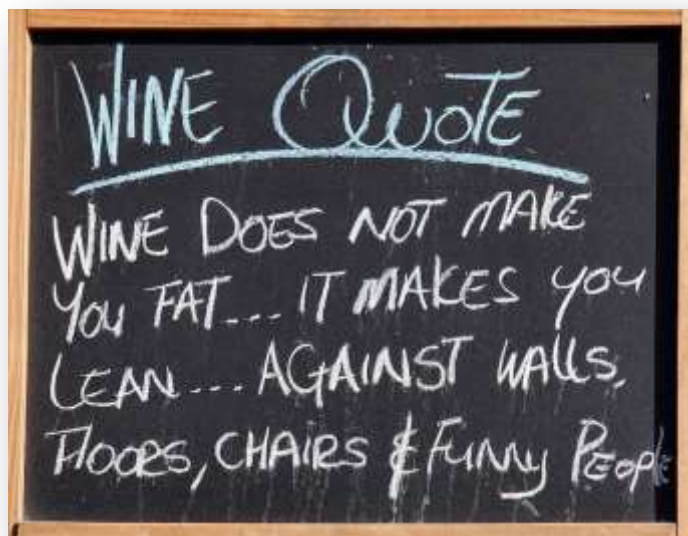




SHAG ISLET CRUISING YACHT CLUB

## Newsletter 45 – 2,588 “Vice Commodores”

**“Exclusively Non – Exclusive”**



### Story “Cruising Helmsman”



Rod “Vice commodore” St Kilda has submitted a story about his experience of the Rendezvous 2013. His story has been published in the current (November) issue which is now in your newsagent.

A Big welcome to “Cruising Helmsman” as a sponsor of the SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous.

# **Christmas in Brisbane**

## **And**

### **Prostate cancer Foundation Presentation**



The formal presentation of the Cheque to the PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION will be held at the SICYC Christmas Party, at

**ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON (RQYS)**

**6 December 2013 ... 6.30pm for 7pm**

Once again RQYS are looking after us the meal is \$30 per head. Payment can be made in cash at Sundowners at Raby Bay any Wednesday afternoon to Max and Merna or Ken and Rhonda, by “Cheque” or “Money Order” payable to **Ken Thackeray** (with covering identifying note) post to P.O. Box 5028, Manly Q 4179, by Bank Transfer to BSB 084 501 ACCT NUMBER 49086 9584 (Tagged ... Xmas and your surname).

**Payments to be made NLT 30 November 13.....this cut off will apply as payment must be made in advance..**

Come dressed in the Christmas Theme ....



Bring along some "Crazy Secret Santa Gift" to the value of \$15 for your gender ... Santa and his helper will hand out the gifts ....

The Staff of the PCFA will be present to receive the \$40,587.55 Cheque and sponsors will be recognised and thanked ... A Group photo will be taken by a professional photographer ...

**The festive menu for the evening....**

Main: Roast Beef, Glazed Ham, Roast Potato, Roast Pumpkin, Seasonal Vegetables, 2 x salads, Condiments, and Breadrolls

Dessert: Christmas Pudding

Tea & coffee

Buffet Serve

**Westies Xmas Bash**

**Barefoot Bowls and Barbee \$35 per Head**

**Mosman Park Bowls Club**

**39 Bay View Tce, Mosman Park, Perth**

**Saturday 21 December**

**Includes your green and bowls hire, instructor and the use of the hall/patio/bbq area.**

**kitchen and bar facilities, self cook barbee, salads & rolls**

**5.30pm onwards**

**Payment essential when booking ..Call Lorraine on 0400 233 803or email [brentlor@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brentlor@bigpond.net.au)**

## Melbourne Cup Cruise



All of those "Vice Commodores" booked for the Melbourne Cup Cruise on the P&O Jewel, meet at the Pool Bar onboard at 5pm 2 Nov 13 (wear your SICYC Polos). Bookings for the Pre Melbourne Cup Dinner at Pier 3 on 4 Nov 13 are now closing..

See you there....

## Grow your Mo for Movember "Mens Health Month"



Daryl "Vice Commodore" Port Hughes SA is hosting a shave off to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research in co operation with Hogs Breath Café Raby Bay in Brisbane South. Daryl has organised hairdressers for the "Shave Off" and raffle prizes ....

