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Photo by Simon Macks

## Rear Commodore's Report



By the time you read my synopsis of sailing at NCYC, Paul O'Rourke will have taken the reigns as our new CEO. Paul comes to the Club benefitting from a great deal of experience in the hospitality industry. He also brings skills garnered from being the driving force behind Sail Port Stephens since its inception 10

years ago. Those of you who have participated will understand why I'm looking forward to Paul's influence on our sailing, and our experience in the clubhouse.

With the Winter Series in progress, the end of the 2017-18 season is not far away. The new RRS have been in force for almost 6 months and the new Special Regulations come into force on 1st July. On 24th June the Club will have an "Audit Day" to get as many yachts inspected as possible. Skippers, please take this into account with your planning. A reminder that the Lion Island race is scheduled for 1st July and those competing will need to comply with 2017-20 Cat 3 SR requirements. On the same day as the Lion Island Race, there is a "Tackers" presentation for our "Optimist" kids in the Club at 12:15pm, so if you are around, please make them and their parents welcome. After all, they are the future.

Our Force 24s have been undergoing a continuous maintenance program and are being utilized with Corporate Sailing, Discover Sailing, Learn to Sail and the Youth Performance Program. A big thank you to Jacqui, Jack and the instructional team for your time and expertise.

The Summer Laser Series (OTB) finished with Michael Babbage in front, Paul Beath 2nd and Jeff Robinson 3rd. The Handicap prizes were taken by Adrian Kiely

on top, Ben Rigby 2nd, and Adam Wyatt 3rd. It is great to see the numbers of competitors on the results sheet. An appeal on behalf of our long suffering Handicapper to all of you in this growing fleet – please ensure your entry is completed online and is accurate, including sail number. If you don't enter or have an incorrect sail number, I have asked Mark to score the results accordingly (RRS). Let's all spend 5 mins rather than Mark taking 2 hours to unravel the mystery. Thanks everyone.

In the Keel Boats we saw the Summer SOPS finish with Jim & Mary Holley's "Aurora" taking the honours in PHS (D1), Robin Hillary's "Warrain" in PHS (D2), and Steve & Maureen Rae's "Marta Jean" ahead in IRC. The Twilights is the best attended club series with Andrew Millers' "Red Dog" also top dog!

Sail Port Stephens (SPS) had the most entrants ever in April – well done to Paul and your team! Our Feeder Race was also more popular than ever with 42 entrants into what turned out to be a beam reach in 20-25 knots. Doug Coulter's "Shakti" (Rogers 46) won it on PHS from my "Concealed Weapon" and Ian Bowers' "Ignition" (Farr 400). "Shakti" and "Ignition" were first and second in both IRC and ORCi while Phil Arnall's "Anger Management" finished third in ORCi. Not bad results for our boats in such a large fleet. At SPS the stand out results for NCYC boats were "Anger Management" 2nd Performance Racing (D1), Rob Howard's "Schouten Passage" 3rd IRC (D2), and Tim Gleeson's "Summer Salt" 5th of the 37 boats in (D2) the Commodore's Cup.

Finally, a couple of dates for your calendars. 15 July is our Presentation Night and 23 July is the "Up the Creek" BBQ. You don't need a Special Regs Cat for the BBQ, so here is your chance to go up the Hunter River in company. Even if you have nothing to pick up on the 15th, come along to congratulate your fellow sailors and trade some lies!



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore



### Annual General Meeting

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Limited will be held on

**Thursday, 17 August 2017**  
**Commencing at 6pm**

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## Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report

Dear Members,

Greetings from the CEO chair. I do appreciate the aspect from this office when the weather has been so favourable; warm and balmy autumn days.

Otherwise we have had quite a turbulent time in our club, with many significant changes for the better. We welcomed Hooked Restaurant & Grill who have revamped our kitchen from early February, a steak and seafood restaurant that is sure to impress even the most discerning foodie.

Candice Read has stepped up to manage our bar and functions. Her enthusiasm and professionalism is second to none and thus far she has done a wonderful job, greatly assisted by her staff and evidenced by our ever-increasing bar & function trading.

Our Sailing programs continue to prosper thanks to Jacqui, Jack and our able team of instructors. We have certainly been able to utilise our wonderful Harbour and facilities. I would like to personally thank the whole team for their input.

