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Jan Howard presenting
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Commodore's Message



There have been many changes in the line-up at NCYC board level since the Autumn edition of our Club magazine.

These are the result of natural attrition rather than any palace revolt or discontent.

The new Commodore would dearly love Phil Arnall to have continued in

the role but after 5 years, he has rightfully won the right to retire.

Witnessing the effort, thought and experience that Phil gave to the job makes it very difficult to envision equalling such achievements. Phil not only devoted himself to NCYC but at the same time, ran a major public company and travelled extensively overseas on a regular monthly basis. It is a pity that the majority of Phil's achievements was done behind the scenes and so was only seen by a few.

Richard Howard came to us 4 years ago and has worked tirelessly and effectively to make us the success we are today. There are many improvements and innovations that are a credit to him. Coming from a family of sailors there is only one accolade that has eluded him, unlike his mother, father and brother, he has never done a Sydney Hobart on *Aurora*. Richard has done 13 Sydney to Hobart's on other boats and came very close to winning on several occasions.

Larry Curtis is also retiring from the board after 5 years' service. Larry was quite an achiever who kept a vigilant eye on our financial position and had a calming effect which enabled board deliberations. Larry was also instrumental in setting up the Newcastle Game Fishing Club and its affiliation with NCYC.

The Newcastle Port Stephens race was run in almost perfect conditions and the following week of sailing in the regattas was most rewarding. Even now, so early after starting the 'try sailing' venture, we are getting new crew on to the boats and several of them joined the skirts on the very successful *Schouten Passage* in the Commodores Cup.

The Laser Lunch was a huge success with the winner of three Sydney to Hobart, Roger Hickman the main speaker. This event took an enormous amount of time and energy to organize. To be hit with a life threatening storm that required a super human response during the event demanded exceptional

Ability to just continue the lunch let alone make it the success that it was. Congratulations to all, especially Phil Ashley-Brown whom you heard on an almost hourly basis on ABC radio as he reported and coordinated efforts to keep the community informed about the disaster.

In our own neck of the woods Richard Howard, Paul Booth, Howard Keegan and Joe deKock worked tirelessly tendering to poorly moored boats at our marina. the skills shown during this time were impressive. At one stage *Moonshadow* was a single fairly tatty mooring line due to making an attempt to sail up Throsby Creek and see whether she could fit under the Carrington Bridge.

The board is currently in the process of appointing a new Chief Executive Officer and once finalised, staff and members will be notified.

The Board has invited Barry Kelly and Phil Ashley-Brown to join the Board to fill the vacancies created by these retirements on a casual basis until the next AGM in August.



Jim Holley, Commodore



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Rear Commodore's Report



I would like to take the opportunity in this article to thank and congratulate Phil Arnall for his services as Commodore of this Club. In the years that I have been Treasurer and Rear Commodore I have enjoyed and learnt a lot being on the Board with him.

His dedication to this Club has been impressive. In a passionate way he has made a massive contribution to the Club utilising his business experience and his corporate intellect. Phil will be missed by the Board and the Board has the challenge of matching its prior performance without his leadership. We are currently in the midst of our Winter Short Ocean Point Score and we have a pleasing number of 12 boats sailing. The leader at the time of writing this article is *Wallop* (P Hewson) from the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto ahead of *Summer Salt* (T Gleeson) and *Stampede* (M McDonald).

The Summer Ocean Point Score has been completed with the winners being *Schouten Passage* (R Howard) followed by *Marta Jean* (S Rae) in the IRC division with the PHS division being won by *Aurora* (J Holley), followed by *Summer Salt* (T Gleeson).

The Club Marine Summer Twilight was won by *Warrain* (R Hillery) ahead of *Scots Wha Hae* (V Johnston). It is pleasing to see some six boats in this competition. The Twilight division is a very important part of our Club where people such as Robyn are prepared to sail whenever and whatever.

The Ocean Point Score for 2014/2015 was won by *Summer Salt* ahead of *She's the Culprit* (G Bulmer). *Summer Salt* has again had a great season.

The Laser fleet is still very active with 44 boats in the competition entered with an active 20+ sailors every Friday and is currently in a joint club competition with the Belmont 16fts Skiff Club. It is pleasing to see the Lasers grow from strength to strength adding to the sailing character of our Club.

The Club has a challenge with its Sunday racing as the demographic of sailing across the nation leads to dwindling fleets. The Club will have to look at other sailing activities such as laser sailing to bolster and promote sailing at the Club. It is very pleasing to see the Laser fleet maintaining its presence.

The Laser Summer Friday Twilights Race over the line was won by *Ruthless* (M Babbage) followed closely by *Ohio* (P Beath) with the Lasers PHS division won by *If Not Now When* (R King) closely followed by *Flip* (P Ashley-Brown).

