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Wednesday 26th August - Tuesday 15th September 2026

Dolphin day.

As dolphins swam towards the Port last Friday, I noticed, in the background, the arrival of our weekly petrol delivery, and thought about the 51 ships currently en route to satisfy our addiction before we run out: petrol (44 days), diesel (36 days), and aviation fuel (34 days).

I was thankful for the seafarers bringing it to us, having researched our second article about their industry, which touches on piracy, horrific weather conditions, death, and what happens when the money runs out.

At next week's General Meeting, we'll hear from the Chaplain who looks after seafarers after they arrive. I hope you come along.

Tight Lines is your newsletter, so we want to ensure it's relevant to you.

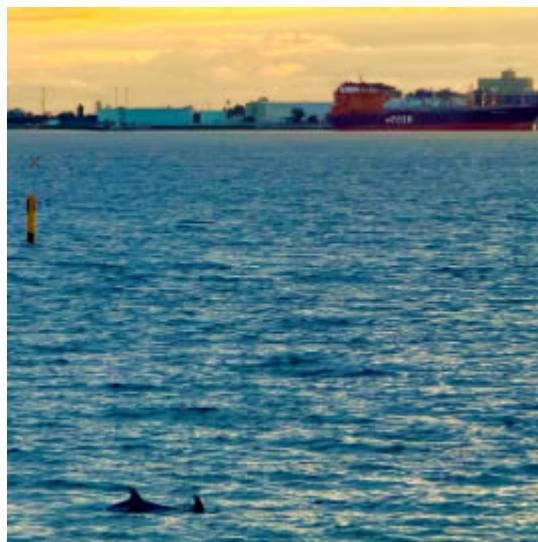
Currently, we load the front end with dining and function options before the Committee gets their go, starting with the President, then the various sub-committees, boathouse, angling, shellfish reef restoration, footy tipping, etc.

Towards the end, we usually add feature stories and links to stories and press releases from the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* and *VR Fish*, the *Australian Trout Foundation*, organisations involved with extracting rubbish from our seas, and plastics from our environment.

It comes out at the end of the month, a week before the next Club Meeting, and always on a Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., so you can plan your Club weekend activities during your lunch break.

Before we make any changes to the format, we are requesting ideas from you; **just click this link here** and put TIGHT LINES IDEAS in the subject line.

Will you be seen at this Saturday night's *Midwinter Masquerade*, or will you be hiding behind a mask? It's always a brilliant night when *My Girlfriend Sheryl* (Crow) comes to play ... and the decorations alone will knock you out.



In this edition, **Mike Kotsanis** sums up the closing of footy tipping season just as the Angling Season opens. Come to the BBQ on Sunday, make sure you grab your free ticket for catering purposes, and download the new rules for the season from the website: Angling / Competition Rules tab, or **just click this link**.

It's time for the Annual General Meeting again, in October, so we mention the legal stuff, as well as details on how to nominate for the Committee. Think about joining the team.

Check out the updated event calendars and start filling in your diary. Remember Grand Final Day is free range, but both Cup and Oaks Days are ticketed events.

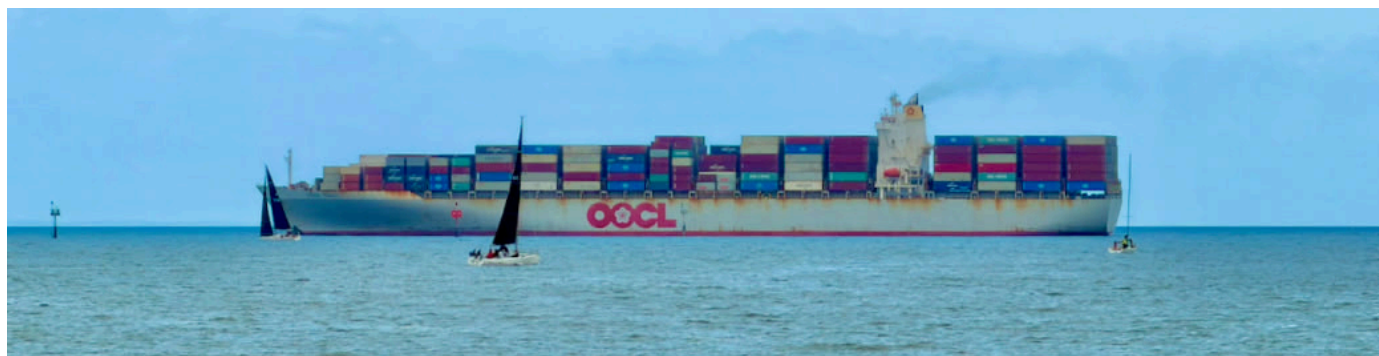
Oh, and we will be having a New Year's Eve function this year, just like the old days.

Our President has written about our oldest Life Member, **Stan Thompson**, who celebrated his 90th birthday last Friday. A boat owner and tireless worker for the Club in the early days, Stan also heroically saved a lady's life.

This is edition 129 of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.

[Image: Two dolphins headed up to Port Melbourne at sunset last Friday. Across Hobson's Bay is the city's weekly petrol tanker, having just arrived from Singapore.]



'Power gives way to sail' ... yeah right. A large container ship negotiates the channel as it leaves the Port Of Melbourne. Read our second article about Seafarers below.

Parma Wednesdays.

4 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

The full dinner menu will be available, but without the Specials.

Wednesday Parma Night.

Chef Chris runs four Parma options, each served with chips and salad, all for just \$24.

With every Parma sold, we're also offering:

- A pot of lager or draught includes Great Northern for just \$2.50, or
- A glass of Hill Chardonnay or Shiraz at the same price.

General Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month

The next one is on the 2nd September, see below.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Starters and light meals until 6:30 p.m. - No Parmas that Wednesday night.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Partake in the Club-sponsored supper after the meeting, before the speaker.

All welcome!

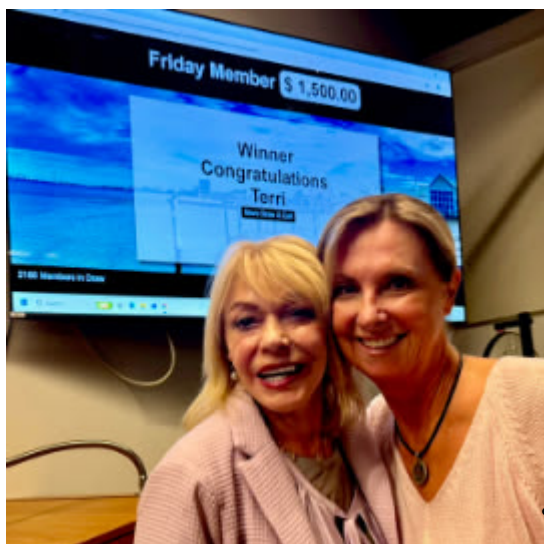
Happy hour Thursdays.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

7 p.m. \$1,000 Member's Draw! It only spins once on Thursdays. To win, you must be present, and financial. When your name comes up, you must claim the prize within one minute. Be like **Bob Snell** who recently claimed \$1,000! You have to be there to win!

[Image: ©SandraRogerson captured the reflection of the sunset in the windows.]



Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$600 for Friday, the 28th August. To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim the prize within one minute. If not claimed, the jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won. Last Friday night *Patrick Kerrigan, Simon Williams, and Rick Boarder* missed out on \$500.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Four Prizes up for grabs:

- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats*.
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A substantial 'secret' prize; check it out on the prize table.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT only).

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by **clicking the link here**.