The Marina is doing exceptionally well. We have established a clear direction with our new berthing fees, terms and conditions to suit all of our members and guests. Thank you also to our fine team of Dockmasters,

Wyatt, James & Paul for all of their assistance and good humour. Our new Marina & Assets Manager, Sandy Hapgood, will commence working with us on 12th June, 2017 and we look forward to her experience and knowledge.

The car park continues to be adverse. Parking has been extremely difficult for our tenants, members, guests and customers because of its proximity to the CBD, residential buildings and businesses in the area. To address this, we will be installing 2P parking to be monitored by the Newcastle City Council. Of course, our General Members will be issued a 24/7 permit as part of their membership fees. This measure should enable us the exclusive use of our car park.

Our Commodore, Jim Holley and wife Mary are currently enjoying a holiday in the United States and we look forward to hearing about their trip on their return in June.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new CEO, Paul O'Rourke on the 29th May, 2017. Paul comes to us with a wealth of experience, previously General Manager/Managing Director of a variety of hospitality entities including The Anchorage at Port Stephens, a hotel complex with multiple tenants, a business that operated multiple commercial tenancies and most attractive of all, conducting international yachting campaigns and 10 years Sail Port Stephens.

Thank you everyone for all of your patience and understanding during my "leave of absence" from the Board whilst stepping into this role. I have enjoyed the experience and fully appreciate all of the staff, it's nice to see everyone happy, relaxed and looking to the future.

Valda Johnston  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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### Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Founders Day

In 1993, Honeysuckle Development Corporation (HDC) called for expressions of interest for the establishment of a recreational marina in the port. Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) was formed on February 8, 1994 with the aim of tendering to construct a community based club, repair yard, commercial centre and 200 berth marina.

Board Members elected were: Commodore Paul Hannan, Vice Commodore Tom Michilis, Rear Commodore Bruce Hansen, Club Captain John Fisher, Treasurer Bill Rock and Directors Jim Holley and Joe Abraham. Paul Anicich was appointed Honorary Solicitor and George Keegan was subsequently appointed as Secretary.

Some years of planning and negotiating with HDC followed and in 1999, the year that the Port of Newcastle was to celebrate its 200th Anniversary and HDC had still not given us the final approval, I released a media statement highlighting the importance of the development to the region.

In it I emphasised a number of important factors in our proposal, notably that:

- The founders of NCYC were a group of dedicated people from the region including experienced sailors, business people and yacht club administrators.
- The development would provide tourism, sporting and economic and employment opportunities.



- It would address a serious safety issue in that Newcastle is the only all-weather port between Sydney and Coffs Harbour and has no facilities for mooring of smaller craft.
- Furthermore, the founders of NCYC believe that in realising the goals set out in our proposal we would positively contribute to the lifestyle and culture of our region. not only showcase to the world the wonderful playground we have in the waters off Newcastle, but also be a 'significantly prominent and visible asset to the City of Newcastle.'

Founders Day is a proud celebration of the realisation of the dreams, foresight and determination of our founding



Retired Commodore Paul Hannan  
NCYC Life Member



Founding members who attended the morning tea held in their honour in the NCYC marquee, 26 May 2010.  
Image by NCYC staff member.

## NCYC Founders Day

By Gloria Thirkell, NCYC Life Member

**Reaffirming the vision of our founding members and recognising our accomplishments the significance of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Founders Day.**

Founders Day is a whole of club celebration of the achievement predicted by our founding members: to become “a significantly prominent and visible asset to the city of Newcastle.”

The Parade and Blessing of the fleet form the keystone for the celebration. As this is a yacht club, the date for our annual Founders Day celebration is set by our sailing calendar. Fleet blessings are normally staged before the first race of each year’s new sailing season.

**The structure of NCYC Founders Day program:**

- **Parade**

NCYC inaugural “Founders Day, Parade and Blessing of the Fleet” was on 21 August 2005. Successive committees have traditionally followed the program guidelines, with modifications as



circumstances require. The 2005 parade featured over fifty water craft including: yachts, power boats and working vessels. The latter group comprised fishing trawlers, a barge, a vessel from NSW Maritime, a pilot cutter and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol vessel. The Newcastle ferry took advantage of the opportunity to be blessed as did the Svitzer Marine tug prior to its “water ballet” demonstration.

- **The Blessing of the Fleet**

The Chaplains to the Port of Newcastle are based at The Mission to Seafarers Newcastle.

