Lots have happened since the last Bilgewater, both in events held and attended as well as the re-emergence of the dreaded Blue-green algae bloom. Most of these events are covered in this edition of Bilgewater. The SPMBC committee has developed a ‘Blue Green Algae Plan’ which comes into force during declared Algae outbreaks. There is a copy posted on the clubroom glass doors. As we have had no official notice that the “Dive” is clear of the blue -green algae, we are still operating under the ‘Plan’.

-Avoid contact with the lake water.
-Wash hands if they have come in contact with the water,

-Use paper towels to wipe down boats and mop up any drips on the benches.
Do not use the kitchen sink or our tea towels for these clean ups.

The next Bilgewater comes out in September, and we will have a new Commodore to provide his report for Bilgewater. I am sure that he will receive the same great support that I have enjoyed during my time as Commodore.
Cheers, Tony Weaver

OBITUARY

Ron Chapman will be fondly remembered by many of the long time members at SPMBC. Ron Sadly passed away on 7th. April 2019, just shy of his 84th. Birthday.
As well as a wide range of boats including patrol boats, hydroplanes and paddle boats, Ron was keenly into Militaria and had accumulated a vast collection.
Ron will be sadly missed from SPMBC.

Former SPMBC member, Phil Brown, was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident. Phil was a keen modeller and he will be sadly missed by those SPMBC members who knew him,
Rest In Peace, Phil. (Photo by Rosie Kendal)
The Brushed motored boats event was a crowded affair to start with and ended up with a clear first and second place and with multiple entries, on the same number of laps, coming third. As a result of this, it was decided not to present a third prize due to not enough of Alan Gray’s kindly donated prizes being available. So first place went to Haig Jansz with his flying MTB 741, Navy ship, Second place went to Ian Jones and his great little tug boat.

In the brushless section, we had Martin Lui come in first followed by Haig Jansz and Ian Jemmeson. Ian’s Swamp boat became inverted on the last lap and although it could have proceeded, at a very reduced rate of knots, it was decided to award a third prize for a good effort. (And we still had the non awarded prize from the Brushed section available.)

As has become the norm, Alan Gray provided the prizes for all the enduro events, well done Alan.

Brushless winners, Martin Lui, Haig Jansz and Ian Jemmeson.

Photos by David Knapstein
Just For Larfs

an actual drawing, handed to a flight attendant on a Quantas flight by an 8 yr old girl

dear Captain
My name is Nicola I'm 8 years old, this is my first flight but I'm not scared. I like to watch the clouds go by. My mum says the crew is nice. I think your plane is good. Thanks for a nice flight don't f*ck up the landing

Luv Nicola
XXX

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Sail Boat Endurance Events
Sunday 3rd March 2019

Sail Enduros results
Over 750 mm
1st John Griffin
2nd Daryl Doyle
3rd David Ashley

Sail Enduros results
Under 750 mm
1st Ian Jemmeson
2nd Martin Hopper
3rd Martin Lui

Photos by David Knappstein.
Guest speaker at Broadmeadows Model Boat Club, David Glasson, drops in to SPMBC on his way to the Wooden Boat Show in Hobart. David was most impressed that we have made “Ollie” a much loved, club owned special.

Claude Miller’s La Toulannaise in a stiff breeze.

Grant Austin’s new steamer is progressing well.

Ray Lendrum shows off the great planking on his new sailer.

Detail on John Schuffelen’s new paddler, ‘Tyro’

A new steam “Tea Clipper”? by Claude Miller

Photos by Tony Weaver
Seen About the Club

Michael Best gives his Cessna float plane a run on the Dive. View the link to see the real N695CP training flights.

https://flightaware.com/live/flight/N695CP

Chris Hudnott doing ABC TV coverage of Anzac Day

Alan Gray’s display of ‘Little & large’ tug boats.

Photos by Tony Weaver
Steam Day
Sunday 10th March 2019

Another well attended day with a couple of tries at a steam past, can't always get all the boats steamed up at the same time. Steam, as always, is fascinating to watch and enjoy. Well done to all our steamers.