Reminder: When making a reservation for dining it is expected you order within 30 mins of your booking time and all meals must be ordered before 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

[Image: On the 14th August Terri Caller won \$1500 on the second spin of the evening.]

Saturday night dining every week.*

On normal Saturdays:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR**

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here**.

Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal, or use the App.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue may close early.

* Unless a function is being held.

** Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. EVERY Saturday (except when closed early for functions)

[Image: **My Girlfriend Sheryl** will be back this Saturday night.]



September General Meeting.

Wednesday 2nd September

7 p.m.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Starters and light meals until 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m. General Meeting

- Minutes of previous General Meeting.
- Updates and reports: President, Treasurer, Membership, Boathouse, & Sub-Committees.
- Members Q&A to the Club Committee.

7:45 p.m. Club-sponsored supper.

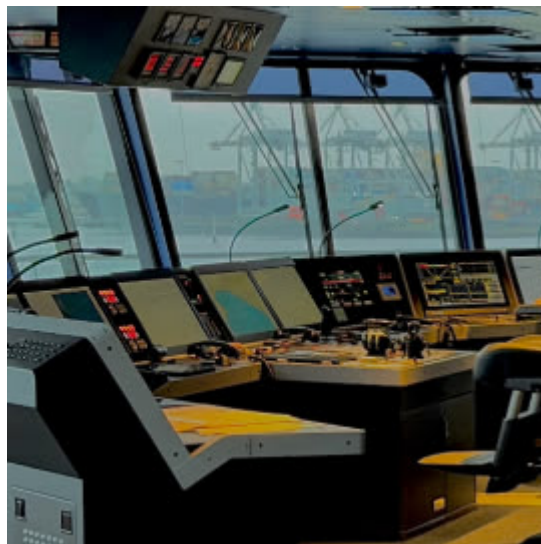
8:15 p.m. Guest Speaker: **'Inni' Punay**, the *Mission to Seafarers'* Senior Port Chaplain.

We are celebrating the work of the **Mission to Seafarers** during August and September with two stories in Tight Lines, at our General Meeting, and also with the Melbourne Network Group.

Check out the *Mission to Seafarers* website by **clicking this link**.

Lock it in - Wednesday 2nd September.

All Club members welcome.



[Image: About 90% of everything you have, or use, came here by ship. From the bridge of **Spirit Of Tasmania IV** we can see the Victoria International Container Terminal at Webb Dock East. Scroll down to the second story about our Seafarers.]

Midwinter Masquerade.

This Saturday 29th August.

From 7 p.m.

Do you dare to attend?

A night, where you can be whoever you want to be ...

- Music, magic and mystery awaits you!
- Lavish decorations and costume attire.
- Roaming canapés, free drink on arrival.
- Prizes, mesmerising performers.

- Live music from **My Girlfriend Sheryl**, and of course,
 - *Masquerade masks are preferred, but not really required!*
- \$65 per person.**

Book now by clicking here.



Opening Season BBQ lunch.

This Sunday 30 August.

12 noon - 2 p.m.

- Come and join the angling fun.
- Learn how to tie a knot or bait your hooks, tour the boathouse, check out the upcoming dates and rules for the fishing competitions.
- All skill levels welcome, we encourage all members, new and experienced!
- You may even learn some new tricks from previous and up and coming club champions!
- Please be sure to RSVP, we need to know the numbers required for catering.
- Drinks at club prices.

Book your free spot by clicking this link

Father's Day.

Sunday 6th September.

Lunch

Spend this Father's Day at the Club and enjoy a scrumptious Father's Day Full Roast from the Angler's Kitchen with your loved ones!

Regular menu available too.

Book your table now, by clicking this link.



Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Chilli Oysters – Aromatic chilli crisp, vermicelli, garlic, ginger, and spring onion. \$6.50 ea.

Barramundi Wing Laksa – *Fragrant coconut laksa with crispy barramundi wings, tofu, baby bok choy, bean sprouts, coriander, fresh chilli, and lime.* \$26

Roast Lamb Shoulder & Pea Risotto – *Creamy pea risotto with baby spinach, aged Parmesan, toasted walnuts, and slow-roasted lamb shoulder.* \$32

Shepherd's Pie – *Slow-braised lamb topped with golden Gruyère pomme purée, served with mixed leaves and balsamic-glazed vine tomatoes.* \$35

Brioche Bread & Butter Pudding – *Crème anglaise and seasonal berry compote.* \$12

Check out the **new main menu** [HERE](#).

BOOKINGS: 9690 5530 or [Click HERE](#) to make a booking.

Although Tight Lines is circulated to all, please understand that if you are still on the waitlist you are not officially a member, thus cannot book for Club functions or Anglers Restaurant Bookings until your membership is approved. Thanks for your understanding.

anglers kitchen		LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU	
GRAZE		SALADS	
NATURAL OYSTERS	6	CAESAR	18
Half dozen	32	Baby cos, crevettes, salmon, egg, parmesan, anchovies, dressing extra	
Full dozen	58		
CHARRED CORN RIBS	16	ROASTED PUMPKIN	25
Chili, peppers, lime, sea salt, sesame		Asiago, grain, beetroot, dried cranberries, roasted seeds, lemon yogurt and maple-lemon dressing extra	
VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS	17	SUPERFOOD SALAD	25
Isobut, chili & lime oil		Honey glazed carrots, chickpeas, roasted broccoli, quinoa, kale, seeds, lemon dressing extra	
PORK DUMPLINGS	23	CRISPY CALAMARI	27
Light soy and ginger sauce, seaweed salad		Rocket, pickled onion, balsamic, lemon mayo, Ndaja Crispy extra	
FRIED BARRAMUNDI WINGS	28	ADD: ONES	
Braised root & sesame seeds, lemon mayo		King prawn (ea)	6
		Grilled chicken	6
		Crispy calamari	10
GRAZING BOARD	33		
Cured meats, Italian cheeses, pickled vegetables, olives, grilled focaccia extra			

August Wine of the Month
2015 MUSEUM RELEASE
d'Arenberg The Footbolt Shiraz

McLaren Vale, South Australia

Aged in a mix of new and used French and American oak for a period of 12-18 months. Impressive colour displaying a pitch black heart along with a deep dark red black hue. Pronounced dark plum, blackberry and liquorice aromas are interwoven with earth, vanillin cedar and more.

On the palate rich, lush dark plum, liquorice and blackberry fruits are framed by firm muscular tannins. Spicy vanillin cedar, earthy dark chocolate and leather elements extend across the back half. Ample fleshed and concentrated it has a grippy medium to long finish.

\$42 per bottle

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President's message.

From APYAC to AFTA.

Every now and then, fishing takes you somewhere you never quite expected, such as my recent trip to Brisbane for the 2026 Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA) Tackle Show.

I was absolutely thrilled to be selected by the VFA as part of a ten-person *Women in Recreational Fishing & Boating (WIRFAB)* team to attend AFTA as part of a specially designed Professional Leadership Development Program.

The Australian Fishing Trade Association represents Australia's recreational fishing tackle industry, and its annual Tackle Show brings together the manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, media and industry leaders who help shape recreational fishing in Australia. In other words, imagine putting an enthusiastic fisher into a huge room filled with the latest rods, reels, lures, tackle and fishing technology, much of it yet to hit the shelves, and then introducing her to the people who designed and created it. Yes, I was in heaven! But this trip was about much more than looking at shiny new fishing gear.



The VFA had created an extraordinary opportunity for our WIRFAB group to get behind the stands and behind the brands. We were given personal tours, introduced to new products and the thinking and innovation behind them, and, most importantly, had incredibly open Question & Answer sessions with some of the most influential people in our industry.

