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Photo by Jack Buchan

Commodore's Message



Welcome to all our readers. I hope you all enjoy this Summer Edition of NCYC Journal 3255. This is the final edition of our Journal for 2019, and I would like to thank our members who have shared their news by writing articles for us and contributing to this exceptional members journal. A huge thank you also to Di Hansen for editing our collective input, each and every quarter.

In our Spring Edition of this Journal, we celebrated our successful nominations and wins in the Australian Sailing State Awards. This in itself was a fantastic achievement for our club. Our 25th Year since the founding of NCYC has become even more memorable, with Jan Howard and Mary Holley winning the National 'SheSails' Award and our club winning Australian Sailing's 'Club of the Year' for 2019. Congratulations to the Board, our CEO Paul O'Rourke together with his management team & staff, and all our members for making our club a National Award winner. I hope you are all very proud of your club!!

Following the Awards night, we held our annual SOLAS Fundraising Dinner. This is a wonderful charity for

Saving Of Lives At Sea – they provide research and training to improve procedures and equipment for sea rescues, assistance for search and rescue organisations and they assist the families of those lost at sea during Australian Sailing sanctioned events (such as the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race). A big thank you to the Directors of CYCA and SOLAS who joined us for the event, everyone who bought tickets, our sponsors who provided raffle and silent auction prizes, as well as Nor East Bistro and their suppliers, along with Oatley Wines who provided the meal and drinks at no cost, - so 100% of funds raised from ticket sales and auctions etc were donated. Our donation to SOLAS will be over \$12,600, which is a great effort. Thank you to everyone who supported our SOLAS fundraiser this year.

We have received great feedback on our change to our new caterer Nor East Bistro. If you haven't tried the new restaurant, I would encourage you to give them a try!

As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of 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!

Stay safe on the water!



Steve Rae, Commodore



WINNER: Club of the Year Award

NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB



Rear Commodore's Report



I cannot start this report without reflecting on the “glow” of being named Australia’s BEST yacht club. All of us own a part of this. When we call it “the Club”, there is an inference that it is some esoteric, inanimate object. It isn’t! It IS a group of like-minded, highly motivated people that achieved this.

The award won’t change us. We received it because of what we have done – all we need to do is to keep doing it. We have slowly changed and will continue to do so. This change is what allowed us to succeed, and it will continue. Give people what they want, recognise what works, and be brave enough to admit that something isn’t working. Newcastle is littered with clubs that didn’t recognise a simple truth – the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, then expecting a different result. We will keep changing our sailing to give the majority of our members what they want (see below from Mr. Ward).

The recent She Sails Open Regatta is a great example. WE started this now national brand! Thank you Jan and Mary! It was sailed in our new Elliott 6s. Thank you Paul and Jack for getting them to us from the US. The results, both social and sailing, are a testament to the people in our club. In Gold Fleet RANSA took the honours followed by NCYC in 2nd and 3rd. In Silver, our women (in their words” learned lots”. Well done to all our club staff and volunteers. Our successes are down to them and it is they that allowed Sunday’s racing was streamed live on Facebook.

Meanwhile, the keel boats Spring Short Ocean Pointscore is in progress along with the Spring Twilights, and the middle distance Ocean Pointscore.

The Elliotts are sailing the Youth League on Mondays, the Women’s League on Thursdays, and the Open Series on Tuesdays. Don’t forget the “Tackers” learn to sail and “Green Fleet” programs for our kids in our 12 Optimists! Our Lasers continue to offer competitive racing for all interested sailors and rest assured we are pushing hard to get the necessary infrastructure approvals for a base in Thales. This comes from Government and the Port and the “wheels turn slowly”. I am getting a little impatient, but keep thinking how it will change with the new base and crane in place on the waterfront. Our “workhorses” the F24s continue to be used in all the Adult Learn to Sail programs and some racing.

For those going to Hobart this December 26, fair winds and following seas, a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, and remember to do your Merriment and Happiness in your club!

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William Arthur Ward.



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore



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Chief Executive Officer's Report



Summer is a great time to be at the club.

We have a great balance of sailing, special events and social activities happening around the club this Summer.

The twilight series has had excellent weather which led to great boat numbers on the water and in the club. Our new inshore fleet "Newcastle Sailing League" have had a significant impact on our sailing scene. It has attracted both previous and new competitors to the club. They have been out Mon/Tue/Thurs evenings and displaying high quality racing. I can highly recommend heading down to Honeysuckle to watch. They also fill the bar three nights a week! The Laser fleet are battling on without their compound and look forward to a resurgence once our new site is completed. Offshore sailing has had an increase in numbers and a few great trips away. The Cruising Fleet are keeping active and bring great enthusiasm to club life. Our Youth Keelboat programme had their busiest year ever and look set for a very competitive future. The Sails programme continues to attract participants that are progressing to all our various fleets.

We have an amazing 6 boats headed to Hobart this December. Michael Martin – "Frantic", Sibby Ilzhofer – "Dare Devil" and the "She's The Culprit" gang are backing up for another trip south. "Mako" syndicate and Bec Connors - "Wonderland" are join them for their debut. Michael Graham with "Santana" have joined our fleet for the Spring and Ocean Points scores in their preparation for the big race. The club will be open Boxing Day and have the start of the race on all the screens. Last year was a great atmosphere to watch and cheer on our boats.

The Sailing Academy continues to grow at a great rate. They have programmes that attract all parts of the Newcastle community to our sport – including primary schools, high schools, Scouts, women, open, families, high performance, Corporates, and U3A retirees.

Our special events continue to grow including Crackerjack Cup, Thirkell Trophy, She Sail Regatta, and Farr 40 regatta. I thank the social committee who have worked hard to plan and deliver some great events enjoyed by all. The SOLAS dinner raised over \$12k, Melbourne Cup, Seafood Soiree, and NYE all being sell out events. I hope all members can enjoy the very special Xmas celebrations they have planned.

This massive increase in activity is not possible without our great volunteers. We should all be mindful of this

and regularly personally thank our volunteers. We really need more help. If you think you can help in any way, please contact Jack Buchan for club sailing or Jacqui Ellis from the Academy.

I would like to thank all the staff here at NCYC for their commitment and effort over one of the club's busiest seasons.

I hope all our members can enjoy their sailing and boating activities over the Summer and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season.

Paul O'Rourke, CEO

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The international deliveries of inbound vessels arrived in October/November, discharging 20+ vessels into Newcastle. Newcastle is a certified clearance Port (Australian Border Patrol & Biosecurity Clearance). The largest of the vessels to be discharged was a 54m Baglietto which NCYC

was fortunate enough to host a short stay and also provide bunkering. There were also Australian built vessels (Riviera) loading and being shipped abroad. The Riviervas ranged in size from 54' – 82' being proudly built in Australia (Gold Coast).

The Clipper Round the World Race Fleet (11 in total) have chosen NCYC to host two of the vessels for the foreseeable future. They chose Newcastle as the preferred home port for the location, superb facilities and all weather access. Both boats are located on A dock, which is close proximity to the Interchange and



City, offering good visibility and exposure to general public. Currently there is no immediate need or plan to move them from Newcastle – a



bonus for NCYC to host the stay. John Charles has been the contact for the boats, being a local to the area and also fortunate enough to crew onboard during the 2015/16 and 2017/18 races. He and the Clipper team are currently working on a new program, so if you're interested in seeing the fleet or getting involved www.clipperroundtheworld.com

Again, the team from "Sailors with disabilities" have had a short stay with NCYC. These kind soles take people with disabilities on the specifically designed vessel to share passions of on-water and sailing experiences. The weather wasn't always favourable during the stay (sometimes gale force forecast), which kept them at the dock but entertained with knot tying, navigation, sailing terms and shoreside entertainment.