I wish the boats competing in the CYCA Landrover Gold Coast race all the best for the race. I understand *Anger Management*, *She's the Culprit* and *Stampede* will represent our Club in this race and I expect as we always do in these off shore ocean races, that we will punch above our weight.



Kym Butler, Rear Commodore



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2015 SAILING PRESENTATION NIGHT



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club would like to invite our members and their guests to our Sailing Presentation of Trophies and Prizes Evening for the 2014-2015 Season

PLACE: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

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TIME: 6:30pm

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Hi all,

As we take a breath and look up, we are almost half way through 2015... Where does time go?

This quarter report has started with a host of farewells for some individuals who have played a large part in NCYC over the recent years, and who also placed a great deal of trust in me whilst also mentoring me

in my current role at the Club.

To Richard Howard, Phil Arnall and Larry Curtis, we thank you for your commitments to the Club throughout your time as CEO, Commodore and Treasurer. No doubt we will see you all around the Club, active in sailing, game fishing and a few social beverages!

This month we also say goodbye to Shane and Tayler Cochrane. Recently married, the pair who grew with the Club over the past 3 years are embarking on the next stage of their journey together. We wish them all the best for the future.

In April, we welcomed Paul Tracey to the team. Paul has an extensive hospitality background and has slotted into the team with ease. Very approachable, Paul is always good for a chuckle. Look out for his profile in this edition.

We also welcome Emmalea Moulton who is our new Events and Functions Coordinator. Emmalea started with us mid May and comes to us with a comprehensive events background. Emmalea is very approachable and outgoing and we are excited to have her on board at the Club. Please join me in welcoming our newest members of the team.

Looking ahead, the Winter months are always naturally the most challenging period for the Club to maintain consistent patronage and support. Keep an eye out for our upcoming Winter menu that's sure to warm you up throughout the colder days ahead.

On the calendar for the quiz buffs is weekly trivia on Tuesday nights from 7pm. It's time for 'the table of knowledge' to show us what they're made of! Why not join us for fun, prizes and a cheap meal from The Galley Restaurant with our \$10 Snitzels and \$13 Rumps!

There will also be some Club events over the next quarter. Keep an eye out for our themed nights which are sure to be enjoyed by all who attend!

Michael Thrift, Club Hospitality Manager

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STAFF PROFILE

**Paul Tracey
Operations Manager**



For those who haven't met me yet, my name is Paul Tracey and I have come on board here at NCYC in a supporting role to Mike and the team.

I have been in the hospitality industry for around 15 years now, working in a diverse range of venues, from some of Sydney's finest 5 star hotels, to managing suburban pubs here in Newcastle. Prior to joining the industry, I spent 3 long and fairly unsuccessful years as a professional golfer, travelling around the country trying to make a living. Let's just say hospitality pays a lot better for me!

Away from work I enjoy spending time with my wife and small army of 6 kids.

I look forward to meeting more of the members as they come into the Club in the coming months.

MEMBER PROFILE Ian Humphries

Ian grew up at Rathmines and has sailed all his life in both dinghies and keel boats, including a couple of Sydney to Hobart races, one on *Aurora* with Jim and Mary Holley.

Returning to the Newcastle area after University in Queensland where he studied property valuation, Ian worked on the Honeysuckle master plan.

In this position he was involved in identifying the site which would eventually be put to the market, resulting in the formation of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. Ian said: *"During this process I was privileged to work with the late George Keegan OAM when he was on the board of the original Honeysuckle Development Corporation".* During this period, Ian was inadvertently making his first contribution to what would become his club, the future Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

Fast forward ten years and racing had commenced with the Australia Day Race in January 2004. The Club's Sailing Committee realised that with increasing competition we needed a protest committee and Ian was asked to become a part of this. Ian commented: *"At that point in time I had never protested another boat or been protested so it seemed ironic that I was considered an expert on the rules".* Perhaps being out of the protest room for all those years was because Ian did know the rules?

"As Sailing Secretary at the time Gloria Thirkell lined up for me to become part of the Yachting NSW Racing Rules Committee, a learning curve for me, and a chance to further raise NCYC's profile in Sailing circles."

From there Ian was invited to many regattas at major yacht clubs culminating in him being made a Yachting Australia National Judge and National Umpire.

Umpiring became Ian's prime focus from 2007 to 2012, with the highlight being umpiring a string of match race regattas in the lead up to the London Olympics (where match racing was the women's keel boat event and Australia won the Silver Medal). Ian explained that:

"When you start umpiring you follow around two match racing boats in a RIB. You see when boats could be trimmed better and when they can tack to make a mark, or cover a competitor. Very soon you step up a notch in the standard of racing you are umpiring and realise that



they are so much better sailors than you ever were or are likely to be, so it's better to stick to interpreting the rules."

