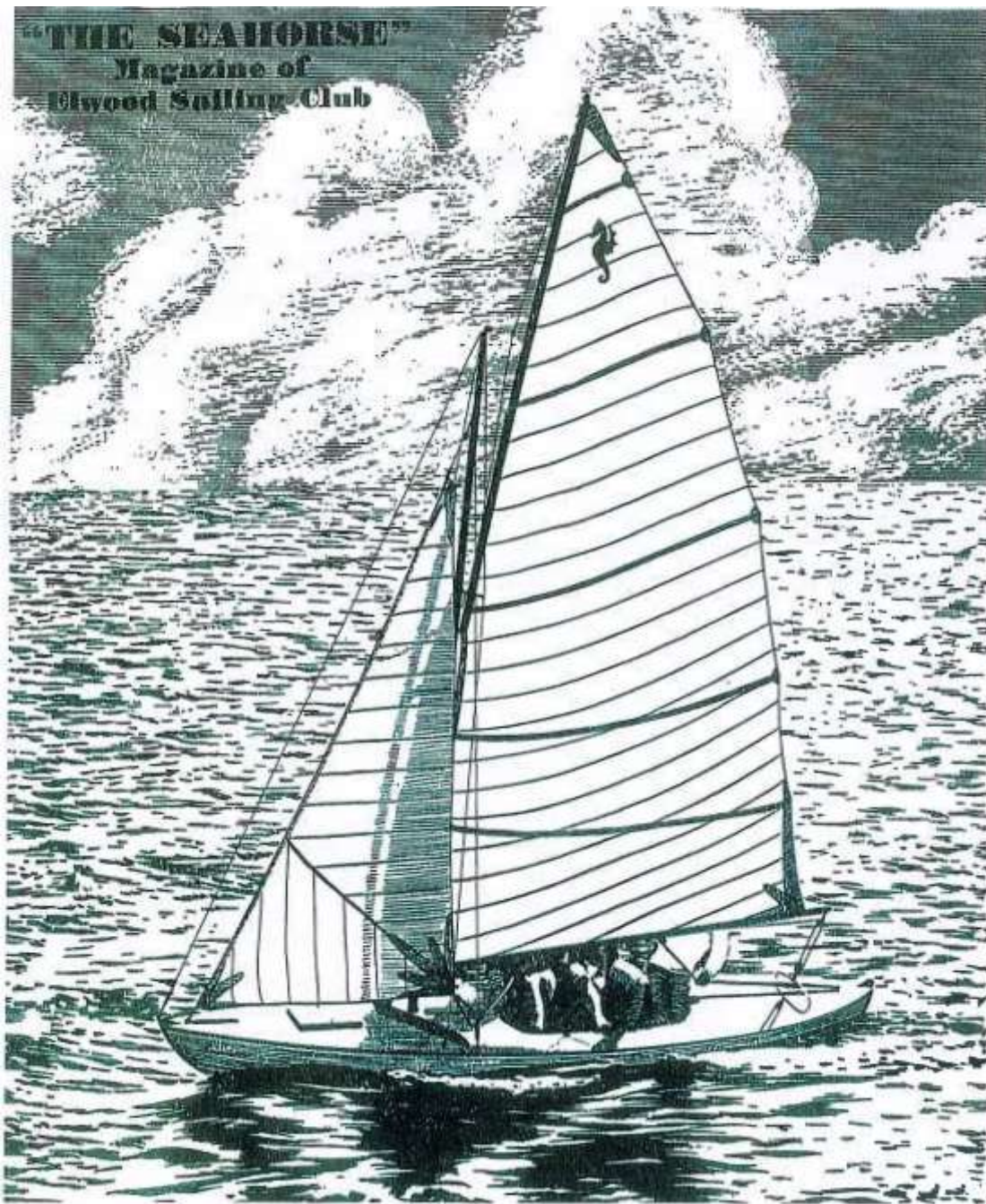


# ELWOOD SEAHORSE OLD BOYS



Season 1941 – 1942 Magazine Cover

## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

2010 ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD ON  
**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**  
AT THE ELWOOD SAILING CLUB FORESHORE, ELWOOD  
COMMENCING 1800 HOURS

**ELWOOD SEAHORSE OLD BOYS REUNION  
10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009  
AT THE ELWOOD SAILING CLUB**

**PRESENT**

Brian Adeney  
Scott Barnett  
Brian Carroll  
Andrew Dodd  
Rod Dovey  
Mark Foster  
John Gill  
Chris Heywood  
John McDonald  
Ted Masur  
John Pruden  
Ted Roache  
Robert Stamp  
Davan West

Rob Anderson  
Rhonda Barnett  
Russell Darbyshire  
John Dodd  
Daelene East  
Ian Frey  
John Hanby  
Prosper Labb  
Robert McQuade  
Alison Penington  
John Pyers  
Alan Richardson  
Geoff Taylor  
Mark White

Andrew Barnett  
John Broderick  
Rick De Jong  
John Douglas  
Graeme East  
John Frey  
Ross Hammond  
Don McDonald  
Daryl Martin  
Bryan Proven  
Bob Roache  
Ken Robinson  
Frank Weir  
Steve Wright

