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The Victorian Sub-Aqua Group was founded in 1954 and has continued as a strong and active diving club since that time. It is incorporated as a non profit company and has no commercial affiliation with any organisation.

VSAG is committed to the preservation of independant diving freedom. It believes that divers must take a responsible attitude toward the protection and preservation of the marine environment but as a general rule is opposed to legislative measures that place prohibitive limitations and restrictions on diving activities.



COVER STORY

This photo taken by Keith Jensen depicts VSAG member Igor Chernishov inside the wreck of the Japanese freighter Yamazuki Maru.

This ship known locally as the "Bonagi 1" was wrecked near Tassafaronga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands during fierce fighting in World War 2. It is one of the wrecks that can be dived from the shore near the Bonagi River and Copra Plantation.

The Yamazuki Maru is always a great dive with part of the wreck above the surface and the stern 100' to the sand.

TECHNICAL DETAILS: Keith used a Nikonos III 15m/lens, Fujichrome 100 film with lighting by a Melbourne made Seastrobe 160.

Local diving is organised on a bi-monthly basis, generally out of participating member's boats. This is supported by weekend camps, charters to more remote locations and annual overseas trips. The club has a considerable investment in diving equipment.

Regular functions provide an opportunity for members, friends and families to socialise. Each month VSAG meets at North Melbourne Football Club where bar facilities are available prior to and after the General Meetings. Visitors are very welcome - smart casual wear essential.

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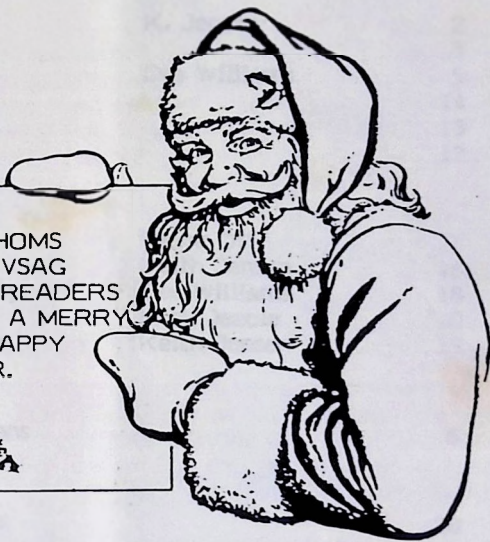
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THE EDITOR OF FATHOMS
AND COMMITTEE OF VSAG
WISH ALL MEMBERS, READERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
AND SAFE NEW YEAR.



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Next general meeting:

Wednesday, February 12th, 1986 8.00 p.m.
North Melbourne Football Club,
Fogarty Street, North Melbourne

Next committee meeting:

Tuesday, January 21st, 1986 8.00 p.m.
Barry Truscotts Home,
Netherbrae Court, Frankston

EDITORIAL

Nineteen Eighty Five has nearly expired, but V.S.A.G. has many divers and activities scheduled for the next few months making 1986 another vintage year for diving. Just a glance at our dive calendar and you will see what I mean, even the most avid diver will be water logged by the time Easter arrives.



Not forgetting our last months activities, Mario camping trip was great, so good infact that we have organised another on the Labour Day Weekend this time staying at the Burbang Caravan Park.

Our sports day was once again enjoyed by all who attended. Tony and Paul with the able assistance of their wives ensured that all ran smoothly. John Lawler arranged and distributed the prizes only the thunderstorm that washed out the barbeque spoilt the day.

Crayfish seem to be plentiful this season, also so are F.W.O.'s, they made their presence felt at Marlo and I was checked over at Flinders during a mid week trip and the boat was not even in the water. The message is clear, make sure you have a licence and that everything is legal regarding bag limits and size.

Copy for Fathoms has been sparse, as editor I feel that one should not have to chase members for articles about dives etc., and while on the subject closing date for copy, is on the day the committee meets. Neatly written copy is essential so that our typist Lyn can do a good job. Photos taken on our dives are always good to see, and as Alex is able to reproduce them so well it is a shame that we do not get more to publish.

