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Safety Boat Course.
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Commodore's Message



As this is the Christmas edition of our magazine I would firstly like to wish all members, their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. I am looking forward to our traditional Christmas party and hope we get a good roll up with members and family.

We have passed the first half of our financial year and your board is satisfied with our operating result. Club trading has been adequate and reflects the general quiet conditions in this area throughout the district. It is pleasing to see the uplift in trade since September and the Club is entering its usual busy holiday period. We are now fully tenanted in the Commercial space and the Marina is almost fully occupied. The year so far has been very busy around the Club generally with a focus on completing some of the capital projects flagged at the AGM and continuing our maintenance program. The priority for the balance of the year will be to direct cash surpluses to reducing our debt balance. All in all, the Club is in good shape and we are looking forward to a continuation for the balance of the financial year.

You will read throughout this edition the exciting things taking place in our sailing programs. It is indeed pleasing to see the increase in the breadth of our sailing activities and this is due in no short measure to our sailing committee and the hard working volunteers associated with it. While on the subject of volunteers I recently sent a note out to all members asking for consideration to join the volunteer ranks. Our Club is fortunate to have a strong core of volunteers however with the increasing spread of our sailing activities more resources are needed. I ask that you give consideration to this.

Finally I would like on your behalf to thank our hard working staff at the Club. I often get letters congratulating the Club on the quality of our team and I can only agree. We are indeed fortunate. As mentioned earlier our volunteers have worked hard throughout the year and again on your behalf I thank them for their efforts.

Please enjoy your Club over the holiday period.



Phil Arnall, Commodore

**PLEASE NOTE:
NCYC CLUB WILL BE
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**



CONGRATULATIONS



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**Finalist in the
Sport Promotion Award**

Rear Commodore's Report



It is that time of the year again with the 70th Anniversary Rolex Sydney to Hobart to start on Boxing Day. There is a large fleet of some 119 boats entered in this Blue Water Classic.

This is the first time that entries have exceeded 100 since the punishing 2004 race.

Yet again, our Club is punching above its weight with 4 entries from boats associated with our Club. We have *She's the Culprit* skippered by Glenn Bulmer on behalf of the *She's the Culprit* syndicate. STC's sailing master is Glen Picasso a veteran of 8 Sydney to Hobart's. *Frantic*, owned and skippered by Mick Martin a veteran of 5 Hobart's, will be out to surpass its very credible result of 6th in IRC in Division 2 in the 2013 race. The third boat entered in the race *Anger Management*, skippered and owned by Phil Arnall is their first entry in the race. The 4th boat representing NCYC is Sibby Ilzhofer's Farr 47 *Dare Devil*, a recent addition to NCYC's fleet.

I wish them all a safe and speedy race and I am confident that yet again, the NCYC boats will bring pride to their Club.

We are about to commence the exciting phase of our season with the Lion Bird and Cabbage Series coming up soon. This race series is designed as a warm up for yachts competing in the longer races such as the Hobart and Gold Coast race as well as stepping stone for boats wishing to try longer and overnight racing. We also are about to commence the annual Combined Ocean Point Score competition. This point score encapsulates a series of short coastal races including jaunts to Port Stephens and Pittwater. The series is a combined event with our sister yacht club, Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. This series is always hotly contested between the competitors and the Clubs.

The successful Discover Sailing Day held in October was well organised by Phil Ashley-Brown, Mary Holley and John Searl. With 142 registered visitors it augurs well for the future of the Club. The visitors enjoyed sailing on the yachts, F24's and Lasers. There is more information on the Discover Sailing Day in this magazine, refer to pages 12 and 13.

The Club wants and needs to foster more participants in sailing whether it is crewing on our Sunday races, Laser sailing on a Friday night, or volunteering. The Discover Sailing Day showed that there is an interest in sailing in our local community. We need to convert interest into participation.

Volunteers are a very important part of our Club. Putting it simply, no volunteers, no sailing.

I encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact the Club. The Club is prepared to provide training for volunteers where necessary. Making such a contribution is a rewarding experience and allows members to enjoy their membership of the Club.



Kym Butler, Rear Commodore



WE WANT YOU! TO BE A VOLUNTEER

NCYC is looking for Club Members and potential Members who are interested in volunteering at NCYC in the following roles:

- Starters / Race Officers / Race Assistants – Keel boats / Force 24s / Lasers.
- Mark Layers – Keel boats / Force 24s / Lasers.
 - Rescue / Support Boat Drivers – Force 24s / Lasers.
- Events Helpers – All sorts of sailing related events / BBQs etc.

Each volunteer task requires specific skills and varying levels of fitness / mobility. Training and 'try-outs' are available for those interested.

Please contact the Club on 4940 8188 or go to <http://www.ncyc.net.au/volunteering-ncyc/> for more information on volunteering

Chief Executive Officer's Report



Dear Members
Welcome to the Summer edition of NCYC's journal.

The aft end of 2014 has seen some significant developments to NCYC's asset base with the development of its leasehold dingy storage compound on Throsby Wharf, the installation of a game fishing weigh station on NCYC's fuel dock, the installation of two fixed lit yacht racing marks in Newcastle Harbour and two additional marks in Stockton Bight.

