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Commodore's Message



Thank you to all those who attended the 22nd NCYC Annual General Meeting, which was held on Thursday 18th August and was well attended. Despite promises, wildly optimistic of holding the AGM in the new clubhouse extension, restrictions placed on our development

application has delayed the process.

As reflected in our financials, it was a good year in the Marina and Commercial business units which enabled the board to invest more in sailing and to pay \$200k off our loan.

On a sad note, I would like to pay tribute to 3 recently deceased members. Steve O'Sullivan was a foundation member of NCYC and although never a sailor, was a keen supporter of anything promoting Newcastle and so was enthusiastic about his Club. Born and bred in Newcastle, Steve was a solicitor respected throughout the community and his passing brought great sorrow to his many friends.

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Peter Bromilow, aged 71 died recently of metastatic cancer. Peter was a talented sprinter as a young man and began his career in the bank. A stint in New Guinea opened his eyes and he followed many business opportunities over the years, his last being the well-known Opalescent Signs in Islington. Pete was enthusiastic at everything he did, this included skiing and sailing, he did 7 Sydney Hobarts in "Ninjago" and "Inner Circle". He was a dedicated wine buff and had an extensive collection of great wines. Peter had a boat "Kundu" which he kept for several years in a berth at NCYC Marina. The real measure of the man was his absolute devotion to his wife Sandra and 3 children, Narelle, Samantha and Jonathon. There was no doubt as to Pete's priorities and it was family first every time.

Malcolm Britts was 91 and in frail health when he recently died. Malcolm grew up in Sydney and in the 2nd world war, he joined the RAAF and trained as a navigator. He saw active service in New Guinea and New Britain. On discharge, he went to law school at Sydney University and several years later came to Newcastle where he practiced as a barrister for many years. He was an enthusiastic sailor and member of LMYC and he served as commodore in 1953 – 54 and was a settling influence on the Club. He joined the NCYC soon after its inception and although too old to sail, he kept a small boat in the marina. The present commodore sailed "Alison IV" a 24' yacht from Belmont to Newcastle ably instructed by ex-commodore Britts via mobile phone. This was one of the toughest assignments that the present commodore has ever undertaken as he was under constant observation along the whole journey from every vantage point between Belmont Bay and Throsby Creek.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors for their efforts over the past year in the boardroom and around the Club. We are fortunate to have a talented team.

As this magazine goes to print, NCYC is looking forward to hosting the Inner Spring Regatta for which a competitive fleet is assembling.

Finally, The NCYC 2016-2017 Sailing Season Handbook will be released shortly and I look forward to seeing a greater participation in our sailing activities for the Spring and Summer calendar.



Jim Holley, Commodore

Thursday Night Members Draw

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6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm and 7pm.

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Rear Commodore's Report



The last month at NCYC has given all the sailors a break from local competition to allow for some time off, some maintenance, or to continue sailing in the larger events such as the Landrover Sydney Southport Race, Airlie Beach Race Week and Hamilton Island Race Week. NCYC was

represented in the Southport race by Phil Arnall's "Anger Management" (12th IRC Div 2), Michael Martin's "Frantic" (10th IRC Div 1), and "Cyril" and "Tack's" "She's The Culpit" (6th PHS). Sincere thanks from the club for creditable results in a slow and very tactical race.

The annual sailing presentation on July 23rd was a very enjoyable night for all and a credit to our bar and kitchen staff. From the room preparation through the meal to the bar service, Shane and his team ensured the evening was a great success. In the interest of brevity, I will only list the "Premiere Awards". The Lasers "Off The Beach (OTB)" Div 1 was taken by Michael Babbage on "It's 505 Somewhere" and Div 2 by Lucy Nissan on "My Pony". The handicap division was won by Ben Rigby helming "Boat 169703".

Meanwhile in the keel boats Phil and "Anger" took the Gun Boat Trophy, my own "Concealed Weapon" took the Founders' Bowl for PHS Div 1, and Ross Knights' "Tamarillo" won the NCYC Cup for PHS Div 2. Steve Rae's name will reside on the Mick Eggleston Trophy for best IRC annual result. The NCYC Board and Sailing Committee congratulate all skippers and crew on a great season. It must be remembered by all of us that racing would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteers donating their time on, and off the water – thank you to all who have.

