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### **Editor's notes**

Times have been very quiet of late. I get the usual emails and phone calls but nothing else out of the ordinary has happened. Most likely that worldwide economic crash has silenced many for the time being in a state of stunned amazement. It had to come like the eventual blow out of some volcano but we never know the exact time. Fortunately you can take some time out on the water and forget about the possible troublesome times ahead – for now that is!

As previously discussed, we provided some assistance to the lead-up of the Blind Sailors World series to be held in New Zealand in 2009. A report on the progress is further on in this issue.

There is also a notification regarding an upcoming event at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria at Williamstown on Port Phillip Bay.

In the absence of member articles I will also include some more humour sorted from the many I receive but only those suitable for reproduction in Telltales.

Fred Viergever – Editor.

### **President's Report**



I really have nothing of current interest to repost this time around. All has been very docile at our office. There are the usual questions such as having changed email address and not being able to get onto our chat site. The answer to that question is simple. You change your email address and inform me appropriately. I make the amendments and that is all I can do.

You need to also get onto the chat site with your current profile (username) and your password and then select to edit your profile. In that section you need to amend your email address and whatever else you want to amend. Only the member can do that which is part of the Terms and Conditions of the site.

Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club conducted a regatta for the qualification rounds for participants in the 2009 Blind Sailors World Sailing Championships. This Association is proud to have been able to assist in this worthy cause to help persons not physically as well of as others to also experience the thrill of sailing which we seem to take for granted. We are grateful to Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club and its members for the organization and their willingness to make Noelex25's available to the participants. I know that the competitors themselves marvelled at the type of boat they had at their disposal and that our accompanying owner/member obtained a lot of self satisfaction, having been able to bring some pleasure into the lives of some perhaps a little less fortunate physically.

A report is featured further on and I have also included some pictures. More pictures are available for viewing on our new site ay Facebook.

In case you have missed our earlier announcement, members are again made aware of this new site we recently established named *Noelex Family*. If you are already subscribed to Facebook you can easily join into our site. If you have not yet enrolled in Facebook, just Google Facebook, sign up and search for Noelex Family. For now I have made the site available to members only and wait and see how it develops. Any member can join and once done, upload pictures, videos and conversations. Facebook is perhaps easier to use than our chat site with its ease to upload pictures or videos of innovations you have made to your Noelex and want to show off to other members. Any member can easily copy and paste any such pictures into their own computer for future reference.

Fred V – President.

### **Treasurer's report**

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Our financial status remains healthy with total bank balance at the end of September standing at \$23507.04. We recently paid our promised donation to the Blind Sailors series, all current members are paid up; those who have ignored renewal have now been removed and despite that, our current membership stands at 182.

Joan Rockliff - Treasurer

### **Handy Hints**



A question relating to our sails was recently fired my way. The question was 'what happens to all those sets of sails that members have replaced over the years, especially those that race for enjoyment on weekends?' I have no idea except that there must be many bags with sails in reasonable condition in many a garage or shed.

As a reminder, if you are one of those hoarders and those sails are in reasonable condition for cruising purposes you could make it known to members that you are willing to part with them at a reasonable price. You may have other spare parts that are obsolete to yourself. Any member can advertise free of charge in Telltales and there are no commissions involved. The way the economy is going it may be a worthwhile exercise to give many items a second life.

The boson's mate!



## **Membership**



We have a few new members to report and we extend a warm welcome to the following:

### **Noelex 25**

- David and Anna BARKER – Inverloch Victoria – NX925 ‘Halcyon’ (previous member boat George and Mardi STORY)

### **Noelex 30**

- Richard WILLIAMS – Te Awanga – Hawkes Bay NZ – Boat number 5065 (New Zealand based member)

### **Associates**

- nil.

Membership director.

## **For Sale**

The following boats remain for sale as shown on the web site and were featured with full description in previous issues of Telltales:

- **Noelex25**

NX734 ‘Comes a Time’ - Asking price \$38,000.00

NX933 ‘Wild Honey’ - Asking price \$50,000.00

- **Noelex30**

NX1533 ‘The Colonel’ – asking price \$90,000.00

NX30 Pisces

Currently there are no new advertisements to hand featuring boats for sale.

## **Humour**

(Pardon the explicitness but I thought this one is really funny).

### ***A lesson in Anger Management***

I was sitting at my desk when I remembered a phone call I'd forgotten to make. I found the number and dialed it. A man answered, saying 'Hello.' - Politely I said, 'This is Chris. Could I please speak with Robyn Carter?'

Suddenly a manic voice yelled out in my ear 'Get the right f\*\*\*ing number!' and the phone was slammed down I couldn't believe that anyone could be so rude.

