

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club

Yacht Clubs

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club is a fully-volunteer club located on the foreshore of McMillan Straits and Lake Victoria, Paynesville in East Gippsland. The club was founded in 1937 and has been committed to sailing for over 75 years. The facility has grown somewhat since those early days and now boasts to be one of the most successful family sailing clubs in Victoria. Our facilities include a fully-licenced bar, club rooms with lake views, launching area with ramp, crane, and mooring jetties. The Club has wet berth, hardstand and undercover boat storage.

Gippsland Lakes is one of the most active sailing clubs in country Victoria, whereby we are operational nearly all-year round. For those interested in competitive sailing we run a winter series on Saturdays commencing 1300 hours, and the Ancient Mariners Series midweek on Tuesdays at 1300hrs. We then roll straight into the Summer Series every Sunday at 1400 hours (October - May), and the extremely successful Twilight Series held each Tuesday evening during daylight saving, followed by a social meal at the club.

During the summer months we also host a number of specialised regattas; on behalf of class associations and/or Yachting Victoria, our peak governing body. These regattas/competitions bring in funds and a wealth of knowledge and competition to the club that otherwise could be lost. Our major annual regatta continues to be the Easter Regatta, held over the three days of Easter and has been well supported by both club and non-club members for over 50 years.

The classes raced include Flying Fifteens, Mosquitos, Sabres, Castle 650s, Sonata 6/7s, Timpenny 770s, and a mixed fleet of dinghies, trailer-sailors and keelboats including Etchells.

GLYC is also an accredited Discover Sailing Centre, offering sail programs for all backgrounds, ages, and abilities:

- Sailing school: encouraging first time sailors, developing our novice fleet and a youth development pathway.
- Tackers: run in the school holidays, providing learn to sailing opportunities for both kids and adults.
- Sailability: held each Tuesday in terms 4 and 1, for local primary and special schools, centres for people with disabilities and community support programs
- Adult and Teen programs
- Powerboat handling
- School Sailing

[We offer venue hire](#) whereby the main hall and rooms can be hired for [Functions, Weddings, Community Meetings, Seminars, Corporate Events](#)... all with a brand new state-of-the art projector and interactive white board system.

Contact us at glyc@sailglyc.com

Find us in [Google Maps](#)

Discover Sailing

GLYC is an accredited Discover Sailing Centre. We offer a range of opportunities for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities to find out how fun, safe, accessible, and affordable sailing is. In 2014/15 and again in 2015/16 we were recognised at Yachting Victoria's Annual Awards Night as finalists for both Discover Sailing Centre of the Year and for our Contribution to Junior and Youth Sailing.

This season GLYC is proud to offer the following programs under the Discover Sailing umbrella:

- Discover Sailing Day
- Tackers School Holiday Program
- GLYC Start Sailing School
- GLYC Green Fleet and Division Cool
- Development Squad Coaching
- Sailability
- Adult and Teen Learn to Sail
- Women and Girls in Sailing
- Powerboat Handling
- School Sailing

This is how each of these programs map to the YA Sailing Pathway.

Discover Sailing Day

Discover Sailing Days are offered for FREE at many sailing clubs around Australia. They are a fantastic way to have a great day out with your partner, family, friends or work colleagues. Clubs look forward to showing you just how fun, safe, accessible, and affordable sailing is.

GLYC's 2016 Discover Sailing Day is being held on Sunday 23 October, from 9am to 12noon.

A number of our members will be available at the club and there will be opportunities to join them for a sail (weather pending). Please contact our Discover Sailing Principal, Sharna Duff via discoversailing@sailglyc.com to register your interest.

Sailing School – Start Sailing 1 and 2

Discover Sailing Courses offer a structured way to learn to sail for people new to the sport, or having basic skills that they wish to develop. You can register for GLYC's Sailing School with no prior sailing experience, or you may have already had an opportunity to get out on the water through participating in Discover Sailing Day, the Tackers program or last year's Sailing School. Everyone is welcome!

In 2016/17, GLYC's Sailing School – Start Sailing program will:

- Offer learn to sail training for relatively inexperienced juniors and teens (8-15 years)
- Cover the Start Sailing 1 and 2 syllabus including Preparation, Boats and Equipment, Ropework, Safety and Emergencies, Skills and Techniques, Sailing Theory and Weather and the Environment.
- Start Sailing 1 and Start Sailing 2 will run in parallel, and which stream will depend on the prior experience of the student.
- There will be 7 x 3 hour (nominal) sessions, commencing on Sunday 6 November 2016
- Sessions will run each Sunday morning from 9am to 12noon, including preparation and clean-up time.
- The cost of the course will be:
 - \$165 for first year sailing school students (includes Discover Sailing Pack)
 - \$125 for returning second year students (includes GLYC cap). Discounts are available for existing GLYC members. This fee is primarily just to cover the costs incurred by the Club in running these courses, all time input is voluntary.