Individual "Shave Offs" will be auctioned ..

When is it on .. Wednesday 20 November 2013...



Grow your Mo or wear a Mo ...

Support Hogies and Daryl in raising money and have some  
fun!!!!

## **Sail Away Tahiti 2014**



**Contact Mariner Boating to book your berth!!!**

**Free Call 1300 131 724 (outside Sydney metro area)**

**Tel: 61 02996 1244 ... [info@marinerboating.com.au](mailto:info@marinerboating.com.au) ... [www.marinerboating.com.au](http://www.marinerboating.com.au)**

**The SICYC Tahiti Sailaway, is from April 13-23, 2014 around the Leeward Islands, has a fascinating itinerary. This article from Vice Commodore Maggie Joyce (Burns Bay) highlights the benefits and features of Tahiti.**

### **The Wow Factor of Tahiti**

In Bora Bora one of the 'must do' things we were told to do was to snorkel along the drop-off in the lagoon. There are manta rays in the lagoon. As a notorious sceptic I was sceptical and as much as I hate to get up too early the best time to go was first light – before the tourist traffic.

The water is so warm it wraps around you like a shawl so I went with the merry morning contingent to the spot where we were to leave the dinghy and we all slipped quietly into the water. Sure enough there is a drop off so snorkelling along it was the go.

It was the sort of thing you do when sailing in tropical waters of the Tahitian Islands. We had also been involved in an island fish hunt where we waded through the shallow waters like a mob of rowdy Ozzies (which we were) driving the fish into a net that was then closed off and hauled ashore. Guess what? Fish! Enough for all - and thrown onto a pit of pre-prepared hot coals they were a real treat.

We were part of the Tahiti Pearl Regatta back in the days of its inception and the event is still held every year in these beautiful waters. Starting in Raiatea and racing to Bora Bora the regatta then has a leisure day to enjoy this area before Tahaa and Huahine Islands all with their warm lagoons of tranquil waters to enjoy.

If you happen to enjoy taking the odd photo this is the place to really get excited about. Paul Gauguin found the light so incredible, (not to mention the beautiful women), that he never returned to his native France. It is nearly impossible to take a photo that does not have the 'wow' factor.

The only way for me to ever return to Tahiti is on a yacht – the ability to slip into the sea at will and explore the sea life and corals is too good to pass up.

And yes I did swim with the manta ray – this graceful, enormous, gentle, creature came slowly up the escarpment under me, turned slowly to the left and glided away again. I nearly choked with joy!



**Mariner Boating Holidays were a Major Sponsor of the SICYC Rendezvous 2013**

**You may book now by calling Emma at Mariner Boating holidays on 1300 131 724 or +61 2 9966 1244.**



## Cruising at Magnetic Island



Gary and Tiana "Vice commodores" Groper Point and Seagull Reef on SV Razzle Dazzle have been exploring Magnetic Island, and have met fellow shaggers on their travels and have been promoting SICYC.

Tiana said "I still have my wrist band on ... as does the lady we met this morning!!!" ... "Man! I LOVE being a Shagger!"

## SICYC Sundowners at Breakwater Marina

If you are in the Townville area, join the local "Vice Commodores" at Breakwater Marina for Sundowners on Friday 1

Nov 13 ... BYO

## Advertisement

**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE ..**

Worn once by mistake.

## Once around the Block



VC Savusavu & VC Rangiroa, French Polynesia .. sailing " Around The Block "

After an epic passage leaving from Brisbane QLD in May 2012, stopping at many places on the trip round, including the 2012 SICYC Rendezvous, we have made it to Fremantle and have met up with several of the SICYC Westie's members.



All it took was a quick FB message to Lorraine VC Ocean Reef Marina, a couple of phone texts later and it was on. "It" being a gathering of the Westie's SICYC onboard our boat ALANA ROSE on a lovely sunny Saturday afternoon. We were positioned right in front the FSC clubhouse with the racing boats coming home. A great bunch of very friendly Shaggers, the Westie's. Many tall tales and good stories were spun. Thanks Lorraine for getting us all together.



