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Commodore's Message



Welcome to the Winter edition of our Club magazine.

Winter Short Ocean Pointscore Series is already underway with eleven entries participating in this beautiful mild weather.

Our member, Valda Johnston, "Scots Wha Hae" has been very unwell in intensive care at Lingard

Private Hospital, she is slowly getting over some unwelcome setbacks and we wish her a more speedy recovery.

Newcastle Game Fishing Club Tournament was held in March for the second year at our Marina, which brought a great atmosphere to the Club throughout the weekend. Congratulations to all participants and winners.

Most of you have already met Shane Druery who has been working with NCYC as our Bar Manager since end of March. We are already seeing his experience and knowledge bringing harmony throughout the Clubs atmosphere and décor.

Welcome to Jacqueline Ellis, Sailing Academy Manager

who started with NCYC in May. Jacqueline brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and affability to the Academy. Jacqueline will continue on building the Academy and is currently coordinating a Yachting Australia Keelboat Instructors course to be held later in July.

The board is preparing for the Annual General Meeting which will be held in August.

Good luck to those competing in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race 2016 as well as the Club's Winter Short Ocean Pointscore Series. I find the winter series very pleasant sailing because of the clearness of the atmosphere and opportunity to do some whale watching.

I wish bon voyage to those boats travelling north from our benign Winter and the delivery crew of "Schouten Passage" taking the boat north for the Skirts to sail in the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta.



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Annual General Meeting

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Limited will be held on

> Thursday, 18 August 2016 Commencing at 6pm

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Rear Commodore's Report



The cooler months are upon us, yet racing in all our fleets is seeing a slight increase in numbers. A combined Laser series is underway with Belmont and has attracted 27 entries!

The keel boats are 3 races into the Winter series with 11 boats out there

including 4 in division 2. I hope this growth continues. Many of you will remember when Div 2 was a strong fleet and it's great to see the numbers on the rise. We are coming to the business end of the season and the results show that the "races" for overall prizes are very close.

Port Stephens Race week saw 6 of our boats compete in this great event. It is a great race track and I urge you to attend if you haven't done so as yet. Next year will be the 10th so promises to be enjoyable. Rob Howard's "Schouten Passage" won the silver in IRC Div 3 and Joe De Kock "took 3rd in IRC Div 2. Also representing us were "Frantic", "Dare Devil", "Anger Management" and "Nutcracker" – thanks to Michael, Sibby, Phil and Paul for waving the flag!

Our Optimist dinghies have arrived and our Force 24 maintenance program is almost complete. As you may know, we welcomed Jacqui Ellis to the Club to co-ordinate our youth programs. As well as her formidable coaching experience up to the elite level, Jacqui brings the knowledge of what it takes to win 8 Australian Championships and 2 World Championships on the Laser. With this experience, her experience as a Mum, and her background with various sailing organisations including the AYF, Jacqui is a fantastic asset for our Club.

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There are preparations underway for some to compete in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast race and onwards to Airlie Beach, Audi Hamilton Island Race Week and Sealink Magnetic Island race week. Good luck to all that are competing and waving the NCYC Burgee.

The Laser Summer Twilights finished with Joe De Kock winning the Silverware in the Div 1 class results and Lucy Nissen winning Div 2. In the handicap results Benjamin Rigby took the honours by 1.2 points over 26 races! The Off the Beach results also saw Joe take the honours

The Summer Ocean Pointscore concluded with Steve Rae "Marta Jean" taking the IRC and PHS Div 1 honours - great work Steve and crew! PHS Div 2 went to Ross Knights on "Tamarillo" with 5 wins and a second – an enviable record.

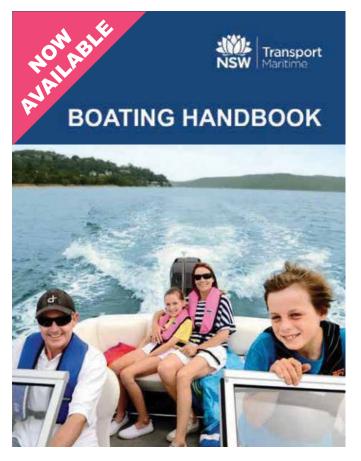
The Summer Twilights win went to John Searl "Summer Salt" with a very consistent performance throughout the series

Rounding out the results in the NCYC Ocean Pointscore was my "Concealed Weapon" taking the honours in PHS Div 1, and Valda Johnston winning PHS Div 2 "Scots Wha Hae". IRC was won by Noel Gough "Excapade" in emphatic fashion.

The Combined Ocean Pointscore (with LMYC) was won by LMYC boat, "Inner Circle" with our highest placed boat "Scots Wha Hae" in 3rd. Congratulations to all the sailors that helped achieve these results.



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore



Chief Executive Officer's Report



Dear Members
Welcome to the Winter
edition of NCYC's journal. I
wrote the same words in the
Autumn edition however it has
genuinely been a long period of
warm and unusual weather!

I am very pleased to announce Shane Druery to NCYC to the position of Bar Manager and Jacqueline Ellis to Sailing

Academy Manager. Both are key positions within the management team at NCYC. I view both appointments as significant for NCYC and proudly so!

