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# NEWSLETTER

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## Concessions to NCYC Members

**NCYC Bar** —with membership card  
When purchasing cold beverages:  
\* 10% for Full Members  
\* – 5% for Social and Crew members

### Cote D Azur

Excluding any pre-advertised item:  
\* 10% discount to any NCYC member  
staying with them,  
[www.cotedazurnelsonbay.com.au](http://www.cotedazurnelsonbay.com.au)

### East Coast Marine and Sail

\* 10% discount on selected items.  
\* 02 4961 1663.

### Cherry Lane Cottage, Gulgong

\* 10% accommodation discount to NCYC  
members.  
<http://cherrylanecottage.com.au/>

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Dear Member,

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Limited was held on Monday, 12 July 2010. A good attendance was noted.



### Commodore's Message

The meeting confirmed the re-election of the current board and this endorsement is appreciated by all concerned. Your Board looks forward to the challenges of the coming year that will hopefully see further growth in Club activities around the Clubhouse and competitive sailing.

There are matters that will occupy the Boards thinking in the early part of the year and these relate to ensuring that our assets are adequately maintained, especially the marina, and that we continue, through the Sailing Committee, headed by our Rear Commodore, to provide challenging and professional events for our sailors and visitors.

The spring racing season commences with our Founder's Day Parade and Blessing of the Fleet. This is a fun day for both participants and spectators and a good opportunity for all members to enjoy the atmosphere of the clubhouse post racing. You will find the on- water program for that day on p 13, and more details about activities back at the Club on p3.

At the time of writing this a number of our members will be competing in the 25th Audi Sydney to Gold Coast Race: Tony Purkiss and his crew on NCYC yacht, *Mister Christian*; Anthony Patterson and his very successful ocean racing crew on *Aroona* (RMYC); Anthony Williams crewing on *Exile* (shogun) (CYCSA) and; Sibylla MacFadyen crewing on *LMR Solar* (Frantic) (LMYC). We wish them every success.

The Board and I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

*Phil Arnall*, Commodore



In the bar after the  
AGM,

Commodore Phil Arnall had  
presented Immediate Past  
Commodore Bruce Hansen  
with a framed NCYC  
Commodore Pennant

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# Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

MARINA - COMMERCIAL CENTRE - LEASED BOATYARD - LICENSED PREMISES

Dear Member,

Well the Winter section of 2010 is not far from disappearing and being forgotten. The Club has had wonderful support from its members and their guests over this period, with trading figures above and beyond the same time last year. Thank you.

This means we are heading towards our busier trading times so if you are thinking of a party or function please contact Nina our Function Coordinator sooner rather than later.

Once again, thank you,

*Roy Baker, Chief Executive Officer*

## REMINDER FROM THE DOCKMASTER—

Please return trolleys to the lock-up bay as soon as possible after use.

## "The Galley" .....

When the serious business of the day is done

### TRADING HOURS

Lunch: 12.00 noon to 2.30 pm

Dinner: 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 5 September is

## Founder's Day

Before and after the on water events,  
NCYC is the place to be

### Breakfast -

\$6 Bacon & egg roll  
+ Hash Brown & OJ

OR

\$15 Buffet

### Lunch

The Galley  
serving from noon.  
Extended Trading..

### Dinner

Last orders at  
8.30 pm



Entertainment 3pm to 7pm

## OUR PEOPLE



Chris Zaia has been with NCYC for just over one year, having changed his career path from Storeman to Kitchen Hand.

Chris keeps fit riding his skateboard to work and surfing. His more relaxing pastimes include reading and playing pool.

## THE MARQUEE



Darlene Callen, Robert Jarvie and their guests recently had a wonderful night in the NCYC Marquee celebrating Darlene's birthday.



On

## Founder's Day

WHY NOT WEAR YOUR  
NCYC METAL PIN?

Available for purchase at  
the bar. \$10.00





## FROM VICE COMMODORE JIM HOLLEY and SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The regular Social Committee Sunday \$6 barbecue breakfasts will be continuing during the August break between sailing seasons.



This group of NCYC members was among approximately 80 adults and children who enjoyed the morning sunshine and view during the breakfast barbecue 25 July

2009—2010 Sailing Season Presentation night organised by the Social Committee is promising to be another resounding success.

