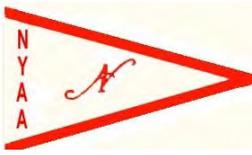


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Editor's Notes

As this month brings somewhat of an anniversary to me, my thoughts went back over the past 15 years whilst I was gazing at our current database of members.

On reflection I note names of members always having stood behind me in good times and bad. Names such as Mark and Jenny Holter, Ken Stuchbery, Ian Wilson, Herman van Ree, David Brook, Chris and Briar Jensen, John Scott and many, many more, all inaugural members and still continuing their support, bring back memories of times when I was sourcing whatever I could find about Noelex owners and try and sign them up to the newly created National Association.

Having said that, this Telltales may well be the last one you receive from me. If that were to happen, I thank the membership for having allowed me to consume some of their time each second month for so many years.

Because of the forthcoming AGM there are few reports available just now.

There are some matters of importance to bring to your attention described on the next few pages that require your participation. Please read the information carefully and take the necessary action.

Fred V – Editor.

President's Report



In the immediate past issue of Telltales (Vol.16/2), I mentioned notification in regard to the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Members will also have received my email which included a reference regarding any business, members may wish to be drawn to the attention of the meeting and the opportunity to nominate for any position on a new Committee.

So far there have not been any items submitted nor have there been any nominations. I guess that the membership is content with the manner in which the Association is conducted.

There will be some important changes coming up and I need to go back in time briefly.

It is this month, 15 years ago, that a decision was made to form a National Association and replace the few adhoc State based groups. Efforts were made to locate and contact every Noelex owner Australia wide and then invite those owners to enrol as members. It was considered at the time that a National body would add substantially to retaining value of the investment made by owners in a Noelex yacht and that many prospective members would be able to contribute towards knowledge of their boat and pass that on to any new owners.

An annual subscription rate was set and, apart from the time of the introduction of GST, that amount has remained at the same level over the entire 15 years. The boat location exercise of every Noelex25 and Noelex30 in Australia went reasonably well but was time consuming and took some years to complete.

At commencement we had just 67 members which over the years has grown to more than 180. The rapid growth became a difficult exercise for committee persons to manage effectively in spare time but fortunately, the digital age came upon us.

We were able to acquire computer and printing equipment; I remember well the time when we paid some \$3,300.00 for a machine with a *huge* hard disk space of just a few hundred megabytes. Even a photocopier cost \$1,500.00 at the time and that produced only black on white. Colour reproduction was unheard of except on very expensive equipment. Even a cover page for Telltales with just 2 colours came at the price of \$1.20 per page.

There was only dial-up email and sending newsletters via that source took many hours with all too many disconnections and starting over. Preparing a newsletter containing some 16 pages for even 100 members involved 1600 pages of printing, collating etc., etc. and took about one week to get it into members' letterboxes. At one stage there were even discussions to sub-contract all administrative work to an outside professional entity, specialising in catering that type of work for larger clubs. Investigations proved to be financially unviable.

Looking back, our annual postage bill alone was around \$2,000.00 and we went through boxes of A4 paper and envelopes each year.

In more modern times prevailing now, equipment is far cheaper, photo copying is old hat and ADSL takes care of sending some 180 newsletters in just minutes.

As computer programs improved, we tried to keep pace. More and more members advised email addresses and ADSL2 became a reality.

After many years of collating information we now pride ourselves of our extensive databases and archive. Early in the last decade we were able to set up a web site which was very crude initially but has progressed to its present state to the point where it has attracted since commencement some 25000 hits since 2005.

I receive a weekly report from the sitemeter and the latest figures show a weekly rate at 127 hits with some 245 pages being visited.

In 2006 it was decided to give members the opportunity to have us prepare and place an advertisement on our web site should a member decide to sell his/her

Noelex. We set a nominal charge for the advertisement and nowadays any prospective buyer will first check our site, contact us for any history and usually repays the favour in joining as a member if a purchase is negotiated. Our selling member gains the benefit of negotiation without incurring any broker commission which averages at 10% of the sale price of the boat. Over the years more than 100 current members have obtained their Noelex via information gained from your Association.

Having achieved many milestones in efficiency we will make every effort to help protect the large investment made by owners in a Noelex yacht and keep your Association as active as possible. Of course it is only the membership and their support that has made all the above possible and I am truly grateful for the continued support received over the years.

I mentioned some important changes in the pipeline. When we inaugurated the Association it was considered prudent to incorporate. Not doing so would mean that every member of an Association could be sued individually in a Court of Law should a situation arise. Incorporating means that an Association can still be sued but only to the extent of its assets. Each Australian State and Territory has its own Act and therefore locally based Associations enacting to incorporate would be subjected to their locally based Act.