Recently at our AGM I described our vision of sailing at NCYC and how our fleets fit together. In it I discussed how important continued support of our youth members is to the future of NCYC. I also discussed the importance of membership participation at our clubhouse to financing the growth of our sailing programs. I explained to those present that just an extra \$10 spend by every member per week in the registered club equated to approximately \$400,000 more revenue per annum. These funds not only contribute to the overall financial health of our Club, but importantly, they fund sail training wages, asset maintenance (Wombat, RIBs, Buoys, fuel etc.).

I reminded all present of the NCYC vision of parents and teachers sitting in our clubhouse watching their children and students, through an open window, sail an Optimist out of, and back to, the "Tackers" base on F arm. If you haven't seen it, please take the time to have a look. Training will be taking place in September and will be "live" in the October school holidays. Please see below for a diagram by Jacquie Ellis of our sailing pathways.

Ian Humphries, our resident National Judge will be running Racing Rules seminars and RO training to make us all better and more confident on the race course.

I also discussed the growth of NCYC Cruising from nothing to having their first cruise in March, to an organized link with MHYC & LMYC Cruising. There is a planned cruise with MHYC and LMYC during the October long weekend kicking off in our Club on the evening of Friday, 30 September. If you are sitting on our marina and want to get cruising, talk to us about getting involved.

NCYC RC (Radio Control) yachting is just up and running and if this interests you, please contact us at the Club. All RC yachts will be accepted but RC LASER, International One Metre and 10 Rater classes are expected to be the most popular. The first event is programmed for 18th September.

NCYC also offers racing this coming season using Category 7 (PLUS) AS SR (Australian Sailing Special Regs). This will allow sailing at reduced cost while recognizing our race track is not in enclosed waters. Details are at the Sailing Office, from our friendly auditors, or on the website.

Whatever your interest I hope there is something in our offerings that will get you out on the water for the first time or once again.



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore



Chief Executive Officer's Report



Dear Members
Welcome to the Spring edition of NCYC's journal. This is my second Spring article for Thirty Two° Fifty Five° which is extremely satisfying and a personal milestone signifying over twelve months since I joined NCYC.

Winter is almost behind us and so too hopefully are the East

Coast Lows which Newcastle has fortunately missed the worst of this season. I visited Collaroy Beach in Sydney a few days after most of the sand was moved from the beach by one ECL and it served as a poignant reminder about the power that can be released in these events.

NCYC Members attending the recent AGM would have heard from the Board with respect to Club financial matters and the ongoing development of NCYC sailing. Many members put forward welcome ideas to improve the Club and the NCYC management team will be acting on some of these shortly. The important news of the evening however was NCYC Commodore Jim Holley awarding NCYC Life Membership to Club Captain Ernie Thirkell!

It is easy to overlook the hard work that NCYC employees, volunteers and committees have undertaken since my first article in this journal. The hard work continues though and the warmer weather heralds a very busy period for NCYC.

Head Chef Ian Farnsworth has departed NCYC for a renaissance of sorts, with a previous employer. Ian worked hard for NCYC during his employment and on behalf of NCYC, I wish him well for his future.

The Galley team, under the guidance of Bar Manager Shane Druery have responded exceptionally to

Ian's departure. Together they have ensured service, consistency and quality targets are exceeded with new menu items added and weekly specials achieving new sales records. Well done to the entire clubhouse team!

At the time of writing, we are negotiating with a new Head Chef to lead The Galley team to the next level.

I would like to remind all precinct users to remain vigilant with personal belongings and ensure vehicles are locked and marina gates are closed behind you. If you see someone on the NCYC's precinct or marina that appears suspicious or like they don't belong on the marina, please question them as to their activities or report them to NCYC's staff or the police.

I wish all members competing in the Inner Spring Regatta, good luck and a safe, enjoyable time on and off the water. Equally members competing in offshore points and twilight competitions, please enjoy your time on and off the water safely.