Sailors with DisAbilities

NSW Water Police undertook an exercise with team member from Sydney. During this exercise, the 30m launch "Nemesis" was used. They had alongside berthage and bunkered 12,000l. During the stay, they hosted the families of the helicopter tragedy in Port Stephens for a day trip as a tribute.

Five work boats owned and operated by Svitzer will be taking up berthage with NCYC until early 2020 while the berth facilities undergo maintenance and upgrading. This type of boat is used for crew transfers and shore lines for the large ships that frequent the Port of Newcastle. It will certainly diversify floating craft in the Marina. During the coming months all fuel sales for these vessels will be over NCYC facilities as well.

As I write this article, we are shaping up for the annual peak visitation for the Coates Hires V8 Supercars in late November. Visitation for this event is down on previous years, but should see the Marina to capacity over the weekend 22-25 November 2019.



Helicopter Ride to Coal Ship



Helicopter Ride approaching the Coal Ship

I was fortunate enough to be a guest of a Harbour Pilot to bring a coal ship into the Port of Newcastle. We took a short helicopter flight on a picture perfect day out to sea, boarding a 360m vessel underway into Newcastle. 360m is one of the largest length ships that frequent Newcastle. The experience was fabulous, to say the least! It is unfathomable to understand how much visibility is lost from the

bridge of such a large ship. One of the photos actually shows a 24m tug (Port forward/shoulder) where only the antennae is visible – so a Force 24 (6m) would be impossible to identify, if not invisible!

Timely to thank the Dockmaster and Maintenance crew for their efforts and commitment to great work over Winter and Spring.

Also Congratulations to the NCYC for the outstanding achievement as "Club of the Year".

Also timely to wish all Members, Board, visitors, readers of this magazine and all staff a safe and happy Summer!



Marina Manager Sandy on the Bridge

History of the NCYC Social Committee Tenacity Award

By Gloria Thirkell, Life Member

The Social Committee's prestigious Tenacity Award was originally sent home with the recipients because there was nowhere to hang it is where it would be accessible to all members. It now resides in the NCYC Trophy Room. The awardees for the first eight presentations have been acknowledged in past editions of this journal. They are: Colin Jordan, Robin Hillery (twice), Ivan MacFadyen, Glenda Arnall, Tony Purkiss, Edward (Ted) De La Garde, and Paul Gleeson. In this issue you will be reminded of the circumstances resulting in the 9th of 18 presentations to date being to Ernie Thirkell.



Ernie Thirkell

Image by Gloria Thirkell

Ernie has been tenacious in his efforts for the professional development and success of NCYC since the marina first opened for business and he first donned the "volunteer cap". However the Tenacity Award eventually came his way at the 2010 Sailing Presentation of Prizes and Trophies Evening because of

a couple of more frivolous incidents as Ernie appeared to be tenaciously hanging on to his earlier more youthful self. The incidents in question were both in relation to our Committee Vessel "Wombat" (renamed in 2019 "Jim Holley") and occurred during 2010.

The first of these was aboard (and under) Wombat after a Twilight Winter Series race.

The marker was being retrieved when the buoy's anchor rope became entangled by the propeller, effectively anchoring her stern-on to mounting seas.

Despite being older than Jeff Govier and Tony Windsor, Ernie with

a background in free-diving perceived himself to be the most fit to deal with the situation, so rope around waist and knife in hand he dived into the swells.

Unfortunately for Ernie, just as the knife cut the rope, a large swell carried him between the prop shaft and hull, almost to the other side of the boat. "Uh Hah!" That was one long pull on the rope – the signal he gave us to pull him back in!" exclaimed Jeff. Even though the barnacle cuts weren't severe, the fact remains that the boys achieved what the Navy hadn't in 13 years - Ernie got keel hauled!

The second incident was during lift-out during the same year. Ernie was discovered lying on his back, (none too patiently), on the concrete beneath Wombat. He was unable to move himself sideways to get up! Greg Jackson had to haul him out bodily or he would have been there for the duration! (To be fair apart from the increasing disadvantages of his date of birth, Ernie is sporting two titanium hips at the time).

Next Issue, the 10th Tenacity Award recipient – Len Croft



Lift-out
Image by Greg Jackson

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Club of the Year Award

Congratulations to NCYC Board, Staff and members on winning the Australian Sailing Club of The Year Award.

Our club received the 'Club of the Year Award', the inaugural 'She Sails' Award and 'Male Sailor of the Year Award' went to Australian Sailing Team veterans Mat Belcher and NCYC member, Will Ryan.

We celebrated our achievements on Thursday 31st October with a drink from the Winners Cup and canapés.



Doug Peter, Valda Johnston,
Jill & Barry Kelly



Kris Rickard



Linda & Darrell Hall



Manager Jack Buchan
with NCYC Sailing Instructors



Commodore Steve congratulating
staff and members



Life Members Gloria & Ernie
Thirkell with Robin Hillery



Mary Holley
& Jan Howard
with Glenn
Bourke at the
Australian
Sailing Awards
Night.



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Rod Johnson



Dan filling up the
winners cup



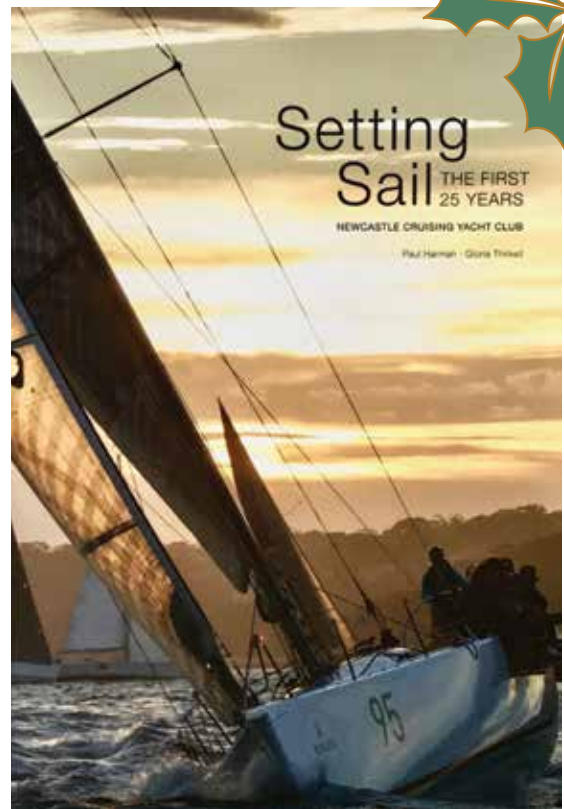
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Nor East Bistro Staff Profile



Hello, I'm Maddi & I work as Manager for Nor East Bistro.

I grew up in Scone/Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter. I learnt my love for hospitality while working at The Cottage, Scone, well known for their dry aged steaks.

I have loved working at NCYC and getting to know the members and bar team.

I enjoy working with such talented chefs, they have taught me so much & I'm often spoilt with their amazing food. I've been working with Tony since early 2018 at Bistro Lowlands.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my friends & family. I'm often at the beach or gym to start my day. Make sure you say hi next time you're in the clubhouse. Thanks for having me, it's been great so far!

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Member Profile

A new sailing member and yacht owner -
Glenn Russell

By Mary Holley



Glenn's association with NCYC started about three years ago when he undertook a number of courses with the Sailing Academy. Glenn is a paramedic with the NSW Ambulance Service, and for a while, had thought that cruising may be a pleasant activity to aspire to in retirement.