As the major movers resided in Victoria, incorporation had to take place in that State. Most States had the requirement that the Public Officer must be resident in that State, hence Victoria had to be the place.

It has now transpired that the lawmakers have noted many shortcomings and outdated regulations and undertook a total review with the aim to bring the current Associations Incorporation Act 1981 into modern times.

An amended act was written, has been approved by Parliament and is awaiting proclamation. The new Act will commence on 1 December 2011 or earlier and all Victorian incorporated Associations are deemed to be regulated under that Amendment Act from that date. A new set of Model Rules is currently being written by Consumer Affairs Victoria and will necessitate a re-write of our current Rules of Incorporation in the near future.

There are some major amendments such as merging Public Officer with Secretary position and that position no longer being required to reside in Victoria, committee meetings will be able to be conducted via electronic means such as video conferencing and a Statement of Purposes will be deleted and instead included in new rules. There are additional changes and members will be able to learn more in due course after the Act has been proclaimed.

Meanwhile we are faced with an Annual General Meeting shortly at which time it will become necessary for all current serving committee persons to vacate their position, re-nominate if desired and/or face an election. To enable all that to take place, all members will be supplied with a Notice of AGM together with a nomination form and a proxy voting document, to be prepared for those many members not being able to attend the AGM.

As the matter stands, the outgoing persons are:

- Fred Viergever – President for many years and needs no further introduction to many;
- Andrew Fedorowicz – Vice President for the past 12 months. Andrew sails a Noelex 30;
- John Burgess – current Secretary and appointed for the remainder of the past year as a result of an error that occurred at the 2010 AGM. Members will recall the correspondence at the time. John is a '25 owner;
- David Willcox – current Treasurer. David acted for two years in a joint position as Secretary/Treasurer. David sails a Noelex25;
- Trevor Brown – Noelex30 and Doug Cross – Noelex30. Both these gentlemen made up two Ordinary Committee persons to supplement the mandatory Committee of Management.

All of the above also served as Committee of Management of Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc which is the small racing arm of the Association and is a properly registered and recognised yacht club, representing a nationally recognised Class. Without that recognition Noelex yachts may not enjoy the high profile in tralable yacht circles.

There are also a number of other Ordinary Committee persons as listed in the Committee page on page 3, making excellent contributions of their time during the year.

To all the above I express my gratitude for their support and efforts extended to the membership over the past and some earlier years. I also thank you, the member, for your support and the many conversations, either via email or phone we may have conducted.

Now I come to the importance of your input. The Notice of AGM you will receive in the next few days will also contain a nomination form for Committee positions and an RSVP.

You may nominate any member you wish, anywhere in Australia that you consider to be your candidate for your next Committee. As far as I know and in the absence of no nominations or resignations having come to hand since the above mentioned email message, all persons listed on page 3 of this newsletter are prepared to carry on for another year in whatever position as part of the committee.

You are asked to either attend the AGM or, not being able to do so, to then cast a proxy vote and return it to the secretariat. Your vote will be tabled and may be required should there be more than one candidate for any position which then requires an election.

Strictly speaking, your nomination should also bear a seconder but with many members living far and wide this may not be practical. As you current President and also being the person maintaining the database of membership, I will undertake to ensure that you are a registered member entitled to vote as described in Rule 16 and will witness your form as being genuine and pass that verification to the secretary.

It is also appropriate to mention that the above detailed retiring committee persons may be re-elected to their respective positions [Rule 21 (3) for Committee of Management and [Rule 22 (1) for Ordinary Members of Committee] in the absence of new nominations being submitted and received.

You will note that proxy forms and RSVP should be submitted to our Secretary; these can be emailed and I ask that you send a cc or Bcc to noelex@noelex.com This will enable verifying your current membership status as mentioned and will also assist in catering needs at the venue.

Lastly, please do not just skip all or any of the above and do something positive for your Association by completing the proxy and voting documents, delete whatever is necessary and submit those as indicated or, as an alternative, attend the AGM if at all possible.

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



The Association's Annual Report will be made available at the AGM; members unable to attend will receive a notification shortly thereafter when the document has been inserted on our web site.

As for outstanding subscriptions, if you have not yet attended to renewing, please do so now. On 30th June it is a requirement that unpaid members are removed from our Register of Members and as a result will not receive any further communication such as Newsletters. Each membership is vital to the continuing success of your Association so please act now and renew.

David Wilcox - Treasurer



Website

This item will be covered in the Annual Report.