Tickets for the major raffle to be drawn on that evening are available for purchase from the bar, and are being sold by Social Committee members on Friday nights. See p13 for prize details.

The computer and monitors purchased for the bar area by this committee will be busy as members follow progress of the Sydney—Gold Coast Race on Yacht Tracker.

*Jim Holley, Vice Commodore*

## Getting to know You

Long term NCYC member Doug Bowman will be 92 on 11 December 2010, and together with his wife Gwen, an NCYC member in her own right, continues to be a regular patron at the Club.

Doug's love of the water began when he joined the Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club back in 1931 as an 11 year old and served a three year apprenticeship aboard a Gaff rigged skiff with Horrie Devereaux. Who later became NSW 14' skiff Champion.

There were three crew positions: Skipper; Forward hand and; Bailer. Doug became a master bailer. He was also christened three times during this period and left in the water for the referee to pick up. His 12 year old 6 foot lanky frame came in handy as ballast too, when using a bowline and a bight for safety, and with his "sucker soled" sand-shoes firmly planted on the centreboard, he was required to lean out as far as possible to help keep the boat upright. The two loops forming the bowline and bight were worn with one loop under the shoulders and the other behind the knees.

One of the tricks Horrie used on the harbour was to keep an eye on the two flags on top of the Cathedral. Theory being that once they straightened there was only 30 seconds in which to get the sails set, or be flattened by the incoming southerly buster.

A few years later Doug became apprenticed to Horrie again. This time when he became a joiner and Horrie was Apprentice Master. Doug laughingly comments that a skill he could pass on from his Apprentice Master to the NCYC sailors is how to break every word in the middle to insert a swear word.

In the work force, Doug spent so much time in the back country as a Kloster's Sales rep (when not a Jackaroo) that there was only periodic sailing. This resulted in an on again off again involvement in Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. During this time Dougs' interests turned from sailing to power boats with family holidays spent on the Hawkesbury aboard the Halversens which were available for hire. Doug frequently commented to any who would listen, about the need for private boating facilities in Newcastle Harbour.

A past president of Newcastle Probis Club, Doug talks of many acquaintances of similar opinion. Small wonder that shortly after the NCYC was formed, Doug was approached by George Keegan to "put your money where your mouth is" and has been a loyal member ever since.

A veteran of WW11, Doug, is looking forward to joining other NCYC veterans after the Anzac

Day march 2011. The venue of course will be the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, as it was for 20 or so this year.

Gwen Bowman has been involved with boats and boat builders from an early age. She speaks of her great great grandfather Captain Thomas Boyd, a founding father of the township of Swansea, whose boat the "Turtle" plied between Lake Macquarie and Sydney with cedar logs, cedar shingles etc. James' nephew Thomas Humphries a founding member of Belmont 16 foot club and past Australian 16' Champion followed family traditions as a surf boat and skiff builder and sailor.

Gwen tells that notably, "Swansea Surf Club presented a surf boat built by Thomas Humphries to the Britts" a. This gift can be found exhibited in the Exeter Maritime Museum.



# THE REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT and SAILING

## *From Rear Commodore Paul Gleeson*

Congratulations to the winners of the Winter season, PHS 1<sup>st</sup> Division Anger Management; PHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Warrain; IRC Anger Management, and to all who participated in the series.

The new "White Book" is nearing completion and skippers & crew members can look forward to new courses to keep you on your toes.

The calendar now splits the Summer Season into Spring & Summer with the break occurring at Christmas. The Spring Season commences on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and concludes on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

The LMYC Tour de Lake and the Open Lake Championship are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December and I am hopeful that we can send a contingent down now that the channel has been dredged.

Lady Skippers day has been moved to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and a Christmas Pursuit has been scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

The Summer Season commences on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and concludes on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011.

The big news is that we (in conjunction with the LMYC Etchells Fleet) will be running the Etchells NSW State Titles from the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

We will also be running the Easter Etchells Regatta from the 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010 audience of over a hundred people were really pleased they attended the informative Bureau of Meteorology seminar at NCYC. Thanks to Mary Holley and Gloria Thirkell for their efforts in coordinating this. A full report is on the NCYC web site.