Following the sailing courses, he joined the crew of 'Schouten Passage' for twilight racing.

Glenn said, "The Sailing Academy at NCYC was a perfect start for me. It helped me gain confidence in my ability to handle a sailing boat and to want to go on to learn more. After doing some other courses in the Sailing Academy, I was given the opportunity to crew on a real racing yacht by owners Rob and Jan Howard. The learning curve then steepened considerably, but the Howards were very patient and continue to mentor learners like me, every day. A fellow student had been planning to buy a yacht and when he announced one day that he'd actually bought one, I was inspired to start researching. After two years of looking, I found 'Palga', a Cole design East Coast 31, built in 1988. She'd been raced and needed some repairs, but her bones were good and she's a great sea boat."

'Palga' was moored in Sydney, so on taking possession, Glenn and two workmates sailed her home to the NCYC marina in two hops, staying in Pittwater on the way, and arriving on April 1st this year. He was hooked!

A few months have been spent fixing leaks, undertaking other maintenance tasks, and getting a Cat 7 certificate. Glenn and his crew sailed 'Palga' in her first ocean race alongside the NCYC fleet in the recent Port Stephens weekend – a great achievement and from all accounts, a very enjoyable weekend!

Since then, when work commitments permit, Glenn has been sailing in NCYC twilight races. He said, "I started with twilight races recently, and I continue to learn the ropes (literally!) every day. I really enjoyed the trip up from Sydney. This is really what interests me, and I hope to do more coastal trips in the future."

It is great to have 'Palga' as part of our NCYC fleet and we wish Glenn and his crew many wonderful and safe sailing experiences on her in the future.

A History of NCYC's Newsletter/Journal

By Gloria Thirkell, Life Member

The attendance of 100 or so at the book launch for *“Setting Sail The First 25 years”* illustrates the importance members place on our history. Obviously it would be impossible in 200 pages to give credit to all of the many characters, the fun times or the trials and achievements attributed to our membership. Therefore this book Co-authored by Paul Hannan and myself is in effect a fabulously illustrated summary of the highlights. We are fortunate to have the benefit of Paul’s knowledge of our early years. As most are aware he is one of the two Founders of NCYC, Founding Commodore, (a position he held for our first 14 years) and not least, Paul is a Life Member of our Club.

We also have an in depth and virtually unbroken historical record in the form of newsletters and journals. Those from 2008 and 2009 have now been added to the issues from 2010 onward which were already published on our web page.

The February to October 2008 issues were the final ones edited by Co-Founder George Keegan OAM. Founding

Vice Commodore Tom Michilis oversaw the transition until I stepped up from the assisting role to become Newsletter editor in 2009. Di Hansen became editor of the Journal with the final (Summer) issue of 2013 as the role transitioned from volunteer to Club administration staff.

During my tenure as editor the publication developed from black & white photocopied mail-outs into a professionally printed coloured journal with paid advertisements and was posted online. The coloured originals of the earlier mail-outs have been converted to PDFs for or archives.

In 2011 a naming competition was run in the then “Newsletter”. It was won by Mary Holley’s suggestion **thirty two° fifty five** and registered as a trademark by our then treasurer Kym Butler.

Currently a collection of Letters to Members from our founders, Paul and George as far back as 1999 and most of the Newsletters prepared by George from 2003 is being converted to PDF format. These will supplement what is already on line. Together with the recently published 25th Anniversary book (in particular Paul’s information regarding our early development) we are fortunate to have an exceptionally comprehensive record of an impressive and accomplished group of people – Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

Member Profile

New Sailing Members - Kim and Waverley Mears

By Jan Howard

Kim and Waverley live at Carey Bay and have been members of Toronto Sailing Club for two years. Having supported Waverley in her sailing for some time, Kim thought it would be good to learn to sail herself. She joined the NCYC Friday Morning Women’s ‘learn to sail’ group earlier this year, and has now progressed to twilight sailing on “Schouten Passage.” Kim said, “I have always thought about sailing. Since getting Waverley involved, I found out about She Sails through the Toronto Club, and it’s been the best thing I’ve done in years. It was such a fun and accessible programme to get me started, and the support to move on to more sailing has been amazing. I’m now sailing in the women’s league series and in twilight sailing and I can’t believe how far I have come in a year!” Waverley who is 12, skippers a Flying Ant, “Jack Flash”, with her friend Eliza, at Toronto Sailing Club. She is now part of the NCYC Monday evening Youth Regatta series after having sailed in the Youth Force



24 Program during the year. Waverley also now sails in twilight races on “Schouten Passage”.

Waverley said, “Toronto is a very small club and it’s been nice to experience sailing with more people. Sailing on the force 24’s has been fun and I’m really getting a lot out of the Monday youth league. Sailing on “Schouten Passage” has been amazing, and it’s nice to learn from experienced sailors.”

Kim and Waverley’s experience, demonstrates how a pathway into keelboat sailing works through the NCYC Sailing Academy programs.

It is a pleasure to welcome Kim and Waverley as new sailing members of our club.



Social Highlights



Melbourne Cup

Images by
Aaron Woodrow



Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Thursday 26 December @ NCYC

Join us for the Boxing Day Sweeps and cheer our 6 NCYC boats on as we see them Live on the TV Screens.

**Good luck to our
NCYC skippers and crew:**

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- **She's The Culprit** •
- **Frantic** •
- **Dare Devil** •
- **Wonderland** •
- **Santana** •

Founders Day 2019

Images by Paul O'Rourke

Thank you to Reverend Philip Morris from the Mission to Seafarers for attending and Blessing the Fleet for the Start of our Sailing Season.



Marina at Night by Paul Wootten



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Commodore Steve Rae together with CYCA SOLAS Trusts, appreciate the support shown for the CYCA Safety of Life at Sea Trusts.

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Wombat Revisited - 2009

By Gloria Thirkell

In the early days when Wombat was slipped for antifouling, a team of volunteers has always pitched in to do the work. The people varied on different days and in different years but there were always many who made themselves available to help out. The same applied when Wombat needed crew.



1. Tim Vooles 2. Ernie Thirkell 3. Jim Holley
4. Reggie Hayne 5. Mick Eggleston 6. Ray Blackburn



Lift-out 19 August 2009. Photos by Greg Jackson.



Wombat crew 31 July 2009. Photos by Gloria Thirkell.



Tony Windsor



Kevin Abrahamson



Jeff Govier

Club is closed
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Enjoy this time with family & friends



Ladies of The Sea Regatta

By Sarah Gamble

Congratulations to NCYC member, Meika Wright who won her division in the Ladies of The Sea regatta held in Sydney back in October.

NCYC's Courtney Smith also attended as coach.



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Thirkell Trophy - Newcastle Youth Match Racing Regatta

This was a World Sailing Grade 4 Event in the yachts that contested the Match Racing component of the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The Thirkell Trophy was held over the weekend of 28-29th September.

Saturday delivered challenging conditions with major wind shifts and gusts in excess of 25knts. The 'young whippersnappers' however took control and handled the identical Elliott 6m yachts with ease.

Racing took place in front of Honeysuckle Hotel - showcasing the "Stadium Race Track" offered here on the Harbour. Racing was in the name of NCYC Life Members Ernie and Gloria Thirkell, recognising their years of passion and support for the Club and its successful future. The duo accompanied by local umpire (and International Judge) Ian Humphries - spectating the sport from the front row seat of the umpire boat!

The Thirkell Trophy was won by CYCA. RPYC came 2nd & 3rd and NCYC teams came 4th, 5th & 6th.

Congratulations to all participants.