In 2005 the then Chaplain to the Port of Newcastle, Reverend John Crane accepted the invitations to become NCYC Honorary Chaplain and to bless the fleet on Founders Day. This tradition has continued with Father Stefan Sapun, Reverend Garry Dodd and Father George Mainprize.

- **The evening Social event**

The 2005 inaugural Founders Day dinner for approximately 60 people was held at the Albion Hotel. The 2006 Founders Day Black Tie Ball for approximately 120 people, held at the Newcastle Jockey Club was definitely the most spectacular of the evening social events to date.

Left: 2005 Inaugural Founders Day;  
Founding Rear Commodore Bruce Hansen, Newcastle Port Corporation Harbour Master Tim Turner, Founding Commodore Paul Hannan, Sailing Secretary Gloria Thirkell.



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## Introducing Paul O'Rourke



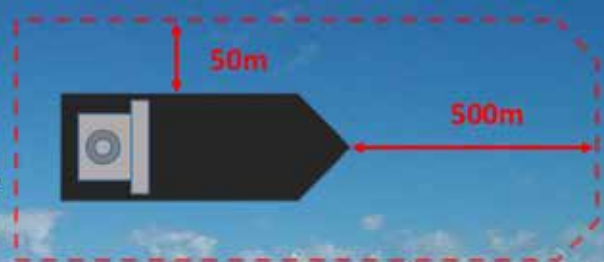
Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club welcomes Paul as the new CEO who started in the role at the end of May. Paul comes to NCYC with a wealth of experience, including General Manager/Managing Director of a variety of hospitality entities.

He also brings skills garnered from being the driving force behind Sail Port Stephens since its inception 10 years ago.

We look forward to Paul's influence on our sailing, marina and clubhouse facilities.

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

### Minimum Distances





## Introducing Sandy Hapgood



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club welcomes Sandy who is originally from Far North Queensland and brings extensive Marina Management experience to NCYC. Relocating to Nelson Bay late 2015 from Airlie Beach, she has lead a dynamic team delivering exceptional customer service, facilities improvement and adapting to the dynamics of commercial property management since.

Sandy brings a swag of stories from her years on superyachts overseas, with Atlantic crossings and Caribbean cocktails. She is a sailing and water enthusiast, enjoying any time in, on or beside the water in all its varied forms.

Sandy will start her role as the Marina and Assets Manager in June.



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# FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

