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Icom Ocean Pointscore Race #1
- the Anna Bay Race, October 2018
Image by Jack Buchan

Commodore's Message



Welcome to all our readers. This is the final edition of our Journal for 2018. Thank you to everyone who has provided stories and photos to share, and to Di Hansen for collating and editing our contributions. I hope you enjoy it!

The club has performed well over the last quarter and year to date with our marina at a high occupancy rate, the commercial precinct is fully leased, the clubhouse revenue is up on last year, and we have had lots of enjoyment on the water both racing and cruising.

As the festive season approaches, I would like to remind you of the once-a-year spectacle that you can either participate in, or watch in awe, on Newcastle Harbour Friday the 14th of December when we will have many Santa's sailing lasers. This is followed by a multitude of events on Sunday the 16th of December, when we have the Christmas Pursuit race, a Christmas Cruise and our NCYC Christmas Party. I hope you can join us!

Next year is the 25th Anniversary of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and a time to reflect on the vision and foresight of our founding members. I hope they are all proud of the club we have today and that NCYC has become their dream come true! We all look forward to the Commemorative Book that Paul Hannan and Gloria Thirkell are putting together with the stories and photos contributed by our members. Thank you to everyone involved in this project for your passion and dedication to bring it to fruition.

As 2018 draws to a close, I would like to thank all our members for their continued support and our management and staff for the great job they have done this year. Also our volunteers who provide terrific support to our sailing and club events. On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish you all the best for the Festive Season, and a very happy New Year!



Steve Rae, Commodore



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Rear Commodore's Report



I walked into our club this morning and was quite taken by its activities. Our Sailing Academy Manager, Jacquie Ellis was conducting the briefing for our women's Helly Hansen "She Sails @ NCYC" Open F24 event. After the briefing I shared a coffee with our two International

Judges Damien Boldyrew and Ian Humphries. All this while we watched a "conga line" of about 6 of the Optis in the "Tackers" fleet get towed from F Arm with varying degrees of compliance from the very young helmspersons with respect to staying in line with the boat ahead. Great stuff! Meanwhile on F Arm the F24s were sailing out as our Sailing Manager, Jack Buchan was busy getting the race management underway. On the footpath people were pausing their walks or rides to watch the activities.

The 6-race series of "She Sails" finished with Mooloolaba YC taking 1st and 2nd and NCYC's Janease Graham, Oonagh O'Donovan, Belinda Davey & Tracie Jones taking 3rd. Congratulations to the prize winners and also to all the women that participated.

Over the past 3 weeks our club's ocean-going yachts have conducted races in the ICOM Ocean Pointscore to Anna Bay (40 miles), Moon Island (25 miles) and a Soldiers Point overnight (30 miles each way). THIS is what our club is about and I'm sure our Founding Members envisaged such a future. Three of the four races above were conducted in 20-30 knots and the Soldiers Point race was predominately downwind both ways. Throw in the hospitality of Port Stephens Yacht Club and dinner at "The Deck"; well, it was a great weekend. If you want to compete in the long offshore classics, these races are where you need to start or refresh your skills. We have had 11 entries and 8 boats sailing regularly in what remains a tight series with 3 boats tied for third.

The Lasers have sailed 14 races since starting after Daylight Saving began. There are 24 entries in the series with approximately 15 sailing regularly. There are patterns developing with some consistent results but it's too soon to make any predictions. Our Keel Boat Twilights have seen 14 boats racing with 7 regulars and this appears to vindicate our change of day to Friday, but we will keep watching. The Spring Keel Boat series has 3 races remaining and is also very tight in all 3 divisions. With 3 races to go and 7 boats in each PHS division it's great to enjoy both the numbers on the water and the comradery.

It's Ocean Classic time of the year and two NCYC boats will be on the start line of the Rolex Sydney Hobart this year; Sibby Ilzhofer's "Dare Devil" and Michael Martin's "Frantic". Your club sends you and your crew our very best and wishes you fair winds and following seas.

This summer sees 10 years since our clubhouse opened and it will be 25 years since the inaugural meeting of our members on 8 February 1994. There is a lot to be proud of as we reflect on their vision. Enjoy being with your friends and family during Christmas and the New Year!

"My mother, when asked for her opinion of the voyage before I sailed, had replied that she considered it 'totally irresponsible' and on this Christmas Day I began to think she was right. I was sailing round the world simply because I bloody well wanted to – and, I realized, I was thoroughly enjoying myself." Sir Robin Knox-Johnston – First Solo Non-Stop Circumnavigation 14 June 1968 – 22 April 1969.



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Chief Executive Officer's Report



Summer is a great time to be at the club.

There is plenty of exciting sailing in all our growing fleets. The lasers and twilight sailors are enjoying sharing the water and tales back in the bar on a Friday night. The offshore fleet have two competitive divisions who are having closely

contested battles every Sunday. The Cruising fleet are in full swing with trips away and regular dinners. The Newcastle Game Fishing Club had a great sportsman's lunch and are in full swing preparing for the annual competition in March.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Farr 40, TP52 and CYCA fleets over the summer. Our offshore and Cruising fleets enjoyed a great trip to Port Stephens and hope to replicate the fun later in the summer with races to Pittwater and Middle Harbour. The growing size of the offshore fleet is proving a challenge to find sufficient crew. We hope to establish our inshore fleet before the end of summer with 8 x Elliott 6 yachts. We hope to establish unique and diverse fleets including all female, double handed, youth and open divisions. This will provide a better pathway from the Academy to offshore sailing. It is also hoped to reconnect with quality sailors in the 20-40 age bracket that are time poor. We have an innovative regatta planned for late March – so watch this space!

We have two boats headed to Hobart to represent the club. We wish Mick Martin and his crew on "Frantic" and Sibby Ilzhofer and her crew on "Dare Devil" a fast but safe trip south. All members are welcome to come down and cheer them on at the clubs Hobart lunch on 26th December.

The Learn to Sail Academy continues to innovate and grow. A new format for Friday evening sailing allows more flexibility while completing a Learn to Sail qualification. Summer will be particularly busy with holiday camps. She Sails continues to be the benchmark program for the nation. Our Youth Academy have

earned a starting spot at the Harken International for the first time. This is a significant achievement the whole club should be proud of.

The Social Committee organised another fantastic Seafood and Semillon dinner and have great plans to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the licensed club and Christmas.

The Licensed club is flat out with functions, events and regular trade. Melbourne Cup, SOLAS Dinner and NYE were all sell outs. The marina is at near capacity and was challenged with Super Cars and boats arriving from overseas on the Seven Seas transport vessel in late November. This is the busiest time of the year and I know the NCYC team are well prepared and excited about delivering a great experience for all members.

I encourage all members to reconnect with their love of sailing this summer, be that racing, cruising or enjoying a sunset drink overlooking the marina.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season.

Paul O'Rourke, CEO

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Marina & Assets Manager's Report



2018 has been a dynamic and evolving year in the marina and general precinct. Again, peak visitation throughout the seasons, with many visiting transient vessels including international visitors and many friendly and familiar faces who make the routine migrations, similar to that of the whales, up and down the East Coast. The underlying tone from all visitors, seems to be that of positive compliment of the excellent facilities and friendly atmosphere here at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club!

Reservations for the Christmas/New Year period sees two flotillas finalising their numbers who will stay alongside for the '5-day in between' period to enjoy all on offer from the area, including activities, regional excursions and of course all that the Hunter Valley offers. These groups have also confirmed reservations in the Club for New Year's Eve Celebrations. Of course, the usual summer trade ramps up during December-January.

Focus on environmental considerations and reducing our footprint on waste and how we can contribute to the war on waste has brought about significant changes. Glass only bins were introduced to each dock and the club bar. A contractor collects the glass and produces a sand-like by-product. Of course, any glass that can be recycled, is and not converted into the 'glass sand'. The knock-on from this has been less weight in skip bins, reducing clearances to twice weekly (usually 3 times, weekly). Conscious efforts are made to separate all recyclables into appropriate bins is made and educating boat owners and commercial tenants to do similar is ongoing. The Newcastle City Council orchestrated a port-wide litter pickup, involving business that predominantly located along the water-front, in which NCYC staff took part in April 2018.

An emergency response procedures manual has been developed and is currently being fine-tuned. It is intended that this document be a comprehensive 'go to' flipchart that identifies who is trained to respond and co-ordinate any evacuation or emergency response. As the business is a rotational 7-day/week operation, specific instructions will be produced (eg specific for the bar, restaurant, dockmaster role, administration) and included in new staff induction processes. Emergency Warden and Fire Fighting training was completed in October, with Candice Reed (Bar & Functions Manager), Paul Booth (Maintenance) and myself, along with representative from Midcoast Boatyard and Marine. Hand-in-hand with this, a training matrix will be produced with first aid training completed before end of December. First Aid is paramount given the public foot traffic, visitors/guests to the bar and club and on-water activities.

Best wishes for a wonderful Summer!

Thank You Earth Guardians Newcastle

During November a group of dedicated volunteers spent time cleaning up around the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club marina precinct. Their generous time and effort in making a difference to the marina is greatly appreciated.