Well I can now put down the pen until February as that is when the next Fathoms is due out. Hope to see you all at our dives.

Keith Jensen

COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting of the Committee of the Victorian Sub Aqua Group held at 15 Soudan Road, Footscray West.

Apology for non attendance was received from P. Tipping and J. Goulding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the Club had the following funds:

Cash at bank	\$ 712.12
Cash on term deposit	1,574.34
	\$ 2,286.46

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Mick Jeacle advised that there could be a problem with tank fills at Marlo. It was decided that all available compressors should be taken and that anyone who had access to spare tanks should take them. Alex Talay and Pat Reynolds were nominated to compressor duty. Mick proposed that the towing levy for the Marlo weekend to be:-

Boat owners	\$ 50.00
Compressor trailers	\$ 22.00

This would make the levy \$23.00 per head. The levy was agreed to and John Lawler was nominated to collect the levy on the Saturday morning.

2. John Lawler took note of the prizes that are to be available for the Christmas function raffle.
3. John Lawler noted that John Gibson has proposed to give a prize for the diver that attends the most club dives. The three clubs involved will be V.S.A.G., Bottom Scratchers and Marine Divers.

It was agreed that V.S.A.G. would participate for any interested divers and that the second of divers would be the responsibility of the point scorer.

4. Des Williams noted there was no quorum for the last S.D.F. meeting and that a special meeting had therefore been called for 7th November, 1985.
5. Des also spoke to Peter Brown and Des will arrange a trip to the Brown Brothers Winery in April, 1986.
6. Don Abell reminded Mick Jeacle that the club owed Keith Jensen two dozen stubbies for his limerick submission. The stubbies to be presented at Marlo.
7. Alex Talay submitted a membership application from Chris Bourier. The application was in order and the committee approved the membership. (Bourier had already done a check out dive with committee members). The secretary was asked to advise Chris and request his payment of \$32.00.
8. Pay Reynolds confirmed that he had made a satisfactory check out dive of Jack Namiota. Jack's membership was approved by the committee. The secretary was asked to advise Jack.
9. The outstanding applications were still held for:-
 - Pooler - awaiting medical certificate.
 - Brown - awaiting check dive.
 - Howarth - probably not preceeding.

There being not other business the meeting was closed at 10.32 p.m.
Committee thanks Gail for the tasty supper provided. ✱

S.D.F.-V. MEETING - 7TH NOVEMBER, 1985

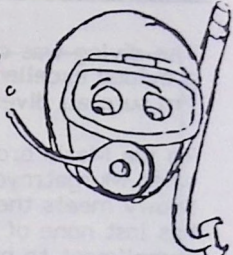
by Des Williams

- (i) Samples of S.D.F.-V. windcheaters are now available for club delegates to show to affiliated club members and offer for sale. (Interested members contact Des Williams).
- (ii) S.D.F.-V. official new logo has been registered with Copyrights Council to guard against its misuse.
- (iii) There was lengthy discussion prior to voting by delegates on whether to go with the Australian Coaching Council and establish registered dive instructors within non-profit clubs to teach people to dive. Such action, it is believed would attract new members to S.D.F.-V. affiliated clubs instead of loss of new divers to the large commercial diving groups.

At a vote the majority was in favour of the proposal. V.S.A.G. voted in the negative. It is interesting to note that many club delegates were concerned with the prickly subject of possible legal action against non-profit clubs once they become involved in diver instruction for profit. Simple club incorporation does not offer any protection against litigation.

So the meeting agreed in principle to S.D.F.-V. adopting diver training "subject to satisfactory answers being obtained regarding administrative matters and standards with a view to the scheme commencing at a later date".