Life Members Ernie and Gloria Thirkell with Ian Humphries



2nd Place - RPYC Alistair Read, Emma Rankin & Sean Gregory



3rd Place - Cameron Whiteside, Thomas Quarrie & Jasmine Bridge



1st Place - Fina Tapper, Chelsea Williams, Hamish Vass & Cole Tapper



SYDNEY TO HOBART 'WINGS' RAISING FUNDS FOR THE KIDS CANCER PROJECT

'Wings' that is racing in this year's Sydney to Hobart race will have four (4) women crew all racing their first Hobart.

These women, including NCYC's member Janease Graham, will also be raising funds and awareness for 'The Kids with Cancer Project'.



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The crew are:
Elyse Guevara, Janease Graham,
Janelle Orth and Katy McDonald.

Newcastle Sailing League

This season we kicked off the Newcastle Sailing League. The modern format welcomes crews onto the Club's fleet of Olympic one-design yachts on three different nights of the week.

On Monday evenings, the League was intended to be Youth only, however, to fill the eight boats this time around we also invited three additional Open teams to join the mix.

Notably joining local 'RedDog' Bowman Harry Miller's crew was Chelsea Williams – a young gun flying straight in after winning the Women's Match Racing Championship over the weekend at Mooloolaba Yacht Club! Halfway through the series their team is out in front in first place ahead of rivals Stephen Mackay and fellow youth team of Darby Jones.

Another exciting profile is the brother duo of Christian and Sebastian Spencer. The brothers were introduced to sailing within the Tackers learn to sail program in recent years at NCYC and have taken their sailing careers forward, racing at Belmont 16s and Match Racing within our Youth Performance Squads. They've teamed up with a fellow young gun Craig Wright of Teralba Sailing Club that they met through our Youth Program.

On Tuesday evenings, we run the Open League. Having been blown out for two race weeks so far with extreme conditions, Richard Howard leads the pack closely followed by teams led by Joe de Kock (2nd) and Glen Coulam (3rd). the competition is strong though with remaining teams keeping within reach sees Adrian Kiely in 4th and Timothy Dodds just two points behind in 5th.



On Thursday evenings we race the Women's League. Again, full, the Women's League sees eight all-female crews race three races every Thursday for six weeks. Halfway through the series Samantha Hickey's team leads the way with

their team made up of members of their crew from the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta and the She Sails Open Regatta.

Janease Graham has also brought her racing shoes – having proved that a solid upwind beat can provide a win – even without flying a spinnaker down the runs! With Janease' having only come together for this league, we will be excited to watch as they continue to develop as a crew and expect to see some more wins on the scoreboard.



Sitting in third place so far is Lucy Nissen. Becoming a regular offshore sailor with the Anger Management Team, Lucy has also stepped into the Elliott's with young friends from Lake Macquarie and are proving to be strong contenders week to week.

The Newcastle Sailing League Schedule

Newcastle Sailing League	
Mondays	YOUTH
Tuesday	OPEN
Thursday	WOMEN'S

We will start fresh in February with a new round of League's kicking off, so be sure to form a team and express your interest by visiting the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/inshore-racing/>

Laser Sailing

Laser Fun on Friday Nights

Images by Jack Buchan

Laser sailing at NCYC is back on and the fleet has been having a lot of fun in the fresh north-easters on Friday nights. It's hoped the new compound and launch facilities will be up and running after Christmas in time for the summer series.



The Cross



Joe de Kock (Stormy Weather)



Pre-Start Manoeuvring



Joe de Kock is leading Race 1, ahead of Phil Ashley-Brown

First Twilight Sailing Evening of the Season



Image by Paul O'Rourke



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Accidental Hammo By Jane Chidgey

In June, whilst sitting out bad weather in Keppel Bay Marina, the inevitable marina conversations started. One, with a local, Mike Walters, had him asking “Are you doing Hammo?”. We look at each other and quietly explain we were cruisers and not set up for racing.

Mike, and his yacht ‘MIM’, participate in the Hamilton Island Race Week every year. After much cajoling, Mike convinced us to “think” about it. “Just enter the cruising division guys,” he says, “that’s what I do, you’ll never regret it. Heaps of fun!”

We’d done a lot of yacht racing on other people’s boats before buying “D’Accord”, a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49, to go cruising. We committed to not race her. So, standing solidly behind our convictions, and over sundowners at Pancake Creek, we completed the online paperwork and paid our entry fee. We were racing HIRW! Then the doubts....

we said we’d never race her; what if we damage her; we don’t have a crew; what if we make fools of ourselves? Oh well, we’ve paid the money, let’s just do it.

We arrived at Hammo, were escorted to our berth (treated like royalty), all with courtesy and good humour. Over the next 24 hours we watch the fleet arrive, all 232 of them. Then the ‘setting up’ begins; replacing cruising sails with racing sails; installing new lines; removing excess weight (yes even toasters!); divers polishing hulls; small groups having quiet, serious discussions re: local knowledge, tactics, and new gear purchases; walking the dock sizing up the competition.

We did coffee whilst feeling like we’d made a huge mistake.



Then came the frequent comment “so, where’s the rest of your crew?” We would shrug and look at each other. They walked away shaking their heads.



Our first skippers’ briefing, addressed by a professional off a Division 1 racing machine on tactics, race trimming, etc. Then by the race committee, on weather, tides (yes! ‘Dent Passage’ can run at 4 knots), the 5-minute starting sequence, general responsibilities, including avoiding inbound aircraft across the starting line, oh, and best to avoid whales, not to mention the other 232 competitors. We now knew we’d made a HUGE mistake.

We’re a cruising boat, with cruising sails, a total crew of 2, and everything we own aboard. We commit to “not come last!”.

The first race began in still conditions. Over cautious we arrived late to the line. We finished 21st of 27. Goal achieved (not last), we have a great day. Back at the marina, the camaraderie is great, lots of sailor talk of what could have been, and all over a free sausage sizzle and cleansing ales. Great humour, good company, and that’s



before we head to Main Street for drinks, music, food, and dancing. This sets the pattern for the rest of the week.

Over the week, winds vary from light to near gale. We don’t race on Tuesday with winds gusting to 30+ knots

deciding a Dent Passage start was a bit beyond our crew of two. We weren’t the only ones enjoy the shore hospitality that day.

We attend the presentation dinner, seated with 8 guys from a spinnaker division yacht. “Where’s the rest of your crew?” they ask, we share the glance, and reply just the two of us. They ask what we sailed and express surprise at racing Hammo on a 50-footer with only two up. My ‘other skipper’ is reminded all night how lucky he is and I get 3 marriage proposals. Such is the way of discerning sailors!!

It was a great regatta. We take an 18th, 5th, and a 9th. The sailing fantastic, tiring, wonderful courses, competitive yes but dangerous no, brilliantly organised and conducted (with the usual complaints about the handicapper’s heritage!).

Beyond sailing great times, great music, great people, more functions than you could possibly wish for (or gratefully turn down), as much fun as you could possibly want (or gratefully turn down), and new friends made.

Will we do it again next year? Oh yeah! See you there!



Sailing Academy

By Jacqueline Ellis
Sailing Academy Manager

As the weather heats up so does the activity at the Sailing Academy!

We are back into full swing and busy welcoming new participants to the Club to learn to sail.

Tackers has really taken off this season! We ran two weeks of school holiday courses in October and then sold out both our Wednesday & Saturday term 4 courses. Additional Tackers courses have been organised on Monday afternoons which are now over half full! That's a whole lot of kids getting to experience and enjoy what sailing has to offer! Our small but mighty Tacker Green Fleet are racing on Sunday mornings under the guidance of Coach Andrew and our volunteer race management team lead by Mark Webb. Tackers 3 kids are very welcome to come and try Green Fleet for free – just message Jacqui in the Sailing Office if you are keen!