Registration for Sailing School's Start Sailing program will be held in conjunction with our Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 23 October 2016. Students can be signed up from 10am. For those keen to do so, there will also be an opportunity to go out for a sail with one of our club members.

Tackers School Holiday Program

GLYC is pleased to welcome back YV's Mobile Boatshed, in the September, January and Easter School Holidays. Registration is open for all sessions throughout the year on the [Tackers website](#). This season we have on offer:

- **Tackers 1:** 'Having Fun' - ideal for the beginner level, sailing for the first time
- **Tackers 2:** 'Tricks and Techniques' – for those who have completed Tackers 1, are wanting to improve their sailing skills and are starting to sail solo
- **Tackers 3:** 'Sailing Fast and Get into Racing' – a specially designed program for GLYC, for those who have completed Tackers 2 (confident in sailing solo) or Tackers 3 (and wanting to improve their solo sailing skills)

Places are limited in each of the sessions, so please do get your registrations in early, (payments can be made closer to the date).

Sailability Gippsland Lakes

Sailability is a world wide, not-for profit, volunteer based movement facilitating sailing for everyone regardless of ability. Sailability originated in Great Britain in the 1980's to make sailing accessible to people with disabilities. The Sailability program offered by Sailability Gippsland Lakes, a branch member of Sailing Victoria, is a fully integrated program of GLYC. The Sailability Officer, a member of GLYC Committee, is appointed annually to manage the program.

The sailability activities are designed to introduce and encourage people to participate in sailing activities in a safe, supportive environment. Sailability Gippsland Lakes is situated at Paynesville, Victoria and currently provides weekly programs to local primary and special schools, centres for people with disabilities and community support programs with occasional public sailing days.

Access Dinghies

Sailability Gippsland Lakes maintains a fleet of four Access 2.3 dinghies and three Access 303 dinghies. The Access 2.3 with its comfortable seat, joystick steering, single rope control and amazing manoeuvrability has to be the easiest boat in the world to sail. Add to that the wide side decks, ballasted centreboard and reefable mainsail and it also has to be one of the safest. What makes this little boat so unique is the confidence and sense of security it gives even the new sailor.

The Access 303 is slightly larger and has a fully roller reefable jib as well as a mainsail. The 303 is fast, and exciting, but is also a relaxing and comfortable boat to sail. Both boats are able to be sailed by two people thus making them ideal for volunteers to co-sail with sailors requiring support. We also have equipment for transferring people with limited mobility into the boats.

Chris Mitchell is the designer of the Access dinghies. [Click here](#) to read his story.

Volunteers

The program is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who undertake a range of jobs to assist sailors. A roster system ensures that we don't overdo things but many of our volunteers nevertheless are there even when they're not on the roster. On sailing days volunteers bring boats out from the GLYC boat shed, rig the boats and put them in the water. They then crew the safety boat, assist people into life jackets and then into the boats from the sailability jetty, co-sail if required, and man the registration desk. At the end of the day's sailing we do all this in reverse.

You don't have to be a sailor to be a volunteer or a member of GLYC. Landlubbers are most welcome too and some of our volunteers are themselves disabled. **If you are interested in finding out more about the program or becoming a volunteer, please call the Sailability Officer, Alan Pick on 0410 584 860.**

Adult and Teen programs

GLYC is pleased to offer the following on-water programs for the Adult and Teen demographic:

Learn to Sail

In conjunction with YV's Mobile Boatshed, GLYC is pleased to offer Adult and Teen Learn to Sail courses. Run in the same weeks as our Tackers School Holiday program, these 5 days courses cover the Start Sailing & Better Sailing syllabus. This season we have on offer:

- **Adult and Teens Start Sailing:** 'Beginner level' - ideal for those sailing for the first time or with limited sailing experience. At the end of the course we expect you to be able to jump on any boat, big or small and be a valuable sailing member. The course will be in Pacers or in your own boat.
- **Adult and Teens Start Sailing:** 'Women on Water' – a start sailing group specifically dedicated to getting more women & girls on the water. The perfect opportunity to learn in a fun and supportive group. Mums, why not also learn to sail whilst your kids do Tackers?
- **Adult and Teens Better Sailing:** 'Better Sailing' – for graduates of Tackers 3 (and progressing to green fleet), or adults/teens who have completed Adult Start Sailing. Participants will sail 2-up in GLYC Pacers.