NCYC is also fortunate to introduce Jack Buchan to our ranks. Jack is a friendly and enthusiastic sailor, who many of you will already know and he will work between the Dockmaster Team and NCYC Sailing. Jack at the time of writing, is coaching the NCYC Youth Performance Program and I wish the team the best of luck when they soon take on the CYCA, RPAYC and RSYS in the Inter-Club Challenge 2016.

Petty theft in the precinct has flared up a little in recent months with a motorbike plus a number of bicycles having gone missing. I would like to remind all precinct users to take extra care with personal belongings and ensure vehicles are locked and marina gates are closed behind you. NCYC's members are the Club's

best deterrent against criminal activity. If you see someone on the NCYC's precinct or marina that appears suspicious or like they don't belong on the marina, please question them as to their activities or report them to NCYC's staff or the police.

I'm pleased to acknowledge the dedication Ben Herington has demonstrated with his Dockmaster Team in improving car-parking access for NCYC members and their guests. It can at times be a thankless task keeping the carpark viable, so congratulations to each of them for their hard work and perseverance.

Also deserving of acknowledgement is the recent NCYC RC Exhibition Day organised by Howard Keegan. Perfect weather coupled with a near perfect venue has established strong interest in the RC sailing community for events at NCYC. A large number of yachts, competitors and their families enjoyed the day, with many families remarking how nice it was to enjoy spectating in the relative luxury of the NCYC Licenced Club – I'm certain you would agree, it's a convincing argument!

Finally, the new starting range of club regalia from Zhik is available to purchase. We intend to add items to the range and suggestions are very welcome. Equally, our valuable club volunteers will soon be wearing a dedicated volunteer uniform so they are both easily recognised and protected from the elements in the latest technical apparel.

I wish all members a safe and enjoyable time while on water, whether that be racing or cruising and especially over the cooler months.

Aaron Harpham Chief Executive Officer



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NCYC - Our Club



Thank you for the warm welcome I have received at NCYC since taking up the Bar Manager position in March. I'm Shane Druery and for those of you I have not met yet, I look forward to seeing you in the Club over the coming months.

I have two sons and as a single father, there is never a dull moment with 12 and 6 year old boys around. I have been working in the hospitality industry for over 20 years both here and overseas including Shoal Bay Resort & Spa and various hotels throughout the Newcastle region.

Now that Winter is here, keep an eye out for our new menu which is sure to warm you up through the colder days ahead and make sure you try our new Piazza Doro Coffee.

For entertainment, we will be introducing a soloist from mid-June in the beer garden on Sunday afternoons for everyone to come and enjoy between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. There will be beanbags to sink into and plenty of room for a dance and to kick back and enjoy a sunfilled afternoon while enjoying an icy cold beverage.

Don't forget to come and introduce yourself and I'll see you all in the Club soon!

Shane Druery NCYC Bar Manager



CALLEY

Lunch: Noon to 2.30pm Dinner: 6pm to 8pm

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Our Club - Anzac Day

In what has become an annual tradition following the Anzac Day Service in Civic Park, a contingent of NCYC War veterans, family and guests gathered in the Club. The eldest of these is WW11 Veteran Doug Bowman who joined NCYC in the very early days when: "George Keegan told me to put my money where my mouth is - so I did". Doug's wife Gwen commented that although he can no longer march, observance of Anzac Day is of prime importance to Doug and that he did not want to spend the day anywhere other than at NCYC.

Doug served in a number of theatres of war and the time of discharge he was in the 53 AUSTRALIAN ANTI AIRCRAFT REGIMENT.

Below: Vietnam Veterans Club Captain Ernie Thirkell, David Benge, Kevin Hodges and; WW11 Veteran Doug Bowman were among the first ex-servicemen to arrive.



This medal was issued to Arthur Power's mother, the single star representing the one son she had at war. These were not issued to the women of Australia in relation to any later conflicts. Most people are not aware that these were ever issued.



MEMBER PROFILE Dick Lees

Born and raised in Adelaide, Dick relates that he: "went to Medical School of the University of Adelaide, later made famous for educating Julia Gillard".

Growing up, Dick taught himself to sail off the beach in a Rainbow (12 foot scow), then later in a 505. He continued dinghy sailing intermittently while at Cerberus, the Royal Australian Naval Training Academy. He served on both the "Hobart" and the "Stuart" during the four years he spent as a Doctor in the Royal Australian Navy. After leaving the permanent Navy, Dick joined the Naval Reserve and returned to Adelaide to train in Radiology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. From there he moved on to take up a position as Junior Staff Specialist at the Children's Hospital.

There followed an interesting change of course and change of continents and Dick was appointed a Professor of Radiology at the University of Virginia. Despite this being an inland position, the water was calling and Dick had the good fortune to sail from the Hudson River in New York City along the Long Island Sound to Newport, Rhode Island then into the Atlantic past Block Island.

Dick returned to Adelaide as Staff Specialist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woodville and from there to Hobart as Director of Radiology. While there Dick was approached by a Newcastle based radiology practice to join them. He and his wife Margaret relocated the family and here they have stayed.