**APOLOGIES**

Greg Alward  
Bob Brown  
Alan Carlisle  
Brian Cole  
Robert Corke  
Bruce Fitcher  
Allan Goodall  
Trevor Hewitt  
Vic McCandlish  
Dennis Mercovich  
Vic Samuel  
John Stamp  
Paul Peeler  
Helmut Wagner  
Les Wright

Ian Atkinson  
Steve Burnham  
Wally Carlisle  
Charlie Conabere  
Geoff Craig  
Michael Franck  
Jamie Harrison  
Will Jones  
Wilding Malcolm  
Ted Montfort  
Gary Sheard  
Alan Swann  
Joseph Piccone  
Tony Watt

Geoff Blick  
Jack Carroll  
Paul Carver  
Ian Cook  
Peter Fielding  
Michael Golding  
Andrew Helmore  
Stan Kurth  
Paul Melody  
Glen Norton  
Peter Smith  
Ian Thompson  
Bill Proven  
Chris Wilson

## **2009 DINNER**

41 members attended our 2009 dinner at the Elwood Sailing Club and we welcomed some more female members, the night was very hot and even by opening all the doors and windows it was still oppressive. However the fellowship, food & drinks combined to make it another memorable night. As members arrived and received their name tags they were able to watch a history of the northern end of Port Phillip. This material was compiled by Screen Sound Australia and is quite fascinating.

Once again our food was supplied by John & his staff from Black Kettle catering. The entrees alternated between pumpkin & sweet potato or zucchini & bacon soups. The main courses were char-grilled marinated chicken fillet with tomato, basil cream sauce or roast sirloin of beef with a herb & mustard crust and red wine sauce. The meal finished with either mini pavlova or chocolate mud cake & cream with strawberries served with both. Coffee or tea followed. The food of course was complemented by white & red wine and beer catered for by Rob Anderson.

The main speaker was member Rod Dovey who expanded on his great talk last year when he graduated from "Bailer-Boy" on his fathers' Seahorse to sailing with Essy Prior in the 1956 Olympic yachting trials in a 12 sq m Sharpie. Rod left the sea for a few years and got involved in work & family. But eventually he was approached to deliver a yacht from interstate to Victoria. He couldn't believe that someone would actually pay a person to do something that one loved. He recounted stories of deliveries of all types of yachts noting that since most had been sold & were being brought to new owners, the previous owner had stripped anything of use for himself including any useful tools – hence he always had to buy a new set for every delivery. His other pet hate is the new owner and their families who want to be involved in the delivery. He has had good views of the backsides of the whole family for periods of up to 5 days as they feed the fishes with their sea sickness.

Rod also recounted his experiences bringing back yachts from the Melbourne – Osaka race. In particular he detailed the extra ordinary hospitality that the sailors receive immediately they cross the finish line. Included in the ritual is a huge meal of whatever the sailors wish no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

Rod presented a burgee of his local yacht club, Spring Bay Boat Club in Tasmania, which he helped design basing it on the burgee of the Dovey Yacht Club in Wales. Our thanks again, Rod for your fascinating stories and we look forward to the next chapter in a few years.

An old film of yachts sailing at yacht clubs from St Kilda, Brighton, Black Rock, Sandringham and Mordialloc was shown also.

## **COMMODORES REPORT**

Past Commodore Mark Foster welcomed members to the club advising them that this was his last report as he was now just an "A"Class catamaran sailor having relinquished his position at the last election to John Dodd. He advised that he had tried to spend as much money that the club had accumulated over the three years of his being commodore but there was still almost the same amount in the bank balance.

He noted that the reconstruction of the foreshore was completed but the unsafe angling club jetty was scheduled for removal soon as the beach re-nourished with fresh sand. He was very bullish regarding the training groups that now function on both Saturdays and Sunday mornings. The club numbers are finally static but it was now up to the new committee to push forward & expand the club numbers with such great facilities. The members applauded Mark & his committee for the fine work they have done over the past years.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from 46 members as listed and we acknowledge the following donations.

Paul Carver \$10	Peter Smith \$40
Gary Sheard \$80	Tony Watt \$30
Les Wright \$60	

Our bank balance at the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 was \$1,366.69

## **From last years replies**

**Mike Golding:** Thank you kindly for the invitation and on this instance I regretfully decline.

**Vic Samuel:** Sorry, will be overseas.

**'Peripatetic' Bob Brown:** Regret unable to attend. I was actually in the Quickcat era anyway, just after the Seahorses.