Ross McRae, Alan Gray, John Schuffelen and Philip McArdle work on getting steam up, while Jim Inglis looks on.

Philip Ham works on his two steam beauties, ‘Olivia’ & ‘Sarah’

Alan Gray’s ‘Loopen’ leads the group.

‘Evie Jane’ & ‘Sarah’ head out.

Photos Rowan Stadler
Four SPMBC members manned the static display at the Global Fiesta. This was the first time that we have attended the event which is held as part of ‘Harmony Week’, to celebrate Australia’s multiculturalism. John Schuffelen, Tony Goldsworthy, John Simpson and your editor stamped many “Passports” for kids that visited our stand. The club will probably not get any new members out of the event, however we have flown the flag and shown the Council that we support their community initiatives. Both of our councillors, Tina Liu and Blair Barker called in to say G’Day.

We were mobbed by Dragons at one stage.

My plans for today:
1) wake up,
2) annoy the crap outta everyone I know
3) go back to bed:

Photos Tony Weaver
Fast Boat Appreciation Day

Sunday 24th March 2019

Russel Bryant fine tunes his fast ‘Libero’

A really great turn out this time for the Fast Boat Appreciation Day. Spectacular loop the loops by Russel Bryant’s boat was great fun. It is not the first time that his boats have done this trick. Practices when SPMBC aren’t at the Dive I reckon.

A wall of water created by this fast turn.

John Schuffelen has a great line up.

Getting ready for a fast take off

Photos Douglas Rochlin & Tony Weaver

Russel Bryant fine tunes his fast ‘Libero’
Night Sailing

Sunday 28th April 2019

Good weather and plenty of hot food helped make the Night Sailing an enjoyable evening. A few new members came along with their boats lit up to add to the regular vessels.

Navy Day

Sunday 28th April 2019

A lightly attended, cold & wet Navy Day was the scene for Chris Thorn’s Aircraft carrier to make a large impression. Thanks to Chris for bringing the boat along for SPMBC to appreciate.

Friday 17th May 2019

Tug ‘Amsterdam’ has all navigation lights ablaze.

Chalarm heads out in the as dusk falls.

Claude Miller succeeded in lighting up his sails, to great effect.
How powerful was your tug?.
Tug boat owners put their vessels to the test with a ‘pull’ against a spring scale mounted on the dock.

The results are:
Andrew 250 Grams (Stern pull)
Daryl Doyle 650 Grams (Stern pull)
Colin Smith 380 Grams (Stern pull)
John Simpson 350 Grams (Stern pull)
Ian Collins 200 Grams (Stern pull)
Martin Lui 300 Grams (Stern pull)
Don Knowles 750 Grams (Stern pull)
Grant Austin 2.35 KGS (Stern pull)
Greg Howe Steam, 250 Grams (Stern pull) Elec. 700 Grams (Stern pull)
Ken Burge 2.25 KGS (Stern pull) 1.55 KGS (Bow pull)

In effect, we had two, very well attended, Tug Boat Days. The first one became a static display due to the sudden Blue-green Algae bloom. The re-run was a great bit of fun, in fine weather. In-lieu of a “sail past”, tugs were tasked with nudging the club dinghy, ‘transome in’ to the dock.

Herding cats comes to mind when the completely unco fleet of tugs failed to complete the task. Much advice from the shore had no effect in getting the participants to manoeuvre the dinghy to the dock before the breeze slowly, but surely, sent Grant and the dinghy down to the western shoreline. Good fun though!!!

Tony Goldsworthy produced an easily connected spring scale to test the power of the tugs. The results are as published.

Photos Tony Weaver Gerard O’Donoghue
Again the day was well attended and produced a diversity of interests and collections, along with high levels of modelling skills.

High skill is evident in Gunner Berg’s display of dioramas and model ships.

Douglas Rochlin’s Collection of model aircraft & engines

Tony Goldsworthy’s beautifully crafted Dulcimer.

Some of Alan Gray’s boat & model train collection.