Places are limited in each of the sessions, so please do get your registrations in early, (payments can be made closer to the date). Registration is open for all sessions throughout the year on the [Tackers website](#).

Water Awareness & CPR

Gippsland Lakes covers an area of 354 square kilometres across the region, it's easily accessible and the waters off the foreshore of McMillan Straits and Lake Victoria in particular, provide a safe and ideally recreational playground. At GLYC we are very mindful of the need for all East Gippslanders, be they yacht club members, weekend boaters or just admirers of our lakes, to have an understanding and respect of the waterways that surround us. As such, GLYC in conjunction with Yachting Victoria are pleased to offer a water awareness program as part of our 2015/16 Discover Sailing Program. This course will consist of both on-water practical and off water theory components.

The aim of this program is to educate people on water safety and being prepared to go boating. In addition to these on and off water components, each session will also provide

participants with an awareness of CPR. 2016/17 dates for this program are currently being confirmed. Please contact our Discover Sailing Principal, Sharna Duff via discoversailing@sailglyc.com to register your interest in this program.

Powerboat Handling

The Powerboat Handling Course is run over 2 days, and combines the syllabus of the Start Powerboating Program and Powerboat Handling. Facilitated by accredited YA Instructors, the cost of the course is \$360. This course is required when obtaining accreditation as Instructor, Coach or Race Officer. All successful students can receive TSV Certificates for marine licencing.

- **Further course details:** this Course includes intermediate boat handling skills and seamanship for a variety of boat types.
- **Course outcomes:** The Course includes boat launching, engines and fuel, types of craft and navigation. It aims to improve boat handling skills at low and planing speeds, all of which may be practised during a short passage.
- **Who should do this course:** People that wish to extend their knowledge of Powerboat driving or anyone wishing to gain other Yachting Australia Instructing or Officiating Qualifications

Dates have not yet been set for Powerboat Handling for the 2016/17 season. If however you would like to register your interest in attending the next course, please contact our Discover Sailing Co-ordinator, Sharna Baskett via discoversailing@sailglyc.com

The History of the Yacht Club

Brief History

On the 19th January 1937 24 people attended a meeting convened by John Kingswell Lloyd at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Bairnsdale with the purpose of forming a motor boat and sailing club. After it was agreed to proceed, Robert Simpson moved that the name of the club be the Gippland Lakes Yacht Club, and Ralph Sinclair Thomson was elected as its President. Subsequently A. Holden became the first Commodore, to be followed by RS Thomson in 1938. William D'Avila Tilley, a jeweller and pawnbroker who retired to Paynesville in the mid thirties, offered \$100 by way of an interest free loan to construct and equip a clubhouse. He also offered land at Sunset Cove, adjacent to his property Linton on Newlands Backwater, as a site for the new club. For his generosity, Bill Tilley became the first Life Member of the GLYC in 1938.

Mrs Annie Thomson (wife of the Commodore), cut the ribbon at the opening day ceremony on Dec 3rd 1938. The names of the people present are listed on the WD'A Tilley page. The boats sailed in the pre-war period included JK Lloyd's 'Monsoon' a 14' cedar dinghy previously owned by Jock Sturrock, 'Boomerang', and 'Hiker'.

The Club went into recess during the 2nd World War, and recommenced in March 1945, at which time the balance of Bill Tilley's loan was repayed.

In 1947, in response to Else Tilley's request that the Clubhouse be removed from Sunset Cove, Club stalwart [Charles Gordon Drummond](#) arranged for it to be relocated to it's present site. The original clubhouse was dismantled and carried along a track cleared along the foreshore, and erected on a block behind Main Street. It was then redesigned and extended. To minimise public outcry, the new club house was then transferred from it's construction site to the current foreshore location in a single weekend by a crew of members led by Charlie in what must have surely been the biggest working bee the Club has ever seen.

As the Club moved into the post war era, Douglas Gordon Potter, whose boat 'Four Winds' is commemorated by the trophy for the Ocean Grange race, became a prominent member of the committee, serving as Vice-Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer for a total of 22 years. He was made a Life Member in 1969.

Read more about these important people who did so much to make the club what it is today, and other well known identities such as Bill Whelpton. Thanks must go to long time GLYC member Leigh Robinson for preparing the notes, and to Jo Underwood for initiating the series which originally appeared in the Wanderer.

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