NCYC has also been developing its Sailing Academy under the guidance of the Sailing Development Committee which has now established school sailing and also a number of sailing experience programs on the back of a very successful Discover Sailing Day which saw 140 participants try sailing at NCYC on keel boats, Force 24s and Lasers. The development of NCYC's Sailing Academy remains a key strategic goal for the Club and one which the Club will remain focused on over the coming year.



Volunteer's and families enjoying Discover Sailing Day at NCYC.

While the general economy remains tough NCYC has continued to trade solidly allowing all of the above projects to be funded from operating revenues rather than the Club having to dip into its debt facility. Commodore Phil Arnall has provided a more comprehensive summary of NCYC's financial position at the half way mark of NCYC's financial year.

I would like to welcome two new tenants on to NCYC's precinct, Glencore Xtrata and Clark Shipping. Another recent arrival on to NCYC's precinct is Rhombus Design, a small architectural firm. A profile on Rhombus can be found later in the journal. NCYC's

tenants assist in underpinning the financial sustainability of the Club so please consider their services when you are next looking to buy products or use services associated with each tenant's particular offering.

As most of our members would be aware the NCYC Administration and Marina office has moved to the North Eastern end of the Commercial Centre on the ground level. Management anticipates that NCYC will be located in that space for the next 18 months prior to moving into level 1 of the Club building.

With Force 24 sailing activities and NCYC's Laser fleet growing and the Club's keel boat fleet number remaining static, there is a general increase in participation numbers in NCYC organised sailing events.

As a result of a couple of recent pilotage and navigation issues I strongly urge you to refresh yourself with the navigation obligations for recreation craft on approach to and in the confines of Newcastle Harbour. Ensuring safe navigation is given the highest priority and yachts don't cross the path of oncoming ships, particularly at the harbour entrance will enable us to continue to start and finish keel boat races in Newcastle Harbour.

The Club will be busy over the coming couple of months in the lead up to and during the Christmas period. With a new summer menu and wine list now on offer, a new range of bar snacks available and the introduction of NCYC's summer cocktail list please come to the Marina Precinct and Club, socialise and enjoy NCYC's facilities. Sunday afternoon music will continue throughout summer as will NCYC's members draw on Thursday evening.

Lastly, I would like to wish all those competing in Blue Water Yacht Races or Australian Dinghy Championships over the Christmas period all the very best and for those cruising safe passage and plenty of downwind sailing! To all our members not sailing over the Christmas period all the best for the festive season.

Richard Howard
Chief Executive Officer

**Time to drop in to the club
to try on some new NCYC / Gill gear?**



**Gill Cotton T-shirts (M & F)
\$60**



**Gill Long Sleeve Race Shirts
(Unisex / UV) \$65**



Gill Hats \$25



NCYC - Our Club



With the warmer seasons upon us, we have launched our 2014-15 Spring-Summer Menu along with an exciting new breakfast menu which is available on Sunday mornings.

The Club has seen the change of seasons convert into increased patronage for the restaurant and bar, whilst social events and corporate

Christmas parties are on the agenda for the coming weeks.

Some exciting new offerings are being introduced in the Club before the end of 2014. These include a bar snack menu which will be available outside of kitchen hours, as well as milkshakes and a cocktail menu which will become available from the bar in the near future.

As we look ahead past the silly season and Christmas, we will culminate the year that was with a big members Christmas party in the marquee on the 14th December from 2pm. It will be a great afternoon with some food provided and of course, a special appearance from Santa himself!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the Club for the festive season!

Michael Thrift, Club Hospitality Manager



STAFF PROFILE Murray Jones Sailing Instructor

I have been sailing at NCYC for a couple of years now. I am currently one of the instructors teaching sailing on the Force 24' and have recently started working behind the bar in the Club as well.

I am studying a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Finance at Newcastle. In my spare time I kiteboard and sail in Sydney Harbour.

It's great to be involved in growing sailing in Newcastle and I'm enjoying meeting everyone at the Club.

NEW
cocktail
menu



14 December
NCYC Christmas Party
With Santa arriving
at 2pm



**Join NCYC
in celebrating
the New Year
with live music & a
relaxing atmosphere**



AUSTRALIA DAY



**Celebrate
@NCYC**

MEMBER PROFILE Kris Rickard



Kris and brother Len celebrating a successful 2011 sailing season. Photo taken by Kaz Crump.

Kris has been an enthusiastic supporter of her Club since joining as a Crew Member in 2006 when her brother Len purchased "Woodstock".

Kris learned to sail crewing on this beautiful 38 foot timber yacht. She didn't miss a race up to and including the disastrous November day in 2012 when boats collided

and *Woodstock* went down. Kris later shared her recollections of the traumatic event, salvage and restoration of the vessel. These articles appeared in the 2013 Winter and Spring editions of "thirty two fifty five", which you can check out in the journal archives on our web site.

"Woodstock" stood out as a happy boat. Her crew were obviously there for the enjoyment of each other's company and the pleasure of being on the water in a great boat. The race successes, trophies and prizes were merely an added bonus as far as skipper Len, Kris and the rest of the crew were concerned!

Kris didn't confine her interest to sailing. Her happy gregarious personality soon had her firmly entrenched in all aspects of club life. Kris was an active member of the NCYC Social Committee on which she served a term as Secretary. While on that committee Kris was a regular on the roster for the Sunday morning "Sailors breakfast" (Bacon and egg roll, hash brown and orange juice). This highly successful innovation of the Social Committee featured for a few years before the licensed club began to serve Sunday breakfasts. Although no longer sailing, Kris continues to be actively involved in all the fun activities promoted by the Club and readily gives a hand when needed.