Shaggers in Albany WA - VCs Dingo Beach Albany WA Geoff Buchart and Mistaken Island Ingrid Walker with VCs Savusavu John Jenks and Rangiroa Nancy Jenks at the Farmers Market in the Boat Shed on the waterfront at Albany's new marina complex.



## **A Thank you from the Whitsunday VMR**

### An extract from the VMR Newsletter

As part of their prostate cancer fundraising the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) recently held a rendezvous at Montes Resort (Hydeaway Bay) for several days. On Sunday, 25th August a Pirates Lunch was held at the Dingo Beach Hotel to raise funds for VMR Whitsunday.

Whitsunday Transit donated a 21 seat Toyota Coaster bus which Ray Lewis drove and the Dingo Beach Hotel provided a 12 seat mini bus to shuttle the Pirates from Montes Resort to the Dingo Beach Hotel.

Abel Point Marina donated a fabulous prize - a month's free berth for a vessel up to 15 metres. This was auctioned off for \$1500. Also a raffle was held that raised \$1600 from prizes donated by businesses in the Whitsundays. All proceeds from the selling of tickets for these raffles went to VMR Whitsunday.

In the evening a spit roast and music was provided and every one had a great day.

VMR Whitsunday would like to thank Ken and Rhonda Thackeray (SICYC) for organising the event and being the auctioneer, Dingo Beach Hotel, staff and providers, businesses in the Whitsunday and our own VMR Volunteers Rod Wilson, Dean Kowitz, Kirby Lee Que and John Caldwell. Paul Coggan and Ron McCall also assisted in collecting prizes in Airlie Beach and Proserpine. This event is growing larger every year and we would like more volunteers to get behind it.

**Confucius Say:**

**Joke is like sex.**

**No good .... if you don't get it.**

### **The Big Squid.. Believe it or not !!!**

#### Story by Warwick "Vice Commodore" Big Woody Island



George and Maree

George & Maree VCs Kingfisher Bay & Tin Can Bay took "Warp Drive" over to Kingfisher Bay for a couple of days relaxing at anchor around the yottie friendly resort on Fraser Island. First day at sunrise George surveys the crystal clear water and spots the biggest squid he has ever seen besides "Warp Drive". Frantic call for the Squid jig had 1st mate & skipper jigging like the bag in the tea cup but to no avail would the squid from 40,000 leagues under the sea would take the shiny bait. After 45 minutes George hails a passing dinghy to come over and help catch the monster. The bod in the dinghy started laughing to the tears ran down his face into the water enough to change the tide, Poor George & Maree were trying to catch the reflection of their stainless steel BBQ dancing on the water, so if you want to catch squid you know who to call!

**Sent in By Warwick "Vice Commodore" Big Woody Island**



## Cubaney Rum Supports SICYC and The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia



Greeting Shaggers,

Following on from the success of the latest Monty's gathering we at Cubaney Rum have decided to pass on some well earned discount to fellow members.

For those not lucky enough to be present, Cubaney rum was used throughout the weekend at the rum bar , as well as a treasure chest of aged rums donated that went to the highest bidder.

Cubaney have decided to offer 10% off anything in the range to members who purchase online until July 2014.

This 10% of sales collected will be handed over in the form of a cheque (made out to The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia) at the SICYC "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous 2014 proceeds going towards Prostate Cancer.

If you are a rum drinker or have friends that are get behind this great offer, fill your chest with rum and in turn donate.

Simply go online, place your order and enter the coupon code below when you're in the shopping cart.

COUPON CODE      shag

ONLINE SALES      [www.larumblaimports.com.au](http://www.larumblaimports.com.au)

Regards

Justin "Vice Commodore" Mc Beans Pond .. Cubaney Rum...

**Master Chef**



## "Vice Commodore" Location INVOICE

In late June this year we sailed into Island Head, not expecting that Jan "Vice Commodore" Island Head was working on her cruising kitty by charging rent for anchorage ....

She paddled her canoe over and issued us this this receipt...



Watch out for her !!!!! This could be expensive !!!!!