Since 2010 Ian has been a member of several International and National Juries mainly for ISAF classes including Tasar National Titles, Oceanic Windsurfer Championships and the International Contender Class World Titles. He was also a member of the last two International Juries at the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

"I am excited to be on the National Jury for the Laser National Titles at Belmont 16 foot Club later this year. It will be a case of back to the future for me because my very first serious regatta was the 1982 Combined High Schools (CHS) Regatta at Belmont. This event will be hotly contested as international entries will want to test themselves against the best Australian sailors prior the Rio Olympics".

My first match racing umpiring was at RPAYC and at that time I realised what great boats the Force 24s were. So it was very exciting for me to see my daughter Demaris out there sailing in one of the NCYC Force 24 fleet. NCYC's School Sailing Program fulfills a key part of the original vision in the Honeysuckle master plan: to see local school kids enjoying sailing on our beautiful Harbour.

Social Highlights

Marina Social Night

Images by Gloria Thirkell



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1. Scott Lawrence & Paul Booth 2. Paul Lobb & Rob Johnston
3. Natalie, Ben Herington, Ernie Thirkell, Greg Bolster & Jim Holley
4. Craig Wakefield & Joe deKock 5. Carolyn & Howard Keegan
6. Jennifer Connolly & Barry Watson 7. Ernie Thirkell,
Greg Bolster & Robin Hillery 8. Scott Johnston & Karen Meredith

Our Club - AnZac Day



1. Ray Blackburn by Peter Hartigan. Syd March 2. Fort Scratchley Dawn Service by Alistair McArthur 3. Kevin Abrahamson, Dick Lees, Ernie Thirkell & Ted Anderson in Civic Park after the march 4. Jack 5. Dick and Margaret Lees by Gloria Thirkell

Berrimilla II

A Tiny Boat and the International Space Station

Our marina had the pleasure of meeting Alex Whitworth and some of his crew aboard *Berrimilla II* during April and early May. *Berrimilla II* is a 33 ft sailing yacht, most famous for performing two remarkable circumnavigations.

First Voyage (Dec 2004 to Jan 2006) Sydney – Falmouth – Sydney via Cape Horn & Cape of Good Hope.

Second Voyage (April 2008 to March 2010) Sydney – Falmouth- Sydney via North West Passage & Cape of Good Hope.

During these circumnavigations, *Berrimilla* became the first and, as far as they can discover, the only vessel to:

- Sandwich a Fastnet race between 2 consecutive Sydney – Hobarts, all under sail
- Sail to England twice to compete in the Fastnet and then return
- Sail from Australia to England via the North West Passage
- Circumnavigate the world under sail via the North West Passage
- Circumnavigate the world via both Cape Horn and the North West Passage. David Scott Cowper did it first, but in different boats.



The Name

Berrimilla is the local Aboriginal name for the Blue Kingfisher found all along the New South Wales coast (Australia).

Berrimilla was designed in 1965 and is a dinosaur compared to modern boats. She has a displacement hull shape and is heavy and slow but very strong and seaworthy. Alex bought her believing that she could be sailed almost anywhere with the right preparation and crew. Nevertheless, she is a tiny boat in which to undertake a circumnavigation south of the Great Capes.

The Design

Berrimilla II is a Brolga 33, designed by Australian Peter Joubert and launched in 1977. She has a deep fin keel, with fully encapsulated lead ballast and a skeg-hung rudder.

Joubert's boats have a reputation for extreme toughness and seaworthiness and *Berrimilla* is very strong, heavily built and seaworthy and we have sailed her through some atrocious weather.

Her stability index is 141.6 and her calculated limit of positive stability is 135.4 degrees. Both of these are very much higher than most modern boats and quite reassuring in big breaking waves.

Boat Specifications

Name	: Berrimilla II
Launched	: 1977
Sail Number	: 371
Club	: RANSA
Location	: Sydney, Australia
Type	: Brolga 33
Designer	: Peter Joubert
Builder	: Baker
Construction	: GRP (Glass-Reinforced Plastic)
IMS GPH	: 739.2
IMS Stab Idx	: 141.6
IRC TCC	: 0.891
LOA	: 10.1m
Beam	: 3.1m
Draft	: 1.8m
Displacement	: 6,933 kg
Rig	: Masthead Sloop
Fore Triangle	: 39.25
Mainsail	: 21.43
Spinnaker	: 88.09
Hobart Crew	: 6
Shorthand Crew	: 2

Thanks goes to Alex Whitworth for sharing this information and for further information on *Berrimilla II* and her voyages go to:

www.berrimilla.com

Email: berrimilla2@gmail.com

Port2Port Down Under

By Howard Keegan

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club is excited to announce its support for the 2015 Port2Port Down Under International Yacht Rally. Yachts will arrive in Newcastle from late October until mid-November after a 990 nautical mile trip from Noumea. The event was previously run into Bundaberg annually but due to resource & weather issues in Bundaberg the organisers have chosen Newcastle as the destination.