Aaron Harpham
Chief Executive Officer

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MEMBER PROFILE Evan Walton



Born and bred in Merewether, NCYC long time member Evan Walton is a strong supporter of local sport: Rugby; Surf; Sailing and; the NJC. He proudly lays claim to the traditional ultimate badges of belonging in that suburb. The badges? Having been born at Hillcrest Private Hospital and; having attended the Junction primary school, being among that exalted throng: “old boys” of what they claim to be “the Highest School in Newcastle” - Junior High. Growing up in Merewether almost assures your lifestyle pathways. True to form, Evan hounded the Secretary of the Surf-Club every year from age 12 until he was finally old enough to join. The intervening years provided good training as Evan was a member of Merewether Amateur Swimming Club. He points out that “In those days there were no Olympic pools, but Merewether Ocean Baths were the largest saltwater swimming pool in the Southern Hemisphere and still are.” Evan is justifiably proud of Captaining the Junior R & R (Rescue and Resuscitation) team which came 4th at the NSW Championships. He also played Junior Rugby at Merewether Carlton.

As a young man, Evan studied accounting at the Newcastle Technical College and worked at NSW Motors located on the current Kloster BMW site.

In his early twenties, Evan and his brother travelled to New Zealand as the first leg of an intended around the world trip. He explained: “I worked there as a beach inspector over summer and played local Rugby League as well for Otago province. That’s where the Highlanders Rugby team play their home matches”. He also worked as an assistant accountant for a motor spare



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NCYC WEEKEND BREAKFAST

FROM SAT 10 SEPTEMBER



parts distributor with branches throughout New Zealand. Evan moved to London for three years, his main employment being lifeguarding and management at various pools. While there he became an avid Arsenal supporter.

In 1972 Evan was awarded the first Judge Sir Adrian Curlew Scholarship for Surf Life Saving – his was for Administration. This facilitated visiting Surf Life Saving clubs around the country culminating in a report to the association. Around this time he went with the Australian Surf Training Team to Auckland NZ with the purpose of studying their rescue Helicopter Service, continuing investigation of the concept on their return. This work resulted in Sydney Surf Life Saving Association getting a helicopter operational later in 1973, closely followed by Newcastle.

Our first flight was on 6 December 1975. The helicopter was a “Bell 47” similar to the choppers in M.A.S.H. Westpac bank and radio station 2HD were instrumental in the initial sponsorship of the service, enabling our crew of twelve volunteer (unpaid) lifesavers to begin this essential work (weekends only at that stage). After a couple of seasons, progression to bigger and better began, culminating today in four Augusta Westland Helicopters specifically built for Australian medical and rescue situations.

Evan was promoted from his work with the rescue helicopter, being appointed as the 1st Administrator of Surf Life Saving NSW. This involved a lot of travel, meeting members of various branches and coordinating

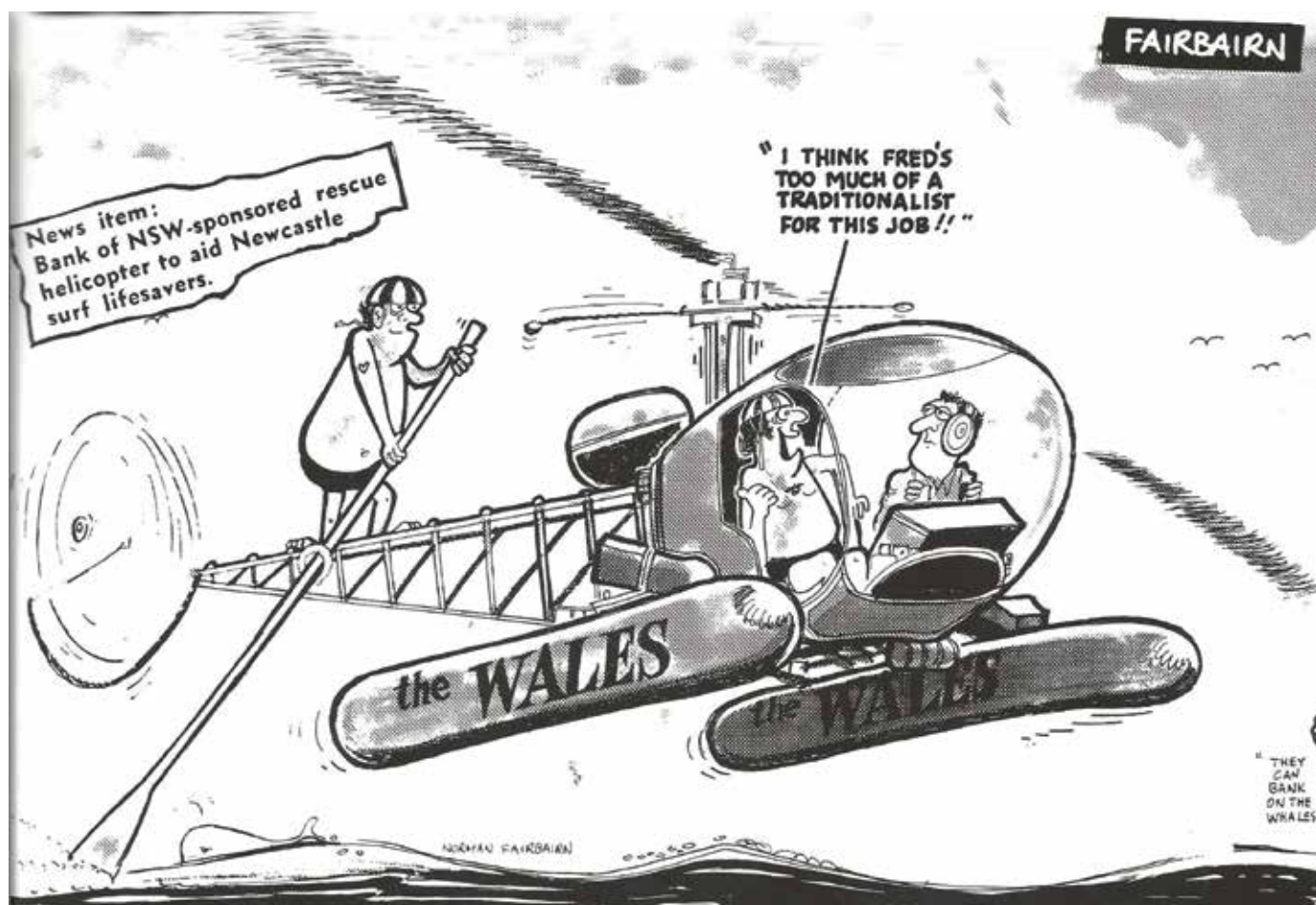
the volunteers and fundraising activities. Evan, a past president of Merewether SLSC has been honoured for his commitment to that Club by being appointed a Life Member.