When the Friday evening fundraising raffles transferred from the Albion Hotel to our newly opened licensed Club premises in late 2008, Kris added her dedicated efforts to those of Robin Hillery and Club Captain Ernie Thirkell. We are grateful to Kris for her huge efforts, past and current, in support of her club: NCYC.

Thursday Night Members Draw

Permit LTPS/14/05783

Up to 4 draws per night:
6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm and 7pm.
Cash prize starts at \$200 - jackpots if not won.

happy birthday

Keep an eye out for your special Birthday letter to receive your free gifts



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Bar Snack Menu

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and 2.30pm-6pm daily

Social Highlights

Images by Di Hansen



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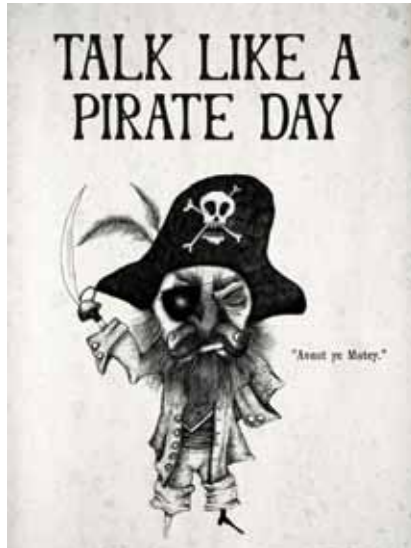


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Social Highlights

Images by Gloria Thirkell
and Tayler Hoffman



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GALLEY

Lunch: Noon to 2.30pm

Dinner: 6pm to 8pm

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coffee, tea & fab desserts



Sailors with disABILITIES

Article by Tony Purkiss

Images by Di Hansen

Sailors With Disabilities (SWD) visited NCYC in September, which was the 18th year Sailors with disABILITIES have run their "Northern Campaign", providing a sailing experience for school groups. We had 6 volunteers in the Newcastle team who assisted the SWD crew whilst the yacht was in Newcastle.

This type of program puts smiles on faces and creates optimism for all that go out on the yacht, which the students families and volunteers witnessed during the Newcastle visit.



Students receive their SWD T-Shirts at NCYC Marina

Sailors with disABILITIES exist to offer opportunities to people facing disability or disadvantage. Using sailing as a tool, SWD regularly acts as a catalyst for change where individuals develop a more optimistic outlook and enjoy personal growth and improved life outcomes.

During the Northern Campaign, SWD visited Southport, Bundaberg, Rosslyn Bay, Gladstone, Mackay and Newcastle. This trip offered nearly 70 Sailing Sessions over 8 weeks & welcomed nearly 1000 people on board, including over 150 in Newcastle. Fifty (50) people in a wheelchair joined SWD on the custom made ergonomically sensitive yacht.

SWD's programs are supportive and focus is on developing optimism and working as a team, finding solutions to problems.

SWD relies on a platform of volunteers to run its programs. Through participation, volunteers raise their life-satisfaction and well-being while learning new skills and giving back to society.

Every year SWD takes over 3,000 children with disabilities, disadvantaged youth and carers out sailing through their programs to create optimism, allow people to focus on their abilities and improve their life outcomes.



Students at NCYC

Since its inception in 1994 SWD has taken over 43,000 people sailing, competed in 19 Sydney to Hobart yacht races and since 2003 has held the world record for the non-stop and unassisted circumnavigation of Australia.

SWD is not government funded and relies on its corporate partner Xylem Water Solutions, generous donations and support from volunteers. With the growing

demand for their programs and with more funding they would like to expand to other geographic areas including Newcastle.

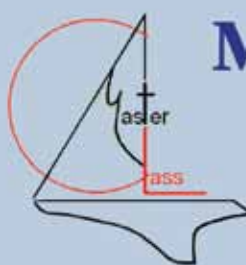


For further information and to see how you can support SWD visit: <http://www.sailorswithdisabilities.com/>



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Discover Sailing Day & Force 24's

Article by Phil Ashley-Brown and John Searl

Over the last few months the Club's new fleet of Force 24's have been out every week giving more than 300 people a new sailing experience. The boats have been on the water for the inaugural Club Sailing Day and Chalkies Cup, school camps, PE afternoons, our new learn to sail courses and the Discover Sailing Day.

In the Chalkies Cup a group of PE teachers jumped onto the boats, had a quick induction and then took part in a series of three races. The wind was good and the teachers adapted quickly to the boats. The F24's are proving to be a versatile boat, well suited for new sailors and also fun for anyone who wants to try something different. As sail trainer Nina Long pointed out in her interview on 1233 ABC Newcastle, "I think it's a good class of boat to teach people from high school to adult age. It's easy to communicate, it's a large space and they don't tip in. The girls who are sailing today on the boat are out for their second time, I'm teaching the basics and they're loving it."



Nina debriefing Whitebridge High School Students before they venture out onto the Harbour.

During the Discover Sailing Day more than 140 people filed down the jetty onto the F24's, yachts and Lasers. For many it was their very first time on a boat, let alone on a sailing boat. It was a great experience watching them taking tentative steps onto the boats and then seeing them relax and then step off with a broad smile. One first timer came up the ramp and said, "That was so much fun, where do I sign up to join?" And a woman who went out on a Laser said, "I had a ball, I'll be back on Friday, that was so much fun." As sailors we easily forget how daunting it is to step onto a boat, particularly if we've been sailing all our lives so it was a wonderful to see our volunteers working so hard to make everyone welcome and to take them through basics so carefully.