We spent time with **Greg Seeto**, Managing Director of *Daiwa Australia* and President of AFTA, discussing leadership, building strong teams, stakeholder relationships and how we develop the next generation of leaders within recreational fishing.

We also had a fantastic leadership session with **Dom Thornely**, Content & Brand Marketing Manager at *Shimano*.

One of the themes that continually resonated with me throughout these conversations was something I have experienced many times at APYAC —good leadership isn't about having all the answers. It is about listening, bringing people with you, building trust and creating opportunities for others to grow.

Then came one of those wonderful AFTA moments that wasn't necessarily on the program!

A chance meeting developed into an unexpected and fascinating session with **Glenn Hughes**, President and CEO of the *American Sportfishing Association*, together with **Carey Graves** from ICAST, *International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades*, the world's largest sportfishing trade show.

Hearing how an industry operating on the scale of the United States identifies, develops and prepares future leaders opened our eyes to different ways of thinking about succession, participation and leadership development. Sometimes the unplanned conversations really are the ones that stay with you.

Our industry immersion continued with **Brent Condon** from *Black Magic*, **Nathan Deenys** from *Pure Fishing*, along with conversations and interviews across stands including *Nomad Design* and *Malosi*.

We talked about everything from products and marketing to sponsorship, ambassadors, participation and how industry can help encourage more women and young people into fishing.

And then there was probably my personal favourite, *Wilson Fishing*.

Learning the story behind this Australian family-owned business, meeting the wonderful people behind it, and seeing the strong role women play within the organisation really struck a chord with me. There is something special about a business where history, family, innovation and genuine passion for fishing all come together.

Being among some of the first people to see, touch and learn about so many new products was also an absolute privilege. Better still was hearing why they had been developed —what problem someone was trying to solve, what anglers had been asking for, what had been improved and how an idea eventually became the piece of tackle sitting in our hands.

For a bunch of passionate fishers, it was very hard not to feel like kids in a lolly shop!

But what I brought home from AFTA wasn't a shopping list. I came home thinking even more about opportunity.

How do we take someone from simply giving fishing a go to developing skills and confidence? How do we turn that confidence into independence? And how do we then encourage that person to become the one who takes somebody else fishing?

Participation → Confidence → Independence → Leadership → Bringing the next person along.

That became one of my biggest takeaways from the week.

It also reinforced just how important organisations such as WIRFAB are. WIRFAB isn't simply about getting more women to hold a fishing rod. It is about giving women the knowledge, skills, confidence, networks and opportunities to genuinely belong and thrive in fishing and boating —whether that means becoming an independent angler, skipping a boat, working within the industry, joining a committee or board, mentoring somebody else or simply having the confidence to say, *"Come fishing with me."*

The trip finished on a high with the wonderful Gala Dinner and Awards Night, a chance to put away the fishing shirts, dress up and mingle socially with many of the people we had met throughout the program.

There was also an incredibly proud APYAC moment for me.

During his Gala address, VFA CEO **Travis Dowling** made special mention of APYAC and acknowledged both the Club and me for the enormous contribution being made to Victorian recreational fishing and conservation.

Sitting in a room filled with leaders from across Australia's fishing industry and hearing our little Club in Albert Park recognised for the work our members are doing was incredibly special.

Because although my name may have been mentioned, that recognition belongs to so many people at APYAC.

It belongs to our volunteers, our angling and conservation teams, the members who support our programs, those involved in our reef restoration work, the people who introduce juniors and newcomers to fishing, and everyone who gives their time because they care about our Club, our Bay and the future of recreational fishing.

I was one very proud President that night.

Finally, a huge thank you to the VFA, and particularly **Belinda Yim**, **Julie Morgan** and **Karla Smith**, for the extraordinary amount of thought, organisation, energy and care that went into creating this opportunity for us.

Our WIRFAB group arrived in Brisbane excited.

We left inspired, educated, connected and even more passionate about what comes next. And perhaps that was the greatest lesson from AFTA.

No matter how long you've been fishing, there is always something new to learn, somebody new to meet and another opportunity to bring someone along for the journey.

And I can't wait to see where that journey takes us next.

Tight Lines, and see you at the Club,

Lee.

Lee Spyrou,
President.



A perfect place to die ... on film it appears. Last Friday it appeared that a Korean commercial or film was being shot on the eastern side of the Club while a local actress was ending it all on the western side.

Annual General Meeting - Notice.

Wednesday 7th October 2026

This Notice specifies that the Wednesday 7th October meeting is our Annual General Meeting, and lists the Agenda. We do not plan any rule changes requiring any Special Resolutions, so this Notice and Agenda, and availability of the Nomination Form [[CLICK HERE](#)] fulfils the minus 21 Day items in accordance with the legislation. This edition of Tight Lines occurs on the 26th August, 43 days days out from the AGM.

Agenda

Welcome
 Apologies
 Quorum Confirmation & Conflict of Interest Declaration
 Confirm Minutes of Previous 2025 AGM
 Business Arising from Minutes of 2025 AGM
 To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last 12 months
 President's Address
 Treasurer's Report
 Accountants Report
 Auditors Report
 Appointment of Club Auditor for 2026-27
 Confirmation of 2026-27 Membership Fees including Boathouse Fees
 Results of election for New Committee Members
 Announce Executive Committee positions
 Other Business.
 Close of Meeting

Nomination to Committee

There are THREE committee places available for nomination under our collegiate system, a nomination form is available from the website: *APYAC / Club Rules / Nominations* [[CLICK HERE](#)]

The Process:

- a. A nomination is to be made in writing, in accordance with the attached form, with a Proposer and Second who are full financial members for Financial Year 2026-7 (e.g. have paid their Annual Membership fees in full).
- b. All nominations should be supported by a photo and short biography.

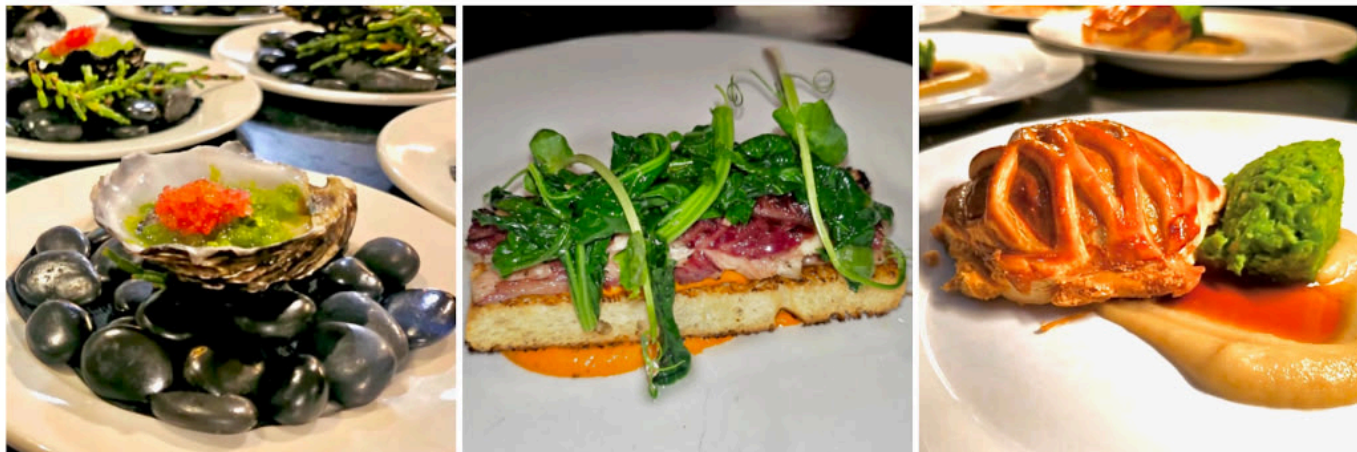
c. The nomination form is to be emailed to the Secretary at secretary @ apyac.org.au, to be received no later than **Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 5 p.m.**

d. If there are more than three nominations to fill the vacancies, a vote will be required, and copies of all nominations will be posted on the Club notice board.

e. Voting can only be done by attending on the night in accordance with the Club Rules. No proxy votes for the AGM.

f. Voting will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday 7th of October 2026.**

All full financial members are invited to nominate eligible members for the Committee in accordance with the rules.