For more information on Earth Guardians Newcastle and where their next clean-up is, visit their Facebook page.

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History of the NCYC Social Committee Tenacity Award

By Gloria Thirkell

The fifth successful nominee for the Tenacity Award was Tony Purkiss, skipper of "Etosha". Having decided that they wanted to form a Yacht Club in Newcastle, our founders, George Keegan and Paul Hannan set about making that happen. They were tenacious in following that goal. Those foresighted people who became the founding members of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club in February of 1994, and those who joined soon after, fought on tenaciously to achieve the first of their goals, the opening of Stage 1, in February of 2004.

In that year the NCYC Social Committee decided to establish a Tenacity Award to recognise those members who demonstrated a continuation of that determination, taking hold of a goal and with perseverance, achieving it.

At first the awards were for humorous events demonstrating tenacity. The award has over the years grown into something much more. In these articles we have again given recognition to: Colin Jordan, skipper of "Sienna", (2004); Robin Hillery, skipper of "Warrain" (2004); Sibby and Ivan McFadyen, co-owners of "Funnelweb", (2004) and; Glenda Arnall, skipper of "Felix Ventures" (2005).

It was announced at the Sailing Presentation of Trophies and Prizes evening in April 2006 that the fifth successful nominee for the Tenacity Award was Tony Purkiss, skipper of "Etosha".



Tony Purkiss on board "Etosha"

The reasons behind Tony's nomination for the Tenacity Award were:

1. Tony was critically injured during the Bali Bombing, 1 October 2005.
2. On 27 November 2005, only 8 weeks later and still obviously the worse for wear, our unstoppable Tony was out at the start line at sea (aboard "Taratibu" skippered by Bruce Bragg).



3. This was soon followed by Tony, now certifiably blind, regularly joining crews to participate in our events. Tony is another NCYC member who demonstrates inspirational tenacity in achieving his goals.

In the Autumn Issue 2019 - Robin Hillery skipper of Warrain – again!

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I'm a new addition to the bar staff at NCYC and have been a part of the team just over three months now. I love the friendships I have built with not only my fellow colleagues but with our amazing members and customers.

When I'm not pouring beers, you'll either find me napping either at home or on the beach.

My drink recommendation is our \$8 Cheesecake cocktail. It's nice and simple yet soooo delicious.

I hope that my strong work ethic, quirky sense of humour and bubbly personality have become an asset to the club. I am enjoying my time so far at the NCYC and aspire to one day become a part of the "Cruising Fleet".

There is a quote by Marc Anthony that says- "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life" and that's how I feel when I'm here pouring drinks at the NCYC!

See you in the bar!

Christmas Ham Raffles on Fridays until early January



Club is closed
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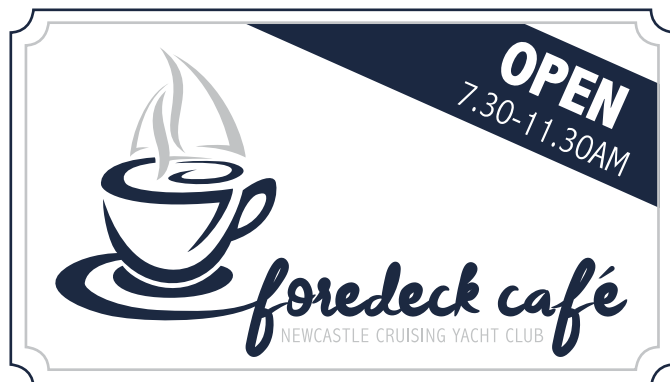


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Enjoying the atmosphere in the Marquee

Sailing Managers Report

Jack Buchan, Sailing Manager

The Spring Short Ocean Pointscore started strong this season with thirteen yachts competing in the Spring Edition of the Annual Pointscore Series. The first handful of races in the series proving challenging with rough seas and strong breeze.

This season we made some changes to the calendar to deliver the Icom Ocean Pointscore. It's fantastic to see the number of competitors for this series almost double since last season – perhaps in favor of the condensed format with three consecutive weekends for the Anna Bay Race, Moon Islet Race and the Port Stephens weekend where the Cruising Fleet joined us for our race to Port Stephens on the Saturday and back to Newcastle on the Sunday.



Another change to the NCYC sailing calendar this year is that we have just one big Twilight night. As of this season, our Offshore Twilight race and our Laser Twilight racing are both scheduled for Fridays! Both have proven successful with the number of regular competitors increasing for the Friday Twilight racing in both fleets. Join us in the Club on Fridays as it fills with competitors after racing – perhaps just in time for the raffles! Excitingly, this isn't the biggest change to our 2018-2019 sailing calendar. . .

The biggest change to our 2018-2019 sailing calendar will be the addition of Inshore Twilight Racing on our near new fleet of Elliott 6m One Design yachts. The Elliotts are destined to reinvigorate the concept of yacht racing here in Newcastle offering a unique competition to local sailors.



The Elliotts are well-travelled, well-equipped, and well-presented having been commissioned for the 2012 London Olympics. The boats have sailed five regattas in total since new – including the Olympic Games where the Australian Team consisting of Olivia Price, Nina Curtis and Lucinda Whitty brought home a Silver Medal for the Women's Match Racing competition.



With the boats identical, in as new condition, the racing here at Newcastle is forecast to be fast-paced, fun and exciting with several twilight comps on the drawing board including:

- Tuesday Night – She Sails Women's Twilight Racing
- Wednesday Night – Open Comp
- Thursday Day – 2 Up Series (2 people, 2 sails, 2 laps, 2 races)
- Thursday Night – 20/20 Series (20 minute races, for crews aged 29 and under)

We are in the process of adding information to our webpage for our up-and-coming Elliott Racing. Check out Sailing > Inshore Racing on our webpage.

Personally, I can't wait to get the boats up and running and have a chance to compete in these new yachts – and if this sounds like something that you would be keen to get involved in, drop me an email with an Expression of Interest to sailing@ncyc.net.au

Additionally, I would advise anybody and everybody looking to be involved in sailing activities here at the club to sign up to SailConnect. The SailConnect app has our yacht racing calendar embedded in it and is a one-stop-shop for directly connecting skippers and crew.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Ian Humphries (left) and Damien Boldyrew (right) who have been appointed as International Judges by the Race Officials Committee during the World Sailing Annual Conference in Sarasota, USA this month.

This is a first time appointment to this international level for both Ian & Damien and they will be accredited to officiate at international level events for four-years.

Achieving this standard of accreditation takes a massive commitment, hours & hours spent at events and studying the rules & their application in racing - this is an outstanding achievement to have two NCYC members gain this recognition.



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Asahi Super Dry NSW Country Yachting Championships 2018

By Jack Buchan
Images Spot-a-Yacht

Day one was a 'breeze' for each of our divisional leaders of the 2018 Asahi Super Dry NSW Country Yachting Championships held in August. With a 25 boat fleet on the water, Sydney based Bob Cox's Division 1 competitor Nine Dragons had a clean scorecard with wins in all three races in IRC and two wins in PHS. "Khaleesi" trails just one point behind going in to the final day of racing.

Dale Sharp cleaned up Division two "So Farr" in the Lake Macquarie based Farr 31 with wins in races one and two. Len Laver's "Archambault 40" just two points behind with a couple of second places on the scorecard. In Division 3, Newcastle local Valda Johnston and the "Scots Wha Hae" Team brought it home with two wins with Richard Fleck's "Scuffy" fighting hard in second place.



Volunteer Race Management Team

Day 2 with Sunday's forecasters having differing opinions, the outlook was still very much "up in the air" and so the boats headed out, unfortunately AP was raised during the first start sequence and never came down. The results remained unchanged with no races getting away due to the 'millpond' conditions.

A friendly rivalry from a Middle Harbour Yacht Club dominated fleet in Division 1 with Bob Cox's "Nine Dragons" winning the double in both IRC & PHS Divisions after a strong front on day 1 of the event.

2nd placed IRC yacht "Khaleesi" was hot on "Dragon's" heels and would have been anticipating the lighter winds forecast for today to knock "Cox" off the top of the tree. Andrew & Pauline Dally and their team brought home 2nd place in both IRC and PHS Division 1.

In 3rd place it was Joe de Kock's Farr 40 in "Good



Division 1 start line

Form" with help of world renowned Carolijn Brouwer after securing the Volvo Ocean Race winning title in the 2017-18 edition of the race Living Life at the Extreme with "Dongfeng" Race Team.

Peter Sorenson's Cookson 12 "Philosophers" held onto 3rd place in PHS Division 1.

In Division 2 it was Lake Macquarie Yacht Club based "So Farr" with Dale Sharp and his well-practiced team



Division 2 winner So Farr leading
LMYC yacht 2XCESS

securing the win with race results including 1st, 1st & 6th for their division followed closely by Len Lavers and his "XSTATIC" Team and then Newcastle based "Summer Salt" with Tim Gleeson leading the Newcastle pack.

Division 3 was filled with local Novocastrians. In first place, Valda Johnston on "Scots Wha Hae", Richard Fleck's "Scuffy" in second place and Paul Bertholli's "Nutcracker" in third place.