There were four yachts on the water (*Nutcracker*, *Aurora*, *Shooten Passage* and *Scots Wha Hae*; four lasers (Max, Paul, Damien and Amy) plus the Force 24's. We also had an impressive army of volunteers who were cooking sausages, staffing the front desk, driving the RIBs, doing crowd control and taking people on boats. It was an impressive day and there's no way it could have been possible without the support of so many people. Thank you so much, you've helped to give many people an experience they'll never forget.



Scots Wha Hae on Discover Sailing Day.

From the Discover Sailing Day we received a lot of inquiries and already new people have taken the first steps to get involved by signing up to the courses, twilights and Lasers. Plans from here include a learn to sail Lasers session on Sunday mornings, a Tuesday sailing experience, Saturday morning women's sailing and F24 club racing just before Christmas. In the new year we'll launch the full suite of YA accredited courses and continue the sailing experiences and schools programs.

STAFF PROFILE Nina Long Sailing Instructor

Hi my name is Nina Long and I've spent my entire life growing up on Lake Macquarie and I spend all of my spare time on or in the water.

I enjoy 49erFX sailing, match racing, windsurfing, surfing and swimming with friends at the beach. I am 19 years old and am currently studying Psychology at the University of Newcastle. Most of you would already know me for my smile around the Club and I am currently one of the new F24 coaches. Come and say Hi!



Ladies Sailing Programs Started

By Jan Howard and Mary Holley

The first four week Women's 'Introduction to Sailing' program got underway on Saturday November 8th. Sixteen women in crews of four, are using the Force 24s for two and a half hour lessons that begin with a short theory session followed by on water instruction.

The focus of the program is to teach safety on the water, boat terminology, the points of sailing, tacking, gybing and basic helming skills. The area between Dyke Point and the NCYC marina is a great training area for learning about safety around commercial vessels and how the wind strength and direction varies as a result of local geography. The flat water is ideal for teaching basic skills.

It is hoped that some of the women will progress to some of the YA courses to be run next year and will feel more confident if there is an opportunity to sail on a racing yacht at NCYC.

Instructors are Nina Long, Liam Faudree, John Searl, Mary Holley and Jan Howard. They are supported by a NCYC RIB and volunteer driver.

2015 SAILING PROGRAMS

NCYC is continuing Sailing Programs throughout 2015

- Youth Sailing Experience
- Ladies Sailing Experience
- Sailing Experience for Adults

For further information regarding these programs and to be included on the mailing list

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Laser Dinghy Sailing at NCYC

By Damien Boldyrew

On a sunny afternoon, Friday 10th October 2014, Laser sailors convened near 'A' arm of the marina and rigged their boats up for the first races of the 2014/2015 twilight season. Over the 5 Fridays comprising 14 races that have since passed (as at 07/11/14), 31 boats have entered the series (including 5 new to the Club this season) and each week we are delighted to welcome visiting sailors who have heard about our fleet.

Racing appears to be much closer this season as sailors across the whole fleet have honed their skills with time on the water. Yet the relaxed and friendly nature of the afternoon is not lost with the unmistakable camaraderie of the Laser fleet both on the water and back at the clubhouse reigning supreme. This has no doubt contributed to the growth of the fleet as much as the quality infrastructure provided by the Club, the energy of the committee in promoting the fleet and the efforts of the volunteer race officers and supporters who assist every week with running a three race format that has proved so popular.

OTB (scratch) pointscore results as at 07/11/14 show Ruthless (Michael Babbage) with 12 points, followed by Ohio (Paul Beath) with 36 points and Flip (Philip Ashley-Brown) with 53.2 points. The PHS (handicap) pointscore results features Flip (Philip Ashley-Brown) and Sydney 2000 (Damien Boldyrew) tied with 57 points, followed by Ohio (Paul Beath) with 67 points.



Image by Ray Blackburn.

Racing for 2014 will continue until Friday 12 December 2014 with the "Santa Sails a Laser" races in which sailors are encouraged to decorate their boats and themselves for Christmas. 22 boats got in the spirit last year. We hope you can join us this year to make it an even bigger event!

For those looking to 2015 to make their debut, racing resumes on Friday, 23 January 2015.

Around the Harbour Fort Scratchley

Article and image by Allen Fairhall
Extracts from my Book
"Newcastle Symphony of a City"



Fort Scratchley is built on a site previously known as Flagstaff Hill. Flagstaff Hill was the home of coal exportation throughout the early 19th century and subsequently became the Harbour Master's residence, until the army claimed the land in 1843.

This structure was demolished later to make way for construction of the Fort.

Fort Scratchley was designed by Major General Sir Peter Scratchley. Fort Scratchley was built in 1881 on Flagstaff Hill overlooking Nobbys Beach.

On the night of 7-8 June 1942 during WWII, two salvos from Fort Scratchley's 6 inch artillery battery were fired at a Japanese submarine attacking Newcastle.

This was the only coastal battery ever to fire on enemy shipping from Australian soil.



For further information on Fort Scratchley visit:

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Marine Rescue NSW

Log On/Log Off System

Article by Simon Macks

Now that Summer is here and the days are getting warmer many of us are back out on the water.