Evan spent a year in the snow as assistant Manager of a Hotel/Motel in Jindabyne, managing to fit in plenty of skiing before finally coming home to Newcastle to work in Financial Administration with Newcastle City Council for a few years. Evan (surf) and Susan (turf) came together and decided to start up an independent Optometry practice. They have practiced in the Newcastle CBD for 32 years, having purchased the building at 245 King St along the way. Evan’s wife Susan who is the Australian director of the “Opening Eyes” program was awarded an OAM in 2014 for services to the Special Olympic movement and the Community

While not strictly a sailor, Evan has crewed in a couple of overnight races from RPAYC to LMYC. It was this association which led him to join NCYC.

Evan’s history of commitment to this Club involves Race Week sponsorship and regular participation in NCYC social activities. This extends through the full range: among other things, calling in to the club for an occasional lunch or catch-up with friends, attendance at our Friday night fundraising raffles and, participating in the annual “Up the Creek BBQ”.

These days, Surf has moderated to Ocean pool and surf; Turf is still out there hitting balls along with their daughter Hannah in the “Eyeballers” Hockey team.



Sailing Presentation Night

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club held Presentation Night to celebrate the 2015-2016 Sailing Season on Saturday, 23rd July 2016 with great success.

NCYC provided an excellent three course meal accompanied by copious amounts of champagne, beer and wine, enjoyed by all present.

Our Rear Commodore, Barry Kelly, commenced proceedings by introducing our Commodore Jim Holley, who, in his inimitable way, welcomed all present, thanked our sponsors and supporters and passed the baton (or perhaps the helm...) to our Club Captain, Ernie Thirkell. Ernie acknowledged the undeniably important assistance of volunteers without whom the sailing aspects of the Club could not operate and was ably assisted to present the following:



NCYC Tenacity Award

An award to acknowledge commitment and dedication. Louise volunteers and participates in many different aspects of sailing. Be it on the Start Boat on the Shore or as Crew.

Awarded by Gloria Thirkell – Lifetime Member - to Louise Costello

Congratulations Louise



Paul Gleeson Youth Scholarship Award

Youth development for a young member demonstrating potential in sailing. Karma is an awesome sailor and wonderful crew member from Lasers to Keelboats and has all the potential for a bright future.