There are a lot of people involved in delivering such an event. It's important to recognise the contributions of these key individuals and organisations:

- Asahi Super Dry / Asahi Beer Australia
- Midcoast Boatyard and Marine
- The Volunteer Race Management Team and the support of PRO Phil Yeomans from Deck Hardware.
- The Team at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Hooked Restaurant & Grill for their hard work and long hours over the busy regatta weekend.

And that's a wrap!

Next, we gear up for the launch of the SAIL NEWCASTLE regatta in March 2019. This is a weekend not to be missed – check out our webpage to make sure that you don't get stuck on shore!

Newcastle Game Fishing Club

Article by Scott Morris

Image by Paul Hardy

NGFC is looking forward to another big year with the water starting to warm up & the baitfish starting to gather on the continental shelf east of Newcastle. NGFC have a lot of events in the planning stages and we had a very successful Sportsman Lunch held at the NCYC on Friday 31st August 2018 featuring a soccer legend Michael Bridges. We had over 60 people attend & by all reports, had a great day!!

On Saturday 27th October, Paul Hardy & son Max Hardy (junior angler) Headed out of Port Macquarie to try their luck. Max managed to land an 82kg Yellowfin Tuna after over 2 hours on 60kg gear. It is a pending Australian & NSW record !!! Max was exhausted after this but decided to put the lures back out & hooked up to an estimated 200kg Blue Marlin which, I am not sure how excited Max was to fight this one as well. To Max's relieve, it got off after a short time.

We are looking forward to the annual East Coast Classic Tournament on March 8th, 9th & 10th 2019 – We will be holding the this out of beautiful Newcastle Harbour with the briefing & events being housed at the NCYC. We will also be catering for the berthing of the fleet at the Newcastle marina. We normally attract 50 – 70 boats & over 200 anglers. NGFC has also been selected to host the 2019 NSWGFA Junior Team in conjunction with our tournament. NSWGFA select 2 x juniors from each zone (Northern, Central & Southern), to learn / compete on a 40ft boat supplied by NSWGFA.



NGFC have submitted an application to host the AIBT “Australian International Billfish Tournament” in 2021 & 2022 as part of our East Coast Classic Tournament. This would bring competitors from all over Australia

& be a great accomplishment for the city of Newcastle. The AIBT tournament is a qualifying event for an Invitation to compete in the Hawaii International Billfish Tournament.



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Race #1 - Anna Bay Race – 21/10/18

Congratulations to “Frantic” on Line Honours in the 40NM race and to overall winner “Nutcracker” for taking the PHS lead for the race and for the series! The breeze was consistently SSW with gusts up to 25knts with a kite run down to Anna Bay before easing throughout the day to a 10-15knts for the beat back home to Newcastle.

Race #2 Moon Island Race – 28/10/18

Starting at sunrise, our Race Management Team commandeered Lake Macquarie Yacht Club’s mark laying boat ‘Seabreeze’ to drop the Moon Island buoy just outside Swansea Channel.

With a solid south-easterly breeze and numerous showers diminishing throughout the race, our fleet raced to Moon Island as part of Race #2 of the 2018-2019 Icom Ocean Pointscore thanks to Icom Australia Official.

Check out our photos for a glimpse of the William the Fourth steam ship cruising the harbour, after her long-running heritage restoration project!

Race #3 & #4 Newcastle Port Stephens and Return 3-4/11/18

Today we race from Newcastle to Port Stephens where our sailors, accompanied by the Cruising Fleet, will be checking in to The Deck Cafe/Restaurant & Bar at Soldiers Point Marina for post race celebrations tonight. Race #4 resulted in “Summer Salt”, “Marta Jean” and “Warrain” take first 3 spots in the PHS Div 1.

2019 will see the fleet complete the remainder two races in the ICOM Pointscore Series being:

- Friday, 8th February 2019
Newcastle Pittwater Race
- Friday, 1st March 2019
Newcastle Middle Harbour Race

For race results, visit NCYC website
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Anger Management - 1st IRC - Race 1



Frantic - 1st Line Honours Race 1



Nutcracker - 1st PHS Race1



Adrian Kiely on MAKO and Shes The Culprit Race 4.
Image by Simon Macks



William IV Steam Ship

Laser Sailing

Article by Phil Ashley-Brown

Club Boats Available

Want to skipper your own boat? There's nothing quite like slipping down to the harbour on a Friday night and beginning the weekend on the water steering your own boat. And now you can do that too on a Laser, even if you don't own a boat. This season some club boats are available for people to try out on Friday nights and you'll even have the very capable James Perry help you rig and get going. It couldn't be easier! It's a great way to get started and will help you decide whether it's for you or not. But a warning, it really does help if you've got some sailing experience. They're slippery little boats. If you are interested in sailing a Laser on Fridays, you'll need to book one through Reception at NCYC and pay a minimal fee.

Season So Far

Out on the water we've had a great start to the season

with some new sailors joining us and a steady fleet of between 15 and 20 boats every Friday night. We've had varying wind strengths and a few races where the buildings have shadowed the course and made it unpredictable. One of our strongest westerlies made for interesting sailing with some of our most experienced sailors capsizing in the downwind leg of one of the races. In the OTB series Eric Besuijen leads in "Balance", followed by Jeff Robinson in "Friday" and Phil Ashley-Brown in "Slippery". In the PHS Jeff Robinson is in first place followed by Tony Van de Stelt in "Sjani" and Adam Wyatt in "Red Dog".

We have found that sailors who competed across winter have been more competitive and "on the game" during the spring series so the pressure will be on for all of our sailors to take part. But that's the great thing about the fleet. With more people taking part and a faster group up front the entire fleet has improved in its strategy and sailing skill.

We've had an awesome spring series which isn't possible without our volunteers and support from NCYC. We'd like to thank everyone who helped to make it possible.

Santa Sails a Laser



Friday 14 December
DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight



The Life Aquatic

Along with The Life Aquatic, NCYC co-hosted the RS Aero Demonstration Day held at NCYC on 14 October 2018.

The Life Aquatic had 5, 7 and 9 Rig boats available to the public to try. This was an opportunity to get a feel sailing the boats and a chance to become part of the fastest growing OD fleet in the world and be part of the 2019 National Championship held in Port Stephens.



Image by The Life Aquatic

Further information on the RS Aero can be found on the 'RS Aero Australia' Facebook page.

Cruising Fleet

By Brian Gardoll



Wow, what a fantastic opening to the cruising boating season we have had! Members of the Cruising Fleet have been everywhere from The Whitsundays (Cloud Catcher) to Sydney Harbour (Mako) and so

many spots in between.

Now with 30 boats in the Cruising Fleet (the Cruisers) it is worth mentioning that the fleet is open to all NCYC skippers and crews who enjoy using their boats for non-competitive and social cruising. Have you noticed our members out sporting their new polo shirts?

Cruising is a fantastic way to meet like-minded people while exploring the beautiful waterways in and around Newcastle, the mid north coast and beyond. Cruising activities are characterised as relaxing, family friendly and usually



of a more social nature.

Some members of the Fleet recently cruised to Port Stephens to rendezvous overnight with the racing fleet at Soldiers Point marina. This was a spectacular trip with perfect weather conditions with side visits to Broughton Island and Fame Cove, not to mention a great meal and afters.

Upcoming events will include, Christmas get together on 22 December and cruising the Hawkesbury over the Christmas/New Year break.

Don't forget the next Cruising Division meeting to be held on Thursday 12 December at 7pm, in the Club Trophy Room - everyone is welcome!



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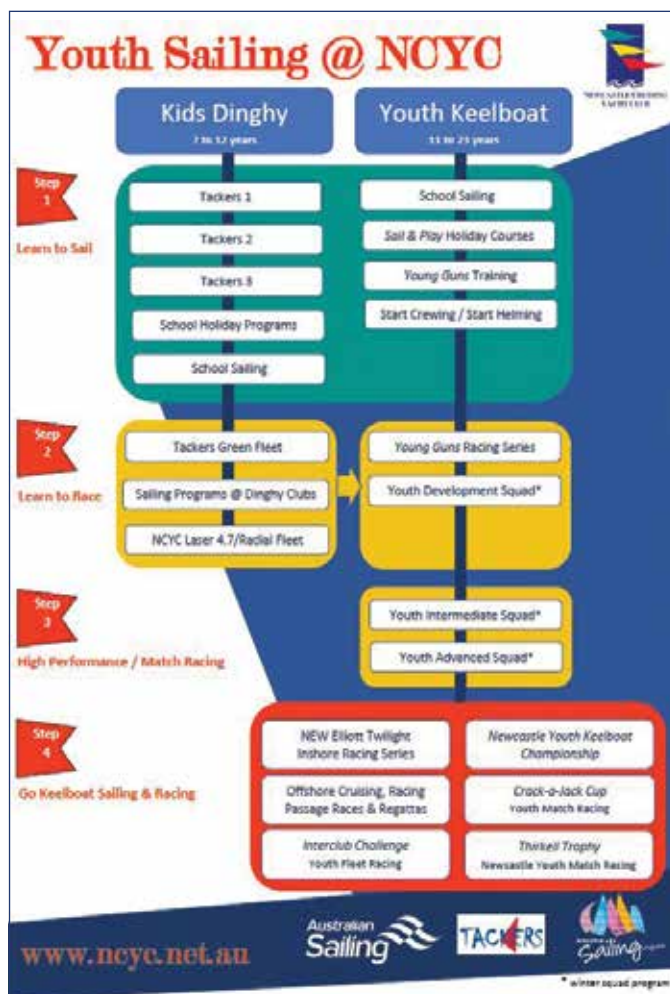
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Sailing Academy Report

By Jacqui Ellis

2019 will see an expanded Youth Squad Program to provide graduated levels of coaching based on the sailors skills and experience. There will be a keelboat program of skill development for all levels for sailors under 23years. 2019 will also see the introduction of two match racing events, the Crackerjack Cup and the Thirkell Trophy – Newcastle Youth Match Racing Championship, to complement our Newcastle Youth Keelboat Championship which was raced for the first time this year.