As the destination partner and sponsor, NCYC will host a number of casual & formal functions over the week commencing 15th November where all participants will be made familiar with NCYC facilities, introduced to the many attractions of Newcastle & its surrounds and in general become re-accustomed with dry land. The number of participants is not known at this stage but it is anticipated that 40 to 50 boats will make the journey.

The crew of each boat are mostly retired couples exploring the world on vessels averaging 12m to 15m in length. They will stay in Australia for up to 6 months and then head north again after the Australian cyclone season ends in late April. While in Australia their itineraries will vary. Some will fly home and leave their boats here over Christmas, some will organise land content tours, some will stay locally and enjoy the attractions of Newcastle and surrounds and others will cruise and explore the NSW coast visiting Sydney, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie or Pittwater, using NCYC as their home base while in the country.

This is a perfect opportunity for NCYC and Newcastle to present ourselves to the international cruising market as a package. Overall we have the perfect infrastructure with all vessel service requirements on site, all restaurants and nightlife are within walking distance, most shopping needs are covered within walking distance, transport hire is across the road for excursions so we know that the major needs of the participants are met.

All the relevant government departments including AQIS, Customs, Hunter Development Corporation Newcastle Tourism have been briefed and included in the planning of the event.

The average spend per boat while in the country is quite significant so the financial returns for Newcastle from a tourist perspective are very attractive. Based on the rally history it is hoped that we could host this event annually.

We look forward to welcoming our international guests and exposing Newcastle and the local area to them as a quality tourist destination.

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NCYC Sailing Academy

Great Sailing on the Force 24's

Article by John Searl

NCYC Discover Sailing Centre

The NCYC Academy has recently been accredited as a Discover Sailing Keel boat Centre with Yachting Australia.

We are currently completing a 'Start Crewing' course on Friday mornings and a 'Start Helming' course on Saturday mornings. Plenty of old faces from previous courses have signed up for the next leg of their sailing journey along with some new participants keen to learn.

Performance Sailing

We have commenced our first 'Performance Sailing' program for Youth Sailors. We will be conducting training days at NCYC and also competing in fleet regattas at the Cruising Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club as part of the Youth Performance Sailing program.

Coaching will be provided by NCYC youth coaches as well as visiting guest coaches and coaches from other clubs.

In our first year we will be competing in intermediate standard fleet racing, aiming to build up to match racing and hosting our own events in subsequent years.



STAFF PROFILE

Ben Robinson



I'm Ben Robinson and I have been working at NCYC as a sailing instructor since 2014.

I've been sailing for around 12 years and am currently campaigning in the 49er class, the Youth Match Racing circuit and the Farr 40 class as a bowman. My sailing coaching experience has been mainly in small yachts out of the CYCA in Sydney and NCYC in Newcastle.

I'm currently in the process of helping to develop a Performance Sailing program at NCYC on the Force 24's for aspiring young sailors in the Hunter region to participate in and to broaden their skills and horizons among the sailing fraternity.

I'm currently in my second year at the University of Newcastle studying a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Finance. My hobbies include sailing, surfing and travelling.

STAFF PROFILE Craig Lembke



I started sailing and playing music when I was 7 and continue to maintain a love of both.

I'm band leader of Saxanova, Freelance with other bands and teach music a couple of days a week.

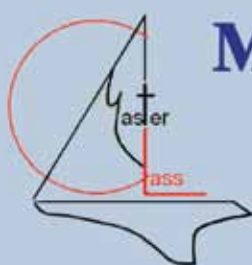
I started sailing in dinghy's and won an Australian Championship on VJ's when I was at school.

I've been doing yacht deliveries for a few years and became a keelboat instructor last year.

I think NCYC is providing a great service with the Force 24's and I enjoy being a part of the team.

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sailing - Laser Long Lunch with Roger Hickman

The Laser Long Lunch held in our marquee on 1 May 2015 was successful both as a fundraiser and an enjoyable social event. Gerry Collins, who is himself charismatic and engaging, interviewed our guest speaker, winner of the 2014 Rolex Sydney to Hobart, Roger Hickman. Roger gave an absolutely gripping and interesting talk. We had a great reaction from the group as he outlined his sailing career in response to Gerry's prompting.

The laser committee is grateful to our fundraising sponsors for their generosity which enabled the successful achievement of our goals. These companies and individuals were:

Crystal Slipper Warners Bay; East Coast Marine; Emily Carstairs (Sail Training); Fort Scratchley Museum Historical Society; H2O Sports Academy; Heli Services-Newcastle and the Hunter; Master Class (Chris Griffiths); Mercure Resort at HVG; Midcoast Boatyard and Marine; NCYC Club Captain Ernie Thirkell and Gloria; Rob Hyland (Gamefishing boat "Weapon"); Sticky Rice Restaurant; Teasdale Tyres and Mechanical and; Kings Coaches (The Kings of Newcastle).



Gerry Collins interviewing Roger Hickman

NCYC continues to provide huge support to its Laser Division. The enthusiastic efforts by all staff members involved in the event went way beyond what could be expected of them.

