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Editor's notes

Another year is about to end which makes it the appropriate opportunity to express my appreciation for the continued support our members have again shown during the past twelve months.

In these hard times it takes some effort to keep oneself afloat, let alone any sort of club or organization that exists solely as a kind of luxury for its members who enjoy relaxing in serene areas of nature. On the other hand, with the news degenerating as each day goes by, it may not be a bad idea to hook up the boat and get away for a while, leave the radio or TV turned off, don't stop to purchase a paper and just enjoy what you see around you.

I recall the year 1987 when we hired a campervan in New Zealand. At first I found it strange that there was no radio installed in the vehicle but soon forgot about its absence. We traversed the country side for 3 weeks, never bought a newspaper and we had a great holiday. On the flight home the current news was being shown and it was only then that we learned of a stock market collapse and a recent devastating earthquake in the US.

The bottom line is that a holiday is supposed to mean 'getting away from it all' and the best means is to do so aboard a yacht in a secluded naturel environment without a reminder via the radio waves that there still exists a troubled world out there somewhere. You could not have changed anything yourself anyway so just enjoy yourself, relax and perhaps add a bit more to your longevity.

On that note, please accept your committee's and my best wishes for a very happy festive season and may next year bring back to you a little more prosperity and enjoyment that seems to have been lacking during the latter part of 2008.

Fred Viergever – Editor.



President's Report



Although our 13th year continues until 31 March, I may reflect on the year 2008. There are not that many highlights but we did:

Have a successful Championship weekend in April;

Held our AGM in July which saw a vastly improved attendance;

Supported the Australian entrant trials for the forthcoming World Blind Sailing championships.

In addition of course we managed to retain our large membership, were instrumental in assisting the placement of a number of NX yachts with new owners, set up the new Noelex family site at Facebook and supplied much information to many individual members via telephone or email.

Our chat site noelex_yacht_assn at Yahoo remains our main forum for questions and answers amongst members whilst our website is our main artery into the world of persons thinking to invest in a Noelex as their vehicle for enjoyment of private time.

The bulk of our members hail from a time when typewriters were in vogue and had little say in the aspirations of the next generation which invented the typewriter that would automatically correct spelling errors. Because of their lack in ability to spell words, they invented the home computer. The problem now is that us 'oldies' are left to fend for ourselves.

I ended my permanent employment around that time and initially floundered. Because my late teenage/early 20's children at that time seemed to 'know it all', I was determined to master that elusive computer literacy. The end result is that I can now easily relate to the modern world of cyberspace communication. And, guess what: I even make the occasional spelling error according to my machine.

I need to explain to some of our 'oldies' the differences in our various communication media and for the sake of keeping my summation brief, will write some explanations in the Handy Hints section.

Fred V – President.

Obituary

We were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our long term member Kurt HAMMEL, Noelex 25 'Uptown Girl'. Kurt has been a keen supporter since our inception in 1996 and before that time was an active member of the then Victorian Association.

I have spoken personally with Ann-Marie and conveyed our condolences for her sad loss.

The Association will assist Ann-Marie in finding a new owner for Uptown Girl.

Treasurer's report



There are no significant items to report. Current membership stands at 182.

Joan Rockliff - Treasurer

Handy Hints



Following below are some explanations regarding our lines of communication.

Firstly, there is Australia Post or the telephone. These do not need any further explanation.

Next we have our web site which is split into two sections, i.e. the section open to the world and the section restricted to members. To look at and explore section one, just type in www.noelex.com and explore the pages that come up for display. Exploring the member section requires a password which is supplied to each member (and changed under advice from time to time). That section contains about 80% of the entire website.

The next communication item is our chat site. It is restricted to members, any non member Noelex owner and anyone seriously interested in Noelex yachts. The restriction is mainly to ensure that we do not get unwanted persons that may post objectionable messages or totally unrelated items.

To participate in the chat site, each applicant sets up his/her own user name and own password. I can approve, deny or remove any listing but I cannot change or access password details. Those details are the sole responsibility of the participant.