- (iv) Application by the British Sub Aqua Club to become an affiliated S.D.F.-V. club was accepted by a unanimous vote and the Chairman welcomed the B.S.A.C.
- (v) The Chairman, Stuart Boden, then declared the four positions on S.D.F.-V. Management Cell vacant and called for nominations for the vacant seats. None of the four retiring office bearers were offering themselves for re-election.
- (vi) D. Williams thanked each of the retiring office bearers Stuart Boden, Neil McKenzie, Robert Watson and Patricia Politz for the hard work and tireless devotion to duty to S.D.F.-V. over the last two years, since restructure of S.D.F.-V. management. There is no doubt, we as divers, owe a lot of thanks to the above four people for the last two years work.



FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Good grief! By the time you read this it will be December. It seems that this month has been coming for ages, - no doubt due to the ramblings of Tony Tipping talking at every opportunity about the Club's Christmas trip to Byron Bay. Well its just about here, so I guess we can expect to hear about it for the next 8 months.

Club Christmas trips have always played a big part in V.S.A.G.'s calendar and having been on most of them over the last 13 years, I can vouch for the great times, fabulous diving and lots of laughs that these trips provide.

This year's trip to Byron Bay, rates with the other long distance trips to Coffs Harbour and Port Lincoln. Fortunately this year local arrangements have been made for boats, so it should be quite a pleasant if not a long one up the Newell Highway through N.S.W. and then across to the coast. For those of you who have time a return trip along the coast down to Sydney is a picturesque way to see some of the great tourist destinations along the Northern N.S.W. coast.

To all of you who are going, have a safe trip and a great time, and lets have plenty of slides for the 1986 meeting.

Slightly closer to home was the trip to Marlo over the Melbourne Cup Weekend. One thing about the great Australian work ethic is that the whole country stops work for a horse race, and here in Melbourne, more and more people are running the Tuesday into a stretched-out long weekend of 4 and in some cases 5 days.

Full marks go to Barry Truscott who with Marie and Samantha drove down for one night and a day's diving. Somewhere too was Martin Taliana who arrived just as we headed for the boat ramps, and as luck had it was assigned to Andy's boat which went about as far as my horse did in the Cup sweep!

There was a great turnout at Marlo, with the country regiment of of Bruce Soulsby and Alistair Stewart complete with new Haines Hunter present.

The diving was cancelled on the Saturday but Sunday and Monday provided excellent weather conditions and despite fairly dirty water I'm sure all divers agree that Marlo has great appeal.

To me Marlo brought back memories of a starry autumn night in 1979 when Murgatroyd popped the question to me at the place where the Snowy meets the sea! Now six years later Murg's fresh faced radiance has lost none of its sparkle as can be verified by President Alex's compliment to her on this latest trip when on learning of her advanced years exclaimed "But, but - you couldn't be that old - you're not even a wrinkly old mole!" - and who said chivalry was dead!?

Another great event in V.S.A.G.'s calendar is the Annual Tennis Party and Somers Mile footrace. There were so many prizes awarded that I've lost track of who won. Needless to say, the Tippings arranged a great day of tennis, running and Bar-B-Queing and with the help of John Lawler managed to reward the tennis stars and athletes. Once again Alex, Kathy Jensen, Peter Jensen, (the latter two coached ably by their father Keith) and Sarah Catherall won prizes and I'm sure there were others too - but for us losers, the disgrace was just too much, to watch all those kids beating us.

The authors of Flotsam and Jetsam wish all members a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Signed: Shona Off

MARLO - A TRULY GREAT ALTERNATIVE

by Mick Jeacle

The weekend was looking very promising indeed, as we arrived at Marlo on Friday 1st November. The trip from Frankston had been trouble free and the weather forecast seemed good enough to enable a full diving schedule.

All in all your's truly was in a relaxed and happy frame of mind and eagerly awaiting the good times ahead. That is, until I walked into the office of the Marlo Caravan & Camping Park.