Dick's commitment to his principal hobby has led him to become a member of a number of sailing and yacht clubs over the years. He sailed dinghies with Brighton-Seacliff and crewed at the Royal South Australia Yacht Squadron. While a sailing member of the Royal Tasmanian Yacht Club he was simultaneously a member of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, literally on the other side of the fence. Living in Newcastle, Dick joined LMYC in 1983

Dick with 9 year old Grandson George at the helm

where he crewed for a number of years and bought a cruising boat for the family, a 27 foot Pacific Sloop.

After becoming a very early member of



Freyza in the Harbour.

NCYC, Dick purchased a pen from the plan. He had a change of direction in 2001, selling his radiology practice and his sloop, converting to power boats with his purchase of "Mayan" which was berthed in his pen at NCYC for some time.

In 2003 Dick crewed aboard "Blu Notte" when she cruised to New Caledonia for an around the Island Rally including a 173 nm race from Noumea to Koumak in the Northern Province. He was once again converted to sailing vessels and delighted to receive a call from daughter Victoria and her husband Drew Carr who had purchased a yacht. This was "Freyja", An Ingrid designed by William Atkins.

"Freyja" was launched in 1945 in San Francisco Bay and last seen in American waters by the Coast Guard in 1976. Dick has been unable to trace her history in the subsequent years. She needed substantial repairs so Dick and Margaret sold "Mayan" and put the money into joint ownership of "Freyja". Since her relaunch she has had two trips "across the paddock" to participate in The MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival, held every two years. The next one's coming up from10-13 February 2017. The Carr and Lees family are keen to do this again, and achieve something from some bucket lists in the process - to participate in a Sydney to Hobart.

So far "Freyja" has been utilised for family holidays, the occasional sail and the 2011 and 2013 trips to Tasmania. She is currently entered in the NCYC Winter Short Ocean Pointscore. The intended plan is to be in Hobart by February either after a casual cruise or after participating in the 2016 Sydney to Hobart Race as Dick says "If they will have us!"



Social Highlights

Crapes, Crust & Curd Night

Images by Cathy Kiely

The Social Committee held a successful Grapes, Crust & Curd evening at the Club in May where Scarborough Wines and cheese tasting was enjoyed by everyone.















NCYC Social Committee (L to R): Jane Hunt, Louise Costello, Cathy Kiely, Kris Rickard and Margaret Lees.

Community Support

Robin Hillery, assisted by Kris Rickard sell tickets and run the raffle each Friday night at NCYC, with ticket sales beginning around 6pm. The raffle is well supported by sponsors and by members and their guests of the Club. Money raised is allocated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal, Mission to Seafarers, Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club Juniors and our own junior sailing.



Robin Hillery presenting the cheque to Father Peter Middleton from the Newcastle Mission to Seafarers.

HMRI - Mark Hughes Foundation

NCYC donated a \$100 Galley Restaurant gift voucher to a fundraising trivia night "The Brain Train" raising much needed funds for the Mark Hughes Foundation.







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NCYC Cup

Acontingent from NCYC visited PHSSC to watch the sailing of the Juniors annual NCYC Cup Event. As an ongoing event NCYC flag officer and members of the social committee have been attending the event and presenting the NCYC Cup to the winners. This year the Cup, which was donated to the PHSSC Junior Division some years ago by the NCYC Social Committee was presented by Rear Commodore, Barry Kelly.





NCYC Sailing -Sail Port Stephens and the NCYC Lead In Race 2016

Article and Images by Jan Howard

Nevents this year. Our Club had five entrants in the NCYC Lead in Race on Sunday April 10th. Thirty one visiting yachts participated, providing strong competition. It was the biggest fleet ever in the race that has become a significant event in NCYC's sailing



Schouten Passage crew 2016 Commodores Cup.

calendar. A light westerly turned north easterly and finished with an easterly. This light breeze, together with sunshine, made a magnificent day for sailing.

NCYC boats did very well with 'Scots Wha Hae' coming 2nd in PHS division, and 'Schouten Passage' winning IRC division.

Many Sydney boats participated in the two races that preceded Sail Port Stephens, and it was great that our Club was able to host so many visitors on the night of April 9th. Many complimentary comments were forthcoming about our hospitality and the quality of the facilities.

Sail Port Stephens is growing to become a high profile sailing event and is getting bigger and better every year. This year's fleet was the largest ever, with over a hundred boats participating. The more relaxed and social, Commodore's Cup part of the regatta, held between April 11th and 13th, attracted over fifty entrants. There are divisions to suit every style and size of yacht, and many cruising boats participated. The Commodore's Cup was sailed in balmy autumn conditions with courses both inside Port Stephens harbour, and offshore around the picturesque islands.



NSW IRC winners 2016

NCYC Participants were 'Anger Management', 'Scots Wha Hae', 'Nutcracker', 'Summer Salt', and 'Schouten Passage'.

The NSW IRC Championships were held as part of the second stage of Sail Port Stephens week, The Pantaenius Port Stephens Trophy. They were held between April 15th and17th in perfect light to medium conditions off Hawks Nest. There were 27 entrants across 3 divisions, and included five TP 52s. NCYC was represented by 'Frantic', 'Goodform' and 'Schouten Passage'. 'GoodForm' came 3rd in Division 2. 'Schouten Passage' won Division 3 by just one point, after three days of very close racing, and a dead heat in the last race!