Over the last few years at the NCYC, we have been creating a number of courses, training squads and events to provide some new and exciting pathways for young sailors of our region who are wanting to get into sailing and also to progress into keelboat racing.

These have now been pulled together and represented in a simple "map" providing guidance and easy "navigation" for your sailing journey.

Progressing from learning to sail, through to learning to race, into high performance options including match racing and onto offshore racing and events . . .

Sailing is a sport you can do for life and starting at a youth level gives you an incredible variety of opportunities to access in your sailing career.

Many of our programs are run mid-week after school so they do not clash with, nor restrict, other sailing opportunities available.

Come and join us at the Sailing Academy, whether it be in our Tackers dinghies, our youth keelboat programs in our training Force 24s or getting into some new high performance racing coming just around the corner . . .

Working with Australian Sailing, we hosted several Instructor courses as well as Powerboat Handling courses conducted by our qualified Instructors. We had good numbers for both the Dinghy Instructor and Keelboat Instructor courses. Should anyone be interested in these courses, please contact the Sailing Academy so we can let you know of future course dates.

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Lucy shines at F18 Worlds

By Jacqueline Ellis

Sailing Academy Instructor and NNCYC sailor, Lucy Nissen, along with her dad Dean, have recently returned from the F18 World Championship in Sarasota, Florida USA.

From a fleet of 80 boats Lucy & Dean placed 1st in the mixed crew division and 21st overall. Lucy was also placed 1st female skipper in the Worlds. The F18 is a catamaran fleet based on a measurement formula. Earlier this year, at the F18 Stockholm Archipelago Raid (4 days of intense racing – four-hour races) in Sweden, they placed 5th overall, this followed on from Lucy being award 1st youth at the F18 Nationals in Australia.

Lucy has been a member of the NNCYC Youth Development Program and regularly sails Lasers at the Club. Whilst she has been busy off sailing and finishing



her HSC this year, as a very competent & popular dinghy & keelboat Instructor, we look forward to seeing Lucy around the club a lot this summer!

Congratulations on great results Lucy and Dean!

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Sailing Academy Instructors - Henk Zeeman

Meet Henk, who is one of our valuable volunteers with the Sailing Academy. Henk was born in NZ and started sailing at the age of 10.

He sailed in dinghies up to the age of 16, then sailed 18 foot whalers with the sea cadets.

Joining the merchant navy at age 16 as a deck officer, he worked his way up to Chief Officer on various cargo ships. Henk is currently employed by Brisbane Port Authority as captain on "MV. Brisbane" maintaining the required depths of the major ports on the Australian coast.

Henk has spent several years teaching at the Newcastle Maritime Studies while on leave from his ship. He has extensive experience in Keelboats and raced at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, as well as racing a Hobie F18



catamaran at Speers Point Sailing Club. This class is a catamaran with main, jib and spinnaker, approximately 440 sq feet of sail. Capable of reaching speeds of 30 knots.

"I absolutely love sailing but extreme sailing is a thing of the past due to physical injury" It has always been Henk's passion to teach sailing and pass on his knowledge and experience. He has recently obtained his Australian Sailing keelboat instructor qualification and is looking forward to help train and build up a crewing capable group to support the fleets of both the NCYC and the Lake Macquarie clubs.

Henk will be providing sailing instruction in a new program introduced to NCYC for the University of the 3rd Age members (aged +55) on the F24s commencing in February 2019.

Retirement from full time work is just around the corner and until he does retire, Henk will instruct in his time off and volunteer on the support boat. Once retired he will become more involved in all facets of the club but predominantly in relation to the F24s.

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Olympic Yachts Set Sail In Newcastle

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club welcomes the arrival of eight Olympic yachts for fleet and match racing for the more experienced sailors.

The Elliott 6s are in pristine condition and have raced in a select few events including the Pre-Olympic Test Events, the Olympic Games and three other regattas at venues in Hong Kong, California and Chicago.

NCYC's Sailing Manager Jack Buchan said, "These yachts are capable of some exciting sailing. Not only a close sailing experience, this one-design fleet hits a punch with power and speed, making them an



exciting boat to sail that will definitely test the skills of our sailors."

CEO, Paul O'Rourke said, "Our new fleet offers a chance for capable sailors to come along and go yacht racing at an affordable weekly price. The opportunity removes the hurdle of boat ownership and with a crew of just 2-4 adults, makes it even easier to get out on the water week-to-week! We also have the boat that Australian Team Olivia Price, Nina Curtis and Lucinda Whitty sailed to a silver medal in the 2012 London Olympics. The sails still have the country flags and Olympic branding. I think everyone will be keen to sail on that boat!"

The Elliotts form both Summer and Winter Inshore Pointscore events including Young Guns, Hot Shots (invitation only), Women Series as well as an Open Division. With the Elliotts on board, NCYC are now be placed to host Interclub challenges and regattas at a higher level.

To register your EOI, contact Jack Buchan, Sailing Manager - sailing@ncyc.net.au or 02 4940 8188.

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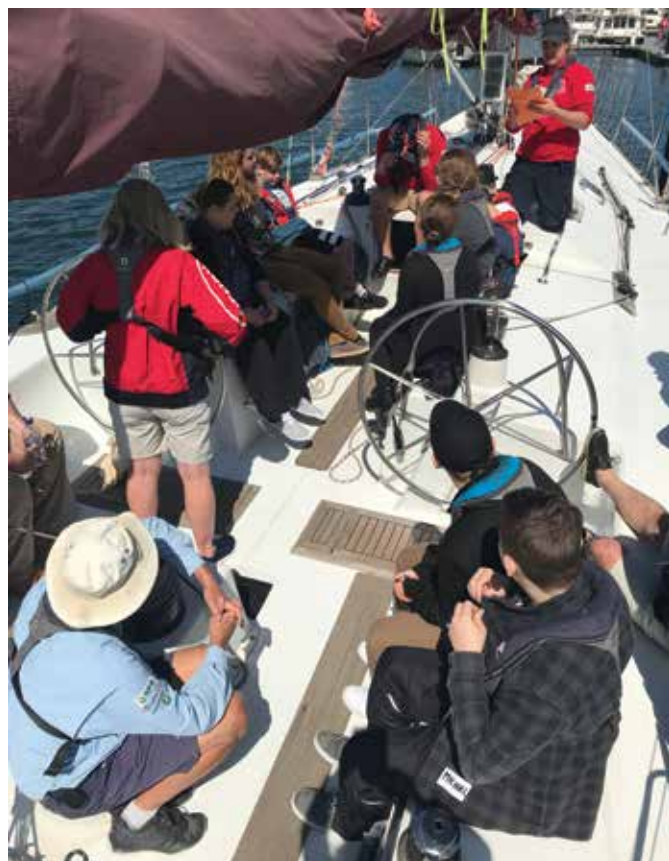
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Sailors with DisAbilities visit to Newcastle - Sept 2018

Sailors with disAbilities is a charity running sailing programs for children with disabilities. The aim is to encourage people with a disability or those in difficult circumstances to believe "I can!"



Sailing Academy Spring Holiday School Camp



NCYC Youth Squad

SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship

By Jack Buchan & Jacqui Ellis

After a full-on week of racing - 20 matches over 4 days - our Team of Thomas Steenson, James Robson, Felix Prince, Marcus Livingstone and Harry Miller have finished the SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship in 6th place.

After a great first round robin, where they won seven of the nine races, they struggled a bit in the second-round robin only able to post three wins in some very close & tight matches. This put them into 6th and into a sail-off for 5th/6th place against the team from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. RYCT Skipper Will Sargent, fresh from his win in the Australian School Match Racing Championship, defeated our guys 2-0 taking 5th overall, so we remained in 6th. We are so very proud of our young team and their strong determination and efforts in every race they sailed.

They were racing with asymmetrical spinnakers on the Elliotts which was something different! The standard

of racing seen in this event was exceptional and our team held their own and represented our Club well. With 10 teams, eight yacht clubs and five States/Territories competing, the 2018 event also marked the most diverse competition ever in the 18-year history. Thank you to Harry Morton who has coached our team leading into the event and supported them on-water during the regatta.