Here I was greeted by what could only be described as a dragon, and her sidekick of similar stature. Upon identifying myself they produced the letter sent to them sometime beforehand and proceeded to point out that I said nothing about bringing a boat. It appears we should have booked them in too, as they were horrified when I told them there were four more to come.

Then came the potential bad news, our deposits would not be deducted from our camp fees which were payable in advance, but would be refunded upon our departure. With all the hassels that ensued it was the general consensus of opinion that our \$200 was looking very shaky indeed. However, that is another story.

At 4.15 the tent is all but erected and Keith Jensen had just arrived, he was heard mumbling something about, "I don't care lady what you say my boat is staying right here". Seems that he got the same treatment. Within another 2 hours most of the others had arrived and it was off to the pub for dinner and a few amber liquids.

At about 8.00 p.m. somebody enquired as to the whereabouts of Geoff Birtles and family, John Goulding soon enlightened us by informing all that Geoff was likely to be a few hours late as he had rung John the night before to ask him how far past Port Campbell, Marlo was. We're still not to sure if this was true but Geoff finally arrived sometime before midnight.

Saturday proved to be disappointing the wind was fairly strong and a visit to the boat ramp indicated a day of relaxation was in store. This did not seem to perturb Alex, but keen diver John Lawler was having none of it. A shore dive in zero visibility appealed to him and abelone was on the menu in the Lawler tent that evening, whilst the rest of us awaited an improvement in the weather.

We awoke on Sunday to be greeted by clear blue skies and glassy smooth seas and the camp was buzzing with excitement. Alisdair arrived with Bruce in their shinny new Haines and boat allocations were quickly made and we were off to the ramp at 10.00 a.m. Boats were quickly launched and we headed to a location called Pearl Point where the crays have been known to jump into the boat. However, all was not good as Andy's boat had blown a piston and his boat was unfortunately sidelined for the rest of the trip.

Owing to the floods the week before the water at Pearl Point resembled the Yarra river at Princes Bridge and visibility was about 6 feet. However, a few crays were caught despite this we then decided to dive at Beware Reef on the way home.

Beware Reef is situated some 6 km. S.E. of the boat ramp and it is here that the best diving seems to be. There are two wrecks located here and we stumbled onto one quite by accident, in 80 feet of water. The underwater terrain in this area quite resembled Skull Rock in a way and on a clear day it would be tremendous. The reef area surrounding the exposed reef is very extensive as we were to find the following day.

Monday morning proved to be even better than Sunday and after making certain adjustments to accommodate Andy's crew in the remaining boats we again departed for Beware Reef. Some considerate cray fishermen had marked the spot for us some 300 yards or so seaward of the reef. A quick check with the depth sounder revealed fine ledges and gullies in 60 to 70 feet of water and it was a race to gear up and drop over the side.

Visibility had improved considerably overnight to around 25 to 30 feet. The area proved to be very picturesque and a mecca for elusive crustacean, the colour was spectacular on this reef and one got the feeling that a very enjoyable 2 weeks could be spent here given visibility of 80 feet or so which is believed to be quite common, provided no heavy rains are experienced. The area was so good that everybody agreed that it would only be necessary to move the boat 50 yards or so for the second dive which was most enjoyable.

Back at the camp that evening John Lawler's huge cray pot worked overtime cooking the catch whilst the usual cold ones were consumed and the anecdotes were related well into the night.

As usual Alex's van radiated the usual animal magnetism and was busting at the seams. Poor old Keith seemed lost in this company and was last seen lying flat on his back on the bed fully clothed and absolutely incapable of consuming another Para Port.

Well the time had passed to quickly and after packing the tent and the camp gear in the car on Tuesday morning there remained one more important task, to retrieve our deposit of \$200. I can assure you I was ready for them, complete with Geoff Birtles at my left elbow, and no way was I going to accept any lesser amount for cancellations and some slight rearrangements. Well, the whole thing proved to be a non event as the dragon handed over a cheque for \$200 and even wished us a safe trip home.