Awarded by Petro Gleeson to Karma Randall

Congratulations Karma



Volunteer Certificates

Awarded by Jacqueline Ellis – Sailing Academy Manager and Jack Buchan – Assistant Sailing Manager – for volunteering their services went to:

Kevin Abrahamson, Bob Allen, Ted Anderson, Sue Anderson, Ray Blackburn, Damien Boldyrew, Louise Costello, Jeff Dawson, Alyson Gearing, John Hardy, Geoff Harland, Peter Hartigan, Jan Howard, Ian Humphries, Greg Jackson, Neal Kibble, Tim Lees, Peter Lovell, James Perry, Mark Richards, Steve Robinson, Kate Rowe and Gordon Tuxford. Congratulations to all of you.

The ever present, ever persistent, ever available Gloria Thirkell received flowers from Jacqui and Jack for her participation and commitment as Club Volunteer.

Congratulations and Thankyou Gloria.

Trophies were awarded by Steve Rae – Director/ Treasurer – for the following:

- Winter Short Ocean Pointscore PHS Division 2 Second – Warrain – Robin Hillery
- Ocean Pointscore PHS Division 1 Second – Summer Salt – Neil Pilz
- Winter Short Ocean Pointscore IRC First – Schouten Passage – Jan Howard
- Spring Short Ocean Pointscore PHS Division 1 First – Novocaine – Vaughn Stephens
- Summer Pointscore OTB First & Summer Pointscore PHS Third – Stormy Weather - Joe deKock
- Summer Pointscore OTB Division 1 Second; Summer Pointscore OTB Division 1 Third; Summer Pointscore PHS Second – Friday – Jeff Robinson
- Spring Pointscore PHS Second – Hail Mary Mum – Dean Nissan
- Spring Pointscore OTB Division 1 Third – Here Comes The Boom – Rod King
- Spring Pointscore OTB Division 2 Third – Karma – Emily Carstairs
- Summer Pointscore OTB Division 2 Third – RTP – Emma Gearing



KEELBOATS OVERALL POINTSCORE WINNERS

Presented by Commodore – Jim Holley

Allen Fairhall Gun Boat Trophy – NCYC Gun Boat – Phil Arnall of Anger Management

Founders Bowl – Courtesy of George Keegan OAM & retired Commodore Paul Hannon – PHS Div 1 – Barry Kelly of Concealed Weapon

NCYC Cup – Courtesy of Tom Michillis & retired Commodore Bruce Hansen – PHS Division 2 – Ross Knights of Tamarillo

Mick Eggleston Trophy IRC – Steve Rae of Marta Jean



Club Captain, Ernie Thirkell, presenting flowers to Mary Holley for her continued support and tireless work for the Club, particularly the Sailing Committee.



Joe deKock presented the Midcoast Boatyard & Marine Trophy for Ocean Pointscore Series PHS Division 1 – First - to Barry Kelly – "Concealed Weapon"- Barry's son, Luke accepted the prize



Joe also presented the Midcoast Boatyard & Marine Trophy for Ocean Pointscore Series PHS Division 2 – First – to Valda Johnston – "Scots Wha Hae"



The function in full swing





Petro Gleeson presents Gleeson Civil Engineering Trophy for Ocean Pointscore Series IRC – First - Noel Gough of "Excapade"
 EJE Architecture Trophy for Lion, Bird & Cabbage Series PHS – First – Culprit Syndicate of "She's the Culprit"
 Gleeson Civil Engineering Trophy for Lion, Bird & Cabbage Series IRC – First – Michael Martin of "Frantic"



Premier Award – NCYC Trophy
 Combined Spring & Summer Pointscore Series
 PHS Division 1 – First
 Rear Commodore Barry Kelly presented to
 Steve Rae of "Marta Jean"



Premier Award – NCYC Trophy
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 PHS Division 2 – First
 Rear Commodore Barry Kelly presents to
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Premier Award Lasers
 Lasers Overall Pointscore Off the Beach
 Division 1
 Director Adrian Kiely presents to
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Premier Award Lasers
 Lasers Overall Pointscore Off the
 Beach Division 2
 Director Adrian Kiely presents to
 Lucy Nissen of "My Pony"



Premier Award Lasers
 Lasers Overall Pointscore PHS
 Director Adrian Kiely presents to
 Ben Rigby of Boat "169703"
 Accepted by Alyson Gearing

Up The Creek 2016

The annual NCYC event attracted a small but enthusiastic group of sailors, boaties and club members. It was a perfect winter's morning with slight conditions and a gentle breeze. The fleet were expertly led up the creek by Club Captain Ernie Thirkell and his merry revellers. The run up to the Ash Island Jetty went smoothly and occupants were quickly and efficiently ferried from the anchored yachts to the BBQ site on George Keegan. Cathy and Adrian Kiely already had the BBQ at full steam so hungry up the creekers did not wait long to enjoy the great food on offer.