Harry Miller - Sailing Academy & NCYC Junior Member



Harry Miller is a Junior member of NCYC and is 14 years old in year 8 at Rudolf Steiner School at Glendale. He often sails on his Dads yacht "Red Dog" on the Offshore and Summer Twilight Series.

Harry started sailing at the age of five when he and his dad converted a tender into a sailing

dinghy which he sailed in Middle Harbour and on Manly Dam in Sydney.

In 2015 Harry started sailing as crew as a Manly junior at Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club with Oscar Brownbill. He competed in the Club Championship and State and National Titles.

In 2016 Harry skippered his own Manly Junior "Toffee Apple" at Manly also competing in state and national titles. Harry did extremely well and won the Novice Division of the Manly Junior State Titles at Hornsby Kuringai Sailing Club and at



Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club.

In 2017 Harry purchased a 29er which he is sailing with Angus Jones. This year, Harry is crewing with the NCYC Match Racing Team and is in the Youth Development Squad.

Harry also sailed on "X rated" which won the 24-hour Heaven Can Wait event and also competed at Hamilton Island on the 26ft Sonata.

Harry competed in the combined High Schools Regatta on his 209er and also raced in the 2018 NSW Youth State Championships with Angus at Sunshine in October. Harry also competed at Sail Port Stephens on "Red Dog" and sailed on "Coroborre" at Sail Paradise Regatta on the Gold Coast. Harry also helped his dad deliver "Freyja" back from Hobart, which included sailing through Franklin Sound which is a narrow waterway between the two largest islands, Flinders Island and Cape Barren Island.

Harry plays rugby in Winter for Merewether Juniors and the team won the premiership in 2016.

Harry also built an electric bicycle for the Cameron Park Electric Vehicle Festival and took out the lap record.



Townsville GaLS Regatta

Article by Sarah Gamble

Images by Janease Graham,
Alexis LeBlais & Julian Summers



The TYC GaLS Regatta, hosted by the Townsville Yacht Club, was held 8-9 September 2018, and attracted 9 entries mainly from Queensland, a crew from Tasmania and a crew from the NCYC. Our team raced on Doug Ryan's "Shazam", a Beneteau First 44.7, and with an excellent track record in the northern Queensland regattas we were keen to uphold the boat's winning reputation. We did not disappoint finishing the regatta in 4th place, a fantastic result for a crew of mixed skills and experience, and racing on the biggest boat most of us had ever sailed on.



Over the two days we raced competitively claiming line honours in all but three of the races, and a podium place on handicap in 4 out of the 7 races. The weather was superb for a development regatta; brilliant blue skies, sunshine and mostly light breezes. Meika Wright was our skipper, and together with Janease Graham our tactician, the two aptly brought the team together, and with the help of Doug's local knowledge combined their skills to guide "Shazam" round the course. Day one consisted of 3 and 1 lap windward /leeward races on Townsville Harbour, and this day certainly tested our fitness levels with 9 kite runs over 5 short courses. Needless to say, it was early to bed that night for us all, and we even skipped the dancing! Having finished Day 1 in second place, we woke on Day 2 keen to hit the water for the last two races. The breeze was gentle but fluky, and we were rapt to have our last race a passage race, that took us over to the shores of majestic Magnetic Island, giving us the opportunity to take in our idyllic surroundings, and admire the crystal clear

turquoise blue waters. We had two great kite runs in this race, and for our team, who had various skill sets including some members with no spinnaker experience, we felt pretty pleased with ourselves when we nailed two spinnaker gybes!



The aim of the TYC Gals regatta was to increase confidence and skills and to have fun, and we certainly did that on and off the water. We formed new acquaintances, some of whom participated in our recent She Sails Regatta representing Mooloolaba Yacht Club, and proudly flew the banner for women's sailing at NCYC.

The crew Meika Wright (skipper), Janease Graham (tactician), Oonagh O'Donovan (main trimmer and organiser), Helen Griffin and Tracey Hanson (trimmers), Olwyn Fulmer (cockpit), Belinda Davey (strings), Barb Donnan (mast), and Sarah Gamble (bow) would like to thank Lake Macquarie Yacht Club & Crew on "Lucille" & "Trace Element", the Townsville Yacht Club for a well-run regatta, all the volunteers, Doug Ryan for the loan of "Shazam", his guidance and encouragement, Simon Macks our photographer and chief on land supporter, all our sponsors, and the NCYC sailing community for their support of women's sailing.



Bubbles & Troubles @NCYC - a celebratory evening of women's sailing

Article by Sam Hickey and Kris Anderson

Images by Glen & Sam Hickey

Earlier this year, a fabulous crowd heated up the room on a cold windy Thursday night to celebrate women's sailing here at NCYC. The SheSAILS@NCYC event, aptly called "Bubbles & Troubles" gathered two panels of women from our very own backyard to share their sailing stories and engage the crowd with the clear message "regardless of your age or gender, just give it a go!"

Club Treasurer Valda Johnston kicked off the evening and the vibe in the marquis, complete with a champagne bar in one of our Optis, was vibrant and full of anticipation. Sailing Academy Manager and World Laser Champion Jacqui Ellis then set the scene for the evening, sharing stories of her international sailing career and describing how her love of sailing led to a career with the Sydney Olympics and Sailing Australia before bringing her back home to Newcastle. Suitably enthused, the 90-strong crowd of guys and gals were in



Guest Speaker Jacqui Ellis

for a treat as Helen Clare, radio presenter and sailor, expertly interviewed our racing and cruising panels, effortlessly putting everyone at ease and bringing to life ocean tales from both near and far.

First up was the racing panel, consisting of Oonagh O'Donovan, Mary Holley, Karma Randall, Alyson Gearing and Kath Hall, who offered an entertaining and inspirational glimpse into their diverse racing experiences.

Oonagh, with only 4 years sailing experience, is a relative newcomer to both sailing and racing who has nonetheless just completed her first Sydney to Hobart race. Oonagh's hot tip to any beginners was 'just step on a boat, throw yourself in and you never know where it will take you'. When asked how she became interested in sailing she gave a light laugh and replied, "ah well, some long-haired bloke said come sail away with me and I thought, why not?" That same 'give it a go'



Vice Commodore/Club Treasurer Valda Johnston kicks off the evening

approach led Oonagh to her first Hobart race, on the beautiful old timber lady "Freyja". With great humour and more than an ounce of humility, Oonagh described how, despite forewarning, she was unprepared for the flood of emotion that accompanied their 1 January arrival in Hobart!

At the other end of the spectrum Mary, a veteran of 16 consecutive Hobarts, talked about the 1998 race where the waves were 30 metres high (100ft). She gave us a glimpse of the strength of the winds on this race as she laughingly told the crowd how calm it felt when they eased somewhat – to 50 knots! Undaunted, she and husband Jim formed a great team and guided their crew to be one of the few yachts that completed the race to Hobart. She and Jim campaigned Aurora for many more years, and she continues to be a regular sight on the NCYC start line. Mary's love of sailing led her and close friend Jan Howard to champion women's sailing in Newcastle, beginning with the 'Skirts' in 2010.



A happy crowd filled the marquis



Helen Clare and 4 of the racing panelists: Oonagh O'Donovan, Mary Holley, Karma Randall and Alyson Gearing

Our youngest panel member Karma, who loves nothing more than going fast on the water, shared her dream of becoming a Volvo ocean racer. She also discussed the enjoyment she has found sailing with the older SheSAILS women, one that is definitely mutual! Karma offers not only youth, agility and enthusiasm but immense tactical match racing skill. At only 18 Karma has been sailing almost as long as she can remember and gave us all a chuckle when she confided that she didn't really like it at first, until Dad Joe bought her a pink boat!

Alyson shared that it was her Dad building a skiff in the lounge room that started her love of sailing. She shared fond memories of her Dad and friends sailing in ways that would not be



Belinda Randall: a proud Mum



Our youngest panelist:
Karma Randall

permitted today on the harbour. Alyson also described the thrill she gets from teaching sailing to young girls and boys, gaining immense joy from their smiles of happiness as they learn this new skill.

Kath, from yet another perspective, shared how she was doing the long and monotonous commute from Newcastle to Sydney for work when she spotted a poster about the Clipper Round the World Race. Kath had some sailing experience already and felt very strongly that this was a 'now or never' opportunity that just had to be had! This led to Kath sailing the world; learning many new skills and setting a great example for her grandchildren.



Round the World Clipper racer:
Kath Hall

An intermission for food and mingling allowed for some fun and frivolity with teams competing for fame and glory in a spinnaker-packing competition. There were many varied techniques on display and the competition was fierce, but the prize was finally taken out by Peta Norris and Danny Winter, dispelling the myth that tacticians never pack kites. Well done Team Austral! Commendations also go to Karma and Joe, and a couple of old Culprits.

The cruising panel of Anika Goninan, Mary-Anne Purkiss, Helen Griffin, Thelma Morley and Kris Anderson, was up next and dialled back the pace but certainly not the adventure.