All in all the trip proved to be successful despite the poor visibility. It has been decided to return for the long weekend in March, and tent sites will be booked at the Burbang Caravan Park at Cape Conran.

See you there. ✱

MEDIA WATCH

Chance to solve lost sub mystery

SYDNEY — One of Australia's great naval mysteries, the disappearance of submarine AE1 in 1914, may soon be solved.

The submarine was last seen in the St Georges Channel, just off Rabaul in Papua New Guinea, about 2.30 pm on September 14, 1914. No trace of the submarine or crew of 35 was ever found.

Now a Fiji-based salvage firm, Salvage Pacific Ltd, hopes to see the wreck while doing scientific work in Rabaul's Simpson Harbor.

If it finds it, the firm has permission from the Australian Navy to photograph the AE1 but not to touch it or remove anything, a spokesman for the Navy said yesterday.

Salvage Pacific's ketch, *Tau*, left Fiji on Wednesday.

It will spend three days exploring Simpson Harbor during a seismological research program.

On board is an RPV-430,

an American-made remote piloted vehicle, worth about \$300,000, which is equipped with video and still cameras. The machine can travel along the harbor floor sending pictures back to a monitor on board the *Tau*.

An Australian volcanologist, Mr Wally Johnson, of the Bureau of Mineral Resources, will fly to Rabaul next week to supervise the work with Salvage Pacific owner Mr Ian Lockley.

The scientific work is the prime reason Salvage Pacific is going to Rabaul but it is interested also in finding the wreck of the AE1.

"They would like to take photographs of it for historical interest and if they see it they will," a Salvage Pacific Ltd spokesman said.

The Navy believes the AE1 took a practice dive on the way back to Rabaul, near the mouth of Blanche Bay (the outer harbor) and struck an overhanging reef.

The Sun
November 23rd,
1985

LETTER FROM PROJECT JONAH



PROJECT JONAH

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SAVE THE WHALE CAMPAIGN

14th November, 1985

Dear Mr. Goulding,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in our effort to collect information on the number and nature of encounters between Man and cetaceans (whales and dolphins) in Australian waters.

Project Jonah is a voluntary organisation concerned with all aspects of the conservation and welfare of cetaceans. An important part of our work involves learning as much as possible about the nature and behaviour of whales and dolphins in the wild.

Cetaceans are well-known for their curiosity in, and friendly disposition towards, Man. We are keen to collect as many reports as possible of such encounters. Accordingly, we have recently established a programme entitled the "Dolphin Hot-Line", whereby we are inviting anybody who has had such an experience to write to us and tell us about it.

Eventually, we hope to be able to publish a collection of these anecdotes. Such a publication would serve both to provide valuable insights into the behaviour of whales and dolphins, and also to make people generally more aware of the value of protecting these gentle, intelligent creatures.

I enclose a copy of a questionnaire we would very much like you to include in your next Club Newsletter. We would, of course, be happy to cover printing costs if necessary.

I hope you will be able to help us in what promises to be a very exciting programme, and which will, ultimately, be to the benefit of all whales and dolphins.

Yours sincerely,

S. L. Hensde

Dr Stephen Whiteside,
 Vice-President,
 Project Jonah Victoria.

Enc.

John has received this letter, no doubt after the mention of Dolphins playing around his boat as reported in October Fathoms. Should any V.S.A.G. member have similar experiences I am sure Project Jonah would be pleased to hear about it. ❀

"THE DOWNLOW MEDAL"

AN AWARD FOR CLUB DIVING PARTICIPATION

A competition allowing members of the Melbourne Bottom Scratchers, and Marine Diving Group and the Victorian Sub-Aqua Group to vie for some valuable prizes will be run during 1986.

The idea for the competition is the brainchild of John Gibson, of John's Dive Shop, and John Lawler of V.S.A.G., with support from the committee of the three clubs who are keen to see some "vigour" injected into the club diving scene, and John Gibson has donated some excellent prizes in conjunction with his suppliers.