The IRC fleet at Sail Port Stephens this year, was one of the largest and most competitive fleets seen at any regatta in Australia in recent years. Other events included in the Port Stephens Trophy part of the regatta, were the NSW Super 11 Championships, Performance Racing and Cruising competitions, and the McConaghy 38 One Design and Sports Boat Series.



Scots Wha Hae

A new event in Sail Port Stephens this year was the the HMRI Cup, and the introduction of the Broughton Island Passage Race, which takes the IRC yachts further offshore towards the island which is about nine km off Port Stephens. Sail Port Stephens linked with the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) this year, to raise funds for brain cancer research. The event honours well known and highly respected sailor, Roger Hickman, who died from the disease earlier this year. Roger was a dedicated supporter of and participant in Sail Port Stephens and was a member of and a regular visitor to NCYC. A special social evening, the "End of Season Sailebration," held on the Saturday night of the regatta, raised funds for the HMRI.

NCYC's 'George Keegan' and 'Wombat' and their generous volunteer crews, undertook race officiating duties during the week of Sail Port Stephens, and their assistance was much appreciated by both participants and organisers.

The Corlette Sailing Club runs Sail Port Stephens. This was the ninth year of the regatta. The event is well supported by Port Stephens Council and this year, there was some state government assistance through Destination NSW. Next year's 10th anniversary Sail Port Stephens will certainly be something to look forward to!

Junior Sailors Day with the Port Hunter Junior Sailors

Images by Louise Costello



Mary Holley Congratulating competitors.



Jim Holley Presenting the Shield



John Searl with PSH handicap winners are Oliver Macfadyen and Daniel Flood on 'Summer Salt'.



Winner Melanie Dingle who sailed on 'Marta Jean' which won Line Honours.



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Junior Sailors Day with the Hunter Academy of Sport Sailors

Images by Jenny Hoffman



Hunter Academy of Sport Sailing Squad (L to R): Emma Jones, Angus Jones, Tom Dawson, Marcus Livingstone, Jacinta Anderson and Sarah Hoffman, who sailed on "Aurora".



Ernie Thirkell, NCYC Club Captain presenting to Angus Jones of the Hunter Academy of Sport Sailing Squad.

NCYC Skirts

Australian Women's Keel Boat Regatta (AWKR)

As this magazine goes to print, our own NCYC Skirts are preparing to head to Melbourne to compete in the 26th Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta. This annual regatta draws women from all over Australia.

The Skirts Team have had four training sessions in the lead-up to the regatta, coached by Will & Richard Howard on "Schouten Passage", Jan & Rob Howard's yacht.

The NCYC Skirts team is Nicole Butcher, Claire Heenan, Meika Wright, Kath Hall, Kris Anderson, Mary-Anne Purkiss, Anika Goninan, Sam Hickey, Maike Muth & Elyse Guevara-Rattray who will compete on a Seaquest RP 36 called "How Bizarre". We wish the NCYC SKIRTS good luck and will follow up with their results in our next magazine.



NCYC Skirts Team 2016



2016 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 2015-2016 Season

PLACE: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

DATE: Saturday 23rd July 2016

TIME: 6:30pm

DRESS: Elegant

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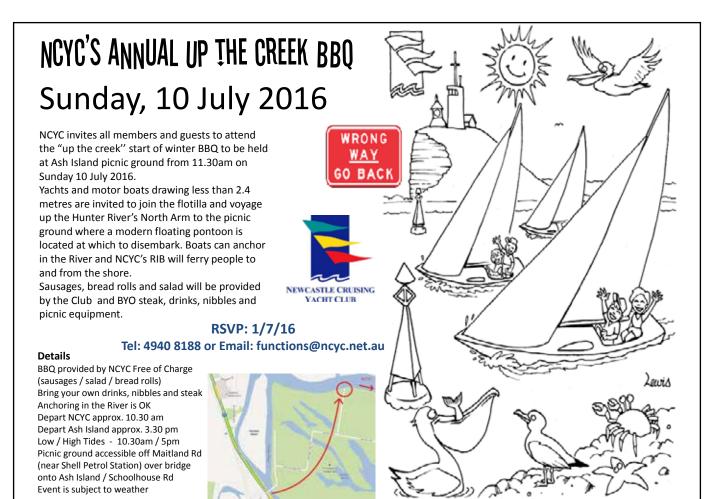
Richard Hooper are presenting to NCYC members and guests on their sailing voyage to Antarctica in February earlier this year. They sailed on the vessel "Commitment", a 60'charter yacht.

This evening will be held on 23 June at 7.30pm in the marquee.









Docklines - Ben Herington

Summer 2015/16 was an active one here in the NCYC marina with lots of transient traffic, not only from all over the NSW coast but from all around the country plus we saw the return of a number of international friends. It was also great to welcome back our friends from Newcastle Game Fishing Club who took over the marina for a weekend in early March.