VICE COMMODORE ISLAND HEAD  
C/- Yacht 'MOONGLADE'  
QLD

To: K & R THACKERAY  
Yacht 'MYSTIQUE'

## TAX INVOICE

For Services Rendered:

Rental of anchoring space June 2013	\$5000.00
Plus GST	<u>500.00</u>
	\$5500.00
	=====

**Payment due by 5pm today.**

No excuses accepted. Payment to be in the form of smiles, hugs and companionship. Failure to pay this account will result in eviction from the premises by 1 July 2013.

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## **We settled with Hugs**

## Don't forget "Shaggy"... The SICYC Courtesy Car at Airlie Beach



Shaggy is positioned at Airlie Beach for short term use by cruising SICYC "Vice Commodores". The Vehicle has been Donated and insured by (Mike and Linda "Vice Commodores" Flatholm and Steepholm (Redland Yellow Cabs).

*The vehicle will be for use by cruising SICYC "Vice Commodores" only.*

Shaggy is managed by Colin and Kerry "Vice commodores" North Tinpot Bay TAS and The Quarries TAS and will be located at Quadrant Marine in Abel Point Marina Complex.

Shaggy is for use by SICYC "Vice Commodores" only, and is available for a maximum period of 3hrs for local area use. [To book phone Quadrant Marine on 0749464033](tel:0749464033). When you pick up the car you must show your SICYC membership card and your drivers licence. Before returning the car, fill it with fuel and on return we ask that you make a donation to The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (a donation tin is on the counter at Quadrant Marine).

## SV illerom on the cover of Cruising Helmsman



**SV illerom is owned By Brett and Kate "Vice Commodores" Kindred Bay and Twilight Inlet..... Great Photo !!!**

## SICYC Discounts at Sorrentos Airlie Beach



**Sorrentos Restaurant and Bar at Abell Point Marina, Airlie Beach offers SICYC "Vice Commodores" 10% off their total bill . Includes drinks and meals.**

**Vice Commodores must show their SICYC Life Membership Card and the discount applies only to the individual member and therefore will not apply to a group unless all members of the group are "Vice Commodores".**

**Also Patrik ( a Vice Commodore" and owner of Sorrento) welcomes SICYC members to Sundowners on Wednesday...**

## Taking the Salute... The SICYC Racing Team



Valhalla ... the SICYC entry in the Hammo Race Week .. Taking the salute in uniform Naturally !!!!

## Airlie Hogies



SUNDOWNERS at Hogs Breath Airlie Beach ...

Sorry about the blurry photo ... *they were all drunk...*

Oxymorons ... Something to think about ....

Found Missing ???, Near Miss ???, Death Benefits ???, and Government Organization ???

## A Story from Warren “Vice Commodore” Burnett river

### BURNETT RIVER 2013 AUSTRALIA DAY FLOOD

They said the flow was clocked at 40kn in parts, I have little doubt about that after my experience.

EMMA JANE (a 46' Gaff Rigged Steel Ketch) was tied to the trees at the back of our house on the Burnett River and we had let out 60' of extra scope on my 2 ton moorings, 1 for and 1 aft. The heavy rain came and the river had flooded to a worrying height, not much sleep happening at our house that night. At midnight there was a loud bang and a neighbour said that Emma Jane had been hit and was taken down river. At 4.30 the next morning, I set off in pursuit in my rubber duck 3m Niad and 9.9 hp. I was at Emma Jane's side within minutes in the swift current. It was at a 45 degree angle, beam to current with a ferro yacht leaning on her. A massive gumtree branch between the 2 masts. The bowsprit was broken off and bent round the opposite way, davits flattened and railings bent in. 1<sup>st</sup> thing I did was start the engine and see what was working everything seemed OK, so after a lot of thinking, I got to work to get out of my situation. Emma Jane has 2 powerful winches 1 fore and one aft so with them and blocks I winched the ferro boat off. The current caught it and dragged the boat forward both masts crashed down onto the cabin and snaring the gumtree branch with it. After emptying the fridge of everything drinkable I managed to winch Emma Jane upright with the help of the motor (a 140 hp Bedford) and dug a hole with the prop. Forward and backwards a few inches at a time. Engines stalling chewing up vines and branches with the prop. While this was going on 2 guys in a 20' power boat arrived and offered assistance, they said they were salvages, I said I was doing OK, but suggested a tow would help! They got a line on my bow, the current got hold, laid them stern to and they sank in seconds. I saw them being taken away at a great rate of knots, I was quickly in pursuit in my dinghy, they were clinging to mangroves a mile away from my boat – it took ages to get back to the boat in the current which I estimated at about 12 kn in the mangroves. Finally after pulling up more rigging out of the water we broke free and out into the main stream. Dragging the tree which had taken the masts down. After gaining steering and pushing Emma Jane to Max speed I had control of our destiny which was a safe anchorage just before the cable ferry which was now washed away. It took a week before the river slowed and safe enough to return home. The salvage boat was fully ensured.