First Prize: A "NEPTUNE" top of the range 7mm Pro "divers ensemble" (we used to call them wetsuits), supplied courtesy of John's Dive Shop and Neptune Aquasuits - value \$ 380.00.

Second Prize: An 88 cubic foot alloy cylinder, supplied courtesy of John's Dive Shop and R. Wallace Mitchell - value \$ 270.00.

Plus at least 2 runner-up prizes to be provided by the participating clubs, consisting of three 2 dozen packs of beer and one hamper of seafood.

The object of the competition is to enthuse club divers and to provide an incentive to support the club itinerary. It is also aimed to foster club interaction, friendship and friendly competition. Winners will be chosen on the basis of the greatest number of club dives undertaken by a club member.

To make verification of dives possible, only club dives will be eligible for inclusion. The three participating clubs have similar interests and itineraries, and an effort will be made by the club committee to maintain a close similarity during 1986.

Dive eligibility will be determined as follows:

1. It must be a scheduled club dive between 1/1/86 and 31/12/86.

2. All venues are included, even club trips overseas (the latter mainly because of the technical difficulties in excluding them).
3. Dives must be performed using SCUBA or hookah.
4. Excludes any unsafe acts such as solo anchor retrieval.
5. Any disputes arising will be arbitrated by the club members making up the steering committee.

After each club dive, divers wishing to participate in the competition are to voluntarily approach the Dive Leader, who will record their names and number of dives for the day on a provided entry sheet. These sheets will be passed on to a co-ordinator appointed by each club committee, who will act as a record-keeper. The progress of the competition will be monitored quarterly by the competition steering committee consisting of the three Club Presidents and John Gibson.

The deserving winners will be announced and the prizes presented early in 1987 at a special social function, the venue and date of which are yet to be decided.

The rest is up to you - support your Club! ♦

DECO STOPS

by Keith Jensen

Vetran V.S.A.G. diver seen recently retrieving a boat at Sorrento ramp early Sunday morning, seems that he had spent Saturday night bird watching on mud island with his sons; Paul said that he is going to do some sierious diving soon.

Welcome mat was definately not out at the Marlo Caravan Park, we were read the Riot Act before we even took possession of our vans. The proprietress was definately a test pilot in the broom factory.

While enjoying an ale or two at Marlo on Friday evening Alex remarked that Geoff would be arriving soon. Johno said that he did not think so as Geoff had rang the previous evening enquiring "how far past Port Campbell is Marlo".

A nice new red Haines made its club debut at Marlo, captained by Alistair, a few modifications required to make it a dive boat, including wiring up the bilge pump.

Andy had a little bad luck on our first day out his outboard suffered an internal haemorrhage which put his boat out of action for the rest of the trip. Andy's luck changed on the last day with a good catch of crays.

Bazza made a quick trip down and even dived in the cold, cold water, yes Barry it was cold even I felt it.

Must be cray season again, Dave Henty-Wilson was seen at a meeting. Daves first love these days is flying Ultra Light Planes.

Bill Hayes had a short spell in hospital suffering from a slipped disc. We all hope to see Bill up and about again.

Big Mick had a brief trip to Singapore, Mick is tending to become a jet setter what with a Fairlane and overseas trips, what next Mick?

Deco Stops was arrazed at Tony's revelation in Tit Bits last month. Tony just how do you do 1,000 dives in a year!

Seems as if the Secretary's report hit a few nerves many new hands raised to move and second motions at last months meeting, good work Don!

June and Marie knocking back a few drinks at the tennis day barbeque, getting in practice for the Christmas camp girls?!

Des Williams is certainly the expectant father, supervising Julie's pre-natal exercises. Des said that as he was at the laying of the keel he is not going to miss the launching.

V.S.A.G. TENNIS PARTY - 25TH NOVEMBER, 1985

by Des Williams

Another very enjoyable day with great company and a convivial atmosphere.