The other site, recently activated is at www.facebook.com and is named Noelex family. To participate one needs to log onto Facebook, search for Noelex family and select to 'join this group'. Once enrolled any member of the group is able to upload photos, videos and articles of interest. This site is possibly the site of the future where members can show off their pictures and perhaps videos of a holiday.

The last line of communication is Telltales, This item is send to members via an email mailing list and you will receive your newsletter from telltales@noelex.com

This email address is a strict one way communication line. You cannot send any messages to that address. Messages will simply disappear into cyberspace forever if you did try.

I need to reiterate one item in regard to our web site again. Computer programs are commercially made and have inbuilt features meant to protect the user from scam, viruses and the like. Web sites use items called 'pop-ups' which can be annoying advertisements or useful items such as our sign on box, the place where you enter the supplied password.

Your computer program will block most pop-ups by default, unless you make amendments.

All you need to do is look at your toolbar on the top of your screen, select 'tools', look for the line pop-ups and select to 'always allow pop-ups from this site'. Henceforth you will always be able to log in.

The boson's mate!



Membership



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

Noelex 25

Reg CHRISTIANSEN and Gabrielle KEATING – Cootharaba Qld – NX1012 ‘Pakeha’ (previous non member boat)

Noelex 30

John GREEN – Clayton South Victoria, recently shown as a new Associate member has now purchased Noelex30 number 1595 ‘Pisces’. John’s membership has now been upgraded to full membership.

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

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

Noelex30

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

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

Humour

Job vacancy for the position of:

Mom, Mommy, Mama, Ma, Dad, Daddy, Dada, Pa, Pop

Job Description Parent

Long term, team players needed, for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities! Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

responsibilities :

- The rest of your life.
- Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily until someone needs \$5.00.
- Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly
- Must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf.
- Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.
- Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects.
- Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks.
- Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, and embarrassed the next.
- Must be able to handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices.
- Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.
- Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.
- Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility for advancement & promotion:

- None.
- Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous experience:

- None required On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages and compensation :

- You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses.
- A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 upon of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent.
- When you die, you give them whatever is left.
- This reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Benefits :

- While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth, unconditional love, and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.

Dedicated to all PARENTS, in appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis, letting them know they are appreciated for the fabulous job they do..

FOOTNOTE *"THERE IS NO RETIREMENT -- EVER!!*

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HOW TO AVOID A SPEEDING FINE

A man was pulled over for speeding down the highway; the officer came to the driver's window and said, "Sir, may I see your driver's license and registration?"

The man said, "Well officer I don't have a license, it was taken away for a DUI." The officer, in surprise, said, "What, do you have a registration for the vehicle?" The man replied, "No sir, the car is not mine I stole it, but I am pretty sure I saw a registration card in the glove box when I put the gun in it."

The officer stepped back, "There is a gun in the glove box?!?" The man sighed and said, "Yes sir, I used to kill the woman who owns the car before I stuffed her in the trunk."

The officer steps toward the back of the car and says, "Sir do not move, I am calling for backup." The officer calls for backup and about ten minutes another highway patrolman arrives. He walks up to the window slowly and asks the man for his driver's license and registration. The man said, "Yes officer here it is".

It all checked out so the officer said, "Is there a gun in the glove box sir?" The man laughs and says, "No officer why would there be a gun in the glove box." He opened the glove box and showed him that there was no gun. The second officer asked him to open the trunk because he had reason to believe that there was a body in it. The man agrees and opens the trunk, no body.

The second officer says, "Sir I do not understand, the officer that pulled you over said that you did not have a license, the car was stolen, there was a gun in the glove box, and a body in the trunk." The man looks the officer in the eyes and says, "Yeah and I'll bet he said I was speeding too."

Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.



The Squadron Committee advises that the next Nationals will be held again at RYCV Williamstown over the weekend 4/5 April 2009. Further notification will be displayed in Telltales prior to the event.

Race Director – John Robb.

Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year
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