When I tracked down Robyn's correct number and called her, I found that I had accidentally transposed the last two digits. After hanging up with her, I decided to call the 'wrong' number again.

When the same guy answered the phone, I yelled 'You're an asshole!' and hung up. I wrote his number down with the word 'asshole' next to it, and put it in my desk drawer.

Every couple of weeks, when I was paying bills or had a really bad day, I'd call him and yell, 'You're an asshole!' It always cheered me up.

When Caller ID was introduced, I thought my therapeutic 'asshole' calling would have to stop, so, I called his number and said,

'Hi, this is John Smith from the telephone company. I'm calling to see if you're familiar with our Caller ID Program?' He yelled 'NO!' and slammed down the phone.

I quickly called him back and said, 'That's because you're an asshole!' and hung up.

One day I was at the store, getting ready to pull into a parking spot when some guy in a black BMW cut me off and pulled into the spot I had patiently waited for. I hit the horn and yelled that I'd been waiting for that spot, the idiot ignored me and I instinctively mumbled to myself "you asshole".

Then I noticed a 'For Sale' sign in his back window, so I wrote down his number.

A couple of days later, right after calling the first asshole (I had his number on speed dial,) I thought that I'd better call the BMW asshole, too and give him a piece of my mind; the conversation went something like this:

'Is this the man with the black BMW for sale?' - 'Yes, it is' - , 'Can you tell me where I can see it?' He said

'Yes, you can and I live at 34 Oaktree Blvd. in Fairfax. It's a yellow ranch style house and the car's parked right out in front.' - I asked: 'What's your name?' to which he said 'My name is Don Hansen', so I asked, 'When's a good time to catch you, Don?' and he said 'I'm home every evening after five.' so I said - 'Listen, Don, can I tell you something?' - 'Yes?' - 'Don, you're an asshole!', then I hung up, and added his number also to my speed dial.

Now, when I had a problem, I had two assholes to call which gave me an idea. I called asshole #1. He said, 'Hello.' I said, 'You're an asshole!' (But I didn't hang up.) and he yelled, 'Are you still there?' I said, 'Yeah!' He screamed, 'Stop calling me,' I said, 'Make me,' He asked, 'Who are you?' I said, 'My name is Don Hansen.' He said, 'Yeah Don and where might you live?' I said, 'Asshole, I live at 34 Oaktree Blvd., in Fairfax, in a yellow ranch style home and I have a black Beamer parked in front.' He said, 'I'm coming over right now, Don and you had better start saying your prayers'. I said, 'Yeah, like I'm really scared, asshole,' and hung up.

Then I called Asshole #2. He said, 'Hello?' I said, 'Hello, asshole,' He yelled, 'If I ever find out who you are...'

to which I said, 'You'll what?' He exclaimed, 'I'll kick your ass,' I answered, 'Well, asshole, here's your chance. I'm coming over right now.' Then I hung up and immediately called the police, saying that I lived at 34 Oaktree Blvd. in Fairfax, and that I was on my way over there to kill my gay lover. Then I called Channel 7 News about the gang war going down in Oaktree Blvd. in Fairfax, I quickly got into my car and headed over there.

I got there just in time to watch two assholes beating the crap out of each other in front of six cop cars, an overhead news helicopter and surrounded by a news crew. NOW I feel much better. Anger management really does work.

### **Your 'Yearly Dementia Test'.**

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. ***If you don't use it, you lose it!***

Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. Don't cheat by glancing at the answers before you answered.

OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster? (You can scroll to the answer for this question only and don't look at the others)
2. Say 'silk' five times - Now spell 'silk.' - What do cows drink? (scroll to answer after you answered)
3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from? (again scroll to answer)
4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of 'no man's land' between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany, or no man's land'? (as before)
5. Without using a calculator: You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven.
  - What was the name of the bus driver? (scroll to answer)

Answers:

- 1 'Bread' If you said 'toast' give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.
- 2 Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said 'water,' proceed to question 3.
- 3 Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks,' why are you still reading this??? If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.
- 4 Answer: You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. If you said, 'You don't bury survivors,' proceed to the next question.
- 5 Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!

## **Old men may walk slow BUT think F A S T**

In Queensland I had owned a large property for several years. I had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where I had planted mango and avocado trees. The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and I also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening I, the farmer, decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as I hadn't been there for a while. I grabbed a ten liter bucket to bring back some fruit.

As I neared the dam, I heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As I came closer I saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in my dam. I made the women aware of my presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to me, 'We're not coming out until you leave!' I frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked.'

Holding the bucket up, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'

Moral: Old men may walk slow, but they can still think fast.

