

Dick Fidock Reunion



CREW CALL

It started out as an idea for a quiet catch up but in the end more than 60 people attended Dick Fidock's 'Crew Call' sailing reunion at the Club in April.

Over a few glasses of bubbles in the new patio area, Leeanne McGrath, Helen Fidock and I mused on the idea of getting together as many of Dick's crew members as we could. We thought many people might wish to pay tribute to the man who for decades was so instrumental in furthering the sailing knowledge of so many people.

Get a group of yachties in a room and it's never long before the offshore, inshore and cruising yarns begin. With Dick sitting in a chair on stage we proceeded to 'roast' him in true Hollywood style. Tim Dunn took the crowd on a journey back in time regaling us all with anecdotes from the days of *Kestrel* (notorious for all the wrong reasons) through to *As Good As It Gets*. Video messages from Tyson Lamond and Andrew Sales revealed other stories of the man who, in the words of Geoff Boettcher, could "clog a dunny on board and blame you with the same finesse he greets the Governor".

Graeme Footer recognised Dick's contribution off-water noting that the Club we know today might not exist without the vision of Dick and the early founding members.

We gave Dick the right of reply but, gentleman that he is, he merely thanked everyone for attending, adding that he "may have owned the yachts" but that "nothing would have been achieved without the wonderful crews he has been lucky enough to have through the years".

A slideshow of snapshots rolled on the screens and a bound book, complete with photos of each yacht and pages for attending crew members and friends to sign, was presented at the end of a fabulous afternoon and evening of mingling and reminiscing.

Thank you to all who attended and this event reminded us that a good old get-together for no particular reason is always a great idea.

We have a few other people lined up in the cross hairs for future 'roasts' so watch this space!

Traci Ayris



Sandy Quin, Dick Fidock and Keith Finch



Helen and Dick Fidock