One of the ways Marine Rescue NSW helps to keep you safe is with our Log On/Log Off system. We keep a record of your boating plan and monitor your safe return.

Boaters should Log On and Log Off with us whenever they head out on the water.

This is a simple process that lets us know when you're leaving, where you're heading and when you expect to return.

This way, someone responsible knows that you're out on your boat and that you've returned safely at the end of your trip.

If you don't Log Off, we can take steps to try to find you.

To Log On, call our radio base on your marine radio. Channel 16/73 on VHF or channel 88.

If it's your first time, let us know and we will take you through the process. Once we have all your details in our system it is a simple call to Log On when you head out on the water. So first timers should give Marine Rescue Newcastle a call on (02) 4927 8237.



Advanced radio comms help keep boaters safe.

Photo: Marine Rescue NSW

Another way is to call into our base at the top of King Edward Park, The Hill. That will give you a chance to see our Radio Room and have a chat with the operator on duty. We are open daily for visits during daylight hours.

When you call, the operator needs to obtain the following information:

- Your vessel name
- Vessel registration number
- Communications gear on board: (VHF, 27MHz, MF/HF)
- Mobile telephone number
- Vessel type and length
- Hull and topsides colour
- Where the vessel is usually kept/launched
- Shore contact name
- Shore contact number
- Time and place of departure
- Log on location
- Number of people of board
- Destination & purpose of trip
- Expected time of return

When to Log On:

Marine Rescue NSW urges boaters to Log On every time they go out on their boats. If you're simply out for a day, you'll know you've told someone responsible when you're due to return and we will check and take the appropriate action if you haven't called in by then. If you change your planned time of return, call the radio base again and advise us of your change in plans.

Log Off:

Log Off by using your marine radio to tell us when you return. If we don't know you're back safely, we'll take action to find you. This can add up to substantial fuel costs and risks diverting volunteers from a real emergency, so please remember to Log Off.

If you are sailing up or down the coast, you should establish a voyage plan with Marine Rescue and an Offshore Tracking Schedule (a 'sked') to check with other Marine Rescue radio bases along the way. We'll keep track of your progress until you safely arrive at your destination in NSW or hand over to the marine rescue volunteers in the next state.



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MEDIA RELEASE



Tuesday 28 October 2014

Newcastle's Cruise Season Commences

The 2014-15 cruise season began on 29 October, with the return of the Rhapsody of the Seas, carrying approximately 2,400 passengers.

Between 29 October 2014 and 21 June 2015, 10 ships and approximately 20,000 passengers are due to visit the Port of Newcastle.

Highlights of this season include:

- the maiden voyage of l'Austral, a French vessel from the Ponant cruise line; and
- the return of the 317 metre long Celebrity Solstice, which is the largest vessel to visit the Port of Newcastle, a record set in March 2014.



Royal Caribbean International.

Cruise ships will be accommodated at the Channel Berth at Carrington, which offers deep water berthing and plenty of room for the many coaches needed to transport passengers to and from shore excursions.

Shore excursions available for passengers this season include food and wine tours of the Hunter Valley, dolphin cruises at Port Stephens, sandboarding at Stockton sand dunes, and Newcastle highlights.

Each ship will receive a three gun salute from Fort Scratchley on departure. The best vantage point to watch the ships arriving and departing is Newcastle or Stockton Foreshore. The Channel Berth is not accessible to the public.

Date of Visit	Vessel	Due to Arrive in the Port (Nobbys)
29/10/14	Rhapsody of the Seas	6am
18/12/14	Rhapsody of the Seas	6am
02/01/15	l'Austral	7am
14/01/15	Radiance of the Seas	7am
18/02/15	Rhapsody of the Seas	6am
12/03/15	Pacific Dawn	6am
13/03/15	Celebrity Solstice	7am
07/04/15	Radiance of the Seas	6am
18/04/15	Radiance of the Seas	9am
21/06/15	Gemini	7am

The cruise schedule is subject to change, and updates are provided at:

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NCYC Safety Boat Course

Article by Ray Blackburn and Phil Ashley-Brown

Yachting NSW's trainer, Craig Ferris conducted a Black Spot Rescue Boat Drivers course for six NCYC members, John Searl, Neale Kibble, Peter Hartigan, James Perry, Ray Blackburn and Phil Ashley-Brown.

Although our group had varying levels of experience and skills, we soon realised that although we were getting the job done from week to week, we still had a lot to learn to do it efficiently.

The first evening of the course consisted of theory and briefings for the following days practical activities.

The days practical utilised Craig's RIB and the Paul Gleeson. Disabled craft such as windsurfers and Lasers were retrieved along with their occupant.



It was an eye opening experience for me and I learned some invaluable techniques including how to approach a capsized boat safely, towing Lasers by laying them on their sides and pulling people out of the water using a rope technique.

It soon became evident once the practical skills were applied that rescues of both craft and personnel could be made quicker and safer. Importantly the skills learnt can be applied to our own sailing environment.

Rescue boat driving is about using the power of the engine and being wise in how you use the boat, not in using muscles or brute strength. It's about being efficient, getting to patients or boats quickly and using simple, proven techniques to efficiently get people in trouble off the water.

As a bonus to the course, all members were given a good quality PFD to keep.