Ed. (My thanks to the contributors)

### ***Notification of forthcoming event***

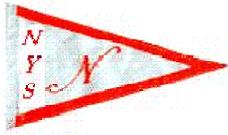
We have been requested to make members aware of the forthcoming Lipton Cup Regatta 2008 to be conducted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria over the weekend Saturday and Sunday, 15/16 November.

Trailable yachts and sports boats are invited to compete, the event will be an 'around the buoys' regatta on the sheltered waters of Hobson's Bay and will include a longer distance passage race on the Sunday.

RYCV is well known to us for its friendly atmosphere, excellent facilities for families and the picturesque surroundings of the port of Williamstown.

Launching ramps are available at the club's launching ramp, the Warmies Public Launching Ramp adjacent to Newport Power Station and the ParksVic ramp next door to RYCV. The latter also provides temporary parking for trailers.

Any member interested can obtain more detailed information at [www.rycv.yachting.org.au](http://www.rycv.yachting.org.au)



## Media Release

### **Blind Sailing Championships held on Lake Hume**

October 19, 2008

The Inaugural Australian Blind Sailing Championships were hosted by the Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club from 17th – 19th October. Sailed in a club member supplied fleet of Noelex 25s the Championships were supported by the Noelex Yacht Association of Australia and Noelex Yacht Squadron.

The event was conducted in the Blind Sailing International integrated fleet racing format. Crews are made up of two blind or vision impaired sailors (helm & mainsheet trimmer) and two sighted sailors (headsail trimmer & a tactician who cannot operate any equipment) with divisions for B1, B2 and B3 vision-classified helms. AWYC Noelex owners made up the final member of each crew.

While the number of competing teams was small, the Championships were well organised by the Club and nine races were conducted over two warm sunny days with favourable breezes.

Experienced blind sailor, Paul Borg from Victoria's Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, aided by crew Jane Bellamy (main) and Morgan Staley (tactician), posted a clear win in the overall competition. They finished 6 points clear of Joan Andrews (Albert Park Yacht Club – VIC) sailing with Roy Jewel and Terry Caldwell.

There was only 1 point between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams. Anthony Fowler (Sailability Rushcutters Bay – NSW), with crew Don Scott and Julian Clements, held out the South Australian team of Peter Aspinall (Adelaide Sailing Club), Michael Zannis and Bob Schahinger.

Division winners were:

B1 Division - Joan Andrew, Roy Jewel and Terry Caldwell (VIC)

B2 Division - Anthony Fowler, Don Scott and Julian Clements (NSW)

B3 Division - Paul Borg, Jane Bellamy and Morgan Staley (VIC)

Racing conditions were excellent, with consistent 5-12 knot breezes allowing groups of 30-45 minutes heats to be sailed back to back before crews changed over into the next provided boat. Nine races were completed over the two days.

The Championships were an opportunity to identify and prepare teams for the IFDS Blind Sailing World Championships, being held in Rotorua, New Zealand from 13-21 March next year.

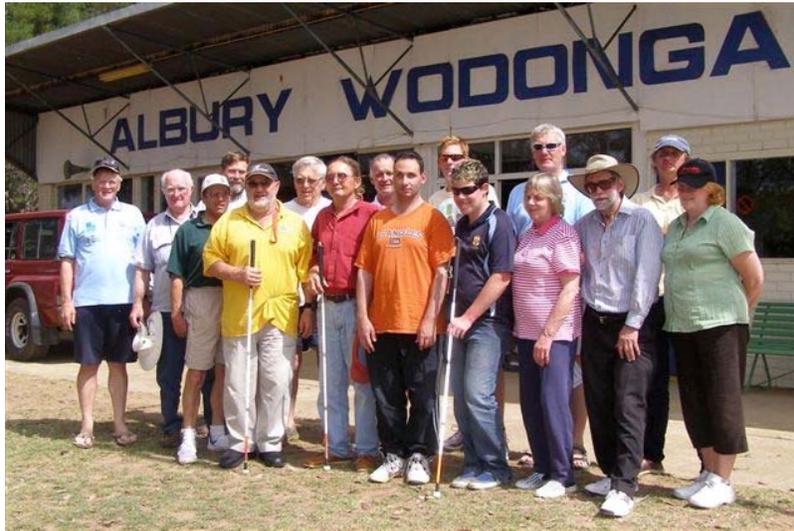
While blind and vision impaired sailors from three States were gathered together in one place, plans were also hatched to formally incorporate an Australian Blind Sailing organisation to help grow participation, provide avenues for skill development, and support teams competing at an international level. It is hoped that the new organisation will promote the Australian Blind Sailing Championships as a regular annual event.

For additional information, visit the Australian Blind Sailing website - [www.blindsailingaustralia.org](http://www.blindsailingaustralia.org)

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