There were some activities organised including quoits, badminton and others had a kick around with a ball. Paul Flanagan demonstrated great skills winning the eagerly contested coin toss for a bottle of Rum. As the afternoon drew to a close the group reflected on the lovely surrounds of Ash Island, great company, lovely food then all headed back glowing happily from a great day out. Thanks again to the Social Committee, Adrian and Cathy Keily, Ernie and Gloria Thirkell for their time and efforts and we look forward to next year's event.



The run up to Ash Island jetty.



Crew transfer.



Paul Flanagan.



Adrian & Cathy Kiely.



Watching coin throw & quoits.



Jason Max Evan.



End of a great day.

Remote Control Yachts

Article By Howard Keegan
Images by Gloria Thirkell

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club is excited to advise that we have formed a radio controlled yacht racing fleet. Known as NCYC RC we will commence racing on Saturday 1st October and thereafter every second Saturday subject to Lake Macquarie Radio Yacht Club events as our intent is to complement their racing calendar which is every alternate Sunday. Saturday has been chosen so as not to clash with the offshore racing on Sundays. More details will be sent to the individuals interested and on the fleet contacts list.

NCYC will accept any class of RC yacht to race with us (as do most other RC YACHT Clubs) with pursuit races being the norm plus once a month subject to numbers, there will be scratch start club championship races for classes (min of 4 boats). We will also consider running Tuesday twilights with a fun element and social interaction afterwards (note 5pm happy hour and Tuesday night dinner specials served after 6pm).

The racing calendar will initially cater to club events only until we gain some momentum. We could host regattas & championships once we are more familiar with the classes & establish which classes are dominant within the club. It is anticipated that the favoured classes will be the RC LASER, International One Metre (IOM) or 10 Rater class (10R). One event we have agreed to host is the final event of a 4 day series. On the

5th November we will host an RC LASER regatta (after the earlier events being July 31 at Rafferty's, Aug 21 at Dobroyd, Sep 25 at Grahamstown).

A presentation will be held in the club at the end of the day. This series of races is intended to be a fun event for the laser owners with a social atmosphere topping the agenda. Again more details will be supplied to the NCYC RC contacts list

For those interested but not ready to commit the RC LASER Australian distributor will supply an RC LASER for demonstration and use within our club fleet so if you would like to test your skill please contact Howard Keegan to arrange a trial sail. The boat should be available from mid September .

Anybody interested in joining this fleet can call Howard Keegan on 02 4940 8188 during office hours for details.



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**By Jan Howard
and Mary Holley**

Women's sailing at NCYC began approximately 6 years ago. Our group grew initially by word of mouth. Since then we have become a large, diverse group of women of all ages and backgrounds.

In the early days we offered informal training and mentoring to those who wanted to sail but had no previous experience. We now dovetail into Force 24 programs where formal training is offered through their YA courses and Women's Sailing programs. We now have formal training and coaching for competitive racing. Some of our group have completed Race Officer, Sea Safety Survival, Navigational, Radio Operators and Day Skipper Courses.

We have 3 boats which compete regularly in our Club

Twilight Races and we provide skilled crew for many yachts in club racing.

In the last two years we have competed as all women's crews in two Sail Port Stephen's Regattas, 2 Australian Women's Keelboat Regattas and 1 Airlie Beach Race Week Regatta. We have been represented in the Manly Women's Regatta, the Australian National 29s Regatta, Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, Gold Coast Yacht Races and return deliveries from ocean races. Two of our group are sailing in the upcoming Clipper Around the World Race.

Through our regatta sailing our network now extends nationwide to Perth, Melbourne, Tasmania and Townsville.

We provide volunteers and support for Club events both sailing and social.

We are planning a women's keelboat regatta with our Force 24s for 2017 which we hope will become a regular event in ours, and other club racing calendars. Next year we will compete at Port Stephens, Melbourne and Airlie Beach.