We've recently had visits by both cruising and racing groups from around NSW with some familiar faces making the trip and also some new friendly faces as well, which is always nice to see. Even a fleet of Remote Control yachts were here to put on a show in front of the Club recently. A sight that will hopefully become a regular fixture. We continue to get very positive feedback about the friendly atmosphere around the NCYC marina and Club by these visiting fleets.

The Summer season is now behind us and Winter is slowly creeping back. As we come into the Winter period the Dockmaster team will be taking on some maintenance projects around the marina to ensure our facility stays in the best condition it can for the enjoyment of our members and guests. So please bear with us as we undertake these various projects and we will endeavour to cause as little disruption as possible.

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At the request of our members we will soon be adding some permanent fendering to the fuel and waste pump-out dock. We hope this upgrade will make the use of these facilities easier for both members and marina guests.

As always, 24 hour fuel is available at the fuel dock. We will soon be running short workshops for members in the operation of the OPT (Outdoor Payment Terminal) and use of the members fuel discount card. Keep an eye on the weekly NCYC newsletter for upcoming sessions.

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NCYC IS DEVELOPING
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Marina Development - Howard Keegan

The job of selling NCYC & Newcastle as a holiday destination to boat owners has its challenges but it appears that once you get the people here for the first time & roll out the proverbial red carpet they are hooked. Our facility has been kept busy on many weekends with many cruising clubs & key brand brokers taking up our invite to come & sample what we have to offer.

Our friends on nearby Lake Macquarie including Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Cruising Division, Croudace Bay Sailing Club & Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto now making regular visits. We now have the larger clubs from Pittwater making the best of our hospitality with Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club & Royal Motor Yacht Club leading the charge with sizable fleets coming to stay with us. Many other smaller clubs from Pittwater have made the trip to Newcastle as well. There are many boat owners in Pittwater who want to come to Newcastle but just need to get the confidence to make the journey north in the safety of fleet numbers. I have also found a large number of cruising people out there who are not aware of what NCYC/Newcastle have to offer as a destination port. The word is now spreading as we are getting more short term visitors.

We are also talking to major boat brokers who keep in touch with their customer groups by holding so called rallies, rendezvous weekends or musters. Windcraft Yachts do an annual rally to Port Stephens via Newcastle, Performance Boat Sales recently brought 28 Jeanneau Yachts to Newcastle for a rendezvous weekend. We are also in discussion with other major brokers to do similar (Beneteau, Riviera, Maritimo and Bavaria Yachts to name a few). NCYC is able to compliment the berthing by offering function packages through the Club plus we have a compendium of local information which is handed to the boats on arrival.

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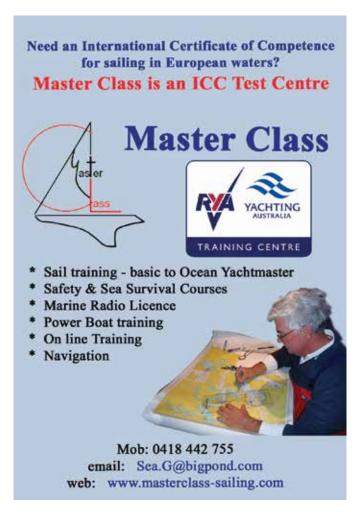
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This includes a welcome document, local emergency services, major servicing contacts for the boats along with some tourist & general information we have had frequent questions on. If any member has a business that may compliment or add value to this package that we offer these boats, I would welcome their call to discuss how it could be utilised

Now that we have befriended these cruising clubs & brokers our aim is to maintain the relationship & work on the repeat visits by offering some variety in what they do while in Newcastle. To aid us in making NCYC a major east coast tourist destination for boats we have now joined the Newcastle Tourist Industry Group to gain network advantages within Newcastle. We also obtain information on large events coming to Newcastle which we could be involved with plus look at other market options available to us.

NCYC Cruising now meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Club at 6.30pm, other members & guests are most welcome to join in. An on water program of events will also be completed soon for the balance of this year.

After a very successful exhibition of remote control yachts on the 7th May, a proposal to form an RC Yacht Fleet within NCYC is under consideration. These boats are a lot of fun for the owners as well as being very popular with the spectators. They would be a welcome addition to our Club.



Remote Control Yachts

Article By Howard Keegan Images by Gloria Thirkell

Saturday May 7th saw NCYC go into remote control. With the endorsement of the NSW Radio Yachting Association and support of Lake Macquarie Radio Yacht Club, Dobroyd Aquatic Club & Central Coast Radio Yacht Club, NCYC hosted a radio sailing exhibition day. After very supportive media promotion & internal club communications to members, 37 RC YACHTS turned up on the day to display, demonstrate & instruct on how to sail the boats. The main aim of all involved on the day including owners, club members & the public was to have some fun playing with the boats. NCYC was aiming to gauge the interest in the sport with the view to forming an RC YACHT racing fleet.



With 37 RC YACHTS on display, NCYC was in remote control mode last Saturday.



With perfect Autumn weather on the day, numbers were strong in members & general public interest in the boats. After a short wait for some breeze the boat owners were keen to launch the boats, set sails & instruct any interested members or guests on how to sail the boats. It did not take long before the controls were handed to novices both young & old proving that it is a sport for all ages.