### Coming events at the club include:

New White Book briefing which we are planning for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm. We are also hoping to have Mike Prince, (Director Charting Services, Australian Hydrographic Service) to conduct a briefing on GPS Navigation and updating of paper charts. We would like to have at least one representative from every yacht present. Please watch website for final confirmation and details.

"Try Crewing Day" – this is an initiative by the Boating Industry Association with YNSW and is a somewhat more formal process than the "Try Sailing Day" programs from the past. Please watch the website for details as they are finalised.



Image by Mike Eggleston

## *From the Sailing Office*

The final race of the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore was Sunday 25 July 2010. As usual the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club skippers and crew were highly competitive always leading to closely contested results. Sunday's start was the best I've witnessed during this pointscore with all of the fleet bearing down on the line with one second to spare, very exciting.

The Series Scores are: in PHS Division 1 Anger Management on 10 points followed by Blu Notte on 12 points, in PHS Division 2 Warrain on 13.1 points finished ahead of Mister Christian on 16 points followed by Woodstock on 18 and Winifred on 30 points. In IRC Division Anger Management finished on 8 points. Well done winners and Congratulations to the fleet. Special mention to Winifred, skipper Col Peebles and Long Time Dead skipper Steve Mackay who were the winners of the final race. Col Peebles was heard saying 'look out Division 2 Winifred will be a contender for the Summer Series.' We look forward to congratulating the series winners at the Presentation Evening.

For those of us involved in the winter series it was a series of trials, the Top Yacht online entry system was introduced, and sailing in stormy weather or no wind situations were a challenge and, errors with the incorrect shortening of the course. There were also the days in paradise where the sun broke through the clouds to produce perfect sailing conditions. That's Sailing.

The NCYC Sailing Committee has adopted the TOP Yacht Online entry system for series and casual race registration. The system was trialled for the Winter Pointscore and proved to satisfy all of the committee's needs in yacht, skipper and crew details and entry requirements.

The Top Yacht online entry system allows skippers or skippers' representative to enter the race and to update boat and crew details online from any preferred network using their password for access. Race registration and race updates can also be entered at NCYC using the dedicated computer. Ask at the bar for the keyboard and mouse. The winter series entrants have successfully mastered the program and have assisted the committee in ironing out any difficulties. This has led to a document "Race Day Crew Registration Instructions" being produced to assist future skippers and their representative to navigate the Top Yacht Online Entry Program. Thank you to Gloria and Terri for your skills and ability in producing this document. Go to the NCYC website for the [full Instruction Document](#).

The 2009/ 2010 sailing season concludes with the Presentation of Trophies Evening on 14 August. Please ring the Office to secure your seat or table. The night will see the trophies presented to the Pointscore Winners, the Lady Skipper Winners and the Overall winners. Allen Fairhall's "Gun Boat Trophy" will be presented for the first time. Congratulations on a most successful season.

The 2010/ 2011 Sailing Season opens with the Founders Day Parade and Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday 5 September 2010. Founders Day is a celebration of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and the NCYC Marina and commercial enterprises that support boating at Newcastle. Founders Day Celebration is a traditional celebration of the NCYC Sailing Season opening and includes a blessing, a tug ballet, a trawler event called "cock of the harbour" and yacht races. Sail, parade or watch from the shore, it's a celebration for all of Newcastle. The Boat Parade begins at Queen's Wharf Brewery at midday a good vantage point for spectators. Go to the NCYC web site for entry and a full outline of the day.

*Dianne Fitzgerald Sailing Secretary*



## FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

**A Reminder to Skippers:** You need to have your audit done by 31 August to be considered a starter for the Spring Series 2010. Bookings can be made through the Sailing Office.

### The YNSW Special Regulations Committee has advised of a new PFD requirement from 1 July 2011.

As from 1 July 2011 the 150N requirement comes into effect.

- This date is one month before the usual expiry date of a Safety Category Compliance Certificate. Therefore, there is a recommendation for any boat audited for cat 1 to cat 4 during 2010—2011. It is recommended that if the PFD's and/or spare PFD's are not 150N compliant, the audit form shall have an expiry date of 30 June 2011.
- This would require the skipper of the vessel to obtain a new certificate of compliance at that time in order to complete the final month of the Summer sailing season.
- To avoid this inconvenience, skippers could comply ready for the Audit in August 2010
- Please refer to SR5.01.1 in the "blue book" for 150N requirements: [SR5.01.1 (c) and; 5.01.7 which refers to spare PFD's].