A degustation sensation.

Last week we held the *d'Arenberg Degustation*, hosted by the ever-eccentric **Chester Osborn**.

The night was filled with exceptional cuisine, care of **Chef Chris** and the *Ascot Catering Staff*, each course beautifully paired with curated d'Arenberg libations.

By the end of the night, everyone was merry and couldn't stop raving about how much of a success it was, including Chester, who vowed to definitely come back again, as it was his favourite dinner he has hosted this year!

Stan Thompson.

90 Years Young!

This month we have a special milestone to celebrate with our oldest living Life Member, **Stan Thompson**, turning the wonderful age of 90!

Stan is one of those members whose contribution to APYAC extends far beyond the fish he has caught or the years he has been a member. A man of great integrity and a true gentleman, Stan has always held his fellow members in high regard and, in return, has earned enormous respect from those fortunate enough to know him.

A keen and successful angler, Stan has always been generous with his knowledge. If another member was struggling to find the fish, Stan was only too happy to offer some advice and point them in the right direction. That willingness to share what he knew and help those around him is very much part of what makes a great club member.

A plumber by trade and a very handy man to have around a boating club, Stan's knowledge extended well beyond fishing. In the days when many Club boats were powered by the trusty old Ford 10 engines, Stan knew them inside and out and

was always willing to lend a hand when a fellow member was having mechanical troubles — or, for that matter, with just about anything else he could help with.

Stan also served on the Committee for a number of years, giving his time and experience to help guide the Club. His contribution, character and willingness to assist others made him a very deserving recipient of Life Membership, an honour that was warmly welcomed by his fellow members.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable chapters in Stan's Club life followed a serious boating incident many years ago. He became involved in the rescue and helped save a woman's life. Tragically, her partner could not be saved, but Stan's actions that day remain an extraordinary example of someone stepping forward when another person desperately needed help.

Stan was also great mates with some wonderful names from APYAC's history, including **Les Bell, Ron Dalton, Col Pardy** and **Denis Lourey**; friendships forged through fishing, boating and countless years around the Club.

Despite everything he has contributed, Stan has always been a private man who has never sought attention or recognition. Perhaps that is exactly why it is so important that we take this opportunity to give him some!

At 90 years young, Stan represents an important part of the living history of APYAC. Our Club is what it is today because generations of members like Stan gave their time, shared their knowledge, helped their mates, and quietly did whatever needed to be done.

Stan, from all of us at APYAC, thank you. Thank you for your years of service, your friendship, your knowledge, your contribution to the Committee and, most importantly, for being the kind of Club member who was always prepared to help another.

We are enormously proud to have you as our oldest living Life Member and hope you know just how much your contribution to APYAC is appreciated.

Here's to a wonderful milestone, many great memories and a lifetime of fishing, friendship and service to the Club we all love.

From all your friends at the Club, cheers to you, Happy 90th Birthday, Stan!

Lee Spyrou
President

Angling.

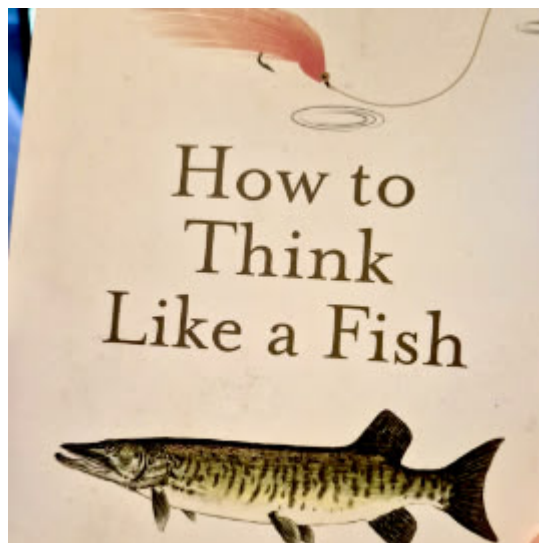
General

The season-opening barbecue is on 30th of August at 12.00 noon. Our President has very kindly agreed to the Club covering the costs. Thanks, Lee.

Dates for the 2026-27 season have been set in stone this week and appear here and on the website.

Revised angling rules are ready for you to download. Go to the *Angling* page **by clicking here** and click the *Competition Rules* link to download the six page pdf.

Winter weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers, with some days of low winds, and then, at times, strong-wind warnings and good rains (if you are a farmer). Keep an eye on forecasts; it's better to err on the side of safety than to practise your swimming style. The good news for Port Phillip Bay



anglers is the bay water temperatures are on the rise, be it ever so slightly: 11.4°C at the top end of the bay last issue, now 12.0°C; 11.6°C mid-bay last issue, now 12.1. Outside the Heads, in the ocean, it's warmer than in the bay: 13.5°C. Rug up if going fishing.

Late run snapper seems to have gone, but plenty of pinkies around; whiting, squid and flathead biting. Wind predominantly still from the north to north-west with strong west to south-westerlies,

When you get bait from the Club, can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics, as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling dockets; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait, or you will get a call from the office.

Time to change lines, make rigs with new leaders, service reels, and get ready for the new season in September. You do not want to catch the first Snapper and have it break you off.

Not much happening on the water since last edition, but there are fish out there if you are keen.

Snapper.

There are still resident snapper in the bay, but they are hard to find. Early morning and sundown fishing seem to be most productive, although the fish do not always follow rules. Pinkies up to 50 cm (most 20 to 35 cms) are being caught in the Williamstown / Altona area around piers and jetties, Kirks Point and Long Reef. Actually, pinkies can be found on most reef areas and around piers in Williamstown, St Kilda and Port Melbourne and reef areas around Ricketts Point and Black Rock. Docklands and under the West Gate Bridge and around the Warmies (if steam is coming out of the chimney) have been productive for land-based anglers.

Remember to fish outside shipping channel exclusion zones, or it becomes very expensive fishing.

Best baits everywhere are silver whiting, pilchards, squid, garfish, Australian salmon fillets and couta. When you catch fish, please think about returning the ones you and your family do not need for food. Catch, take a pic, and then return them a.s.a.p. in good condition.

Flatties.

It is Flathead time (although they bite all year); the next couple of months are exceptional. Try for them in 2-8 metres of water. We believe a paternoster rig, sinker at the end of your line with one or two droppers above the sinker, is best. Start with a 4/0 or 5/0 hook. Cut pilchards, squid or fillets of any fish are great bait; they will also take soft plastic lures. Drift over sandy areas from Black Rock to Port Melbourne. Once you catch a few, go back over the area as Flathead do tend to school up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive.

Gummies and other Sharks.