The word is obviously out about how much fun sailing is as the last few weeks we have been very busy hosting various Cub, Scout & Venturer groups from around the region for afternoon sailing on the Force 24s. We are keen to continue this option, so spread the word!

Carrington Public School are back sailing with us this term too, with a Friday morning program in the Tackers dinghies which sees the whole school have the opportunity to experience sailing – from the kinder kids right through to year six. We are also continuing our sailing program with Newcastle Grammar School with the secondary kids on the keelboats and the primary kids in the Tackers dinghies.

Our adult courses continue to be popular, particularly the Start Crewing, Start Helming and Skippering courses of the Australian Sailing "National Keelboat Program". We have received great feedback on the delivery of these syllabus based courses with some participants coming up from Gosford and Sydney just to do a course at NCYC!

We have an amazing group of skilled and personable instructors at the Sailing Academy and I am really proud of how they impart their knowledge and love of sailing in such a professional and friendly manner. Our Senior Instructor Andrew Omotosho continues to guide, encourage and lead our instructing team on close to a full time basis during these busy Spring/Summer months! We will be hosting Australian Sailing to conduct both keelboat and dinghy instructor courses next year – details are on the website and open for enrolment – why not consider coming and joining our team!

In coming months we have two important development regattas happening, both of which are designed to offer

further training and experience to those who have sailed with us at the Academy. On our fleet of Force 24s, we will supply a skilled mentor skipper and then fill the boats with novice sailors keen to have a go at some fun around-the-buoys racing on the Harbour.

NEW! Academy Graduates Development Regatta – Saturday 7th December

SheSAILS@NCYC Development Regatta – Saturday 14th March.

For both events there will be a training morning the Saturday before, so newly formed crews can get in some practice on boat handling, mark roundings and crew communication.

If you are keen to get involved, all you have to do is **register as an individual sailor**. We will then place you into a crew of five, including your mentor skipper. With the fleet of six boats, there are 24 places available at each regatta.

We will sail up to six short races on the Harbour with a strong focus on encouragement and learning – not on winning! These events are designed for absolute beginner racers so don't think you haven't got the skills to be involved – we learn as we do!!! You will have the opportunity to rotate crew positions on the boat including skippering if you are keen. We enjoy an on-water picnic lunch and a fun presentation at the end of the day.

Check out all the details on the website under Inshore Development Regattas - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/inshore-racing/> Register online now to grab your place onboard!

For all enquiries and questions, please contact Jacqui in the Sailing Office on sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au



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SheSAILS@NCYC in the tropics

By Peta Norris
and Sarah Gamble

NCYC mustered twenty enthusiastic female sailors for the annual GaLS regatta, hosted by Townsville Yacht Club over the first weekend in September. Timed to extend the Queensland sailing season, the regatta follows on from the popular Magnetic Island Race week, and aims like our successful (and now national) SheSAILS@NCYC program to develop and promote women's sailing.

Our crews who were predominately NCYC members were joined by women from Port Macquarie and Sydney to race two yachts: 'Shazam', a Beneteau 44.7 loaned by owner Doug Ryan, and NCYC's 'Mako', a Sydney 40 loaned by the Mako syndicate. How lucky were we, that an NCYC boat was still in



TYC GaLS group shot

the area! GaLS was to be Mako's last regatta in their northern campaign before returning home.

In the spirit of a development regatta, experience was evenly split across the two boats, ensuring those sailors less experienced in regatta racing had the opportunity to develop and extend themselves in areas of interest. Racing over the two days

consisted of six windward leewards and a passage race in the Townsville Basin. We had great sailing conditions with winds around 10 to 17 knots, with occasional gusts to 20, however the prevailing conditions were hot, sunny and humid!



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Shazam Crew

'Shazam' was skippered by Meika Wright, with Liz Charles from Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NCYC's Maureen Rae, Sharon Lovell, Rhonda Haydon, Kim Marchiori, Kath Hall, Barb Donnan, Kristen Haydon and Peta Norris. 'Mako' was skippered by Janease

Graham, with Oonagh O'Donovan, Tracy Hanson, Jane Hunt, Dale Semple, Paulette van Vliet, Olivia Burton, Melissa Pollard, Sarah Gamble, and Port Macquarie local, Alison Burke completing the crew list.



TYC GaLS Mako crew

Mako had some cracker starts with four line honours and a highlight for the crew, two firsts on handicap, finishing 7th overall out of 12 entries. 'Shazam', a beautiful big fast boat, came in first overall on scratch and ninth on handicap.

Lots of learning was had on and off the water. The regatta had a fun social scene and great comradery between the two NCYC teams and other competitors.

Opportunities like this wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the boat owners, and SheSAILS@NCYC who supported our GALS campaign. We are immensely grateful to Doug Ryan and the Mako syndicate for loaning their boats, making our regatta possible. We would also like to thank the Townsville Yacht Club, NCYC's She Sails Committee, Simon Macks, and our committed shore crew: John Burrows, Richard Fleck, and Airlie Beach local Tony Howard.



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OutThere Sailing is an opportunity for 12-17 year olds looking to try something new on the water.

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A big part of the OutThere Sailing program is the social element of simply enjoying time spent with peers and doing some thing fun. OutThere Sailing will keep friends together and keep you learning together. So a person who has sailed before can sail together with a friend who might be completely new to the activity!

We have a 4-day program for January school holidays

Check out further details on our website
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She Sails Open Regatta 8th-10th November 2019

By Jack Buchan

Upon arriving at the Race Course, crews were privy to 'Wild Oats XI' alongside the commercial wharf salvaging their mast - damaged in the strong conditions of the Cabbage Tree Island race the night before, while 'TP52 Koa' were towed across the race track and helicopters were buzzing overhead in response to extreme bush fires.

In a sweet juxtaposition, x10 all-female crews hit the Harbour to contest the She Sails Regatta in the



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club's new fleet of Olympic One-Design yachts. What started as a calm 10-15knts SW breeze was quickly realised by many teams to be shifty,

gusty and unpredictable in the leigh of the City of Newcastle's waterfront high-rises.

As the day progressed, winds increased to a similarly gusty 15-20knts SSE breeze. Pushing through ten races, the end of the day was described as "...an accomplishment to make it through such a big day on the water. The competition was close and the racing was tough - we're exhausted after ten races and ready to get back to the bar for some Bubbles!"

At the end of Day 1, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club's team remained in the lead by just one point, ahead of the RANSA/CYCA and LMYC Teams trailing in second and third. This year, we also welcome teams from Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly Yacht Club, The Yacht Club - Mooloolaba, the Australian Defence Sailing Association and local Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Teams.

Day 2 saw the fleet of 10 teams split into Gold and Silver fleets following the deciding round robin from Day 1. Silver Fleet were first to compete and the finals series allowed Mooloolaba Yacht Club's Tanya Kelly



and co to take out the lead for Silver Fleet after scoring 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the finals leaving them only 1pt in front of the Australian Defence Force girls who also scored 3rd,



2nd, 1st - only the 1pt difference carried over from the Qualifying Round Robin separating them in the total tally.

Silver Fleet was then swapped for Gold Fleet for the afternoon's racing as they switched from racing the finals on the water, to spectating from the grandstand viewing platform at Honeysuckle Hotel's Balcony!