The undisputed highlight of the fund raising activities was provided by the Gleeson family whose representative, Tim, announced the foundation of the "Paul Gleeson Scholarship". This is a commitment to the continuing promotion of Sailing at NCYC, in particular the development of juniors.



Gerry Collins and John Searl with Tim Gleeson discussing the Paul Gleeson Scholarship for young Sailors

Paul Gleeson, NCYC Rear Commodore at the time of his death, was at the forefront of moves to establish a Laser Division within the Club. The Gleeson family input to our 2014 fund raising effort ensured that we could purchase the RIB "Paul Gleeson" (The Gleeso), safety boat for the Laser and Force 24 fleets. The Paul Gleeson Scholarship will assist talented young sailors to develop their skills and eventually participate in major events.

NCYC and the Laser Division in particular thank the Gleeson family for their ongoing generosity and support. The name Paul Gleeson will always be synonymous with Laser sailing at NCYC.



Laser Long Lunch participants 2015

Images by Ray Blackburn
Article By Adrian Kiely, Laser Committee Chairman

A Young Sailor with a Promising Future

Article by Jan Howard

If you have noticed a Flying Eleven dinghy with an attentive RIB in company, it is Karma Randall and her new crew Genevieve van Rensburg, practising their sailing skills on the Newcastle Harbour, whilst being coached by Karma's dad, Joe de Kock.

Karma and her former skipper, Emma Jones, won the 2015 National Flying Eleven Girls Championship in Brisbane in January. Emma has now moved onto 29ers and Karma will be skippering the Flying Eleven 'Bluebird', with her new 11 year old forward hand, in the 2015 - 16 season.



Karma Randall and her new crew Genevieve van Rensburg training on the Flying 11

Karma who is 14, and a Year 9 student at Newcastle Grammar School, began sailing when she was just 6 years old. Her dad taught her the basics in a Sabot on Newcastle Harbour. Starting at the age of 9, she had three seasons skippering a Pelican at the Belmont 16 ft Skiff Club where she twice won the Girls Pelican Club Championship. After moving on to Flying Elevens at age 12, she and her skipper won the NSW Flying Eleven All Girls Championship in 2014.

At about this time Karma developed a keen interest in sailing yachts and has helped her father deliver boats between Sydney, Port Stephens and Newcastle. Her enthusiasm for yachts and ocean sailing led her to join the Skirts women's crew sailing on 'Aurora' in NCYC twilight races. Karma is now doing a great job on the bow on 'Aurora' and her knowledge of sail trim, tactics and rules is of great value. She hopes that one day she will be able to sail in a Sydney - Hobart Race and perhaps even a Volvo Around the World Race.

Her enthusiasm, hard work and natural talent, suggests that these dreams may well become a reality !

Karma is dedicated to fitness and is a Cross Fit fan. She trains 7 or 8 times a week at a local fitness centre as well as participating in long distance running events, rock climbing and rowing. She is working towards being strong and fit enough to move into sailing 29ft skiffs in the coming years. One day she hopes to be heavy and strong enough to sail 49ers !

In between her sailing sessions three times a week, and her fitness activities, Karma has to somehow fit in school work ! (The 'Aurora' crew has offered to help her with her homework during twilight races, but she has declined!) She loves animals and is interested in studying Zoology when she finishes school.

Karma is currently working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award at NGS, and has been assisting the instructors at the NCYC School Holiday Sailing Programs. She is able to credit this volunteer time to the community service part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. When she is of suitable age, Karma is also keen to become a YA sailing instructor.

Karma is a talented and a delightful young sailor with a very bright future. We are fortunate to have her as a junior member of our club, and we wish her the very best in all of her future endeavours.



Karma Randall and Emma Jones being awarded the Flying 11 All Girl National Championship Trophy

Article by Ben Herington

Mooring Lines

Although we know the vast majority of boat owners are comfortable with tying up their boat, we thought we would mention some valuable ideas on how to ensure a boat stays safely tied to the dock!

With the recent winds and storms, it seems an appropriate time to discuss mooring lines in particular and how important it is to have the correct lines and maintain them in good condition. It is very important, not only for your own peace of mind, but also take into consideration the damage your boat could do to another boat or worse still, another person in the marina should it break loose in a storm due to incorrect or poorly maintained dock lines.

It's also worth considering the shock loads and resulting damage that could occur to either the cleats on the dock or on your boat if you are using the wrong lines which do not allow enough expansion.

It is important to note that all sailing lines are made specifically for sailing and will provide little to no stretch. This is no good for mooring lines at all, so please refrain from using old sheets and halyards as mooring lines!

Most nylon or polyester stranded or braided line should be suitable for dock lines. They provide adequate stretch and can be easily spliced to achieve an eye in one end.

There are also specific mooring lines available which do actually use a cored line similar to sailing ropes, however they have rubber inserts installed to absorb shock and these are suitable.