Good reports of sharks in the bay: school sharks, seven-gill sharks and gummies, but the water will need to clear after the rain. There are good-sized gummy sharks in many of the deep (12-20 metres) channels near the heads, and deeper areas up our end; try P2. You may even hook a shark in the shallows. There have been reports of very many 7-gill sharks in the bay up to 3 metres. Use very large chunks of bait, 10-12 size hooks and wire trace to stop them biting you off. Shark fishing has been slow due to moon phase, abundant sea lice and plenty of Banjo Sharks taking baits. The best baits seem to be silver whiting, Australian salmon fillets, pilchards, garfish and squid.

Whiting.

Whiting fishing has hit prime time, but the Club marks are not delivering. The water is clearing in areas where whiting normally hangs out. There are good reports from the very Southern end of the bay, where the water has been mostly clear. Kirks Point, Wedge Spit, Portarlington, Mornington to Portsea and St Leonards areas are producing some nice whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits: pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Squid.

Whiting areas are also squid areas, and they are lately plentiful and very large, so if chasing whiting, keep a few squid jigs ready—it may be well worth trying for them. Try Werribee, Point Cook, Campbell's Cove, Point Lonsdale, Sorrento and Blairgowrie. The red stick directly out from Altona Yacht Club and boat ramp has had anglers bagging out on squid. Look for clear water and grassy patches. Large squid are being caught; a favourite spot of mine is Blairgowrie Marina Pier on an incoming tide. The water will need to clear after the heavy rain we have had. Phillip Island has also been fishing well for large Squid.

Australian Salmon.

Salmon are in huge numbers but have been hit and miss the last few weeks. Keep an eye out for birds working, as there are schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. Many good salmon have been caught around the red stick near Altona; schools have been reported out from Williamstown footy ground, and near Kerferd Road Pier and near the Williamstown Cardinal Marker to near the Clocktower. Salmon up to 65cm are being caught. If you catch a salmon on bait, it is worth trying a lure for a dozen or so casts or a quick troll, as they are a schooling fish.

There have been big schools near the club and in close, so ideal for kayak anglers. Point Lonsdale Pier has been productive for land-based anglers willing to travel. Any smallish silvery or pilchard-looking lure dragged through, or cast into, the area the birds are diving in should produce fish. Salmon makes great bait for snapper, and if bled, cleaned immediately and cooked that day, provides reasonable eating.

Garfish.

Garfish are still very plentiful in the bay, so if you see them, a light rod with a quill, or similar float, and a small hook with Silverfish (very small, almost clear fish about 1-2 cm long), prawn slivers, or even bread dough works! They are being caught off most piers right around the Bay by land-based anglers. An area a few hundred metres from the main beach at Williamstown opposite the rotunda, for boaters, has been productive.

Mulloway.

It is a prime time to fish for Mulloway; the best times are as evening approaches, till well into the night. Live bait yakkas or mullet is best; large strips of fresh squid also work. They are being caught from the warmies right up the river to Burnley.

Check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go, take care, and make sure you keep warm.

There is no use walking five miles to fish when you can depend on being just as unsuccessful near home. - Mark Twain.

John Spragg

[Image: **How to Think Like a Fish: And Other Lessons from a Lifetime in Angling** by Jeremy Wade available in paperback, kindle and audible [by clicking this link](#). My book, **'How to STINK like a fish.'** should be out for Christmas. - Ed.]

APYAC Calendar 2026.

AUGUST

Saturday 29th August – **Midwinter Masquerade: My Girlfriend Sheryl** 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd September – **General Meeting** (regular dining closed) 7 p.m.

Sunday 6th September – **Father's Day** – Lunch from 12 Noon.

Saturday 12th September – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).

Saturday 19th September – **Groove Avenue** 7.30 p.m. – Free Entry.

Saturday 26th September – **Grand Final Day.**

OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd October – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).
 Wednesday 7th October– **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
 Sunday 11th October – **Oktoberfest Prost!** - Sunday Lunch
 Oktoberfest style, from 12 Noon.
 Saturday 17th October – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).
 Saturday 24th October– **Johnny Fab** 8 p.m. – Free Entry.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd November – **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Wednesday 4th November – **General Meeting** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
 Thursday 5th November – **Oaks Day Luncheon** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Saturday 14th November – **Regular Boys** 8 p.m.– Free Entry.
 Saturday 21st November – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd December - **General Meeting** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
 Saturday 12th December – **Kids Christmas Party** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Thursday 31st December – **APYAC New Years Eve Event** – *booking link coming soon*.

More events coming soon!

Note: Saturday Bands usually play from 7-9 p.m. or later during summer time.

Check the detailed listing as the event draws near.

All events and bookings will be advertised in Tight Lines as they become available.

We are always seeking great people to help with these Volunteer-run events. Email Lee Spyrou, President. **president @ apyac.org.au** or **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com**



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026-7.

AUGUST

Season Opening BBQ Lunch - 30th August, from midday.

SEPTEMBER

Opening Season Snapper Competition - 12.01 a.m. Saturday 5th September.
Calamari Weekend Competition - 4.00 p.m. Friday 18th September – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 20th September.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 20th September.

OCTOBER

Lures & Plastics Mixed Bag Competition (In-House / Open / Kayaks) - 4.00 p.m. Friday 2nd October – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th October.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th October.

NOVEMBER

Max Coningsby Long Weekend Competition - 12.01 a.m. Saturday 31st October – 4.00 p.m. Tuesday 3rd November (prizes awarded at monthly meeting).
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00pm Sunday 22nd November.

DECEMBER



Pot Of Gold Competition - 4.00 p.m. Friday 4th December – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 6th December.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00pm Sunday 6th December.

(11th–13th December / Back up POG Weekend dates)

JANUARY – NO COMPETITIONS

Clinker Boat Races - Australia Day Tuesday 26th January.

FEBRUARY

Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition. - 4.00 p.m. Friday 5th February – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.

MARCH

Purrumbete Long Weekend - Friday 5th March – Monday 8th March.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 14th March.

Herring Island BBQ - Sunday 28th March, time TBC.*

APRIL

Flathead Frenzy Weekend - 4.00 p.m. Friday 2nd April – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.

MAY

End of Season – Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 30th May.

JUNE

Presentation Night - Saturday 19th June.

Note: Beaconsfield / Beach Road Closures may impact some events.

* *Actual start time to be confirmed.*

Boathouse.

Our fishing competition launches on 5th September, so boat owners are asked to get their vessels in order now. Please check your gear, safety equipment and engines early to ensure you're ready to hit the water when the competition begins.

Please ensure your VicRoads registration label is securely fixed in an obvious position on the outside or upper part of your vessel.

Registered recreational vessel owners must also make sure their assigned identification mark is correctly displayed on each side of the hull, forward of the beam, with the highest part of each digit commencing no more than 75 mm below the gunwale. Characters must be at least 150 mm high, of proportional breadth, and coloured in clear contrast to the surface they are affixed to.

Taking a moment now to check your labels, markings and safety gear will help avoid delays launching at the start of the competition!

Chantal Jacq,
Boathouse Captain.



Boathouse volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers. We regularly see nine or ten volunteers each day, which is exceptional considering how many are on leave at this time of the year.

Last Wednesday we had a great group of 12 attending to tasks ranging from painting the centre aisle posts, painting and varnishing clinker boat seats, rudders and engine boxes, to fully servicing the Terex front-end loader.

Work continued on the Clinker Boat Restoration Projects.

PA35 had its canopy fitted.



The engine box feature panel on EA385 crafted out of spotted gum is a tribute to **Robert Pope** and his skill in woodworking. He has now made several of these feature tops. The engine electrical work has been completed, and the boat is nearing completion and ready for a sea trial.