The NCYC/LMYC Team were in pole position carrying just 1pt through to the finals series for Gold Fleet



on Sunday afternoon and were looking fast following their win in the first race of the day. Natalie Butterworth commended her team "...having only come together as a team for this

event, we've had a very limited opportunity to get our crew work up to speed - but we're really happy with our performance so far." The subsequent 3rd & 3rd places however ended their weekend in 2nd place overall.

Fellow NCYC Team Justine Ella on the helm with the crew climbing their way from 4th up and onto the podium - ending on a Bronze 3rd Place position after scoring a 3rd, 2nd and 4th in the finals racing.



The RANSA/CYCA girls really put on their racing shoes today though, going into Day 2 carrying just 2pts from Day 1 and then scoring 2nd, 1st, 1st for the days racing - seeing them claim the overall 1st place victory at the biggest She Sails Regatta to date!

The Clubhouse was pumping with a solo artist in the courtyard and a function outside as the She Sails crews and affiliated crowds piled into the Sailors Area overlooking the marina as the sun set throughout the Prizegiving Ceremony.

Founders of the SheSails campaign Jan Howard and Mary Holley were thanked for their part in kickstarting the sailing and social adventures of countless women to pass within



their grasp in a post sailing celebration on Sunday evening.

On behalf of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and the SheSails@NCYC Committee, we say an enormous thanks



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SheSAILS@NCYC Movie Night Fundraiser - Maiden

By Sharon Lovell and Maureen Rae

SheSAILS@NCYC held their inaugural movie night fundraiser in mid-October at Event Cinemas Kotara. There was an overwhelming response & the cinema was packed with over 190 supporters who came together to see Alex Holmes' movie 'Maiden'.

'Maiden' is a documentary about Tracy Edwards and her campaign to compete in the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989, now known as the Volvo Round the World Race. Tracy dreamed to be more than the onboard cook in a race such as this, she wanted to sail! To do this she had to find, pay for and repair her own boat, Maiden, with the help of a generous benefactor and her like-minded all-female crew. The movie had the audience laughing, crying & absolutely inspired as the story unfolded.

'Maiden' is a movie of how a group of women challenged not only themselves but the yachting establishment & the way in which society viewed the roles of females in the late '80's. Tracy and the crew recounted the many obstacles they encountered and the enormous challenges they had to overcome in order to achieve their dream. They fought against mother nature as they battled the Southern Ocean, their own inner demons as weeks passed on the open seas as well as the social stereotypes of the time. Along the way they rocked the male dominated world of sailing and paved the way for female participation in the sport with their sheer grit and determination. Not only did they complete the gruelling race, against all the odds they also won 2 of the hardest legs of the race.

It was a truly uplifting story that captured the attention of the world as could be seen in original archived footage. As Maiden finished the homeward leg, they were greeted by a huge flotilla and a dock lined with many thousands of fans. It was at that point Tracy and her crew realised it was not just about winning or losing, it was about the amazing journey they'd had and the significance of what they had achieved. There wasn't a dry eye in the cinema!

We hope that the screening of this movie encourages you all to consider your own aspirations. Perhaps newcomers can take that initial step to learn more about sailing and undertake some NCYC courses, or our more seasoned sailors may seek new challenges and further increase

their skills. SheSAILS@NCYC actively promotes and aims to facilitate the role of women and girls in this wonderful sport that we all enjoy.

Like the Tracy Edwards campaign the movie night was a huge success, raising almost \$2000. We are so grateful for the support of our club, our members and our friends as well as our generous sponsors. The funds that we raised at this event will go towards our SheSAILS@NCYC Open Regatta as well as our other sailing initiatives including supporting our female youth, our interstate one design teams, our NCYC representative teams and our planned 2020 community programs.

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SheSails Australian Sailing Award

Mary Holley & Jan Howard bring home the inaugural Australian Sailing SheSAILS Award, which comes as no surprise to the many women sailors they have assisted, influenced and inspired.

The Australian SheSAILS Award, in its inaugural year, recognises the administrators or organisers who have made contributions to the promotion of female participation in sailing, and was open to individuals, teams, crews, classes, clubs and groups of any gender who have made remarkable contributions to the development, encouragement, promotion and reinforcement of women's participation in our sport.

In our last edition we celebrated Jan & Mary taking out this award for NSW & ACT, and we now proudly celebrate and applaud their recognition Australia wide. The bubbles are well and truly flowing – congratulations on a well-deserved win Jan & Mary!

Here's why their many supporters were already celebrating before their names were called out!

"Thanks for the belief, guidance and opportunity that Mary & Jan gave me to learn and grow. I have developed beyond my expectations and achieved things in sailing that I never thought possible."

"Wouldn't have got this far without their support."



Jan & Mary in action with SheSAILS@NCYC. Photo by Lisa Ratcliff

"I'm so grateful for the welcoming community that Jan and Mary have built and the yacht racing opportunities they have provided. It's wonderful that after years of people assuming I'm at a sailing club to chase boys, that the automatic assumption at NCYC is that we are at the sailing club to chase buoys".

"Jan and Mary... they are both simply inspirational! For me and so many other women, they have welcomed us into sailing like we were already family..."

"Welcoming, fun, encouraging and inclusive. I have so much to thank them for on getting me started and continuing to support me in a sport I love."

"Well deserved, what a great job you do sharing your passion, experience and love of the sport with so many."

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Jan & Mary accepting their award. Photo by Australian Sailing

"Dedication. Persistence."

"I am so incredibly thankful for the opportunity to absorb even a fraction of the passion and knowledge these complete legends and wonderful friends share so freely. Beautiful, inspirational, amazing women who have created a sailing family that just keeps growing!"

"You two are amazing, and it's so wonderful that you share your passion for sailing, and encourage others into this wonderful sport."

"Mary and Jan taught me to sail, they took me (a complete novice) lovingly and patiently to the world of crewing on offshore yachts. They were excellent mentors to me and I will remain eternally grateful to them both."



SheSAILS Group Celebrations

"Jan and Mary are a dynamic duo with passion, vision and boundless energy who give unconditional support to all who wish to learn to sail. I am grateful for the opportunities they gave me early in my sailing career which increased my skills and confidence and put me on the path to still be sailing four years later."

"You two are very well deserving of the award! Champion sailors and great friends!"



Jan & Mary Award Winners (close-up). Photo by Maureen Rae

"What you've done for NCYC is beyond amazing, thank you."

"Beautiful inspiring women and I'm very happy to know them and very grateful to be in their sphere of influence."

"What an inspiration you both are!"

"Welcoming, encouraging, inclusive."

"I will be forever grateful to Mary & Jan for all they have done for me in my sailing journey. They have created a welcoming, encouraging, motivating and inspiring culture for us girls and I couldn't be more happy to be a part of what they have created."

"Two legends."

NCYC's Team Good Form kicks off the Farr 40 season in style

Article by Richard Hooper and Kristen Anderson
Photos by Jen Hughes

Joe de Kock's Team 'Good Form' sailed consistently well to bring home second place at the first Farr 40 Regatta for the 2019-20 Australian Open Series, hosted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), on 19-20 October. The event saw six boats tightly contesting seven races across the two-day event, where a constantly changing leader board made for an exciting weekend.

Day 1 was sailed offshore in a gusty 15-20 knot westerly, with great spectator viewing off Manly Beach.