If you really would like to use minimal stretch lines as mooring lines then please make use of a rubber shock absorber, available from all marine stores.

It is also not ideal to mix different types of lines if possible, it is best if all your dock lines have the same stretch characteristics.

It is worth noting that very rarely do mooring lines fail due to exceeding their manufactured breaking capacity, they most commonly fail due to poor condition.

It is also important to ensure the diameter of the mooring lines you use is appropriate to the size, shape and weight of your boat.

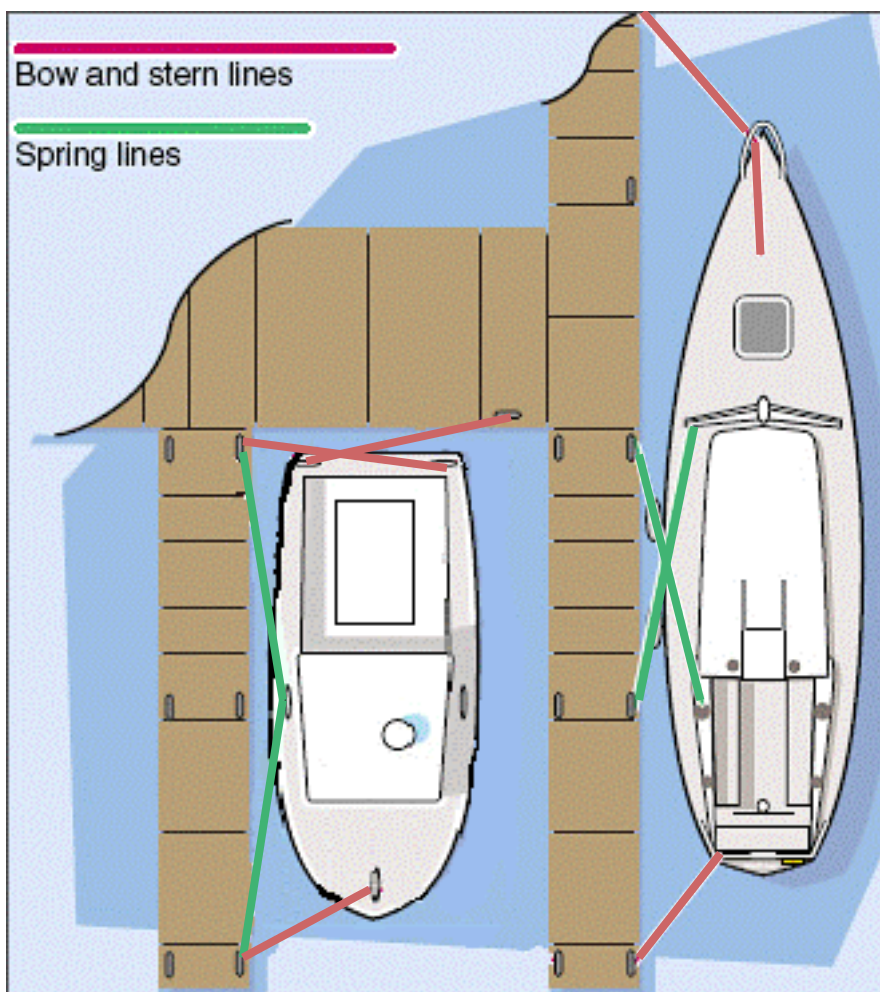
Chafe is a major enemy of mooring lines, and over time can lead to failure. If your boat spends lots of time in the same berth it is wise to regularly move the lines slightly so the same spot on the line isn't always chafing in fairleads or on cleats.

Many people also choose to use sacrificial chafe guard of some description. This is a wise move, but never use garden hose or other plastic tubing for this purpose, it will trap salt and moisture inside and cause rot/decay to form inside the tube, weakening the lines.

Sun is also an enemy of mooring lines, meaning your lines are deteriorating every day and will need to be replaced over time regardless of the condition.

Please ensure you take care of your mooring lines and next time you visit your boat, take a few minutes to check them over and ensure they are suitable for the job.

We realise that many of you know the correct way to organize your mooring lines, but if you are unsure, below is a small diagram to demonstrate a couple of good options you could use.



**If you have any further enquiries,
please call the Dockmaster on mobile: 0408 299 512**

Docklines - Howard Keegan

Marina life has been quite hectic recently with a number of upgrades to the facility along with inspections and repairs to the marina after the April storm. A Arm suffered some damage during the storm but luckily staff tied it together as the hinges separated and damaged hinges were replaced the next day. There were some issues with mooring lines during the storm which have been addressed in a separate article in this magazine.

The new marina key card / membership card system is now in place with the feedback being quite positive. This system is not just for the marina, it can be extended to cover any door or gate on the complex and we will be looking at this in the future. The new cards cannot be hole punched so for those people who prefer to keep their gate control on a key ring we can supply a key fob for \$20 from the marina office. Extra cards will no longer be available on the marina. To keep the facility more secure, so if you ever have issues with your card please call me on 0408 299 512 for assistance.