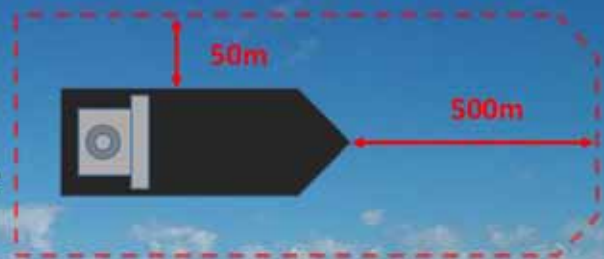
If anyone is keen to learn to be a rescue boat driver the Club is looking for boat driver volunteers so we can pass our new found knowledge on to you and get you out on the water.

If members are interested in attending a Rescue Boat Drivers Course, please phone the Administration Office on Tel: 4940 8188.

Left: James Perry Volunteering as 'shark bait' by jumping overboard.
Image by Ray Blackburn:

Crews are reminded that Newcastle Harbour and approaches are a restricted navigation zone. Recreational yachts need remain clear of commercial shipping. Sailing Instruction 15.2 provides the ability for race yachts to use their engines to move away from commercial shipping without incurring a penalty.

Minimum Distances



NCYC Photo Competition

Category: "Maritime"

All NCYC members are invited to submit an image for the Autumn 2015 competition.

Conditions of Entry:

- Photographer must be a current member of NCYC.
- One high resolution entry per person per issue.
- Send electronic format to: info@ncyc.net.au.
- Deadline for entries: Monday 2 February 2015.

Winning entry: By Ray Blackburn. Ray will receive a 12x18 inch colour print of his photograph from Newcastle School Portraits.

Judged by Peter Field.

Newcastle School Portraits

Highly Commended:

1 - Bill Quirk 2 - Gary Jones 3 - Michelle Redman



Article by Richard Howard

NCYC Adopts New Marina Management System



In early November 2014 NCYC implemented a new Marina Management System (MMS) resulting in it moving away from a relatively manual and labour intensive system which the Club had been using since the initial development of its marina.

The new MMS will allow enhanced management of NCYC's marina through better scheduling of boat arrivals and allocation of berths. In addition the software will also allow NCYC to better monitor and manage the requirement for all boats in NCYC's marina to be fully insured which from a risk perspective is critical to the safe and sustainable long term management of the asset.

The MMS will mean gone are the days of having to fill in a berthing agreement every time a yacht comes to NCYC with all relevant information maintained in the new database and available for update at a 'click of a button'.

Like all new software implementation projects there will no doubt be a few teething issues that have to be resolved throughout the initial stages of the MMS's use and significant training for staff using the system will be necessary. However, I am confident that the benefits that will flow from the MMS will significantly outweigh the time and resources that have to be invested in the front end of the project to implement the software.

Over the next month or two NCYC's administration staff will be asking all boat owners to update their vessel and contact details so as 'good information' is being loaded into the new system. Like they say with any new database 'Rubbish In – Rubbish Out'. NCYC is mindful of this and is endeavouring to make sure that all information being inputted into the new MMS is accurate. Please assist NCYC in achieving this outcome by promptly providing the information requested regarding your boat and contact details.

I would personally like to thank NCYC office staff and in particular Leanne Wagner, Di Hansen and Bronwyn Hoffman for their patience and focus in seeing this project through. All have demonstrated a willingness and confidence in the project that will ensure it meets the objective of allowing NCYC to more effectively manage the marina over the medium term.

By Howard Keegan

Marina business at the moment is looking reasonably strong with many transient vessels paying us a visit plus vessels booking in for service & repair work at Midcoast Boat Yard or East Coast Marine and end up staying longer. A few new long term berthings have arrived as well. Bookings are building for summer & the Christmas break plus we have had enquiries for berthing of larger vessels from soccer supporters of the Asian Cup as Newcastle is host to four games for the event from January 12 to 30.

Thank you to all the marina occupants who assist in keeping the marina tidy. It does make our job easier by not having to play the policeman role and it helps to make the marina safer, so please remember not to leave equipment, bikes or hoses on the marina. Everything should be kept on your vessel.

I am also pleased to advise that we now have a software package known as "Marina Focus" to run the marina. This will significantly enhance our systems and make life easier in many ways for the administration of the marina as a business, plus help us to be more customer focussed in regard to bookings, processing of marina customer information and documentation.

I recently returned from a 6 week tour of Europe and even though it was my honeymoon I did take the opportunity to view some marinas in places such as Amsterdam, Venice, Portofino, Portovenere and Athens. The major differences between them and the Australian marinas is that most of them do not have actual berths, the boats tie up stern in & hold their position by anchoring their bow out. This fits many boats but is not nearly as well laid out & organised as the Australian marinas with boats coming and going all the time and squeezing in between other vessels on arrival causing a little bit of tension between skippers.

Another difference is that there are many more super yachts in all areas which would dwarf even the biggest vessels that frequent most



Piraeus Harbour in Athens.

of the Australian marinas. The pictures here show a sample of the Athens marina precinct and Portovenere where our cruise vessel was in company with some magnificent craft.

I wish all a very Merry Xmas and prosperous 2015.

Article and images by Bill Quirk

Coming up at the Newcastle Maritime Museum Society Inc

A moment in time, if you will.....I'm not one for hiding in the pastwhile I dive deeper into the great stories of our Port of "Coal River" and Newcastle's beginnings... I find it's the future development that pays our bills today!