**NCYC Flag Officer's Pennants** - This information is for our non-sailing members, to acquaint with which of our Directors is entitled to fly a pennant when aboard a boat in our fleet.. Each has his own personally identifiable pennant.



**Commodore:**  
Phil Arnall



**Retired Commodore:**  
. Paul Hannan;  
. Bruce Hansen



**Vice Commodore:**  
Jim Holley



**Rear Commodore:**  
Paul Gleeson



**Club Captain:**  
Ernie Thirkell

### NCYC Burgee



Any vessel on the NCYC Boat Register or Supplementary list is entitled to fly the NCYC Club Burgee. These are available for purchase from the Club (\$45). Most Yacht Clubs have displays of Burgees presented by other clubs, or members of those clubs.

*Ernie Thirkell*  
Club Captain

### Memorial service For merchant mariners lost in time of war—Saturday 5th June 2010

This service to recall the loss of thousands of merchant mariners, and to offer support to their families, was attended by a small contingent of NCYC members. School leaders from the Hunter School of Performing Arts, and from Swansea High School each gave an Address. Content this year centred on the destruction of Australian Hospital Ship CENTAUR, East of Moreton Island in 1943. Port Chaplain and NCYC Honorary Chaplain Reverend Garry Dodd led the congregation in prayer. NCYC Club Captain Ernie Thirkell laid a wreath on behalf of our Club.

The 2011 Service will be held on Saturday 4 June, at the Merchant Navy Memorial in the Foreshore Park at 1115. Wet weather venue: Foreshore Park Carriage Shed.



*Left to right:* Kevin Abrahamson (NCYC), Ray Blackburn (NCYC), Kevin Hodges (NCYC), Brian Goddard (TPI Association), Michael Eggleston (NCYC), NCYC Club Captain Ernie Thirkell, Newcastle Port Corporation Harbour Master Captain Tim Turner.



# the Kimberley Coast

■ Part 1

by Jenny Keegan

George and I had travelled from Darwin to Kununurru and along the Gibb River Road to Broome some years previously and it had always been on the agenda to travel by boat up the W.A coast from Broome. Fate stepped in and we couldn't share the experience.

At long last I have been able to live the dream with a trip in May on a boat called "Discovery One" that left on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for a 10 day trip up the coast. The boat has capacity for only 22 passengers and on my trip there were only 17.

We were picked up in Broome from various resorts and travelled by bus to Derby where we boarded "Discovery One" an 82' catamaran. It was a mixed bunch of people aged between forty odd to one in his 80's - mostly married couples, three single women, a father and son and a photographer taking photos for the tour company's brochure and internet.

The first day we headed up the coast and anchored overnight at Crawford Bay. Next morning we arrived at this magnificent pristine beach with beautiful white sand called Silica Beach on Hidden Island, where we all went for a swim. Everywhere you look the colour in the rocks and the rock formations are just so beautiful.

After our swim and lunch back on board we motored into Yampi Sound past Cockatoo Island and its Iron Ore mine then on to Myridi Bay where a brilliant sunset seemed to make the rocks glow red as the twilight caught them.

Next day on to Crocodile Creek for a swim in the fresh water falls and rock pools. It was low tide while we were there and our tour director had to go ahead and check the rock pool under the waterfall to make sure there were no crocodiles there as at high tide the crocodiles can swim into the rock pool.

Story continued p 11



Ladder to  
Crocodile Creek Falls



## Pooch Parade

Meet Jack, an endearing little pooch frequently seen taking Rae and Steve Hassell for a walk past HIS yacht club.

If you haven't spotted Jack on one of those occasions, then undoubtedly you have seen him minding the tree near *The Galley* on alternate weekends while Rae (and sometimes Steve) prepare the Sunday breakfast barbecue.

Jack's duties are of a purely social nature: welcoming anyone who ventures past. A Hassell through and through.

Since arriving here from Geelong, where they took an active role in their Yacht Club, the Hassells have seamlessly slotted into both social and sailing sides of NCYC.