We played plenty of tennis in beautiful sunny conditions on the Balnarring tennis courts. Great to see an excellent turn up of members, friends and families. What with children collecting tennis balls and running across the courts, and V.S.A.G.'ers bashing the ball back and forth, everyone seemed to have a good time.

Those with some energy left, competed in the V.S.A.G. Mile, although many people expressed some disappointment at our ageing handicappers' ability to space out the contestants. Yes, you guessed it, Peter Jensen won the Mile for the third time in a row. Congratulations Peter, but beware next year when we get a new handicapper! Sarah Catherall was first lady home in the race.

At the close of the race, everyone settled down in their chairs and got down to some serious drinking and eating. Our Social Secretary, John Lawler, introduced Tony Tipping who made prize presentation to Alex Talay who won the tennis singles and Kathy Jensen and Alex Talay who won the doubles.

Tony made his usual speech about the history of this most popular day on the V.S.A.G. calendar and only four members fell asleep during Tony's oration.

Our many thanks must go to both Tony and Paul Tipping and their wives Margaret and Lesley for their hospitality. Their generosity always makes this a fantastic day and Sunday 25th November was no exception. ❀

SPlice THE MAINBRACE

by Keith Jensen

In 1687, following the conquest of Jamaica the Royal Navy introduced the ration of one pint of neat rum to each man and one half pint to each boy aboard.

Admiral Vernon concerned with the high incidence of drunkenness in his fleet ordered that the mens and boys ration of rum be diluted by adding 1 quart of water and that it be issued in two halves at noon and at 6.00 p.m. daily.

Admiral Vernon's nickname in the fleet was "Old Grogam", from the material of which his cloak was made, and the watered down rum was given the name "Grog". The word groggy is derived from too large an intake of the spirit. The daily issue of grog was made up by the purser in a Grog Tub, a cut down cask which had inscribed upon it in brass letter "God Save The King" (or Queen). The mixture of three quarts water to one part rum was always made in the presence of an officer to protect the seamen from being given a short allowance of rum by adding to much water. "To Drown the Miller" an old expression used by sailors to indicate that more than the statutory amount of water had been added by the purser to make the rum go further and pocket the profits for himself.

Any grog that was left after the daily issue was known as "Plush". Official instructions were that any plush after the daily issue was to be poured into the scuppers and allowed to run overboard to prevent anyone getting more than his ration but seamen were adapt at saving such waste.

The evening issue of grog was abolished in the Royal Navy in 1824 and the daily ration reduced to one gill (one quarter of a pint) in 1850. A traditional navy term Splice the Main Brace is used for serving out an additional tot of rum. In sailing ship days the Main Brace was Spliced after a period of severe exertion in heavy weather more as a pick-me-up for the crew than any other purpose.

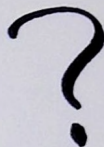
Now since 1970, rum is no longer issued to the Navy it is no longer possible to Splice the Main Brace. ✱

DIVE/SOCIAL CALENDAR DEC.-JAN. 1985/86

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>Dive Captain</u>	<u>Meet At</u>
Dec 18	General Meeting North Melbourne Football Club		8.00 p.m.
Dec 26	Christmas Trip Byron Bay	Tony Tipping for details 80 4956	
Jan 12	"Perves Hole"	John Goulding Sorrento B/Ramp 890 6634	9.30 a.m.
Jan 19	To Be Arranged	Contact Paul Tipping 387 2027	Saturday 18th
Jan 25, 26, 27	Refuge Cove	Details November Fathoms	
Feb 9	Flinders Area	John Lawler 569 9851	Flinders B/Ramp 9.30 a.m.
Feb 12	General Meeting North Melbourne Football Club		8.00 p.m.
Feb 15	Tidal River	Mick Jeacle for details 059 71 2786	
March 8, 9, 10	Cape Conran	Pay Reynolds 789 1092	Burbang Caravan Park
March 19	General Meeting North Melbourne Football Club		8.00 p.m.
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