Recently, we have formalised our informal "Skirts" brand to "She Sails @ NCYC" which encompasses all areas of women's sailing at NCYC.



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Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

Inner Spring Regatta

Good luck to all Participants

Article & Images by Jack Buchan

Youth Performance Program 2016

This Winter saw the return of the Youth Performance Program with Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club represented both in the Interclub Challenge and in the Club Marine NSW Match Racing Championships. This year's squad participated in training on Sundays in the lead up to each event and travelled to various clubs between Newcastle and Sydney to compete.



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Interclub Challenge

The 'Interclub Challenge' is a fleet racing series contested by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron & Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club to promote youth sailing.

It was created in 2001 as a way to help identify & build youth sailors experience in fleet racing events in small keelboats. In 2015, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club was welcomed to the series and we are happy to announce that we will continue to be involved and hosted a stage of the series in 2016. Each participating yacht club will host a fleet race regatta day comprising of 6 windward/leeward fleet races with a maximum of 2 teams competing from each club at each event. Four events constituted the series in 2016 with each club hosting a round of racing between May and July this year. Each club's combined scores from all four events are calculated and an overall Series winner announced.





Damien Boldyrew and Ian Humphries to assist coaches Jack Buchan and Nina Long in delivering the Match Racing module of the Winter program.

The team competed in the Club Marine NSW Match Racing Championships over the weekend of August 5th & 6th and held high spirits right through to the end. While we won just one of the nine races in the qualifying series, the team exhibited a high degree of practical and intellectual sailing knowledge in racing against our more experienced Sydney peers including CYCA, RPAYC, RSYS and Scotts College teams.

Congratulations to our talented young sailors Brad May, Ethan Micallef, Felix Prince, James Robson, Jed Fatches, Lucy Nissen, Marcus Livingstone and Thomas Steenson.

While our Winter Youth Performance Program draws to a close, keep an eye out for a possible all girls

We were represented by 8 young sailors who came together and sailed NCYC into 2nd place behind the RSYS teams. We were closely followed by the CYCA and RPAYC. Congratulations to Newcastle sailors Emma Jones, Ethan Micallef, James Robson, Jed Fatches, Karma Randall, Lucy Nissen, Marcus Livingstone and Thomas Steenson.

team representing NCYC at the Marineassess Womens Match Racing Regatta. Also keep an eye on the harbour throughout the Summer and look to see our Sailing Academy Fleets out on the Harbour engrossed in the wonderful sport of Sailing!

Club Marine NSW Youth Match Racing Championships

Unlike fleet racing where competitors all line up on the start line and the fastest boat around the course wins, Match Racing is a unique and exciting challenge which is raced between two boats. This head to head race begins with the two boats fighting during the prestart attempting to have a penalty(s) imposed on the other boat which may only be exonerated after the start.

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club supported a team of seven young sailors to learn this unique style of racing and called on the experience of volunteer umpires



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Photos submitted by members have been displayed on the monitor in the clubhouse during Winter 2016. Thirteen people were chosen at random during the final week of this quarter to each select the photo they would most like to see reproduced in this issue of our journal. Simon Mack scored the most votes for the spring issue competition. Club members are invited to submit one

photos with a maritime theme.

Email a high resolution photo to Di: info@ncyc.net.au

Judges for this quarter: Greg Amos, Warren Amos, Will Brownlow, Phil Burns, Shane Druery, Robin Hillery, Valda Johnstone, Richard O'Connor, Doug Peters, Kris Rickard, Luke Robins, Craig Wakefield, Evan Walton.



Brooke Hall



Greg Jackson



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1. Gloria Thirkell. 2. Mary Holley. 3. Mike Eggleston. 4. Margaret Lees.
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Two of those are Oonagh O'Donovan and Simon Macks, seen here at our Presentation Night once again enjoying themselves.

Oonagh is always ready to help a lending hand, when she's not crewing on Scots Wha Hae, be it assisting Race Officers for Lasers, Force 24's and Keelboats, assisting visitors or Rum Running (don't ask) with a great deal of laughter and camaraderie.

Simon, instantly recognisable, also crews for Scots Wha Hae and seems to spend his life at the NCYC. Simon can be seen driving the Ribs, performing Race Officer duties, assisting in lots of on water and off water activities, including instruction on the Force 24's!