The newly acquired **Rob Raffa** fibreglass boat JR263 continued with a change of engine oil, installation of a new battery and the fashioning of a new tiller, following recent fitment of a keel strap and repainting of the lower hull. This boat was returned to its berth in the centre aisle and is now ready for the fishing season.

A special thank you to **John Lord**, who took on the task of removing the corrosion product from the west aisle roller door and giving it a clean and a spray of *Dulux Ironstone Metal Shield*. The outside of the door shows how severe our seaside environment is, and after treatment, the inside and outside of the door now look brand new.

A similar boat to JR263, a Savage Fisherman EQ675, is for sale and has attracted some prospective buyers. It is listed in Tight Lines for \$4000. This boat has been moved to the west aisle and is undergoing some detailing work.

Rations.

In appreciation for all the recent work done on JR263, my daughter **Melinda Raffa** provided the group (*some are missing in the photo*) with homemade sausage rolls. As well, **Mrs Cakes** baked a popular chocolate cake for the morning tea. Smokos just continue to get better.

The previous week, volunteers were warmed up with the very popular party pies for Smokos.

Ian Sekac



Footy Tipping.

Well, what a season of home and away football!

With four correct tips separating 2nd to 12th, the competition's final top three came down to the results in the last round. A huge congratulations to tip-star **Simon Martin** who only entered the top 3 in Round 23. He won by 3 correct tips picking 6 matches correctly in the final round for a total score of 176 for the home and away season. In 2nd position was **David Gowans** who scored 172 for the season in a very consistent tipping performance and was ahead of **Chris Derrick** who scored 171 after a very solid tipping season where he was near the top of the Leaderboard throughout the season. Amazing tipping and really well done to Simon, David and Chris for the top 3 spots. I will separately communicate with each of you to receive your life-changing prize money.



Commiserations to those who rounded out the top 10 - you were all very close to the top 3 but not quite in the money. **John Bradley** will want to go fishing to take his mind off his very closely run 4th spot. But for sure the hard luck story for this season is from tip-star **Scott Meyers** who was our leader in Round 6 and then from Round 13 to Round 23. He ends up in 6th spot after trying to pick the upsets this week. We will unofficially give him the *Icarus Award* (where he flew too close to the sun and his wings melted). What could have been! I know the highlight for everyone who missed the prizes is the specially chosen song (personalised link below) rather than the cash prizes the winners take home. Trivia answers for the week are at the end.

In all there were 15 tip-stars who were in the top 3 on the Leaderboard at some point during the season. Next year you will all just have to try just that bit harder and tip with you head rather than your hearts. You do have my deepest sympathies. You also have all spring and summer to think about your tipping strategy - there is always next season.

To each of you, you are all tip-stars. Some people have tried harder than others, some people have had more success in their tipping ... and some people have some room for improvement ... and this has all been noted.

I trust you enjoyed what so far has been a highly entertaining AFL season so far and hope that the tipping competition provided you with a little bit of fun over autumn and winter.

And now to the AFL finals which starts next week. If you're team is still alive, best of luck ... and see you at the Club. My pick is a Fremantle v Brisbane Grand Final with Freo to win their first flag.

Tip-stars winners of the year:

Our winner this year is **Simon Martin**. His winning song is by Queen 'We Are The Champions'.

In second place is **David Gowans**. His song is a cover version of Jimmy Barnes by Ellie Jane: 'No Second Prize'.

Third spot goes to **Chris Derrick**. His winning song is by Steely Dan 'Third World Man'.

Mike Kotsanis: TV Footage - Dion Prestia's goal in the 2017 AFL Grand Final with 5AA's commentary 'The Premiers will be Richmond!'

[Ed - Mike started off a bit slow on smokie tips but the last half was surprisingly strong, the percentage winning tips over all rounds was 42%.]

Editor's 'song': TV Footage - Stuart Dew's third quarter goal in the 2008 AFL Grand Final.

[Ed - proving short solid blokes can be stars in Grand Finals.]

Round 24 trivia questions / answers

Which club has had the most debutants this season? (a) Port Adelaide (b) Essendon (c) Richmond (d) Hawthorn

ANSWER: (d) Hawthorn

The APS school competition is a well trodden pathway for potential draftees into AFL clubs. In the APS Grand Final match last weekend between the best two APS teams this year, which team won? (a) Brighton Grammar (b) Caulfield Grammar

ANSWER: (a) Brighton Grammar

Prior to last week's round, when was the last time two matches were drawn in the same round (a) 1957 (b) 1967 (c) 1977

ANSWER: (c) 1977

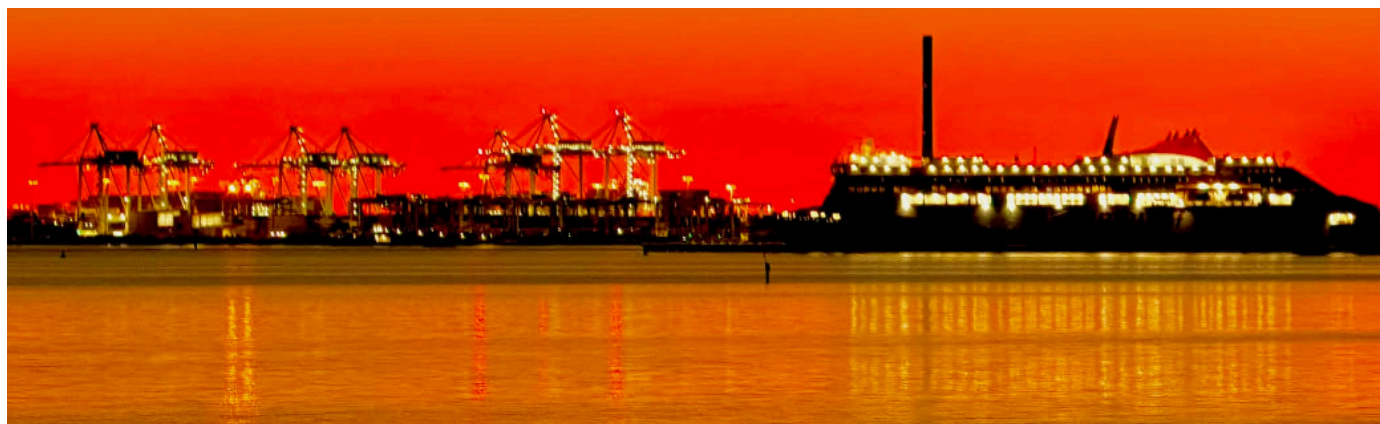
How much will the AFL charge for a Category 1 seat in the Outer at the Grand Final this year? (a) \$159 (b) \$356 (c) \$536

ANSWER: (c) \$536

What is the cheapest price for a return flight from Perth to Melbourne on the Thursday or Friday before the Grand Final and return on the Sunday? (a) \$1673 (b) \$1424 (c) \$2462

ANSWER (as at 20 August): (a) Virgin's cheapest return fare (b) Jetstar's cheapest fare (c) Qantas cheapest fare - you have to feel for Freo fans who will be booking now in hope —it would be cheaper to fly to London for the weekend and stay at a fancy hotel!

[Image: The last home and away game of the season saw Hawthorn's WIZARD **Nick Watson** take a screamer in heavy rain in Perth against West Coast Eagles. Will it be mark of the year? Stolen off the ©CH7 television footage.]



A Seafarer's life.

Pirates, storms, deaths, and being forgotten.

Every two and a half days, pirates attack large ships. 80% of the time, they get on board.