It bears mentioning that Rae impressed the other ladies by sailing their yacht "*Under the Weather*" (with crew of course), from Port Phillip Bay to Newcastle. Steve had already started work in Newcastle. The Hassells immediately joined our sailing fleet to compete regularly.

Rae and Steve are enthusiastically involved in whatever happens around the Club: Crewing (since selling their yacht); Social Committee barbecue; Inner Circle Rum Runners, Friday night raffles; . . . . the list goes on.





## News from **NEWCASTLE PORT CORPORATION**

### **NPC TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF TWO ICONIC PORT SITES**

Two major announcements have recently been made about the transfer of two iconic port sites owned by Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC).

Member for the Hunter Jodi McKay, said the Nobbys Headland and the Carrington Hydraulic Engine House were both being transferred to the Land Property Management Authority (LPMA).

Ms McKay said the decision by the Board of NPC to transfer ownership of Nobbys Headland marked a new beginning for the historic landmark.

She said Nobbys Headland had been included in the NSW Government and Newcastle City Council's draft Coastal Masterplan. The transfer was consistent with aims of the draft Masterplan process.

A Community Trust is being established to manage the headland for which former Member for Maitland, John Price, has been approached to be the community's representative in an honorary capacity.



The view from Nobbys back towards the city CBD

Image courtesy NPC

The Carrington Hydraulic Engine House, also known as the Pump House, has been transferred to Crown Lands under an agreement between NPC and LPMA.

An assessment will be undertaken by LPMA on the scope of restoration required for adaptive re-use of the building.

NPC advises that the heritage listed building was constructed in 1877 to power the port's first hydraulic (water powered) cranes in the Dyke Point area.



The Pump House

Image by Gloria Thirkell

The building is a landmark in Carrington because of its 133-year-old features and regularly attracts attention from diners looking across The Basin from Honeysuckle restaurants and mariners on the harbour.

The construction of an electrical substation to provide power for electric cranes saw the first of the hydraulic cranes removed in 1908 with others being removed during the 1930s and 1960s.

NPC spent about \$385,000 in 1997 on repairs and maintenance of the vacant building.

A further maintenance and restoration project has been undertaken in the past 12 months to preserve the building. About \$570,000 was spent to remove asbestos, demolish outer structures, install security screens, construct a new slate roof and conduct associated maintenance to weatherproof and birdproof the building.

The building still needs external repairs and considerable internal work to be undertaken before it is suitable for occupation.



# Up the River — Part 3

by Tony Windsor



Image by Pru Harper

Tasmaner was one of the Committee Vessels for the Thrifty Easter Etchell Regatta 2009-2010 Sailing Season

## Returning to Newcastle

*Hinton* - Approximately half a nm downstream take a short diversion into the Patterson River. About 400m upstream is the Hinton Bridge and a small floating wharf suitable for craft less than 9 metres. This is an old fashioned steel bridge with an estimated clearance of about 8m. There is good anchorage with good holding in the next 400m from there. A short walk up the levee takes you what many claim to be one of the oldest hotels in Australia: *The Victoria Hotel* at Hinton.

*Patterson* – The Patterson River becomes quite narrow upstream from Hinton, but is still about one and a half to two metres deep. Smaller boats about nine metres length and one metre draft can proceed all the way to the town of Patterson where there is a small public wharf. This will take about two hours at six knots. This is the end of navigable water on the Patterson. Beyond this it becomes too narrow to turn the boat around.

If looking to stay overnight on the river: anchor using fore and aft anchors for safety, and display an anchor light. Suggestions are: a raft up at Morpeth adjacent to the public wharf downstream of bridge; Patterson river just upstream of bridge; Williams River.

Tasmaner is used mainly for holidays and general cruising between Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens, including the Hunter River Estuary, the area they most use. Club members are used to seeing Tasmaner on the water during sailing events as Tony and Geoff have volunteered her as a Committee Vessel, as well as their own services to operate her.