There are three data transfer spots being the side entry to the Club, the entry to the marina amenities and the barrow compound next to the marina office. Please ensure you scan your card slowly over these spots to give it time to read & transfer the data.

You should get a blue light which confirms the data has been transferred followed by a green light to give you access at these three spots. All other readers will just give you a green light for access.

We have also upgraded the marina barrows with pneumatic tyres plus added another 5 barrows to the collection along with a bigger barrow compound for storage. Please note that we only have 12 barrows for a 180 berth marina so it is important that the barrows are returned to their compound as soon as possible for others to use.

The new fuel pumps have been installed along with a new control panel with a credit card facility allowing you to purchase fuel after hours without the assistance of a staff member. The diesel pump now has a fast flow pump as well as the normal flow allowing for a quicker fill of larger vessels. Full members & NGFC members will have discount cards to process at the appropriate pricing levels plus the outlet will be programmed to give a volume discount to non-members.

Thank you to all who supported the marina social evening which was well attended. We have received some membership applications resulting from the night and we would welcome more members. Some people have shown interest in forming a cruising division within the Club and we thank you for your interest. I will follow up on this in the near future.

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Social Highlights

Images by Craig Greenhill from Saltwater Images



Sail Port Stephens 2015 was well represented by NCYC yachts including 1. PT73 (Tony Lobb), 2. Toy Story (Tom Woods), 3. Novocaine (Vaughn Stephens), 4. Anger Management (Phil Arnall), 5. Schouten Passage (Jan Howard), Margaritaville (Paul O'Rourke).

Both the Newcastle Port Stephens feeder race and the regatta itself were plenty of fun and all races were achieved.

The Mission to Seafarers

Article & images by Rick McCosker

Easter has come and gone bringing the change to the beautiful season of autumn and the life-giving rain that so often falls during Easter. Despite the rain, or perhaps because of its life-giving nature, Easter is a special time of the year for Christians, not just for the rain, but for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Mission Centre was open the whole weekend providing the usual hospitality for the lucky seafarers who were given shore leave.

Prior to Easter we took part in the Light Up Newcastle and Rotary event, planned and organised by the various Newcastle Rotary Clubs to celebrate Chinese New Year and to raise money to replace a bus for the Mission to Seafarers to allow us to continue transporting seafarers to and from their vessels in the Harbour. This event was the first of its kind and it was inevitable that there would be some logistical problems, but overall it was a success after much hard work by the organisers and support from the people of Newcastle.

In the past, maintenance and various projects at our Mission Centre have been carried out by a team of workers under the Work for the Dole system, under the supervision of Russell. Russell and his wife Donna have taken up a position at the Gladstone Seafarer's Mission and we will miss their hard work and commitment to our Centre. We are fortunate to have a replacement in Denis to take up this supervisory role to continue this important work. Provided funds are available we have much needed projects to implement, like renovations to the chapel and provision of a driveway to allow easier access for our buses. Hopefully, Denis and his men will be kept busy on-going.



Filipino seafarers with Chaplain Peter Middleton, myself and a donor of gifts from a local church

The weather Gods smiled for us all on Anzac Day as our two nations, Australia and New Zealand commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. On reflection, we are so removed from those days in 1915 that it's important we keep alive the memory, and the hope that there will never again be a recurrence of that

tragedy. In the foyer of our Mission Centre there is a plaque with the inscription that the Institute was erected as a memorial to the deeds of seamen who served in the Navy and as Merchant Mariners, being officially opened on 28th April 1944. This plaque is a daily reminder to us of the danger and difficulties of everyday life of the seafarer, those who visit us and all those who sail the seas.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and the leadership of our senior chaplain, Garry Dodd, our Mission Centre has been voted in the top five centres in the world by the seafarers who have visited Newcastle over the past twelve months. An official announcement of the number one centre will be made in June. To be in the top five is a wonderful achievement and is a testimony also to the support we receive from the various authorities and the people of Newcastle and the Hunter.

Best wishes from the Chaplains and Volunteers at the Mission to Seafarers and we hope that all members have recovered from the recent bad weather and that there will be plain sailing during the winter months.

The following is an excerpt on the life of the Mission to Seafarers:

Tuesday – whilst alongside a Kooragang berth, a Filipino seafarer complained of severe stomach pain. He was transported to hospital by ambulance, diagnosed with appendicitis requiring surgery. We collected his luggage and papers from the agent, delivered them to Eddie at the Mater. His operation was delayed by 24 hours, we delivered more personal items on Wednesday and confirmed his recovery on Thursday. Fortunately for Eddie he was not out at sea when the pain began and he was eventually flown home by the shipping company, into the care of his family in the Philippines.