Container ships, bulk carriers, oil/chemical/product tankers, LNG / LPG carriers, general cargo ships, roll-on/roll-off vehicle carriers, heavy-lift / project ships and large passenger/cruise ships; **not** fishing vessels, fishing boats, yachts or small workboats.

It used to be much more than this, almost double in the early 2000s when the Somali pirates figured out that they could easily hold ships to ransom—and get paid. **Tom Hanks'** movie, *Captain Phillips*, is about the 2009 hijacking of the MV Maersk Alabama, and the ensuing five-day siege. The film was named after the ship's captain, who was rescued by U.S. Navy SEALs.

'Ship hardening' refers to the measures undertaken by the shipping companies to dissuade pirates from clambering on board: barbed wire, cyclone fencing, water sprays, blinding lasers, floodlights, CCTV and night vision cameras, close-in radar, and even slippery chemicals that can be poured on decks to defeat the pirates.

Many ships now employ armed security guards.

If all else fails, the crew can now lock themselves in large self-contained safe-rooms called 'Citadels' from where they can disconnect the bridge and drive the ship remotely, while waiting for the navy to arrive.

New policies to 'detect, avoid, deter and delay attacks,' using safer sea routes, better early-warning systems, close co-ordination with local authorities, and navies, have made it much harder for the bad guys and are the main reason for the 48% drop since 2015.

But that doesn't stop the ship-robbers, particularly in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, who are mainly just trying to feed their families, plucking money and items to sell, rather than ships, from the seaways.

ChatGPT calls them '*maritime burglars who board ships, often at night, and steal things such as:*

- *Engine-room equipment and spare parts*
- *Ship's stores*
- *Personal possessions and cash from crew*
- *Other valuable equipment*
- *Sometimes they simply rob the crew before escaping overboard.'*

The International Maritime Bureau describes many of these attacks as 'low-level and opportunistic' incidents. Easy to say from an office on the other side of the planet, but completely terrifying when a gunman wakes you up in your floating cabin in the middle of the night.

The Bureau's stats for last year show:

- 137 incidents (down from the last decade's average of 163)
- 121 vessels were successfully boarded
- 10 attempted attacks where the perpetrators did not get aboard
- 4 vessels hijacked
- 2 vessels fired upon

A risky job.

Sometimes just standing up takes nerve.

For each, their average 220 days a year at sea, roughly 5–10% of those days will involve truly 'horrific' conditions: very heavy seas, gale and storm force winds, and dangerous motion. That's about 11–22 days every year.

Another five to ten per cent of the time the seas are 'hideous' from a comfort standpoint: moderately rough, but still uncomfortable.

Lost at sea.

Technology, safety regulations, and weather prediction have reduced losses of large ships from over 200 to between 25 and 50 every year. Nowadays, with an emphasis on safety, thankfully crews are usually rescued unharmed.

But about 400 seafarers never come home each year.

Out of a workforce of 2.5 million people, it's understandable, but still many times more than, for example, the aviation industry.

Of the 449 seafarer deaths in 2024, the 66 reporting countries under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) showed:

- 245 died from illness/disease,
- 86 from occupational accidents,
- 36 were lost overboard (disappeared at sea),
- 26 died by suicide, and
- 56 deaths were from other causes, or were still under investigation

Only a fraction of seafarer deaths are 'lost at sea' in the dramatic sense of a ship sinking or vanishing.

Getting stuck.

A war is declared, maybe even a war against an invisible bug like COVID. Your Captain is given word not to proceed, either into port or to cross an imaginary line, as in the case of the first Gulf War between Kuwait and Iraq. No one has to point a gun at them.

In August 1990, marine underwriters in London demanded an increase in insurance for any ship entering the Strait of Hormuz. A ship worth \$50 million was suddenly hit with an extra \$100,000 simply for proceeding beyond the line, while cargo insurance costs also rose.

So everyone inbound just parked on the Arabian Sea side of the peninsula, at the anchorage of Fujairah, and waited. Soon it became hundreds of ships.

To get to the port of Dubai, 130 kms away as the crow flies, ships only had to go 170 kms up to the entrance, then 160 kms down inside the Gulf (the same distance from Melbourne to Benalla) —nowhere near the war zone.

Kuwait is 1,000 kms inside the Gulf, and away to the north-west (the distance between Melbourne and Port Macquarie), past entire countries of Bahrain and Qatar.

Port Authorities in Dubai and Abu Dhabi screamed loud and long, hoping to get the imaginary line moved closer to the war zone. Many ship owners went broke, or resold their cargo and /or ship, stranding crews at sea; some of them for years.

Nothing's worse than being stuck at sea, in sight of land, worried that you've been forgotten.

Sixteen years after the first Gulf War, when I joined Emirates, you'd always see the lights of at least fifty ships off Fujairah. Some had been abandoned there for years, being sold and resold, and on each one there would be at least one seafarer to keep the lights on. In those days, there was no communication.

The Mission to Seafarers in Dubai raised money to buy a boat and visit the ships, replenishing supplies, especially phone cards, and keeping up the spirits of crew who felt forgotten.

It was the brainchild of **Anglican Rev. Stephen Miller**, director of the *Mission to Seafarers* in Dubai, who told the local *Khaleej Times** that the worst case he had seen involved a crew who had not been paid for four years.

"In cases like those, we provide the crew with food and water every day. However, sometimes we have to get their passports back from their employers and buy them a plane ticket home."

Their boat, the MV Flying Angel, operated for ten years before being mothballed in 2017 due to rising costs and the advancement of communications. Thanks to Elon Musk's *Starlink* internet satellite network, everyone has crystal-clear internet for daily FaceTime and voice calls home—as long as the ship-owner continues to pay the subscription.

Never stops.

All over the world, the Mission's work continues.

Every ship you see heading into the Port of Melbourne holds a crew who'll soon meet the Mission's bus at the dockside security gate for the short drive to the Flinders Street West oasis.

On the day I rode shotgun, the volunteer driver, APYACs **Peter Taylor**, handed around maps of the city and explained how to cross the street to jump on the free tram to explore Melbourne.

One of the Chinese crew spoke in clear American English: *"We're off to Indonesia in seventeen hours."*

Within minutes, some had grabbed a cup of tea and were sitting in the garden, enjoying the greenery and camaraderie of like-minded souls in their home away from home.

The Mission's senior Port Chaplain, **Reverend Onofre 'Inni' Punay**, will be our guest speaker at the Club Meeting next Wednesday night.

James Nixon

* Read more about the work of the Mission in Dubai [by clicking this link](#).

Still stinging after all these years.

Recently we found a dead lion's mane jellyfish on the shore by the gantry. It was about 30cm wide. Washed up, its structure completely flattens and blobs out.

The lion's mane jellyfish (*Cyanea annaskala*) is native to the Bays of Port Phillip and regularly appears in seasonal summer 'blooms' or 'smacks' driven by warm water temperatures, nutrient levels, and wind currents. In Victorian waters, they typically grow to the size of an orange with fine tentacles stretching up to two meters.

The Sting: Contact causes immediate pain, itching, and a red welt similar to a rash that can last a couple of days.

Toxicity: The venom is not lethal for most people, but severe allergic reactions can occur.

Dead Jellies: A dead lion's mane jellyfish can still deliver a very painful sting. Their detached or stranded tentacles retain active stinging cells (nematocysts) for days—and sometimes weeks—after the animal has washed ashore or died. Never touch a stranded jellyfish with bare hands.



First Aid: Rinse the area with seawater to clear away remaining tentacles and apply a cold pack to manage pain. Avoid touching them with bare hands. You can check current local beach conditions via Beachsafe before entering the water.

Savage Fisherman* for sale.

Sale price \$4,000.