The race committee managed to get three quick races in before the breeze kicked up as forecast, exceeding the class maximum wind speed of 25 knots during the final race. This made for a spectacular and challenging downwind leg to the finish where rewards came to those who kept their cool. The three races produced three different winners, with just one point separating the top four boats as the fleet headed back for an early and well-deserved dock party. As the Farr 40 Media Release stated at close of day, 'Good Form' skipper, Joe de Kock has always expressed his preference to sail offshore and today the 'Good Form' crew were on fire scoring a fourth followed by a third and finished the day off with a win, placing them third overall and just one point behind regatta leader, 'Outlaw'. With a couple of sails being the only serious casualties, it was a great day on the water for Team 'Good Form', who enjoyed the MHYC hospitality before adjourning to crew



Sam & Karma, with MHYC's
Deb Dalziel from Exile



MHYC Sailing Manager
David Stayley presenting
Joe de Kock with 2nd place
trophy for Good Form



The tight Farr 40 fleet

headquarters in Manly for various forms of debrief and preparation for the following days racing.

Day 2 was sailed in

sensational weather inshore between Obelisk and Watsons Bay. A congested Sydney Harbour threw many challenges at the fleet and the 'Good Form' brains trust was happy to roll the dice with the large tanker daring to exit the harbour in Race 5, which made for much 'excitement' and required some slick crew work to maintain our race position once clear of the vortex. After a disastrous start to the day with a 6th place in Race 4 Team 'Good Form' regrouped to finish 1.2.3 in the final three races. At



Kris, Richard & Julian enjoying
the MHYC hospitality

close of play just one point decided the top three boats, with the Farr 40 Media Release stating Joe de Kock and the 'Good Form' crew from Newcastle lived up to their name today finishing in second place overall, just one point behind 'Double Black'. Day 1 leaders 'Outlaw' rounded off the podium positions with 3rd place on a count back. Well done to all competitors and thanks to The Farr 40 Class for another wonderful event, neatly combining fiercely competitive racing with great camaraderie.

The Team 'Good Form' crew for this regatta included eight local Newcastle sailors, being Joe, Karma Randall, Richard Hooper, Julian Clements, Brad Dodds, Kris Anderson, Sam Hickey and Josh Marks. Also joining the crew were Clynton Wade-Lehman on main and Sean Kirkgean on tactics and coaching. As always, the high adrenaline, intense racing is addictive, more than making up for the body bashing that is Farr 40 racing! Next up on the 'Good Form' calendar is the Newcastle Farr 40 One Design Trophy, to be hosted by NCYC on 16-17 November. Then the Farr 40 schedule gets into full swing in January ahead of the State Titles in February and National Championships in March. These are exciting times to be a Farr 40 sailor, with Sydney set to host the Worlds in November 2020.



Team Good Form 'on fire' off Manly Beach



Team Good Form 'on fire'
off Manly Beach

MAKO's Marathon

By Paul O'Rourke

Mako Sailing Team completed a five-leg sailing Odyssey over winter.

The team ended up including 45 different crew. It proved a great way to fly the NCYC burgee and for club members to meet and sail together. We could not have done it without everyone's support.

The first leg was the Sydney – Gold Coast race and first major offshore race for the boat. It proved one of the most pleasant offshore races you could do with cracked sheets flat seas and mild weather. The boat performed well and beat plenty of bigger boats home. The crew celebrate



Breakfast of Champions

long into the night/ next day with all the other NCYC sailors.

The second leg was the inaugural Brisbane to Hamilton Island 504nm race.

It was a tricky delivery "inside" from Southport to Brisbane ducking power cables and sneaking over



MAKO Crew - Sydney to Gold Coast July 2019

sandbars. A few fresh crew joined the boat and then there was some exciting strong downwind sailing all the way to Hamo.

Next up was a new crew for Airlie Beach Race week. We had great racing in a very tight division of 40 footers. Mako collected some silverware now displayed in the club and became famous for its bright yellow (Green!) kite. Hamilton Island Race week saw fresh crew and even fresher breezes. The crew held the boat together but not everyone's ribs stayed intact!

Magnetic Island was another change of crew and conditions. A strong shore crew added to the social activities. Another trophy was collected for the cabinet.

The final leg saw the She Sails crew compete at the GALS regatta in Townsville.



Brisbane to Southport Crew

Skipper Janease Graham collected the boats first line honors and handicap "double". She also introduced us to The Secretary, the protest room and re connected with our Insurers – in that order.



TYC GALS Regatta Townsville - September 2019 Image by Simon Macks

Our professional delivery crew did a great job getting the boat home quickly and safely.

The tour wrapped up with a reunion dinner at the United Services club where the following "Rum" awards were presented:

SHE SAILS AWARD

Oonagh – closing bar at Southport Yacht Club

Best Skipper on Tour

Adrian Kiley – What's really important ?? beating the "Blue Boat"

Crew Award

Brad Dodds for bring VB long necks home for breakfast to share with the rest of the crew.

QUOTE OF TOUR

Dale Semple : Watching "The Secretary" leaving for the delivery at the same time as Mako, turns to Janease and says "I hope you don't run into them on the way down...oh no sorry I didn't mean it like that!"

Airlie Beach Race Week - August 2019

Congratulations to the MAKO crew - 3rd place, Cruising Division 2 winners



Image by Sarah Gamble

Magnetic Island Race Week - Sept 2019

Congratulations to Mako Magnetic Island Race Week team! Second place series winner Division 1.

Next stop in the Northern campaign before Mako heads home is TYC Gals regatta run by Townsville Yacht Club.



Image by Sarah Gamble

Looking forward to 2020 the Year of the Optometrist!

Article by Gloria Thirkell

Images supplied by Specialeyes

Club sponsors of our Summer Sailing Series, Susan and Evan Walton from Specialeyes Optometrist Newcastle, are proud to be associated with the award winning Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

NCYC is equally proud to be among the community organisations supported by Susan and Evan. These range from sponsorship of the local “Specialeyes Hockey Team” and Merewether Carlton Rugby Union Club (including volunteer work in the canteen/bar), through sponsoring racing events at the NJC, to organising visual screenings on the Special Olympic athletes in a voluntary capacity.

The Waltons live locally and having been members of NCYC for many years, actively support their club through regular patronage, participating in club activities and sponsoring various events on our Sailing calendar through the years.

Club of the Year Celebration

Only 25 years old and with only 15 years of competitive Sailing, NCYC’s three National Awards at Australian Sailing 2019 Presentation was the perfect time to party! Having been part of the group enjoying celebratory drinks and canapés in the clubhouse, Susan is quoted as saying: “The vibe was wonderful.” She went on to remark: “Every time we visit the club there is a happy face to welcome you and have a chat over drinks enjoying the wonderful views looking out across the water. We are proud to see our club going from strength to strength, promoting courses for kids, offering options for people to join as social members; to learn to sail; to race or; to join the cruising fleet.”

Our Specialeyes Sponsor Susan, is the Winner of Two Major Awards

2014 - Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List
The 2014 Spring Issue of this journal featured an article “Susan Receives Her Own Medal.” At that



: A 2014 competitor from Myanmar (Burma) has their eyes examined at the Special Olympics.



A member of the 2014 Pakistan Special Olympics having his eyes tested by Susan.

time Susan had volunteered with the Special Olympics for almost 20 years and was the Regional Clinical Advisor Asia-Pacific for the Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program. She is still volunteering in both capacities.

2019 - Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists President’s Award for Significant Contributions to Behavioural Optometry. This recognises Susan’s ongoing commitment to her profession, her knowledge base and ongoing continuing education that she attends to add and consolidate her behavioural optometry skills, as well as her role in Special Olympics.

Specialeyes Staff



Photo taken in front of the Rodenstock wall.
Left to right Kellie (reception), Susan, daughter Hannah (Vision Therapist), Evan, Melinda (Optical Dispenser).