*In the future, the slightest hint of a flood we are out of the mooring area and heading for a safer anchorage.*

*Brave and Lucky!!!!!!*

### The Westies October “Meet UP”

A few days ago the “Westies” had a get together at Hogies Mindarie .... Mainly to catch up (as they do) however, October is a good month for the WA “Vice Commodores” as four celebrated their Birthdays:

Mary, Lorraine, Andy, and Ros “Vice Commodores” Haringvreter, Ocean Reef Marina, Coral Bay, and Twilight Cove ...





## A Flotilla at Pancake Creek

On their way home .....



## Sundowners at Bundy Port Marina



Wayne, Vice Commodore of The Port of Bundaberg once again hosted the [Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club](#) First Friday night of the month sundowners at Bundaberg Port Marina. A great roll up with about 30 people attending. A big thankyou to Geoff from the [Bundaberg Port Marina](#) for the contribution of 2 fabulous large prawn platters- they were enjoyed by everyone.

## SICYC Hooks and Anchors Night at Redlands Sporting Club (Brisbane )





Thanks to Rondha "Vice Commodore" Slade Point for the extra ordinary effort in hosting the "Hooks and Anchor" night (funny money), the logistics behind this event was incredible..... everybody had a great night.

**Well organised Rondha!!!**

### A UK visit..

David and Eileen "Vice Commodores" Leith and Musselburgh on a visit to the UK .. stopped off at their "Vice commodore" locations



**Eileen "Vice Commodore Musselburgh**



**David "Vice Commodore" Leith**  
... In the background is the Royal Yacht Britannia ... Permanently docked now at Leith ...

***He should be charging berth fees !!!!!***



### A Maritime Festival in the Desert



Heather "Vice Commodore" Bourbon at the Burning Man Festival

### How has your day been ????



### It didn't get away



Gerard "Vice Commodore" Sorrento Victoria of SV Spike ... Good Catch!!!

## Dingo Beach Lunch



The Hydeaway Bay and Dingo Beach "Vice Commodores" having lunch and a drink at the Dingo Beach Pub and planning for the 2014 rendezvous..

## This could happen

I was Travelling down the Queensland coast road, I needed to use the toilet. I stopped at a rest area, headed for the toilet, went into the cubicle - and this is what happened.



"Hi, how are you?"

Now ... I'm not the type to start a conversation in a toilet and I don't know what got into me, but ...

I answered...

"Doin' just fine!"

then the other person said:

"So what are you up to?"

What kind of question is that?  
I'm thinking .... this is too bizarre ...

so I said:

"Uhhh, I'm like you, just traveling!"

At this point I was just trying to get out as fast as I could when I heard another question.

"Can I come over?"

OK, this question was just too weird for me but I figured  
I would just be polite and end the conversation ....

so I said:

**"No. I'm just a little too busy right now !!!"**

Then I hear the person say nervously...

**"Listen, I'll have to call you back. There's an idiot in the other cubicle  
who keeps answering all my questions."**

## **Sundowners at Hammo every Saturday**



The Hamilton Island "Vice Commodores" meet every Saturday at the Marina Tavern for Sundowners .. if you are visiting Hammo put your SICYC Polo on and Say Hi to the local "Vice Commodores"

## **They missed the 2013 Rendezvous however, joined the celebration**



These Shaggers couldn't make the Rendezvous however, they had our own Rendezvous on Yanks Jetty Hazard Bay Orpheus Island.