The range of boats displayed covered entry level costing about \$300 right through to the very competitive & popular racing classes including the RC LASER, International One Metre & 10 Rater classes which can run up to \$'000 in cost. The lunch guests filling the Club were fascinated by the boats both lined up on the shore & sailing right in front of our Club. The atmosphere was warm & inviting with all the colour & activity.

The day proved to be a huge success resulting in a formal proposal being prepared for consideration of the Board to form a radio-sailing fleet within the club - watch this space.



RC YACHTS were raced from the shore adjacent to the licensed club.



RC LASER owner Brian Lindsay from the central coast preferred to sail his boat from the marina finger where he demonstrated then allowed hands on experience to Craig Brinkworth & son Zac.

NCYC RC YACHTS EXHIBITION MAY 2016

CONTACTS LIST - CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS ASSISTING

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Classes Represented

International 10 Rater (10R), renowned for its high speed competitive close quarters racing. 10R boats are not limited in length hence have overhangs beyond their waterline endings making them very sleek & fast.

A typical 10R is 1.5m long, weighs 6 kg and carries 1 sq m of sail in total. A 2nd hand boat can be found in the boats for sale section of the ARYA website http://www.radiosailing.org.au/index.php/for-sale



International One Metre (IOM) is Australia's fastest growing class with over 500 boats registered. Class rules are very tight with 3 one design rigs permitted for varying weather conditions on a hull allowed to be developed but with max length 1 metre, min weight of 4 kg & restrictions on construction materials. A 2nd hand boat can be found in the boats for sale section of the ARYA website http://www.radiosailing.org.au/index.php/for-sale



RC LASER is a scaled down replica of the famous one design dinghy, similarly the RC LASER is a one design hence all boats are equal making for some very tight racing, they can be purchased new from the Australian agent http://radiosail.com.au/store/ the agent is available on the day to answer any questions on the class



The DF 65 & DF 95 boats are both entry level boats purchased at very competitive pricing compared to the high level racing classes noted above. Both are available from the Australian agent https://www.hobbywarehouse.com.au/rc-boats.html





Cruising on Sydney's Doorstep

Article and Images by Helen Clare

Who knew Sydney could be so serene?

This pristine and peaceful waterway (at least on weekdays) in the Kuringai National Park is on Sydney's doorstep. As first time visitors, we discovered its beauty is captivating. More than that, it's good for the soul.

Sydney has never been my cup of tea. The intensity and busy-ness of the big smoke just aren't my thing. So for almost twenty years now, I've been more than happy to soak up the relative ease of life in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie. I love the Hunter coast for many reasons, including that it's enabled my introduction to sailing. Now into our fifth year of blue water adventures, our family of five is strictly a cruising collective. However the unwritten rules do require that we humour the Skipper's penchant to eek out every half-knot of boat speed made possible by a dedicated approach to sail trimming.

In April we planned to join a 'sail in company' of Sydney based Jeanneau yachts on their way to our home port of Newcastle Harbour. Many were subsequently bound for Sail Port Stephens. We had decided it was a good chance to explore the largely unpopulated side of Pittwater for a few days before the rally, to see what all the fuss is about.

Leaving Nobby's just after dawn under light conditions, we waited patiently for the forecast 15-20 knot northerly to blow us south towards Broken Bay. As so often happens on departure day, we instead encountered 5 knots on the stern. It was just enough to facilitate a slightly rolling gull wing set-up for most of the 40 nautical mile journey, along with some motor sailing, to ensure we turned in past Lion Island well before the forecast strong winds took effect that evening. No sea sickness apparent- fabulous! We're finding that staying on the boat the night before a journey, albeit in our beautifully calm berth, seems to be a good preventative measure. Not to forget Travacalm.

With two adults and three kids on board, it proved a happy enough trip thanks to benign seas, a couple of impressive dolphin pods (do you ever tire of seeing these?) and the obligatory paddle pops that have become part of our little routine. Don't be fooled, we need to bribe our kids often in order to have compliant, if not happy, sailors!

The only sad faces belonged to the adults with Barrenjoey Head, our turning point, in sight. A conservative decision to reef the main amid winds edging over 20 knots (finally!) proved a costly one. With an almighty bang, a shackle holding the topping lift broke and gave way, taking with it our newly repaired sail bag, now in tatters. At the same time, with great volumous "what the hell was that?" effect, the force slammed the vang into submission. More fallout, but easily fixed once the dollar signs disappeared from our weepy eyes, allowing us to refocus on our 'happy family cruising' entry to Pittwater.



In Smiths Creek, you find yourself picturing life here long before European settlement; and yet the landscape is as undisturbed now as it was then.

What a treat in this day and age to experience such an escape on a boat!



At the end of Smiths Creek, 'Stella Blue' (left yacht) and her crew rest easy on a public mooring. There are plenty of them to choose from in bays, coves and creeks throughout the largely unpopulated northern waterways of Pittwater.