Oonagh O'Donovan giving us a chuckle

Anika, with over 50 years of sailing experience, shared her stories of cruising the Panama Canal with a bunch of strangers on a boat she had never stepped foot on. That adventurous spirit took Anika to some idyllic locations, including the Galapagos Islands, and introduced her to some great characters, among them a very young and green Jesse Martin. For Anika, who is also a racer, cruising is all about enjoying the journey.

Mary-Anne, with her great humour, regaled us with how to remain classy whilst seasick! Her tip, demonstrated with props, was to keep an empty coffee cup and paper towel handy for these occasions so that it can be



Intense competition in the spinnaker packing contest: overall winners Team Austral captured in action here with the blue kite

managed with 'dignity'! Mary-Anne took us with her as she shared her favourite time of day on a yacht - in the



Winners are grinners
Peta Norris!

afternoon when the motor is off, the sails are set, the boat is sailing in its groove and there is no sound other than the swish of water lapping the boat as you watch the sun set on the day. We're with you M-A!

Helen would, for many years, never leave the harbour because of sea sickness, but found her sea legs off the coast of France. Sailing in Europe, she found that her body finally grew used to the ocean and she was no longer ill. Helen has since explored much the world by sea, particularly the playground of the Mediterranean, and more recently the Caribbean. The greatest lesson Helen has learned from her cruising is to plan well. If the preparation is good, she advised, "it's amazing how well you can then cope with everything thrown at you".

Thelma is a veteran cruiser who has lived on a yacht for 30 years and enjoyed many adventures sailing around Australia. Thelma quietly awed us with her views of how little space we really need and how she has been able to adapt to every situation. At almost 80 Thelma astounds people with her agility and is living proof that age is no barrier to enjoying our beautiful ocean.



Cruising panelists: Anika Goninan, Mary-Anne Purkiss, Helen Griffin, Thelma Morley and Kris Anderson



The inspirational Thelma Morley

Kris has been sailing for only 9 years but in that time has cruised to Antarctica and across the South Pacific from South America to Australia via Easter Island. Kris shared the beauty of sailing to pristine areas of the world where few tourists ever get to and how the freedom of being miles from

anywhere led to her leaving a high-powered corporate job to live the simple stress-free life of a sea-gypsy.

When asked if she was ever frightened and how she coped when things were inevitably rough, Kris gave us pause when she responded that when placed in difficult circumstances we find out that we are tougher and far more capable than we thought. And watching the start of a new day at sea on that magic dawn watch makes up for every storm!



Mike Eggleston was the winner of the first prize in the evening's raffle - Helly Hansen Women's HP Foil jacket made from new 3 ply HellyTech fabric, the latest in technical lightweight shell fabric that is waterproof, windproof and breathable. Thanks HH!

What a wonderfully intimate look at the many diverse places this wonderful sport of sailing can take us, and a truly inspiring evening of good yarns and great company! The night was also a successful fundraising event in support of SheSAILS@NCYC 2018 racing campaigns, and many thanks go to our major sponsors for the evening: Helly Hansen, Shag Hair, Pork Ewe Deli, SisterShip Magazine, Piggs Peake Winery and NCYC, for their fabulous donations of raffle and lucky door prizes; as well as to our many generous 2018 sponsors.



Many thanks Shag Hair for your raffle prize donation, Alison is off for a pumper!



A happy Sandra Sweeney with her raffle prize, courtesy of Pork Ewe Deli

Our thanks are also extended to all those who attended on the night or offered their support by purchasing raffle tickets.



Pauline Bertholi and Tracey Hansen enjoying the evening

If you are interested in becoming involved in this wonderful sport, a great way to start is to take up one of the courses offered by NCYC or come along and offer your services as either a sailor or volunteer on race days. Or - just come in to club and say hi - we look forward to seeing you somewhere on the water!

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She Sails @NCYC Open Regatta 2018

By Jacqui Ellis

With a full fleet on our Force 24s and 6 races, the She Sails @NCYC Open Regatta 2018 held in November was a great event with teams from NCYC, RMYC Toronto and two teams from Mooloolaba Yacht Club (QLD).

First place was clear fairly early in the racing, but it came down to the last race to decide second and third places.

Fantastic sailing by everyone in a great breeze, happy faces and tired bodies certainly enjoyed the post-race celebrations.



Mooloolaba YC First Place



Mooloolaba YC Second Place



She Sails @ NCYC Open Regatta.
Image Simon Macks

Sponsor, Helly Hansen presented prizes to the top three place getters being:

1st Place

Mooloolaba Yacht Club – Kerry Reed, Kristie Lee Hatch, Delanie Morrison and Danielle Kennedy

2nd Place

Mooloolaba Yacht Club – Kerri Smith, Tanya Kelly, Karen Young and Gayle Hoole

3rd Place

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club – Janease Graham, Oonagh O'Donovan, Belinda Davey and Tracie Jones

Thank you to all sailors, race officials and volunteers for such a great event which was so much fun with a great atmosphere.

See you all in November 2019 – eight crews – racing Elliott 6s.



NCYC 3rd Place - Oonagh ODonovan, Tracie Jones,
Janease Graham & Belinda Davey



Close best dressed contenders - Newly Graduated
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A Delivery to Hell

By Jack Goluzd

BOAT DELIVERIES/CRUISING IS NOT ALWAYS FUN AND ASKING FRIENDS TO HELP IS CRIMINAL

After spending a week trying to organise crew to deliver “Triton” from the Gold Coast to Sydney, I enlisted (conned) some Newcastle mates including Paul O’Rourke, Jack Buchan, Phil “Bung” Burns and a mate of his to help deliver the boat.

While the forecast had a bit of South in it early on it was due to go through the east, I decided to push ahead as flights were already booked to get us up there!

We were looking forward to plenty of this:

Arriving in the Gold Coast and receiving a phone call from Sydney crew member Kenny, where he expressed concerns with the weather, I decided to review our position later that night.

We also received news that Bung’s mate had pulled out – Happy days for me as with only five (5) delivery crew I could now have two watches of 2 people with me floating and cooking. I have done that before so was looking forward to plenty of sleep and resultant bed sores and nick-name “Captain Pocock” rather than self-named “Captain Jack Sparrow”

We arrived after 6pm and that is when things started going wrong. There was no security key left for us and the marina office closed at 5pm. Luckily, I had the assistance of a crew member from another boat to get access to the Marina. With two (2) crew to still arrive I despatched Paul to do boat things and “Bung” to provision the boat with food. I was stuck with having to put all the racing sails below after they were left on deck to dry out on the rough and wet delivery to the Gold Coast from Hamilton Island. After stashing the sails and realising that there were 20 cases of beer and a case of wine left onboard after “Hammo, I again thought, “Happy Days”.

Then off to Dinner to a Thai restaurant on Main Beach. “Bung” did a great job of over catering and returned to the boat with leftovers enough to feed four (4) people. Having regard to this I had no reason to check what he provisioned the boat with.

A post dinner decision was made by this autocrat to press on in the early hours of the morning. The forecast was still for 20knt southerly till noon, but the tide required was 3am or 3pm so still dulled by what we consumed the previous night I thought it would be

better to go early. Wrong again; departing Southport bar had surf either side of us, a short sharp swell on the nose and a head wind just over 20knts. The empty race vessel pounded and shuddered a slow track to the south. The weather was foul, and winds stayed in the south and increased up to 30 knots on the nose accompanied by rain and cold weather. However, I was somewhat encouraged when I saw that club member Morrie Morgan a professional boat deliverer on board “Vamos” was immediately behind us.

Again, I was wrong and 24 hours later, the weather hadn’t improved, progress was slow and fuel consumption high, and one of the crew was developing Hypothermia. So we stashed him down below and covered him with whatever we could find that was dry and warm. So much for Happy Days with me now having to stand a watch, be the first aider, cook and make decisions on the boat. Coffs Harbour was tempting but we decided to press on for Newcastle while “Vamos” (Morrie and Leanne) who had blown up a jib took refuge in Coffs.



The wind finally eased and went through to the East. We then took off cruising along at 14knts. Now things settled it was finally time to cook a decent meal. When I did, I discovered that while “Bung” overordered at the restaurant, I would have had to do a “loaves and fishes” (Please see Bible) had we served “normal” sized regular meals. But not longer, after the breeze continued through to the North and continued to ease. So, after four hours of great sailing, on went the donk. This was not going to plan.

With diminishing food and fuel supplies, timetables getting tight and unhelpful breezes we decided to divert to Newcastle. We limped into Newcastle at 3am, in just over 2 days, tied the boat up and headed home for a warm bath.

Would I do it again – No thank you that is what Pro’s like Morrie are for! Racing only for me plus Mako deliveries to Sydney.

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Marine Rescue Unit

Commander – Ron Calman

By Terry Reynolds

In this edition of Thirty Two Fifty Five I would like to profile our Unit Commander, Ron Calman.

I'm sure many readers will know Ron as he is always about doing work for the unit and many other things for the community.

Where to start was my main issue as Ron has had a long and valued life of volunteering not only for our organisation but Surf Lifesaving, Boy Scouts, Coast Guard and Coastal Patrol and in his professional life, the NSW Police Force.