## A summary of river Distances

NCYC to Hexham @ 12.0 nm  
Hexham to Raymond Terrace @ 7.0 nm  
Raymond Terrace to Morpeth @ 10 nm  
Morpeth to Paterson @ 11nm  
Raymond Terrace to Seaham Weir @ 8.0 nm

## ON THE BRIDGE

With Paul McGrath

Problem: Huge hands, like the North hand in the deal shown, don't come along all that often. It is not surprising therefore to find that in these uncommon situations a partnership doesn't always bid to the best contract – a bit like being blown off-course when sailing in unfamiliar waters. And so it came to pass that North/South arrived in the contract of 6H by South rather than the far superior 6C. Why not take up the helm and see if you can steer the ship back onto a winning course? West leads the spade five. You win the ace and decide to play on clubs. If the outstanding clubs divide 3-2 you will have no problems - you will be able to enter your hand with trumps after cashing dummy's club ace and king. However, this plan stalls when you play dummy's ace and the jack falls from East – now you will have to try a different tack - what will it be?

NORTH

♠AKQ72

♥KJ6

♦A65

♣AK

WEST

♠5

♥83

♦K97432

♣8752

EAST

♠JT943

♥7542

♦QT8

♣J

SOUTH

♠86

♥AQT9

♦J

♣QT9643



# NSW Maritime Boating Tips

## Boating and Drinking

Did you know that boat drivers can be random breath tested?

Research by NSW Maritime indicates that alcohol consumption was a factor in over 25% of all deaths on the water since 1992. On a national level, alcohol is linked to 35% of all boating fatalities

## Random Breath Testing (RBT)

In NSW Police conduct breath testing on the water. Police Officers are able to conduct random breath testing on vessel operators if they are underway. Operators of vessels that are moored, berthed or at anchor will not be subject to RBT requirements. Operators however are encouraged to remain under the legal limit when out on the water in case they need to move the vessel.

Boating Safety Officers do not conduct breath testing due to the requirement to have the facility to place a person under arrest. If we feel alcohol has contributed to an accident or we detect someone operating a vessel under the influence we can detain that person until a police unit arrives to conduct a breath analysis. In the case of an incident associated with water skiing both the driver and the observer will be subject to breath analysis.

## What Are The Punishments?

- **1<sup>st</sup> Offence** and low range can bring a fine of up to \$1100:00 and 3 months licence suspension
- **Middle to High range and repeat offences** can attract fines up to \$5,500:00, two years jail and licence suspension for 12 months.
- A Magistrate may also record a **criminal conviction**.

## The permissible concentration of alcohol (PCA) on the water is the same as for the road:

- Commercial Vessel Operator - under 0.02
- Recreational Vessel Operator (under 18 years) - 0.00
- Recreational Vessel Operator (over 18 years) - under 0.05

The Water Police tell me that their strike rate (number of arrests per 100 tests) on the water is much less than roadside tests. This backs my experience as most boat drivers become motorists when they pull the boat out.

The Water Police also inform me that they will breath test yachtsmen even if they claim to be participating in a race.

**One frequently asked question is:** If I am caught under the influence on the water will it affect my Motor Vehicle licence?

**Answer: No it won't**

Yours Aye

Wayne Fitness,

NSW Maritime Boating Officer,  
Hunter/ Inland Region  
[www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)

# Stock Picks & Investment Strategy Update 2010

THE ANNUAL PREMIUM INVESTMENT EVENT

The Newcastle Team of Ord Minnett would like to invite Members & Guests of the NCYC to attend Stock Picks 2010. Our Chief Analysts will cover topics including:

- Key investment themes for 2010
- Australian banks
- Resources sector
- Our top stock picks

**Thursday 16th September, 2010**

12:15pm for 12:30 start (light lunch will be served)

Location: NCYC Cost: free

RSVP by Monday 6th September to Rhonda Kellett  
Seats are strictly limited.

(02) 4910 2400

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## ON THE BRIDGE

With Paul McGrath

### Solution to the problem posed on p9:

Although not immediately apparent the solution is both elegant and simple. As long as the outstanding trumps divide no worse than 4-2 you are home and hosed. Simply play four rounds of trumps and on the fourth round of trumps throw dummy's club king into the deep blue yonder. Now, your course is clear. You can cash all of the clubs in your hand and scoot home with a wet sail to take line honours and all thirteen tricks.