So many sailing friends have told us about America and Refuge Bays, tucked in after you round West Head to the right, and the hundreds of moorings available. Some are pink public buoys but many are club moorings and the law of the land is that you can use these, but must vacate them if asked by a club member. No problem for us midweek and the week before school holidays you could count the boats on your fingers. My type of serenity! Sunsets and sunrises in these bays are just beautiful. creeping over the bushy cliffs to light the gorge in pink and orange. The serenity gauge on board was reading high; the water deep, green and clear and the fishjumping prolific. But while the fish loved to tease, they were not available for catch during our stay. By reputation we're luckless fishers anyway, but every other cruiser we spoke to along the way reported similar results.

We explored so many bays and coves including Cottage Point, Coal and Candle Creek where we stopped to refuel, pump out and get the kids ice creams at D'Albora's Akuna Bay marina. Our diesel bill was \$16. Our eyeballs popped at seeing \$1663 on the bowser from the big cruiser who'd been there before us! God bless sail power.

The far reaches of Smiths Creek proved a super relaxing 24 hours including lots of reading, cooking, fishing and rowing on the dinghy to burn off the kids' excess energy. The waters are so calm, it was an entirely different sort of cruising to our time on Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens waterways. The fact that here is a pristine waterway, with Sydney only a stone's throw away, for us was a revelation. I can highly recommend a mid week visit and would happily return for much more of the same, preferring to avoid the high numbers of boat traffic on weekends and holidays.

The clear highlight for all of us was spending the Wednesday, a record breaking April heatwave, under the cool but vigorous stream of the running waterfall at Refuge Bay, where several other families also motored in to swim and wile away the afternoon roast on a little sandy beach which disappears with the high tide. Truly a day to remember.



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Book your event for May, June, July or August 2016 for 40 guests or more and we'll waive the marquee room hire fee completely!

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WSOP

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This reduction in fees is effective immediately & will be available for the duration of the Winter Series.

Also applies for one week following the final week of the Winter Series (ending 3 July 2016).

Further Enquiries: 4940 8188

Laser Sailing The 2016 Belmont/Newcastle Laser Winter Series

Article and Images by Gloria Thirkell

The 2016 Belmont / Newcastle Laser Winter Series is held on six Saturdays stretching over a twelve week period. The race days will be alternately at each of the two clubs. Race registration was at NCYC on Saturday 14 May, the first day of racing for the series.

There were 31 entries including six from Great Lakes Sailing Club, with 4.7, Radials and Big Rigs all represented. Following the success of the first day of racing, more competitors are expected to register for Saturday 25 June at Belmont 16's.



Racing over for the day.





Event Officials, NCYC Handicapper Mark Richards and Laser Committee Member Rod King, during race 1 of the 2016 Belmont/Newcastle Laser Winter Series.





STAFF PROFILE Jacqueline Ellis Sailing Academy Manager



Two of my passions are introducing more people to our sport and helping young sailors achieve their personal sailing goals.

I started sailing as a 12 year old in dinghies on Lake Macquarie. I caught the competitive bug when sailing lasers and was fortunate to spend eight "Endless Summers"

competing at national and international level, the highlight being two World Championship wins. I have also raced small keelboats (J24's, Etchells etc) and l-o-v-e-d competing in match racing regattas and learning to umpire!!

Professionally, I worked with Yachting Australia for 10 years in a variety of roles covering high performance, youth development, training, regattas & events. Most recently I was the part-time Sailing Manager at the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. I am very much looking forward to my new role with the Sailing Academy at the NCYC and can see great things on the horizon.

Away from the office I am a busy mum of three girls... who are currently dedicated dancers rather than sailors... but as many of us know... it is never too late to start sailing!



SAILING INSTRUCTORS

With big plans for the Sailing Academy in the pipeline... we are firstly working on setting up good solid structures to support the anticipated growth.

We are therefore looking to increase our instructor base to assist us with the quality delivery of the Yachting Australia Keelboat Program, School Sailing, Ladies Sailing and other planned programs.

If you have a strong sailing background, have reasonable availability (weekdays and/or weekends) and might be interested in becoming involved as an instructor on the Force 24s or with the new "Tackers" dinghies, please contact Jacqui in the Sailing Office.

KEELBOAT INSTRUCTORS COURSE

We will be conducting a Yachting Australia Keelboat Instructors course here at the Club on the 23rd & 24th July.

If you are interested in becoming involved as an instructor with the Sailing Academy and would like further information, please email Jacqueline at sailing@ncyc.net.au or telephone (02) 4940 8188

The Sailing Academy is going places... come and join the action!

Boat Profile - Aurora

Boat Specifications

Name: Aurora
Design: Farr 40
Built: 1983
Length: 40'

"Aurora" is a Farr 40 yacht designed by Bruce Farr, built in Sydney at McConachy's boatyard in 1983 and launched in 1984. Originally an IMS design it was built to race in the tough conditions of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race.

Called "Witchcraft II" it was owned and successfully raced by Bruce Staples until 1997 when it was bought by Rob Kothe and raced to Hobart. In 1998 it was bought by Jim and Mary Holley and renamed "Aurora".

Over the next 15 years it successfully started and finished every race to Hobart. Her best

achievement was in the horrendous 1998 race on her maiden voyage when she came 2nd in her division and 12th overall. Her best result was in 2006 finishing 9th overall.