Monday – we received advice of a MOB, man overboard, from a vessel en-route from Brisbane to Newcastle. On the vessels arrival in Newcastle we were unable to board due to the activity of the various authorities but were able to assist some crew when they were eventually given brief shore leave. It was beneficial for them even if only for a short time.

Saturday – our ship visitor received a confidential message requesting help as the crew had not been paid for several months and food was short. We referred this matter to a local AMSA, Australian Maritime Safety Authority officer who attended on board late that evening with the result that all crew were paid outstanding salary and bonus and adequate provisions were brought on board to provide for the journey to their Asian destination. Thanks to the commitment of the various Authorities and our Mission people, the lives of these seafarers were made a little brighter.



Around the Harbour

The Honeysuckle Story

Information provided by Alan Fairhall

The coastal Banksia, or Honeysuckle, prospered on the banks of Newcastle Harbour for many years, prompting the name Honeysuckle Point.

This is the most western point of the Honeysuckle urban renewal project area which stretches in an easterly direction along 3km of Newcastle Harbour through the Marina, Wickham and Cottage Creek precincts to the Boardwalk, Crowne Plaza and Breakwater Apartments.

For most of the 20th century the Honeysuckle project area was dominated by railway workshops, wool stores, cargo sheds and warehouses, both active and dormant. In more recent decades the rich and important industrial heritage of the land left it contaminated, derelict and blocked off from the people of Newcastle.

By the late 1980s it was recognised that there had been a gradual but sustained period of decline in the number of people living and working in Newcastle, Australia's second oldest city.

Formed by the State Government in 1992 and initially funded with \$100 million from the Commonwealth / State Building Better Cities program, the Honeysuckle Development Corporation set about working in partnership with local community to transform 50 hectares of surplus government land.

At the heart of one of the biggest urban renewal projects in Australia was the task of opening up Newcastle Harbour to the community. By creating quality residential, commercial and recreational waterfront areas, the project has unlocked lifestyle, economic and environmental benefits for the city and received urban design awards and international recognition along the way.

The Honeysuckle story is an important chapter in the city's growth into a mature, rejuvenated city with a diverse, modern economy home to a range of residential, employment, cultural and recreational opportunities.



View from Throsby Wharf of Newcastle Harbour during the Mid 1950's -
acknowledgment is given to Newcastle Port Corporation from where this information was obtained

Movements at Newcastle's Maritime Museum... Making A Splash

Article by Bill Quirk - BQNRE

Significant funding is currently being sought to improve and enhance the research facilities provided by N.M.M. to scholars, researchers and interested members of the public. The Museum's collection encompasses over 7,000 individual items, priceless artefacts and documents recording the port of Newcastle's History and Maritime Heritage from the end of the eighteenth century.

The Museum is undergoing a total transformation at present, and the research department has become a major focus of the Museum's regeneration. The latest I.T. systems will be installed to preserve and store important documents for easy access. A comfortable lounge / library available to researchers is planned. The Museum already provides these services and earns income from the supply of specialist researched information to interested parties. The Newcastle Maritime Museum is assisted by talented volunteers and a small management board, all with an extensive knowledge and enthusiasm regarding the history of the Port of Newcastle. The N.M.M. is a 'not for profit' Society and is sustained by grant's, donations, bequeaths and a variety of fundraising activities. If you feel you (young or senior) could contribute a skill to the N.M.M. as a volunteer, please contact Mr Frank Elgar A.G.M. at the N.M.M.



At the same time, a program of regularly changing exhibits has been initiated to ensure that the Museum's Collection is seen by the public on a rotational basis. Outstanding features of the Collection are the many valuable marine related artefacts, paintings and ship models dating from the nineteenth century which are of special interest to model makers, history enthusiasts and descendants of families closely associated to the Port. The "kid's pirate club" has a hidden treasure where you will find "local history and education" and it's fun for big kid's too!

All are welcome to visit the N.M.M. There is a small entry fee and your gold coin donation is most appreciated.

Newcastle Maritime Museum has come a long way since the Collection was initiated in the 1970s. The Museum's splendid headquarters at Lee Wharf Honeysuckle host many school visits throughout the year; students are fascinated by stories of the Port of Newcastle as told by the Museum's well-informed Volunteer crew. The Museum also hosts many private and corporate functions and community events. It is available for hire. Enquiries should be directed to Anne van de Valk at the Museum on (02) 4929 2588.

**If you would like to become a member
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- Monday 8 June – Queen's Birthday
- Saturday 27 June – Laser Winter Series

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- Sunday 6 July – WSOP Series Final Race Day
- Saturday 4 July – Lion Bird & Cabbage Series
- Saturday 18 July – Presentation Night
- Saturday 25 July – Laser Winter Series

AUGUST 2015

- Thursday 13 August – Annual General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2015

- September - Mission to Seafarers Month of Giving
- Saturday 19 September – Talk Like a Pirate Day

EVERY WEEK

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6pm-8pm
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