**Dennis Mercovich:** Unfortunately I will be unable to attend due to work commitments.

**Alan Carlisle:** Please accept my apologies. Now living in Brisbane bit difficult to get there and be with my old friends. Some of my mates might like an update. Suzanne and I moved into our new house 2 weeks before Christmas. Our house is front row overlooking Bramble Bay and has distant views of Brisbane CBD, Brisbane Airport and Brisbane Docks. We live 350 metres diagonally opposite Humpybong Yacht Club. I help out with their sail training program. I'm just about to launch a new Sabre I've built in the garage and have so far encouraged another 2 Sabres to join the club – I hope for more soon. Since being up here I help out Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron with race management, umpiring and judging. I will be the race officer for Sail Brisbane and the Contender Worlds this summer and look forward to my old mate and club member Brian Carroll and Lyn staying with us over summer for his Flying Fifteen National championships at nearby Sandgate Yacht Club. We bought a trailer sailer (MacGregor 26) and enjoy sailing around Moreton Bay and doing overnights at ideal places like Tangalooma. Have been lucky enough to be invited the last 2 years to be Race Officer for the Hamilton Island Race Week, where I've managed every year to find an Old Boy sailing around the bars every regatta. Son Tom is living up here at the Gold Coast and is currently earning his living doing yacht deliveries up and down the east coast – he's fully booked out until Christmas at the moment.

**Chris Wilson:** I expect to be interstate for the second week of November so will miss the Elwood Seahorse reunion dinner again. Sorry about that. However I have put together a folder containing some photographs from the mid 50's which you may wish to hand around on the night.

**Paul Mellody:** Thank you for your invitation, am living in NSW consequently do not have the time, however your invitation brings back fond memories of the past. Please give my regards to your members and Tony Watt.

**Ian Cook:** Sorry to have to say I am unable to attend and have to submit an apology for the annual dinner and reunion as I am working in Gippsland all that week. I hope that you have another successful and enjoyable evening.

**Geoff Craig:** Unfortunately I won't be able to make it this year. Have a great time and I hope the stories keep getting bigger. Good winds!



**Peter Fielding:** I will be unable to attend the dinner this year as I will be away. Hope that I will be included in next year's list. I wish Doddy and all the attendees a happy reunion and only wish that I was there too. Many thanks and regards to all.

**Steve Burnham:** Just wanted to make sure the old boys got my apology for not attending on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pass on my best, and that is great to see them still getting together, and from all accounts having a good old time doing so. Good on them! All my very best.

**Alan Swann (Circa 86):** Travel a problem. Enjoy the report each year, my only contact with ESC now.

**Tony Watt (OBE):** Years ESC member – can't remember!

**Trevor Hewitt (Hamilton Island):** I would love to come down for the reunion but unfortunately I can not get away from here at the moment. Mid week is bad for me at any time of the year and very hard to get a stand-in to do buggy repairs at short notice. Hope you all have a great time and may be I can make it next year.

**Michael Franck:** Sorry can't make it – it's my birthday and they want me somewhere else. Please tender my apologies.

### Elections

John Dodd was re-elected to the position of President for the year ending 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### Statistics

A total of 113 invitations were sent to members who we have had contact with in the last 5 years. 86 were sent by email, 27 sent by post. We received 87 replies. It is now our policy to stop sending invitations by post or email to anyone who has not made contact in the last 3 years. We also prefer to send the annual invitation by email.

The following people have not replied in the last 3 years and if no further contact is made will be **deleted** from next years' invitation.

<u>Bud Bacon</u>	51 Holyrood Street, Hampton 3188
<u>Geoff Bade</u>	2 Lynette Avenue, Beaumaris 3193
<u>Bob Brunton</u>	28 Coprosma Avenue, Frankston 3199
<u>Terry Cole</u>	1 Rennison Street, Beaumaris 3193
<u>Barry Dawes</u>	
<u>Len Haig</u>	42 Begonia Road, Gardenvale 3185
<u>Tony Leis</u>	88 Mt Pleasant Road, Monbulk 3793
<u>Bruce Nicholson</u>	9 Hobart Street, Bentleigh 3204
<u>Geoff Trone</u>	29 Bundoora Parade, Mentone 3194
<u>John Williams</u>	12 Seaview Street, Black Rock 3193

### Presentation

Although Chris Wilson was not able to be present he compiled a brilliant pictorial history from the mid 1950's which he has presented to the club.

Chris who was a member from 1952 – 1970 (?) was skipper of E26 Venture, Co-owner of E33 Mustang and owner of E18 Mermerus. Some of his photos are reproduced below.

Our sincere thanks to Chris for donating this chronicle of the club and his time there.



Save the Boat-Mid 1950s

Left: Gary Sheard, Behind Rear: Ted Jarret,  
Next Left: Brian Roberts, Centre: Ray Cromb



Ready to leave Elwood

Left: Peter Batterham, Crouching: Fred  
Shillabeer, On Deck: Gary Sheard, Bob  
Brunton, Behind Boom: John Archer



Camping on the Beach at Canadian Bay



Some photos from the Pictorial  
History from the mid 1950s donated  
by Seahorse Old Boy-Chris Wilson



Crew of E33 Mustang

Left: Fred Shillabeer, Right: Bud Bacon plus 2  
other of Bud Bacons Crew



## PHOTOS FROM 2009 ANNUAL DINNER



I will / will not be present at the ELWOOD SAILING CLUB on  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
Annual Dinner and Reunion.

**Please advise by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

@ \_\_\_\_\_

Years ESC Member: \_\_\_\_\_

\$60.00 is enclosed and covers:  
3 Course Meal, Pre Dinner & Dinner Drinks  
(\$50.00 only if over 70 years)

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