*Dodging the camera, . . . or just not wanting to be seen with the Handicapper?*



by  
Mike Eggleston



# SOUTH-EAST ASIA ON A BOAT

Maree Eggleston

Mike and Maree's  
recent trip on the  
Rajang River into the  
hill country of  
Borneo —  
Third and final  
installment



Image by Mike Eggleston

The special point about these boats is, being ultra-shallow draft, they can pull in on the riverbank at really isolated villages and wilderness areas, the crew put a set of planks ashore, and you're in a place that barely even exists on a map. It's also a two-way deal with these villages and towns, because part of the profits (and many passenger donations) go to local schools and clinics and orphanages, so you're not just a tourist but a contributor to places that directly benefit from your presence. The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company and its previous passengers contributed substantial aid and assistance to the villages on its Burma route after the 2006 cyclone that caused so much death and destruction.

Anyway, the boats that do these river trips are fantastic in every respect. We paid US\$2150 each for 8 days, full board, all drinks, shore trips, great crew, very friendly company. Unfortunately, like many other trips we've done like this through the SW Pacific, PNG, Kimberley, Coral Sea, prices are escalating rapidly, and it's now routine

To be quoted close to A\$10,000 p p for 10 – 14 days travel aboard a boat to somewhere interesting and out there. Check out [www.pandaw.com](http://www.pandaw.com)

The Pandan boat is the first attempt at commercial tourism on the Rajang River. Otherwise, you're on your own with local forms of boat transport.

## the Kimberley Coast

### - Part 1

By Jenny Keegan

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*Left foreground is the crystal clear pool. The river is below—to the right in the picture.*

At low tide the water level is way below the rock pool and there is a ladder you have to climb to reach the waterfall and rock pools. The water was very refreshing and we all loved it.

To be continued.



## Hear Bob Ansett's 'Can Do' Philosophy at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Business entrepreneur and best-selling author, Bob Ansett, needs little introduction - he is much sought after on the public speaking circuit right around Australia. August 19th will be one of the few opportunities Novocastrians have had to see him in the flesh

With an entertaining and informative approach, Bob draws from a wealth of business and sporting experience to provide practical advice, insights, anecdotes and new approaches to all facets of human endeavor.

Bob isn't just a "talking head". He is a warm, engaging personality with an enthusiastic and optimistic outlook on business and life. He is willing to share his first-hand top-level experience in a variety of fields. In many areas of management and customer relations he pioneered new approaches to established procedures.

Hear him share his views on Customer Service, Motivation and more when he speaks in person at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club on 19 August at 6.30pm.

Tickets are great value at just \$60.00, This includes a buffet dinner, drinks and an entertaining after-dinner talk by Bob Ansett. You will leave feeling better able to take advantages of the chances that are available and practical insight into improving your business and personal performance.

Bob Ansett has been President of the Melbourne Chamber Of Commerce, founder and inaugural President of The Australian Customer Service Association, Chairman of the Federal Government's 'Trade Negotiations Advisory Group', Vice Chairman of the Moomba Festival and was President of the North Melbourne Football Club for 13 years.



Business magazine BRW dubbed Bob "the entrepreneur's entrepreneur" – this is your chance to see in person, the man who earned this title.

**Venue:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

**Date:** 19 August 2010

**Time:** 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

**Tickets:**

- Are limited;
- Can be booked at the NCYC office;
- Contact: Nina Langley, Functions Coordinator;  
Ph: 02 4940 8188 or Email: [functions@ncyc.net.au](mailto:functions@ncyc.net.au)
- Individual Ticket price: \$60
- Group Booking (table of 10): \$600

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**The Bob Ansett dinner is possible because of generous Corporate Sponsorship by Thrifty Car Rental  
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## NCYC thanks all its 2009–2010 sponsors. The Sailing Season finished on Sunday 25 July.

The October 2009 newsletter featured an overview of NCYC Sponsorship, followed in successive issues by: Sponsors of “Wombat” our mark laying CV; Event Naming Right Sponsors; Regatta Trophy and Prize Sponsors and in June 2010, Sponsors of our Summer Pointscore Series:

The final groups of 2009-2010 Sponsors to be mentioned with special thanks are our Race week sponsors, and those sponsors who provide for Series Trophies and Prizes and weekly take home prizes.