Ron was born in Victoria in February 1945 where his father was a member of the Australian Army. In 1954 after living in Bandiana Victoria for some time with the army, the family moved to The Entrance NSW. In about 1957/8 Ron started his volunteering 'career' by joining the Toowoong Bay Surf Lifesaving club at the age of 12. In the late 50's Ron attained the SLSC's Qualifying Certificate and in 1959 the SLSC's Instructor Certificate, which from what I am led to believe are both not an easy accomplishment.



Ron won the Malibu Board event at the 1965 Branch Championships at North Avoca and the following year came runner-up in the Board event at the Central Coast Branch Championships.

In 1966 Ron was made Club Captain of Toowoong Bay. Even after moving away during his police career, Ron returned often to his old club and in 1979 was made a Life Member of the Toowoong Bay SLSC.

In 1967 Ron married Maria who worked at a local café that Ron frequented after SLSC training. Tragedy hit Ron and Maria twice, with their son Craig being still-born in 1971 and their beloved daughter Sheree, aged 18 years, dying of an aneurism in 1990. Through such loss



and of course many years of happiness, Maria and Ron have been married for over 50 years with no doubt many more years to come.

In October 1966 Ron joined the NSW Police Force training at the old training school in Redfern. After training he was stationed at Hornsby then Pymble and

Brooklyn in General Duties before moving to the North Sydney area as a part of the Special Traffic Patrol.

Ron transferred to Newcastle in 1968 until 1973 also in the Special Traffic Patrol, which amongst other things involved being a motorcycle officer, before being transferred to Belmont as a Highway Patrol Officer until 1979. During Ron's period at Belmont he also took on the role of Acting Traffic Sergeant. During Ron's time on bikes in the Special Traffic Patrol Ron made the news when he was able to grab a young girl who had climbed the safety fence at the Watt Street cliffs. The girl had been reported missing from a local clinic and was returned safely back to the clinic.

Ron was sent back to Newcastle on General Duties for a short time then back to Belmont in General Duties until November 1992 when he was transferred to the Water Police where he remained until his retirement in 2007 after 39 years and 8 months service. As a part of his Water Police duties Ron undertook various external studies where he eventually attained the qualifications of Master Class 5 and Marine Engine Driver Grade 2.



During Ron's long service with the Water Police he was involved in dozens of rescues and general assistance to the boating public.

One rescue that needs mentioning is where Ron was awarded the Commendation for Brave Conduct by the Governor of NSW. On the 20th February 1984, Ron was off duty fishing with another police officer when they



were called back to the Swansea Channel bar to assist a yacht that had run aground in dangerous seas. In trying to tow the yacht to safety, Ron's companion was thrown into the water where his head came into contact with the propeller, causing severe injuries. Ron immediately dived into the water to attempt to rescue his friend. Assisted from time to time by a surfboard rider, they kept the injured police man afloat until after about 40 minutes an inflatable craft took the injured man away. Unfortunately the injured police officer passed away through his injuries. In addition to the bravery award, Ron also received a Bronze Medal from the Royal Humane Society and the Police Commissioners Commendation for Courage.

Another incident certainly worth mentioning was Ron's involvement in setting off in very rough seas to look for the missing four crew members from the 15.2 metre yacht 'Excalibur', which lost its keel east of Seal Rocks in September 2002. Two crew were rescued after hours in the water by a 50,000 tonne bulk carrier however the search for four others did not end as well. In addition to Ron and other water police officers there were many air born assets searching however three of the crew were never found with one deceased man found the next morning still attached to the upturned yacht. Although the weather was severe, police divers were eventually able to inspect the upturned yacht with no sign of the three missing crew. Water police towed the still upturned vessel towards Nelsons Bay however the tow cables separated late in the evening with a recovery of the vessel lost. The vessel was eventually recovered some 300 nautical miles east of Jervis Bay.

One final example of Ron's bravery was in the late 80's/early 90's Ron and a colleague were involved in saving a wind surfer in the seas off Belmont where Ron faced nine metre seas in the 12 metre police launch 'Belmont'. Finding the missing man was difficult in the deep troughs so Ron called in the Westpac/2HD rescue helicopter which was able to hover over the man and allow Ron and his colleague to get the windsurfer into the vessel. Throughout Ron's water



police career Ron always had the community at heart. He did a weekly 'safety' article for a local newspaper, was always available for advice on boating issues and other topics. Ron retired from the police force after almost 40 years' service in July 2007.

Ron's volunteering had not ceased after joining the police force. Ron was instrumental as part of the formation of the Swansea Coast Guard the inaugural flotilla Commander in the mid 1970's and remained with them for a couple of years. He then joined the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol in 1991 however had been associated with the RVCP for many years before through his water police duties via liaison and education duties for its members.

Ron was Divisional Commander of Lake Macquarie RVCP and has also held positions such as Search Master and Training Officer. In 2010 Ron transferred to the Newcastle Unit where to this day he is Unit Commander and Master





Coxswain. As Ron is the only permanent local member who can command our vessel, Ron is on call all week days and nights and every weekend that other coxswains are not on duty. Ron, with help from other members, also looks after the maintenance of our rescue vessel not to mention the administrative duties he is required to do as unit commander, assist with fund raising events and anything else asked of him.

Other volunteer work that Ron is

involved in is with the Belmont North Scouts and Cubs where he assists with driving their bus on various trips and also assists as a 'fill in' driver for an elderly citizens group to take them on various outings.

In signing off, I could only touch on some of the highlights of Ron's life. To fully explain it would take the entire magazine. I for one know Ron will be embarrassed by his story being told however this is a story that should be told. The community thank you for your past and ongoing service.

Some of the citations and awards Ron has received over the years are:

- 1984:** Commendation for Brave Conduct;
Commissioners Commendation for Courage;
Bronze Medal from Royal Humane Society.
- 1987:** Certificate of Appreciation from the Federal Minister of Transport for Ron's contribution to Sea Safety & the saving of life at sea.
- 1993:** Swansea Rotary Club Citizen of the Year.
- 2006:** Premier's award for service to the community.
- 2007:** Medal of the Order of Australia (for services to the community through the RVCP)
- National Police Service Medal; National Medal with three clasps (total 45 years); NSW Police Medal with 5th clasp (35 years)
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Dare Devil – A Crew Member's Perspective

By Kim Dowdney

As a skipper I suppose, we have a unique perspective of racing and the project management involved in racing and behind the scenes, whether it be the Blue Water Pointscore, the Sydney to Noumea Race or the pinnacle of all racing; the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

However, I thought I would ask my crew to start putting forward their point of view, after all, it is a team effort and they too, are individuals who put in an enormous effort and have a unique perspective. I thought to begin with, I would get one of my female crew to give us an insight into the campaign. So, in-light of that, Kim has put together a bit of a summary and a view into her journey on board “Dare Devil”:

My original racing yacht from Southport Gold Coast, Aurics Quest, made the decision not to enter the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race 2018. Having crewed on the yacht for nearly 2 years in preparation for the race, I now found myself without a boat to do the race on.

I now had the task of looking for another yacht to compete on. My starting point was to look at all last years' competitors from the list of entries.

I was drawn to “Dare Devil”, I liked her lines in the water, the name I was immediately drawn to...her performance was good...but she had a female skipper? I had never raced under a female skipper before at this level of race, let alone been a crew member under one?

Having read and watched all the YouTube videos I could find, I then asked around the people I knew on the race circuit. The advice and comments were varied, not all positive, but that didn't deter me; as I was going to make up my own mind if I got offered a crew place.

After harassing Sibby the skipper for several weeks, and messages and missed phone calls, we eventually caught up to talk on the phone. I hoped I would meet Sibbys' criteria for what she was looking for.

I know I am not the best sailor, but I am willing and prepared to learn and improve on what I am lacking. I try never to oversell myself,

as I have sailed with many who do, and are then always found out and come unstuck. Not being ashamed to admit my areas that need more training and learning, I was building my profile to Sibby.

What struck me was her focus and drive, she is very cut and dry, black and white with everything including Sibbys' expectations on how she runs her yacht and what she expects from her crew. If I didn't cut the

“I was drawn to “Dare Devil”, I liked her lines in the water, the name I was immediately drawn to”



Dare Devil Crew - Blue Water PS 2018

mustard I would be off the boat ...end of story...great (!!) and exactly how I wanted it to be. If I can't do the job, I shouldn't be there, but I was totally honest telling Sibby what I had to offer as a crew member, not just in sailing but in loyalty, dedication, commitment and support in all areas, maintenance, pre and post-race boat deliveries and helping with sponsorship searches. A whole package, to me, it's not just about being on board a yacht just for what I wanted out of it and to help me reach my goals.



Dare Devil Crew

To me, it is important to know every inch of the boat I race on, where everything is kept, see, watch and learn from the repairs and replacements being done so I know in my own mind these make for a safe boat and crew. This includes the skippers' expectations from me, as a crew member. It's extremely important to me to be 100% committed and have as much knowledge as possible of the rest of the crew both socially and as sailors...know their strengths and weaknesses not in a bad way, but to enable us to make a strong team to sail together.