Members are advised that they can expect an email message in regard to changing the password required to gain access to the Member Section. It is anticipated that this change will occur early July after which the current password will no longer be valid.

During the subscription renewal exercise it has come to light that a number of members did not receive messages. Almost all of those were as a result of those

members having changed email address and failed to inform us of that change. Please ensure to also let us know if you change your address at some future time.

Web editor. (Who?)



Chat site

Some very interesting discussions were noted of late with much practical advice. If you are enrolled in the chat site and have not received messages of late or have difficulty accessing archived discussions, it is most likely due to not having amended your email address at: noelex_yacht_assn@yahoogroups.com To correct that situation you need to make some changes to your profile. You do that by logging on with your normal user name and password and then select to update your profile. I can delete, invite or add members but I cannot amend your profile.

Membership

We welcome the following new members and/or amendments:



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- Colin HOBBS - Albury NSW 2640 - NX725 'True Blue' (previous non-member boat);
- Justin and Sonja CLARKE – Cabariah Qld 4352 - NX916 'Cooby' (renamed) (previous non-member boat 'Chambourcin');
- Ron and Carol HAIGH – Frankston Vic 3199 - NX966 'Diamonds are Forever' - (previous member boat Clyde Whitehand);

Noelex 30

- Nil;

Associates

- Miss Yvonne LYE, associate member – Forest Hill, Vic 3131 – Yvonne is a regular crew person on NX696 'Paradise City';

Paid up membership as at date of writing stands at 168 and 21 outstanding.

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

NX698 'Take No Prisoners' - asking price **now \$32,500.00 o.n.o.** – location Victoria
NX857 'Exelon' – asking price \$39,500.00 (negotiable) – location Tasmania.
NX742 'Down Under' was featured on the web site for just 8 hours and sold immediately.

Noelex30

NX1519 'Solitaire' – asking price \$87,500.00 location Victoria.

New listings

NX 747 'Plane Sailing'

New Zealand build 1983 - white hull with red stripes



Sails and rigging: 2 Main Sails (1 new 2010), 3 Jib's,(1 new 2010), 1 Storm Jib, 1 Genoa , 1 Spinnaker , Boom Sail Cover , New Rigging 2010.

Communication: 2 Radios UHF, and, 27 MHz / Stereo Radio/ CD;

Engine : Yamaha 8 HP 4 stroke low hours;

Instruments: Compass , Raymarine Depth, Tacktick Race Master;

Trailer: Tandem Trailer, good light truck tyres.

Standard Fit out, Cockpit Cushions, Boom Tent, Power Winch, Boat Cover.
Category 5 safety equipment. 2011 National TY Champion!!
Boat sailed mostly in Fresh water. Well kept and looked after boat.

Asking price \$36,000.00 o.n.o.
Location: Albury/Wodonga.

Contact owner Ph. 0408 237 342 or Association noelex@noelex.com

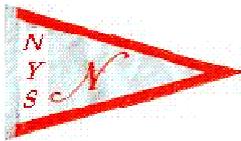
Member Contributions

We are awaiting your submission.
Ed.

Other item that may be of interest

So far we have received 3 expressions of interest in regard to a model Noelex25, scaled to around 800mm. I guess as we get older and had so much love for our Noelex, the next best thing is to stand on the bank of a lake with a remote control and so still be sailing. Can't say how to launch your spinnaker though – maybe a remote control method and a mini furler?

Those persons interested will be kept informed of future developments.
Ed.



Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.

The Squadron handed this year's conduct of the annual class regatta to Royal Yacht Club of Victoria at Williamstown.

Whilst not quite a record, according to the RYCV web site there were 15 entries this year. Unfortunately belatedly the date of the event was changed which made it impossible for me to attend because of a prior commitment coinciding with the new date.

Attempts to get a report about the event such as conditions on the water, anecdotes or hard luck stories, were fruitless and results were only obtained after logging onto the host club's website. It seems that no arrangements were made concerning photography hence there will not be any slide show this time around. The final results will be added to the web site's racing section in due course.

After examining the results I decided not to comment. Should you wish to see what happened, click your left mouse button on this URL, check individual heat results and draw your own conclusions?

<http://www.rycv.asn.au/results/index.asp?MenuID=Sailing%2Fc13837%2F0%2F%2CRacing%2F13051%2F0%2F>

You will need to scroll down a little to see results of heats and final result.

On the positive side I received a few messages from participants describing the event as one of the best for many years, very well organised and great fellowship during the social event on the Saturday evening. Unfortunately I was some 300km away when all this happened.

Ed.