Since "Aurora" and her owners retired from Ocean Racing in 2012 "Aurora" has participated regularly in club racing at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and will happily continue to do so.





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For further information go to: www.marinerescuensw.com.au or telephone: 02 4927 8237

The Mission to Seafarers

Easter week and Anzac Day have passed us by—these are special times for us here in Australia, but for the visiting seafarers off the cargo vessels, it's just more of the same daily on-board routine. At the Mission to Seafarers we are open every day and evening of the year which allowed some shore time for at least a few seafarers who were given the okay to come ashore during this time. They were able to "chill out" at the Mission Centre when no shopping was possible.

In the Autumn edition we reported an incident when we were able to assist a Ukrainian Master change US currency on Boxing Day, when Banks were closed, to

enable them purchase much needed provisions.

A similar situation arose on Good Friday – a Chinese crew where due to depart mid-afternoon and having no provisions on board were dismayed to learn that all shops were closed. Fortunately we were able to raid our fridge and freezer for fruit, vegetables, eggs and milk sufficient to get them to their next port of call in Adelaide. This was just another opportunity to meet the needs of visitors on public holidays and we are indebted to our wonderful team of volunteers who give

generously of their time and energy this way, and at these times.

Sometimes, the best of plans don't go as we would wish. A young Filipino seafarer recently rang the Mission Centre at about 9.30, asking if we could bring him in to the Centre as he had arranged to meet his girlfriend who was travelling up from Canberra that morning. They had been friends for six years but due to the nature of his employment they hadn't seen each other for two years, so this was a good opportunity. Unfortunately, it happened to be the day there was a fire in a carriage at Cardiff railway station and that the line was closed as far back as Fassifern. His girlfriend had to change from train to bus and eventually arrived after midday which meant that they had one hour together before the seafarer had to return to his vessel. Our driver was able to take them both to Kooragang so they could have a few last minutes together. Sad, but that is the lot of the seafarer - and their loved ones.

One of the services we provide at Mission to Seafarers Newcastle is a selection of good quality, recycled clothing for our seafarers to help themselves to, free of charge. Many seafarers comment on how much they appreciate having this clothing available for them. We receive clothing donations from many of our wonderful parishes, community supporters, including your own Cruising Yacht Club members, and volunteers. Another group of volunteers come in to sort and display the clothing so that is presented as an attractive and inviting space for our seafarer visitors. We have had a number of donations from friends, supporters and volunteers of MTS Newcastle where the clothing belonged to a loved one who had passed away. Often the loved one had a connection with the sea or merchant shipping and there was real meaning and connection for the family in being able to donate the clothing for the benefit of seafarers, thus continuing the bond between seafarers the world over.



Ship visiting is an enjoyable and important role for some of our volunteers. Occasionally we are fortunate to be invited onto the ship's bridge by the Master. This is always a fascinating experience as Catholic Diocese visitors Shane and Liz found in a recent visit on-board with our volunteer. Dave.

Over the past couple of months we have been fortunate to welcome more volunteers in the roles of bus driving, shop supervising and ship visiting. With the addition of Andy Lund from the South Coast we are now able to visit just about every vessel that enters our port every day. Another addition is Larry Mervin who

has been appointed Stella Maris Chaplain, following two years as a volunteer. We welcome all our newcomers as we continue to strive for excellence in caring for the visiting seafarers.

Rick McCosker

– Stella Maris Chaplain



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Where in the world WAS our burgee?

b. Cape York Peninsula Autumn 2016 Winner: Jack Goluzd

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

The Task: Select the correct locations from the options.

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

- 3. Fill in your membership and contact numbers.
- 4. Put the form in the box provided.

Closing Date: Friday 19 August 2016.

To submit a photo of our burgee flying: info@ncyc.net.au - subject "burgee competition".



Coming Events...

JUNE 2016

- Sunday in June Winter Short Ocean Pointscore
- Saturday 11 June Laser Winter Series
- Monday 13 June Queens Birthday
- Saturday 25 June Laser Winter Series

JULY 2016

- Saturday 2 July The Lion Island Race (Cat 3)
- Saturday 9 July Laser Winter Series
- Sunday 10 July Up The Creek BBQ
- Saturday 23 July Laser Winter Series
- Saturday 23 July Sailing Presentation Night
- Saturday 30 July CYCA Sydney to Southport Race

AUGUST 2016

• Thursday 18 August - Annual General Meeting

EVERY WEEK

- Monday and Tuesday Night Galley Specials 6pm-8pm
- Tuesday Night Trivia 7pm in the Marquee
- Thursday Night Members Draw [LTPS/16/00316]: up to 4 draws per night:
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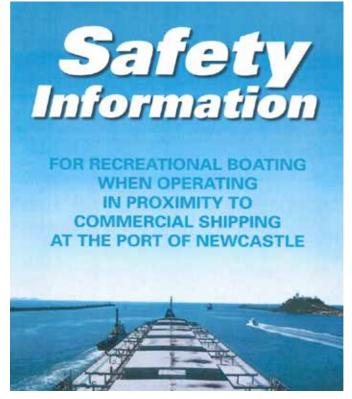
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