With great and well-founded experience, knowledge and intelligence, Mrs Evelyn King shared this about "smart cities of the future"



Bill Quirk diving deeper into the great stories of Newcastle.

See Newcastle as you have never seen it before!

Futurist Jeff Julian and internationally renowned photographer Greg Downing have collaborated to bring visions of Newcastle – "Then, Now and Tomorrow" - to the screen in a 10 minute, 300 year snapshot of the Hunter's waterway and surrounds from 200 years ago through to what might be envisioned for the year 2100. Working with early images of local indigenous and colonial life, Jeff captured and interpreted that period of our history.

Greg Downing of xRes Studios flew over to film the city as it is now. With the high-level post-production skills of xRes, the cityscape has been rendered in interactive detail, never seen here before.

And then using the film as a basis, Jeff has created a vision of how our city might look in 100 years' time.

It's a mind-blowing image that will create discussion and division – a chance to really explore what we need, what we want, and what we could have if we set our sights high.

On show at the Maritime Museum Centre from Mid-November

Evelyn has been invited to Barcelona in Spain to attend a "smart cities" world conference. She will share our Newcastle story with other great city representatives and will bring back with her an example of how other cities have evolved and moved with current technologies.

We strongly recommend you visit our Newcastle Maritime Museum Centre for a past, present and futuristic look of Newcastle and surrounds.



Visions of a future Newcastle in 100 years 'time.



For further information on

"Then, Now and Tomorrow"

Contact the Maritime Centre on Tel: 4929 2588

The Mission to Seafarers

Article by Rick McCosker

On reflection, the past few months since the last edition of this magazine have seen some changes to our Stella Maris/ Mission to Seafarers Centre.

As reported in the August edition, Bishop Greg conferred on Rev. Garry Dodd Canoncy of the Port of Newcastle. Since then Garry has accepted the position of National Co-ordinator of Mission to Seafarers. In this new role Garry recently attended an International Conference of MTS Centres in London where they discussed issues relating to maintaining Mission Centres globally for the benefit of seafarers who spend a great deal of their lives on board cargo vessels. While we here in Newcastle missed Garry's presence over these few weeks, it is importance for us to keep abreast of the changing face of the maritime industry world-wide, due to the advance in technology, piracy and changes to the economies of the various countries, especially in the Asian Region.

In view of the time Garry will be required to spend on National matters, Fr. Peter Middleton has been commissioned as full-time Anglican Chaplain and Fr. David Hesketh as part-time Anglican Chaplain. We welcome both Peter and David as they have hit the ground running at the Centre. With these appointments, in association with our volunteers, we're getting closer to our goal of visiting every vessel in port every day.

We are currently working with the local Rotary Clubs in organising a major Newcastle Foreshore event entitled "Light up Newcastle" in February, 2015 to coincide with Chinese New Year. This is a Rotary project and they are hoping to raise around \$20,000 towards the purchase of a replacement Mission transport bus, and to bring out an awareness of the importance of the Chinese community. The event organisers estimate a crowd of up to twenty thousand people participating in the Chinese lantern walk commencing from Nobby's Lighthouse at one end and the park area near the Cruising Yacht Club (opposite our Mission Centre) at the other end, meeting at the Maritime Centre on the foreshore. The plans are for Chinese dancers, dragon boat race, a parade of yachts festooned with red lights, and culminating in a fireworks display and the firing of the canon at Nobbys. This event will further the attraction and importance of our harbour, and the work done by many for the benefit of the seafarers.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House are Aussie icons we take for granted, but not so for many of our visiting seafarers. However, through the dedication of one of our volunteers and the co-operation of a PWCS Shift Supervisor, three young seafarers were able to travel to Sydney by train for a once in a lifetime adventure to see these icons, and the beauty of Sydney Harbour.

Due to a breakdown in the conveyor at the Mayfield wharf, two vessels could not be loaded and the delay allowed these three young adventurers to visit places and see sights they might not have otherwise seen. Our volunteer made himself available to meet the seafarers on their return to Newcastle railway station to transport them back to their vessel despite the late hour. This outcome highlights the benefit of co-operation between our volunteers and the various port authorities.

We continue to be blessed with pre-loved men's clothing, beanies, magazines and novels from various groups in and around Newcastle. These gifts go somewhere towards improving the lifestyle of the hundreds of seafarers to whom we are able to minister.