Sibby, much to my delight accepted me onto her crew after the initial phone call based on the understanding, that I would be out at anytime if I didn't cut it. As I said ...perfect, quite rightly so. If I can't do my job on board or work within the team, then I shouldn't be there.

Team work plays a huge role in racing, everyone who races is aware of its importance. We cover each other's backs in lots of different

ways. Enjoying the achievements together is a huge feeling of success as a team player and it must be recognised, that it has been a team effort.

Racing on “Dare Devil” with Sibby has been quite a different journey for me. How she runs her crew and boat is very much how I would run my own (if ever I own one!!). The amount of time and expense to enable me to race on “Dare Devil” is massive. But I am reaching my

goal in a sport I love and a passion I follow.

We have several crew members who like myself, spend time, money and commitment to race on "Dare Devil". For me I was travelling by car for an hour and half most weekends to get to race on my Southport yacht... now I am flying instead of driving!! Usually getting the first flight out on a Monday and go straight into work after a 2-day race. Unfortunately, I have not been able to do the club races out of NCYC due to the distances I travel, but intend to do all the BWPS Races out of the CYCA. The Sydney-Noumea and Groupama Race, as well as the BWPS races have been an awesome experience on "Dare Devil". Sibby works so hard to get her yacht to the start line, financially independent, she is a determined, strong woman with a vision, and she allows her crew to share that vision with her. I feel very honoured to be accepted as part of that crew fulfilling my goals, with Sibby's help and support.

The BWPS racing in the lead up and part of our campaign to the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race on "Dare Devil" have been exactly what I wanted from these races. They are varied, and racing beside a few of the yachts I have competed against in past races; it has been great fun to see them on their home ground and how they perform here!

A couple of the highlights of the series for us has been beating Comanche across the start line, our yoyo competitive joisting with Grace O'Malley....such fun, and finally being placed in front of them, we all have a yacht matched to our rating as a competitive contender and I feel they are ours!

The organisation of the events is very professional; people have put in so much time and effort to make the races enjoyable and challenging for all the competitors. Personally, I have high regard for the organisers of such events, having been quite heavily involved on the committee of my local club. Also, for the skippers and their part bringing it all together with crews etc to make it enjoyable and competitive racing for all. The variety



Dare Devil Exhausted Crew

of the BWPS races, the distances of the races and night races makes them offer something for all yachts with a good and competitive sized fleet. Finding someone of your

yacht's equivalence, is also offered with the size of the fleet in each race.

The intensity of the strength for the crew to warm up to the series leading up to the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race covers everything we are going to encounter on the big race. Very well done to all involved in the CYCA, skippers, crews, volunteers. Really, everyone! Keep it going!

All my dealings I have experienced with the CYCA have been exceptional on all levels with nothing being too much trouble.

Sailing on "Dare Devil" gives me everything I want from my passion and sport of sailing. As a sport, I train to keep fit and active to fulfil my role on the boat, as a team member, being part of a crew and of course myself.

The Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race has always been a goal of mine, ever since watching the race on TV for the first time. I believe I am getting there through working hard, giving commitment and learning from all the sailors I sail with to achieve it.



Dare Devil - Sunset

My 2-handed delivery trip with Sibby from Southport to Newcastle, where we tackled 45kn winds on the nose and 12 metre waves, met a lot of my desires from racing; testing me on all levels which is I was wanting from a Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race!! My stamina and endurance, my sailing ability, my mental and physical ability were being tested, challenging my strengths and weaknesses as a person, really; my whole being....

Sibby respects and allows her crew to reach their goals, encouraging and teaching us as we go. She is a willing and good teacher, if you are open to and want to learn, and respect her as a skipper. Her sailing knowledge is vast, of which I am in awe, and I wish and hope I become half the sailor she is one day! Sibby is open, approachable, clear in all her expectations and how she wants her boat run. If you respect that, then "Dare Devil" will absolutely fly, because the crew and boat will run smoothly, plus the fact Sibby knows her boat, and I mean 'knows' her boat!! So, watch out!!

Sailing on "Dare Devil" is hard work, it's not at all comfortable, working with all your gear on is hard and draining...as with any real race boat.

We sleep in all our safety gear, in wet bunks. I have never raced on such a wet boat, so much water over the bow, both our fore-deckies/bowmen and myself in the pit, are prime targets! Be prepared!

COLD!! I have never been so cold!! Even with 3 sets of thermal layers, mid-layer and outer wet weather gear. A sailing Michelin Man!! (still cold! Be prepared for how it is...harden up buttercup is an understatement for many!!)

BUT I WOULDN'T SWAP IT OR CHANGE IT FOR THE WORLD!!

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DECEMBER 2018

- Sat/Sunday 1-2 December - Farr 40 Regatta
- Friday 7 December - George's BBQ
Celebrating 10 Years of the Club
- Friday 7 December
Club Marine Twilight Series & DFK Laser Twilight
- Sunday 9 December
Spring Short Ocean Pointscore Race 8
- Wednesday 12 December
Cruising Fleet Meeting 7pm
- Friday 14 December - Club Marine Twilight
Pursuit (Yachts) & Santa Sails a Laser
(Sponsored by DFK Crosbie)
- Sunday 16 December - Christmas Pursuit,
Christmas Cruise, Club Party
- Tuesday 25 December - Club Closed
Merry Christmas
- Wednesday 26 December - Rolex Sydney to Hobart
Visit the club to cheer on Dare Devil & Frantic
- Monday 31 December - NYE @ NCYC

JANUARY 2019

- Tuesday 1 January - Happy New Year - Club Open
- Friday 18 January - Club Marine Twilight Series
& DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series
- Sunday 20 January - Summer Short Ocean
Pointscore - Races 1 & 2
- Friday 25 January - Club Marine Twilight Pursuit
& DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series
- Saturday 26 January - Australia Day (Club Open)

FEBRUARY 2019

- Friday 1 February - Club Marine Twilight Series
& DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series
- Saturday 2 February
Launch & Blessing of Elliott 6s
- Sunday 3 February - Female Skipper Series Race 3,
Summer SOP Race 3
- Friday 8 February - ICOM Ocean Pointscore Race 5.
Club Marine Twilight Series & DFK Crosbie
Laser Twilight Series
- Saturday 16 February
Sydney to Newcastle (CYCA)
- Sunday 17 February - Summer Short Ocean
Pointscore Race 4
- Sunday 24 February - Summer Short Ocean
Pointscore Race 5

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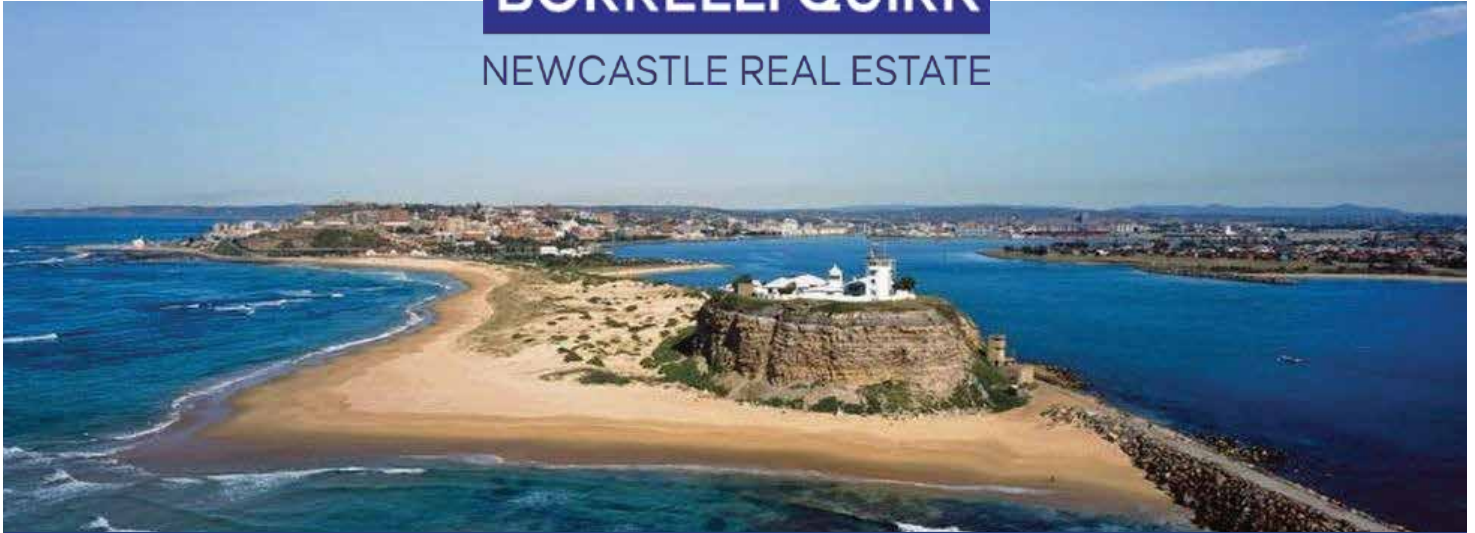
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