Yachts Billabong, Echo Beach, and Muscat 7

## **SICYC In the family**



Jeremy Vice Commodore Motuihe Island and his Daughter at the SICYC "Vive Commodore" Rendezvous

## Photos of the Rendezvous from Rossie "Vice commodore" Wavebreak Island



A photo set taken by Rossie "Vice Commodore" Wavebreak Island at the Rendezvous

## SUNDOWNERS at Townsville Breakwater Marina



The Townsville "Vice Commodores" were joined by Graeme and Marlene ( caravan shaggers) at their get together at Breakwater Marina 27 Sept 13.

**The next Sundowners at Breakwater Marina will be Friday 1 Nov 13 .. All are welcome to attend..**

Thanks Lynda...



Thank you to Kirsty ....

She raised \$150 for the PCFA from the sales of her SICYC cushion covers ..

Jan “Vice Commodore” Island Head shares a personal secret **Some People ?????**



They have everything on SV “Moonglade”

A Dazzling Police Officer



Daz “Vice Commodore” Coal Bay ..... A Polynesian / SICYC Police Officer at the Rendezvous ????

“Vice Commodore” Pop performing at KC’s



Pop “Vice Commodore”Glastonbury ... entertaining at KC’s Airlie Beach

**Great Music Pop !!!**



## SICYC invited to speak at Probus Cleveland



Ken was invited as guest speaker at Probus Cleveland (Qld) .... A number of Probus members are boaties and have subsequently joined SICYC and more significantly the group[ was very interested in our Charity ....

## Brisbane Boat Centre donates to PCFA

Thanks Grahame for your support!!!

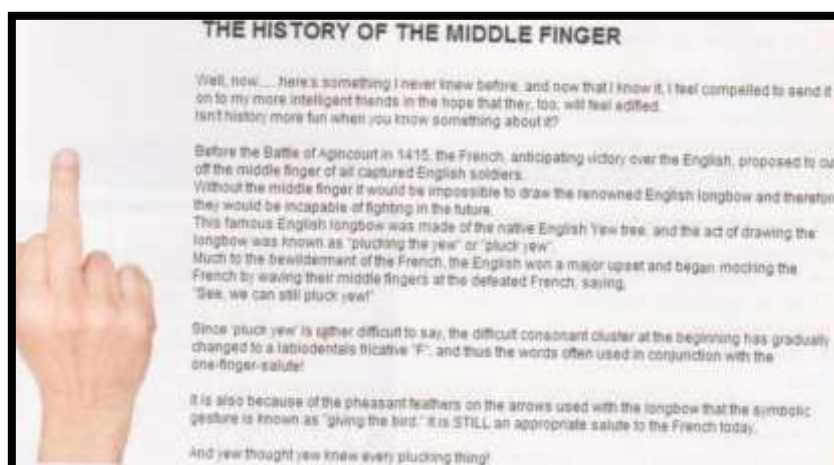
Colin and Elizabeth Veitch, VCs Pippon and Howick Islands, who are new to boats and boating in general, were so impressed with the service they received from Grahame O'Brien, VC Moreton. Grahame's business is not just selling boats. He also sells goods on consignment which makes his yard an interesting place to visit with cars and jet skis scattered amongst the boats he has for sale. He also stores boats and caravans in his yard and is well placed in the Cleveland/Raby Bay area.

Survival ??? .. another thought for the grab bag ???

Not recommended as Life Saving Equipment



## Did You Know



## Join the Skipr.net Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club Page....



Let your SICYC friends and family know where your boat is ... A great way of keeping track with other "Shaggers" when you are on the water – it's easy register .

Here are step by step, illustrated instructions:

1. **Register your boat**

2. Report your boat's position , using either:

- **Basic web page**
- **iPhone or Android phone**

**Skipr Plus** subscribers can also report their position via:

- **Email only**
- **Satellite phone (using UUPlus)**

We also have a five page pdf with a detailed description of the **Position Reporting Options**.

Do you have a question? Email [support@skipr.net](mailto:support@skipr.net)

**After registration go to [addboat@skipr.net](mailto:addboat@skipr.net) to have your boat placed on the SICYC page.**

## Simple Advertising

Sara "Vice Commodore" Manly saw this sign while on holidays in the UK ....







**Cheers and Keep Smiling !!!!**  
**Rhonda and Ken "Vice Commodores" Caves Cove and Raby Bay**

**If you are planning an SICYC Party in your area .. let us know !!!!**



***Remember them !!!! 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month...***