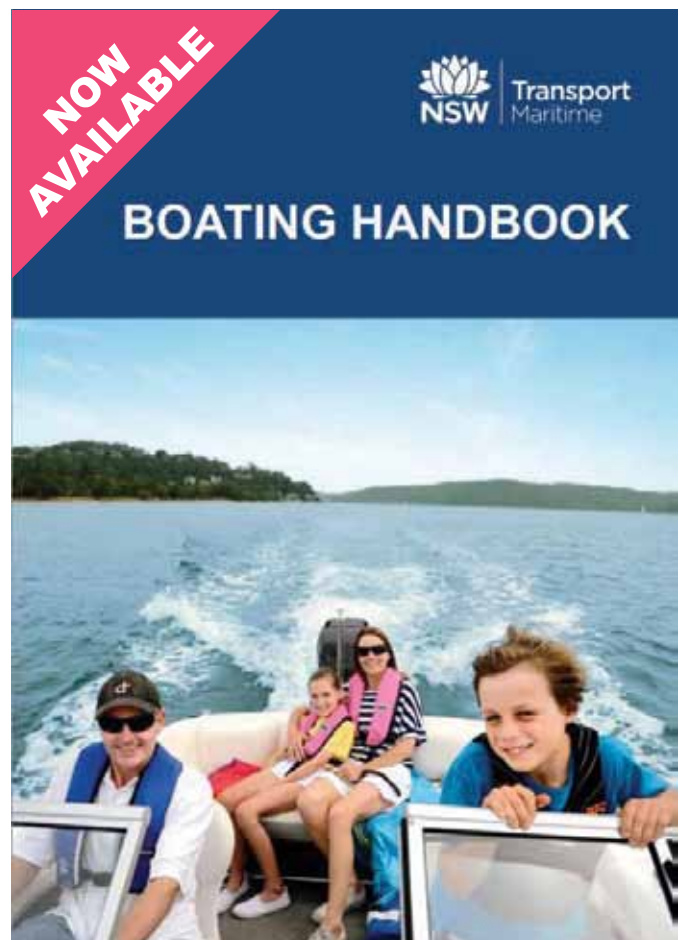
Prior to Christmas our volunteers will prepare personal toiletry gift packs which we hope to gift to every seafarer in our Port around the eve of Christmas. Donations of personal toiletries would be appreciated and can be left at the Mission Centre at any time during the day or evening.

Best wishes to members and staff of NCYC for a happy, healthy and safe Christmas, and a big thank you for your monetary donation and general support during 2014. We look forward to 2015 with the hope and anticipation of being able to care for the many seafarers who visit the Port of Newcastle.

From the Chaplains & Volunteers
at the Mission to Seafarers, Wickham.



Caring for seafarers
around the world



Where in the world is our burgee?

A competition for members only.



To Enter: Four simple steps.

1. Collect an entry form from the bar.
2. Select the correct answer from the four options:
 - a. The Concord Paris
 - b. Parliament Hse, Budapest
 - c. The Louvre, Paris
 - d. St Peters Cathedral, Rhome



“Where in the world WAS our burgee?”

Speers Point Jetty

Photograph by Di Hansen

Summer 2014 Winner:

Glen Picasso

The Prize: \$100 Dinner voucher for two at the “Galley”.

The Task: Select the correct locations from the options.

The Winner: The first correct entry drawn from the barrel.

3. Fill in your membership and contact numbers.

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DECEMBER 2014

- Sunday 7 December - Bowel of the Ball Fundraiser
- Sunday 14 December 2pm
NCYC Members Xmas Party with Santa
- Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day
NCYC CLOSED
- Friday 26 December - Watch the start of the
2014 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race
- Wednesday 31 December
New Year's Eve at NCYC

JANUARY 2015

- Thursday 1 January - New Year's Day,
relax with the family @ NCYC
- Saturday 24 January
Combined Ocean Pointscore Race.
Friendship Cup
- Sunday 25 January
Combined Ocean Pointscore Race
Newcastle Bird Islet to Swansea Race
- Monday 26 January - Australia Day @ NCYC

FEBRUARY 2015

- Saturday 14 February - Valentine's Day
- Saturday 14 February - Newcastle to Sydney Race
- Saturday 21 February - CYCA Sydney to
Newcastle Race

EVERY WEEK

- Monday and Tuesday night Galley specials
6pm-8pm.
- Thursday night Members Draw [LTPS/14/05783]
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- Friday Night Raffles - Tickets sale 6pm. Draw 7pm
- Sunday Breakfast - between 8am-10.30am



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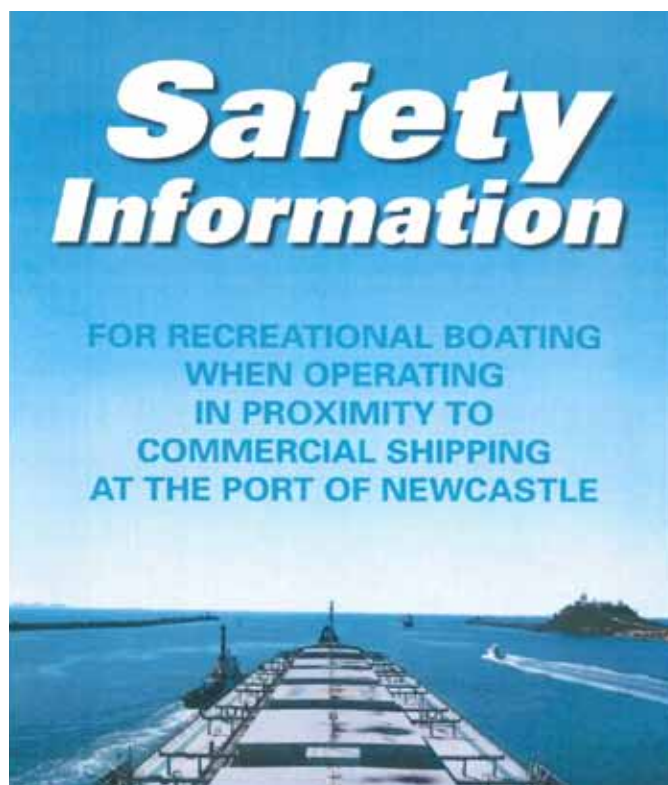
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- Police – (02) 4929 0999
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0408 299 512 – dockmaster@ncyc.net.au
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