## HALF-TIME / FULL-TIME

## COMPETITION



Tickets on offer from 6pm till kick off



Each drink \$5 or over will receive a Half-Time/Full-Time ticket

Predict who will be leading at Half-Time

& who will win at Full-time



3 winners will be drawn from winning tickets after Full-Time

Patrons can enter as many times as they like

Re-draws will occur if winners are not present



### PRIZES:



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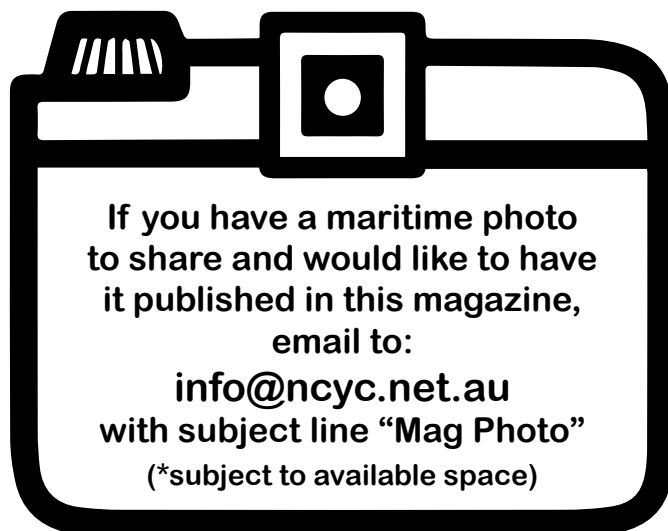
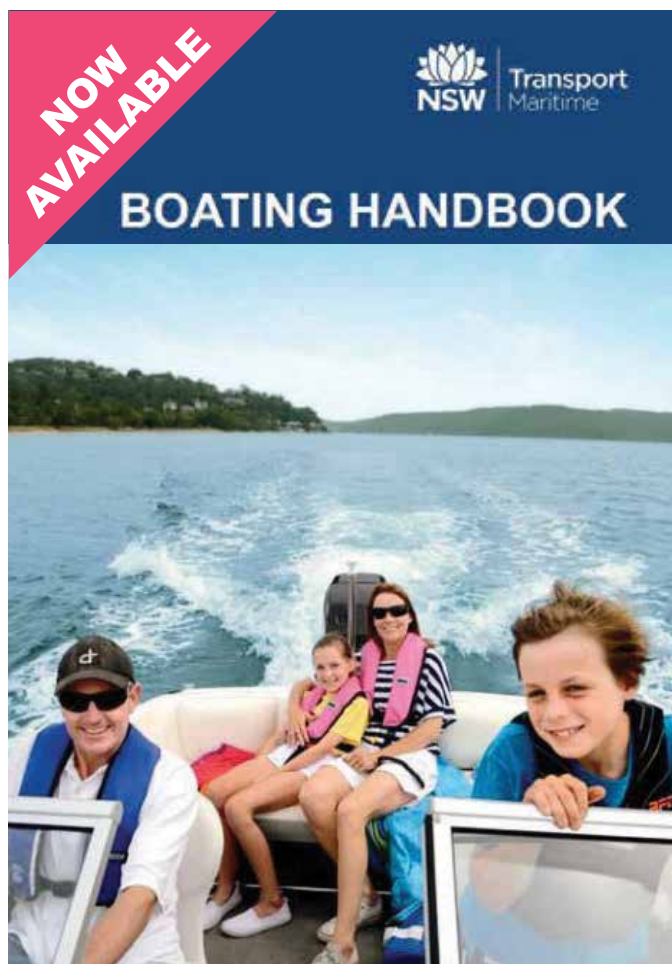
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3<sup>RD</sup>- 6 FREE SCHOONER TICKETS

(see Bar Staff for T+C's)







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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING NIGHT



*The NCYC's Social Committee  
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NCYC Life Member Gloria Thirkell with Rear Commodore Barry Kelly as he presented the NCYC Trophy to the winners of the Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club Flying Ants Division annual event.



NEWCASTLE CRUISING  
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### 2017 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 2016-2017 Season

**PLACE:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

**DATE:** Saturday 15th July 2017

**TIME:** 6:30pm

**DRESS:** Elegant

**FURTHER DETAILS ON TICKET  
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Sponsors, Skippers & Crew receive priority booking



PHSSC Juniors President thanking NCYC Rear Commodore Barry Kelly for the NCYC cheque in support of their Junior Division.



Last month, Ernie Thirkell, NCYC Life Member had the pleasure in presenting donation cheques to PHSSC Juniors, Westpac Helicopter Rescue and the Mission to Seafarers.



## MEMBER PROFILE

### Greg Jackson



NCYC member Greg Jackson was born in Lithgow where he spent his first few years. After moving to Stockton he attended the local Primary School before taking on the daily ferry commute to Newcastle Junior High. At the age

of fourteen Greg started work as a labourer. This was followed by approximately eight years of employment by a tyre company. The bulk of Greg's working life has been as a truck driver, mainly about and between Newcastle and Sydney, with a three year interval of interstate driving.

Growing up, Greg took part in just about any sport going: running, athletics, swimming, football and of course, surfing. Interestingly, He didn't take up sailing until much later, after joining the Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club as an official. His role involved safety work for the racing, and serving on the Catamaran Division Committee for a few years. Greg sailed for a while with Cathy Holmes on her Hoby 18, but being more interested in driving boats than sailing them, went back to being safety boat crew.

Greg also speaks about regularly participating in the

"Water Users" meetings approximately 20 years ago. "They were run by Maritime, Water Police and the Port Stephens Council. The area they covered was from Newcastle Harbour to Raymond Terrace and to Port Stephens. The meetings let individual water users as well as various clubs, raise safety issues which concerned them. Discussion then worked out ways of fixing the problems. Some of the problems were things like: boats going too fast in restricted zones; anchoring in the Harbour shipping channel; young people putting oil on roads near boat ramps so they could do better and bigger burn-outs; driving boats through the river's designated water ski area while racing was taking place."

When asked how he became involved with volunteering at NCYC, Greg responded: "I skipped the PHSSC Safety boat when it was borrowed by NCYC for the first major Etchell Regatta run by NCYC. I enjoyed it so I had a talk with Ernie Thirkell who was in charge of the Club boats and volunteers at the time. I asked if he would like another volunteer for the NCYC Committee Vessels and ended up being the usual driver for the George Keegan. In association with this, for a number of years I helped Ernie with the maintenance of our Committee Vessels."