Ken Burge cradles his cannon

Bruce Carris displayed a range of laser cut items

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SPMBC members, Peter Lemm, John Schuffelen and your editor drove to Mildura and Wentworth to meet some remarkable model makers. We met Gary Gray, Tom Perry, and Rodney Hobbs who all make model boats (amongst other things). We also met Harry Pollard who is making a full size steel paddle boat. We witnessed amazing modelling skills, a dust storm and visited the ancient Lake Mungo. The next three pages show some of the great trip.

John Shuffelen, & Peter Lemm with Gary Gray and some of Gary’s Submarine collection. Gary had a liking for early US nuclear submarines and made & supplied over 60 units, both RC & static to US navy personell.

Part of Gary’s massive collection of highly details model tanks

Amazing detail inside model tank.

Submarines galore.

Gary has now transitioned into ukulele making.

Photos Tony Weaver & John Schuffelen

Laser timber cut away of USS Sturgeon
In Wentworth, we visited Rodney Hobbs, static, waterline paddle boat modeller. Rodney has been regularly visited by SPMBC members over the last few years. His collection has grown to the stage where his space is nearly all taken up. Wentworth Council plan to give him new space at council offices.

A great mate of both Rodney Hobbs and Harry Pollard, Tom Perry is also a paddle boat modeller. Tom has every nook and cranny in his house and shed, full of boats, not to mention walls covered in photographs of paddlers.

Some of Tom Perry’s work. PS Rodney, famously burned during the Shearers strike of 1891 and a model barge showing how red gum logs were transported from forest to mill.

Peter Lemm and myself try to relax while John Schuffelen takes the wheel.
Harry Pollard was the last owner of the original paddle steamer, “Success”. Harry has embarked on a retirement project of huge proportions. He is building a steel, 100 Foot paddler to be called “Succession” (larger than full size). His steel welding is of incredible good quality. This is despite the fact that Harry has only one arm.

Peter Lemm sails his Micro magic on the Murray River & Darling river confluence. Not many would have done this.

“Big Lizzie”. Now that’s a good sized ute!!!!
Blue Green Algae is not new to SPMBC

Archival correspondence from the City of Box Hill to Surrey Park Model Boat Club, show that Algae has reared its ugly head, almost from the day the dive was reinvented for the 1988 Bi-Centennial year. This correspondence included the mentioned letter from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, asking all Councils to conduct trials with Barley straw and record results on a form that they had devised.

No archive material can be found to show that Box Hill council or SPMBC ever undertook any reporting/recording of our experiments.
Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Park Model Boat Club

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Park Model Boat Club (SPMBC) will be held at the Clubhouse at 10.00 am on, Sunday 14th. July 2019.

The business of the meeting will include:

- Commodore’s report.
- Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 8th. July 2018.
- The presentation of the Secretary’s report.
- Financial report.
- The election of Committee officers.
- Determination of the entrance fee and annual subscription for the following year.
- Consideration of the program and events for the coming year.
- Business on notice*.

*Business on Notice

The SPMBC Rules and Conditions 12(3) state (in part) that a member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business, in writing, to the Secretary. The Secretary requiring to receive such a notice two weeks before the meeting
Who we are:

Members of this Club are modellers of all age groups, skills and professions who construct and sail model, radio controlled boats. What we do: We build, sail and talk about model boats. Our models range in size generally from half a metre to three metres in length. Model types include fishing boats, yachts, tugs and fast electric craft. These remote control models are mostly powered by electric motors, steam or wind power, in the case of sailing craft.

OFFICE BEARERS & OTHER POSITIONS 2018-2019

Commodore: Tony Weaver
Vice Commodore: Gerard O'Donoghue
Secretary: Tony Goldsworthy
Treasurer: Don Knowles
First Ordinary Member: Philip Ham
2nd. Ordinary Member: John Schuffelen
Quartermasters: Ken Burnell & Peter Lemm
Safety Officers: Martin Hopper & Philip Ham
Membership Officer: John Schuffelen
Newsletter Editor: Tony Weaver
Webmaster: Michael Best

LOCATION & CONTACTS

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