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The Mission to Seafarers

Article & Images by Larry Mervin,
Stella Maris Chaplain

At the end of June the usual contributor to this magazine, Catholic Chaplain Rick McCosker, retired and handed the baton over to me. This does not mean we will not see him any more as I'm pretty sure he will return after some holidays and travelling, with his wife Meryl, to do some volunteer work.

Here in Newcastle the Mission to Seafarers (MTS) is unique in that it is ecumenical being made up by both the Anglican Church – The Flying Angel and the Catholic Church – Stella Maris. That is why you see both symbols outside the MTS centre and on our transport buses. There are less than a handful of these joint centres in Australia. The Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris is the Work of the Catholic Church for the pastoral care of maritime people. Earlier this year the Apostleship of the Sea Oceania Regional Meeting was held at the Mary McKillop Place, Sydney. It was attended by a Bishop in charge of the AOS from The Holy See in Rome, State co-ordinators from around Australia, representatives for the Philippines, New Zealand and many of the smaller islands in the Oceania region. Some of the topics covered were maritime safety, fishers and plunderers: theft, slavery and violence at sea and forced migration and trafficking. Even though we have some problems in our area it was enlightening to hear of what occurs around the world.

With around 90% of trade being transported around the world by sea, the maritime industry seems to be the most difficult profession in the world, with the greatest number of work accidents. Globalisation is a phenomenon of our times whose rules are still being written. In recent decades globalisation and the drive for greater profit have combined with technological advances to radically change the face of the international shipping industry. Ships are larger, ports are further from city centres and with ever advancing mechanicalisation, turnaround times have been reduced drastically. As a result crews have become smaller and become multinational, multicultural and multi-religious. All these conditions have increased the stress and overwork of seafaring, causing more fatigue and lack of community life on board, resulting in more social and cultural isolation for the crews. Each port has its own "culture" and it is necessary to be familiar with it. Good contacts with port authorities, shipping lines, marine terminals, shipping agents and regulatory agencies are fundamental. A Port Welfare Committee (PWC) is a forum in which representatives of all those organisations concerned with the welfare of seafarers visiting and residing within their ports can meet on a regular basis. Although the prospect of a Newcastle PWC has been



Captain Ross Nicholls

discussed before, it has not eventuated. On the 28 August a Port Welfare Committee information meeting was held at Carrington. It was attended by members from Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), Hunterlink, Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), Mission to Seafarers (MTS), Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG), Port Agents, Port Authority NSW, Port Authority NSW-Newcastle and Port Waratah Coal Service (PWCS) who graciously supplied lunch for all of us. The organisations represented above are not inclusive of all the Port users and other organisations will be most welcome as the committee becomes established and grows.

The meeting was facilitated by Captain Ross Nicholls (Marine Pilot from Brisbane) who is also the Chairman of the Brisbane PWC. Ross talked about how they established their PWC and readily answered all our concerns and questions. His advice was to start small and grow. For the committee to be effective egos, religion and politics should be left at the door. All of us at Mission to Seafarers / Stella Maris are encouraged by the formation of this committee as seafarer's welfare is not just the concern of MTS but all the stakeholder's in the Port.

Peace and friendship to all members from the Chaplains and volunteers at the Mission to Seafarers.



Where in the world is our burgee? A competition for members only.



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Photo by Damien Boldyrew

Where in the world WAS our burgee?

b. Hungarian Parliament Building, Budapest

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- Saturday 17 September - Talk Like A Pirate Evening
- Sunday 18 September - Founders Day
- Sunday 25 September - Ladies Skipper Day

OCTOBER 2016

- Saturday 1 October - NCYC RC
- Wednesday 5 October - Twilight Series
- Friday 14 October - Newcastle Bass Island Race (CYCA)
- Saturday 15 October - Discover Sailing Day
- Saturday 22-23 October - NSW Laser Open Championship

NOVEMBER 2016

- Tuesday 1 November - Melbourne Cup @ NCYC
- Saturday 19-20 November
Redhead to Pt Stephens Race

DECEMBER 2016

- Saturday 3 December - The Cabbage & Bird Race
- Sunday 11 December - Christmas Pursuit
- Friday 16 December - Santa Sails a Laser Race
- Sunday 25 December - Club is Closed

EVERY WEEK

- Monday and Tuesday Night Galley Specials
6pm-8pm
- Tuesday Night Trivia - 7pm in the Marquee
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