Greg's skill as a photographer was appreciated by all. Apart from being displayed on the monitor in the club, his sailing photos have been used for some of the cover pages of NCYC's "thirty two fifty five" Journal and have appeared on a regular basis throughout many issues. On a couple of occasions he has also helped out by volunteered his time and skill as the Official

photographer for our "Presentation of Trophies and Prizes" evenings.

Greg has largely retired from his NCYC volunteer role in order to spend more time exploring Australia. In his fifth wheeler, Greg has travelled from Cape York Peninsular to the bottom of Tasmania. "In July 2017 I will be camping in the Simpson Desert for the Birdsville "Big Red Bash" before I go to the rock and then north again up past Cairns." Greg still maintains a high social profile around the Club when having a respite from his travels.

Greg's regular participation in social aspects as well as his skills as a boat driver/crewman and as a photographer have been greatly appreciated by our members and in particular, the Sailing Committee and sailors. The years of dedication to his Club have, like those of so many of our other volunteers past and present, been central to the success of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

## TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY



## 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

## Tales of life aboard a family fishing boat/cruiser.

### Life aboard "The Doctor"

By Linda Hall

#### Tale 2: The Snapper we put back

As I have said in a previous article, Our favourite boating ventures these days are to Broughton Island. The surrounding water is full of crevices, reefs and



In 17 years we have learnt a lot about looking after our fish. Nowadays we would use hands to hold it for a photo

bomboras which are home to our favourite fish, the Snapper.

On one particular day while we were drifting off Esmerelda Cove Darrell had a huge tug on his line. When he got the fish up enough to see colour I saw it was an enormous Snapper. The fish had a massive hump on its head, (hyperostosis).

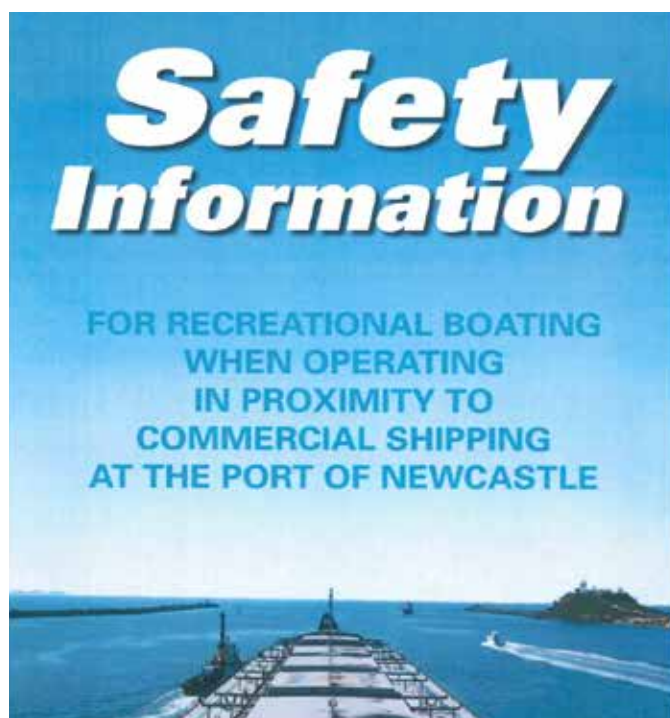
Its eyes were huge and I could see it

following my movements. Because we had never caught anything like this before, we decided to take photos and let him go. We assumed it was what they call "an old man snapper" and this one must have been really old!!!

Luckily we stayed to watch the fish swim away after I gently laid it back into the water. It apparently had what they call a barotrauma which means his swim bladder was so inflated that the fish was belly up. I had recently read about this in a Government recreational fishing article. The advice was to deflate the swim bladder with a needle ('venting'). Realising that I needed to act quickly I picked the fish up and vented him by inserting a tube just beside its pectoral fin. When I heard the air escaping from its swim bladder I knew that it had worked. We gently placed the Snapper back in the water and feeling relieved, watched it swim down to the bottom. We were relieved that it would be able to protect itself from predators by hiding in the crevices and weed.