### Race Week Sponsors

Allen Fairhall, Razer Industries, Beach Hotel Merewether, Gamers Motor Auctions,  
Williams River Steel (two separate weeks), Kloster BMW (two separate weeks),  
Newcastle Conference Equipment and Security Systems

### Lady Skipper Race Trophy and Prize Sponsors

PHS D1– E & G Thirkell	PHS D2– Yellow Door Fruit & Vegetable	IRC -Gleeson Civil Engineering
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### Weekly take home Prize Sponsors

Fosters Carlton Dry	Fosters Wine	Fosters Crown Lager	Fosters Cascade Green
	Maryville Tavern	Noakes Boat & Shipyard	UK Halsey Sails
Hunter Wharf & Barge	Fosters Pure Blonde	Fosters Carlton Dry Fusion	Yellow Door fruit & Vegetable
Enviropacific	Silo Bar & Restaurant	Fosters VB Midstrength	Inner Circle Rum





# Coming Events

Saturday 14 August 2010

**Presentation Night—**  
dinner and dancing to the music of *Half Nelson*

Saturday 14 August 2010

## Mega Raffle

Drawn at Presentation function.

### Three great Prizes :

1. Seaplane return to Sydney, bed and breakfast at the Casino, with Water Taxi transfer each way.
2. \$200 Gift Voucher at East Coast Marine & Sail
3. Dinner for two at NCYC with a complimentary bottle of Wine

Tickets \$20 each. Ask at the Bar.

Thursday 19 August 2010

## Bob Ansett's 'Can Do' Philosophy

See details page 12.

Monday 30 August 2010

## NCYC Sailing Handbook Launch

See Rear Commodore Report p5 for more details

Sunday 5 September 2010

## Founders Day

See next column for details. Also p3

Thursday 16 September 2010

## Stock Picks & Investment Strategy Update 2010

See advertisement p10 for details

Monday 1 November 2010

## Rotary Club of Newcastle Harbour Melbourne Cup Calcutta night

Tickets on sale in the club soon

11-14 February 2011.

## Hobart Wooden Boat Festival

Held once every two years. Tall Ships to model boats.

- \* A **flotilla** of 3 or 4 NCYC wooden boats plus one other is being formed to sail to this event.
- \* A number of **individuals** are flying.
- \* **Novocastrian get-togethers** being organised.
- \* More Information?

[www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/html/boatreg.html](http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/html/boatreg.html)

- \* Interested in joining the group at the Festival?  
Email [info@ncyc.net.au](mailto:info@ncyc.net.au) Subject: Hobart Wooden Boat

## Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club FOUNDERS DAY

### Parade and Blessing of the Fleet.

A Traditional Celebration of  
the NCYC Sailing Season Opening  
**5 September 2010.**

### Program

**10-11am** Order of Parade

Collect your list **at the NCYC licensed club.**

**11-30 am** Vessels Muster,

In list order **in the Basin**

**12-00** Welcome Address

**Queens Wharf**

**12-15 pm** Vessel Parade and Blessing by

Fr Stefan Sapun and Rev Garry Dodds.

**Queens Wharf**

**12-45 pm** Svitzer Tug Ballet

**Queens Wharf**

**1.00 pm** Cock of the Harbour Fishing Trawlers

**Pilot Station to Queens Wharf**

**1-25 pm** Warning Signal NCYC Short Ocean  
Race

**Near Scratchleys Restaurant**

**1-30 pm** Warning Signal Newcastle and Hunter

Trailer Yacht Association Harbour Race

**Near Scratchleys Restaurant**

**2-00pm** At NCYC 'The Galley' is open for  
Lunch—extended hours

**5-00 pm** Prize Giving at NCYC for Best  
Dressed Boats, Best Dressed Crews and Race  
Winners.

### An Invitation from

**NCYC Rear Commodore Paul Gleeson**

**RSVP: 2 September 2010**

To: [sailing@ncyc.net.au](mailto:sailing@ncyc.net.au)

For:

- \* **Reserved Seating** at Queens Wharf Brewery;
- \* **Parade Entry** and;
- \* **Race Entry NOR and SI ;**

Go to NCYC website to download documents and to  
enter race: [www.ncyc.net.au](http://www.ncyc.net.au) or