Fresh two-pack paint for the hull and deck. Full-length heavy stainless steel keel band & prop guard. New lifting eyes, bow ring. Rewired, new fuel and exhaust hoses. All in great working order.

Owned / Work carried out by a Shipwright. Stern tube & shaft removed and overhauled. Comes with spray dodger, oars, anchor, lifejackets. Cradle, sundry extras. Registered EQ675.

Contact the Boathouse Captain if interested.

[*That's the model of the boat, not a description of its owner - Ed]



Volunteers needed.

Friday Night Helpers Needed!

We are still seeking friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to assist on Friday nights.

We need help with:

- **Raffle Ticket Selling:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Door Wardens** 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with fellow members, contribute to the club's vibrant Friday night atmosphere, and enjoy being part of our welcoming community.

Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

No experience is necessary --just bring your smile and willingness to help.

The **Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster** has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled. Add your name to the Volunteer Roster by **Clicking this link**.

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out by email to **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com** with your preferred task, or drop into the office at the Club. Your support makes all the difference.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

The App's back!

I'm pleased to report that the APYAC App has been restored.

Two pages of your Club info in the palm of your hand.

- Read TIGHT LINES in Member News,
- Book a table in a flash in Dining Bookings,
- Hire a boat or kayak, and much more.

Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here are the links:

For iPhones -- **Apple App Store:**

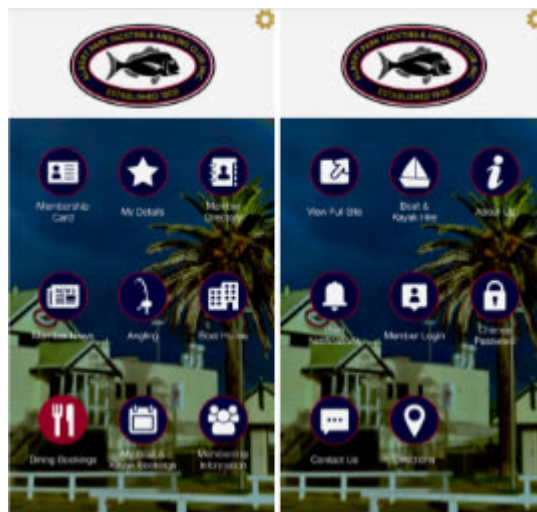
<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-app-Apple>

For Android phones --**Google Play Store:**

<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-App-GooglePlay>

Chantal Jacq

APYAC Boathouse Captain & Social Media Manager



History.

If you have any old club pictures or documents, we'd love to get copies. Contact: apyac.volunteers@gmail.com

Bill Ryan.

[Image: Thanks to the State Library of Victoria]



Boat Hire Coordination.

The Club has three boats and three kayaks for hire. See the website **by clicking here** for hiring details.

For an Induction course, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, email: captain@apyac.org.au.

Admin has now taken on the task of coordinating boat hires. Please check our website for full instructions (Angling / Boat & Kayak Hire) or **by clicking here**.

To hire a boat, you must:

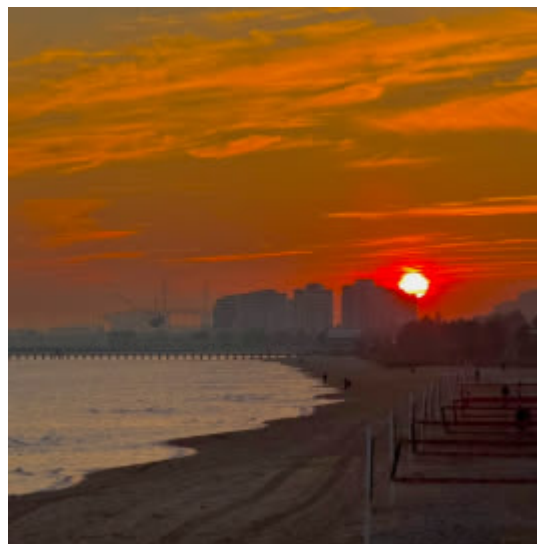
- Complete a boathouse, boat, or kayak induction.
- Hold a marine licence (for boat hire).
- Register as a hirer, and complete a risk waiver.
- Be 18 years or older.

Payments for boat hire can be made:

- At the bar during Club hours.
- Online with a credit card through our payment gateway.
- Using fob credit (ensure you have sufficient funds loaded).

For further information, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, at captain@apyac.org.au. Admin is assisting only with the booking process.

[Image: Winter sunset on the 8th July.]



Merchandise.

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

Jackets \$85

Vests \$75

Hoodies \$65

Golf Umbrella \$60.

Fishing Tops \$50

Polo Shirts \$50

Scarf \$20 (*You need two.*)

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$30

Hats \$25

Pom Pom Beanie \$25

Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! (*Send one to your first boss!*)

Stubby Holder \$10.



APYAC Podcasts.

The latest addition to the podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary at a business lunch about APYAC and our *Shellfish Reef Restoration Project*. Check it out **by clicking here**.

Other podcasts interview guests:

Remy Van De Wiel, 'Plastics in the bays.'

Travis Dowling CEO of the Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA).

Brian Wright speaking about his friend, Warren Davey.

Bob Pearce, speaking about his life and times.

Mick Sass, speaking about his life and times.

Chris Lockhart, introducing our new Caterer.

Phil Langdon, speaking about his life and times.

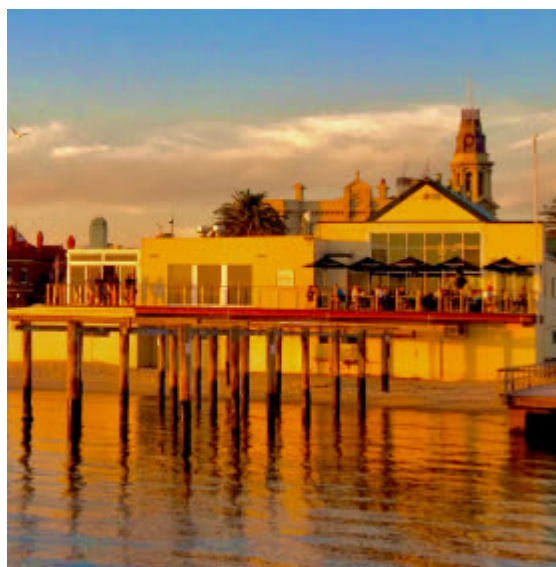
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins**, **Barry Hayes** and **Chris Herbert**.

Plus

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

Check out APYAC's [podcast page by clicking here](#).



Email spam.

To reduce the amount of spam emails the I.T. experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines, so we write the email address, but leave gaps between the words.

It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**

Tight Lines - Why so often?

The larger edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next Club Meeting, and always on a Wednesday at 10:30 so you can plan your weekend during your lunch break.

The smaller edition, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), usually appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials. The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom. During months with five Wednesdays, we get a week off.

We have removed most email addresses, not because we don't want to hear from you, but it stops the bots that roam the internet from finding them to send spam email. Just click the contact links instead, or go to the website: apyac.org.au

Any ideas? [Just click this link here](#) and put TIGHT LINES IDEAS in the subject line.

The Tight Lines Editor is James Nixon.

Club Opening Hours.

TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Trial.

Open 4 p.m.

Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Normal menu, specials: Parma Night!

Book tables to help prove demand.

General Meeting Wednesdays are different.

Thursdays, Fridays.

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (except when closed early for functions).

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.

NOTE: If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

Sundays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We remain open later on Band Sundays, details during booking.

Wednesday 26th August - Tuesday 15th September 2026

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