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## Sailors with disABILITIES is coming to Newcastle in September

Sailors with disABILITIES (SWD) will hold its Annual Northern Campaign, a series of sailing programs for children with disabilities, between July and September. The yacht which has been modified for people with disabilities and is crewed by volunteers, will stop in Mackay, Rosslyn Bay, Southport, Coffs Harbour and Newcastle.

This year SWD will berth at Newcastle Yacht Club for two weeks from Monday 18 to Friday 29. During that time, SWD will welcome on board over twenty groups of children with disabilities from schools across



Newcastle. We are seeking volunteers who can help on board for those two weeks and we would love it if you would jump on board with us.

Kath Veel, volunteer Skipper for the Northern Campaign in Newcastle, said, "It is a highlight of the SWD calendar for us volunteers. Students respond with such excitement and anticipation. We often see familiar faces returning and telling us what they've learned in the last year and trying something new this year."

Last year, SWD ran Winds of Joy programs in Newcastle, sailing out of Newcastle Yacht Club. SWD spoke to some of the teachers from Newcastle High School who told us about their students' experiences:

"They loved it. It allowed the frightened children to push themselves in a nurturing environment. They didn't see crew as people with disabilities and they don't see themselves as people with disabilities. It was nice for them to see people with disabilities doing exciting stuff and for that to be normal. It was very empowering."

"One girl who is very anxious didn't want to go. She said she didn't think she could do it. But within fifteen minutes she was walking all over the boat. She loved it and her squeals of delight were priceless. This is a girl who wouldn't come to the movies and now she was happily going up the bow."

We would love to have you on board in September as a volunteer. If you can help us by volunteering, please contact Alyson Wardle, SWD's Volunteer Coordinator, on 0421 725 170 or email [alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com](mailto:alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com)



### JOIN US ON BOARD IN NEWCASTLE ON 18-29 SEPTEMBER 2017 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

We are running our Northern Campaign in Newcastle between 18-29 September and we are looking for volunteer crew to help us.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more days on board our yacht specially adapted for people with disabilities, please contact Alyson on **0421 725 170** or **[alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com](mailto:alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com)**

## Sitting in the hot seat of the harbour

Article and Images by Bill Quirk

The boom in the inner west of Newcastle CBD encompassing the Throsby Basin, Carrington, Wickham and surrounds continues to grow. Being so closely associated and involved directly in this area for the last 40 years both socially and professionally in Real Estate and Development, I have always seen the appeal of its harbourside location and proximity to the city, now it seems the rest of the market has caught wind. Figures released by the NSW Valuer General recently show that Newcastle's residential land values surged 13 per cent in 2016, with newly trending suburbs like Carrington, Maryville, Islington and Wickham driving much of the growth. These traditionally working class suburbs are now among the most desirable to live as emerging inner city harbourside suburbs.

As I have expressed in the past, this interest and growth in the working class inner city hub on a smaller scale a reflection of what happened in Sydney City Market



some 25 years ago. At that time inner west suburbs like Balmain were considered the poor mans real estate market, this same suburb now commands a median sale price of \$2.5 million dollars. This growth happened over a short 20-30 year period.

Certain streets in both Carrington and Wickham experienced one of the biggest jumps in the entire Hunter region with land values in these specific areas rising a whopping 35 per cent each. If you are fortunate enough to be sitting on property in one of these harbourside catchments, you are sitting in the hot seat of the Hunter property market.

As the previously industrial face of these suburbs has changed, so has its appeal. It is not only the naturally beautiful location it enjoys close to the water, it is the proximity and walking distance to beaches, to shopping and it is the vibe stimulated by a new generation of home owners and investors. Wickham, Carrington, Islington and Mayfield are considered the place to be and to be seen and is certainly not limited to age or profession, we have



young progressive couples, families and empty nesters all looking to be close to the extended city action of our new Newcastle.

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# Club Sailing Report

By Jack Buchan

With the summer sailing season done and dusted, Club Sailing moves into the Winter period of the NCYC sailing calendar. This means we sail the Newcastle to Port Stephens Race and then on to the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore – racing on Sundays from May through to July.

The 2017 Newcastle to Port Stephens Race saw a record number of 42 entries to the lead in race to this year's 10th Anniversary event of the Sail Port Stephens regatta. With strong Southerly winds and big swell, competitors didn't take long to exit the Harbour and turn north towards Port Stephens. With the testing conditions on the day, the Race Committee chose to send "George Keegan" early that morning – before the start – to ensure there would be a Committee Vessel on station at the finish location by the time the lead boats arrived!