Note: Susan is quoted as saying: “Evan and I feel fortunate to have been invited by Rodenstock to their headquarters and factory in Munich, Germany in July. It was a wonderful experience. Rodenstock employs over 6000 people worldwide and has been operating for over 140 years. The incredible quality and craftsmanship involved in designing and producing all their products (frames and lenses) gave a new appreciation to what becomes the finished product walking out on someone’s face.”

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Keep a lookout – Some major changes inside and out having been in our building for 10 years now, and in the city for 34 years.

- The Specialeyes Optometrist Newcastle building – a major facelift very soon!
- Internally - new flooring and lighting and a wonderful Rodenstock lens and frame wall have been installed, with a lick of paint to be added soon.
- Ranges - We have added a couple of ranges this year with the iconic sunglass range Maui Jim proving to be popular - good for boaties! Our most recent frame addition is Face a Face - ladies look it up - as it’s the height of hand-made and designed / unique fashion pieces of eyewear.



Hannah Susan and Evab at the ACBO Awards Night

About the Special Olympics 'Roar and Soar' Annual Fundraiser:

Susan's role as the Regional Clinical Advisor Asia Pacific Special Olympics Opening Eyes program takes her to Sydney for the second weekend in December. This event is Special Olympics major fundraiser for the year. There will again be a dedicated team of volunteer optometrists and optical dispensers using donated

testing equipment performing visual screenings on the SO athletes alongside other healthcare practitioners such as dentists and podiatrists. The special needs athletes are excited to be driven around the Eastern Creek track in all sorts of hotted up and restored vehicles - hence the name of the day being Roar and Soar! and definitely our noisiest event!



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By Terry Reynolds



ON WATER

The start off this issue on a sad note.

On July 11th NC30 was tasked to assist with a capsized Catalan off Stockton. As reported widely in the media, unfortunately three people lost their lives

with two being rescued by helicopter.

NC30 had the unfortunate job of returning two of the deceased crew to the police compound at Carrington with our Port Stephens colleagues aboard PS31 returning the third.

Mid-August saw NC30, crewed by Ron Calman, Ian Morrow, Mick Quill and Wayne Bissett assist a 40' yacht some 12 nm off Newcastle. The yacht suffered engine and sail issues. In somewhat rough conditions, the yacht, with three people on board safely towed to NCYC.



N30 crewed assisting a 40 yacht



N30 being blessed by Chaplain Phillip Morris

Every year there is a 'Blessing of the Fleet' in Newcastle. A number of local vessels take advantage of this event.



N30 assisting a 5m runabout some 500m off Strzelecki Beach

In early October NC30, with Ron Calman, Graham Silcock and Stuart Lawson aboard, was tasked to assist a 5 metre runabout some 500 metres off Strzelecki Beach. The vessel, with two adults and one child aboard were towed safely to Nth Stockton ramp.

Mid October saw the annual Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) held, this year in Lake Macquarie.

Rescue vessels from Marine Rescue units Central Coast, Norah Head, Tuggerah Lakes and Lake Macquarie, along with jet skis from Surf Life Saving attended.

Saturday saw the theory stage conducted by Marine Area Command (water police) then Sunday had the 'on water' component which was conducted inside the Lake.

NC30 did not attend as it was needed to be available in the Newcastle area however Marine Rescue Newcastle had members attend the Saturday session and in the Sunday, members assisted crewing other vessels and also in Lake Mac's radio room.



Lyn Van Homrigh and Fiona Perram in the radio room

Pictured is Lyn Van Homrigh and Fiona Perram in the radio room and although not identifiable, some Newcastle crews are on CC30, which is the same vessel that Newcastle's new vessel will be when it arrives next year.



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Runabout with engine problems

19th October saw two jobs one after the other. Firstly a 5-metre runabout called for assistance with engine issues in the South Arm area. Ron and Steve Randell proceeded to the job however was stood down as a 'Good Samaritan' came to the aid. However, the Good Samaritan was unable to assist due to lack of power so NCYC was reinstated and towed the vessel to Toolies ramp.



Unmanned Jetski

The second job was to a couple of miles off Stockton beach where an unmanned JetSki was located. Before a major search was to be considered, the owner contacted our radio operator to say he had swam ashore. The ski was towed by NC30 to Stockton ramp.

NOT ON THE WATER

Faith is very important to some emergency service personnel. Helen Carter represented Marine Rescue Newcastle at the Sea Sunday Service organised by Rev Garry Dodd from Missions to Seafarers at Newcastle Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 21 July. Helen read one of the lessons at the service.



Helen Carter Representing MR - Sea Sunday Service

A number of presentations were handed out.

Our new Administration Officer, Warren Bramble received his epaulets.

Members Bill Johnston and Mick Quill their Radio Operators epaulets and Bill and Alex Fry their Marine Rescue 10th year anniversary lapel pins.



Warren Bramble Receiving His Epaulets



Bill Johnston Receiving his Radio Operators epaulets



Mick Quill Receiving his Radio Operators Epaulets



Alex Fry Receiving his 10th Year Anniversary Lapel

Finally, a reminder to all who venture out into the water to Log on and off with Marine Rescue Newcastle (or with other units if you are travelling away) It's a simple process by either calling up on VHF 16, call us on 49600263 or adding the Marine Rescue App and logging on remotely.

ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY & SUNDAY
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**By Bernadette Barry –
Stella Maris Chaplain**

Recently joining the MTS, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I come from a nursing background and for the past 15 years I have

been a Case Manager For the Aged with Uniting, looking after their home services, budgets, rostering as well their emotional needs where a lot live alone and are quite isolated. Previous to that I was a member of the NSW Police Force.

I have also worked as a Pastoral Associate at the Calvary Mater Hospital, attending to patients in Oncology, Hospice and General wards and completing studies in Clinical Pastoral Education.

All these areas have been very rewarding and have touched on the need for the holistic care of the patient, client or even those I dealt with in the Force in time of emotional and spiritual crisis.

I have had a passion to work with the Mission to Seafarers and the opportunity arose to apply to which I was successful.

It is such a worthwhile Mission and has given the seafarers a place of rest, company, safety and a place they can call home when away.

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- Friday 13 December - Santa Sails a Laser
- Sunday 15 December – Christmas Pursuit,
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- Wednesday 25 December – Club Closed
- Thursday 26 December – Boxing Day Sydney
to Hobart Race Live
- Tuesday 31 December – New Year's Eve at NCYC

JANUARY 2020

- Sunday 26 January – Australia Day Long
Weekend (club open)
- Friday 31 January – Club Marine Twilight Pursuit
& DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series

FEBRUARY 2020

- Sunday 2 February – Special Eyes Summer
Short Ocean PS – Race 1
- Wednesday 5 February
Club Marine Twilight Series
- Friday 7 February
DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series
- Saturday 8 February – Shorthanded Series – Race 1
- Sunday 9 February – Special Eyes Summer
Short Ocean PS - Race 2
- Wednesday 12 February
Club Marine Twilight Series
- Friday 14 February
DFK Crosbie Laser Twilight Series
- Saturday 15 February – Shorthanded Series – Race 2
- Sunday 16 February – Special Eyes Summer
Short Ocean PS – Race 3
- Wednesday 19 February
Club Marine Twilight Series
- Thursday 20 February – Sydney to Hobart Dinner
- Friday 21 February – DFK Crosbie Twilight Series
- Saturday 22 February – Shorthanded Series – Race 3
- Sunday 23 February – Special Eyes Summer
Short Ocean PS – Race 4
- Sunday 23 February
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- Friday 28 February – DFK Crosbie Twilight Series
- Saturday 29 February – Shorthanded Series – Race 4

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