The start line was a spectacle to be seen – the Harbour alive with activity and the Stockton Ferry doing his best to dodge the action. The Newcastle to Port Stephens race was wrapped up with Doug Coulter's "Shakti" taking home 1st place in all divisions including Line Honours, PHS, IRC and ORCi..! Newcastle based "Concealed Weapon" took 2nd place in PHS, and the crew of "Ignition" were congratulated for 3rd place in PHS, 2nd place in IRC and 2nd place in ORCi.

Behind the scenes, it is the efforts of volunteers in all activities who make a significant contribution to the overall abilities of the Club's on-water operations. On the evening before the Newcastle to Port Stephens race we had a team of volunteers at the Club well into the



night assisting boats who were arriving in preparation for the race north to Port Stephens the next day. Meanwhile we also had the Pittwater to Newcastle race finishing on the Harbour as well – meaning that we also had some of NCYC's renowned Rum Runners delivering their 'goods' to the arriving competitors!

Representing the Club at the Sail Port Stephens regatta this year were competitors aboard "Anger Management", "Nyssa", "Scots Wha Hae", "Schouten Passage", "Scuffy", "Summer Salt", and "Young N Old" – with weather improving throughout the week and ending with an almost perfect weekend to finish the regatta.

We are now well into the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore and with a few exciting races starting the season off this year it will be interesting to see who comes out on top!





## Summer Short Ocean Pointscore Presentation





# Lasers Sailing

By Phil Ashley-Brown

Imagine sailing a 14 foot Laser in the open ocean. It's an exciting thought for our adventurous Laser sailors and slightly daunting for others. But whatever your view, we're hoping to get 10 of our most experienced Laser sailors out into the ocean to compete in an invitation trial race over the next few months. Keep a lookout, we're in the middle of planning this exciting adventure which we're hoping will pave the way for some ocean regattas in the future.

The Laser season continues across winter with the annual series of races held between Belmont and NCYC. We've found this series attracts a different



group of sailors with some coming from Port Stephens and Great Lakes as well as Belmont. The series is increasing in popularity and has gone from a few boats two years ago to steady numbers of between ten and fifteen boats. We found that sailors who competed across winter were more competitive and "on the game" during the summer series so the pressure is on for all of our sailors to take part. But that's the great thing about the fleet. With more people taking part and a faster group up front the entire fleet has improved in its strategy and sailing skill.



We had some success through the Discover Sailing Day this year with three people joining our fleet after taking part in the day. Each of them had never set foot on a boat before and by the end of the season they were making their way around the course successfully. Keep an eye for our new sailors, they're doing well! Our club boats are getting used each week and continue to be a really good way to introduce people to the art of sailing a Laser.

Across summer we had good numbers with most races attracting between 15 and 20 boats. For the summer series Michael Babbage won the OTB series followed by Paul Beath and Jeff Robinson. In PHS Adrian Kiely won his very first series (well done!) followed by Ben Rigby and Adam Wyatt. For the class category it was Babbage, Beath and Robinson. We had an awesome spring and summer series which isn't possible without our volunteers and support from NCYC. We'd like to thank everyone who helped out to make it possible.



## Corporate Sailing proving popular

During the summer we were pleased to welcome a number of local businesses to our Club to enjoy some time on the water as part of our Corporate Sailing program.

Guests from NIB, Ethos Health, Liddell Coal, Glencore Coal, Wallsend Veterinary Hospital and Mars Food Australia all enjoyed sailing on our Force 24s either for a casual sail or as part of our NCYC Corporate Cup which introduces that element of competition through “around the buoys” racing!

This is proving to be a very popular activity with one company back for their third team building visit!

We offer sailing opportunities for up to 24 guests on our six Force 24s, each with an experience skipper/instructor on board. Options range from a “sailing cruise” for 1½ hours for \$199 per boat through to our “sailing lesson with mini-regatta” for 3 hours for \$299 per boat – that can work out to be less than \$50 per person!! Lunch or Dinner can be booked at the club either pre or post sailing, with many of our guests enjoying our hospitality well into the evening!

The December period books quickly as many companies utilised this activity as an exciting & fun Christmas Party for their staff!

If you are interested in this opportunity for your business or employer, please call Jacqueline in the Sailing Office or visit our website, under Sailing Academy, where you can download full details and pricing.



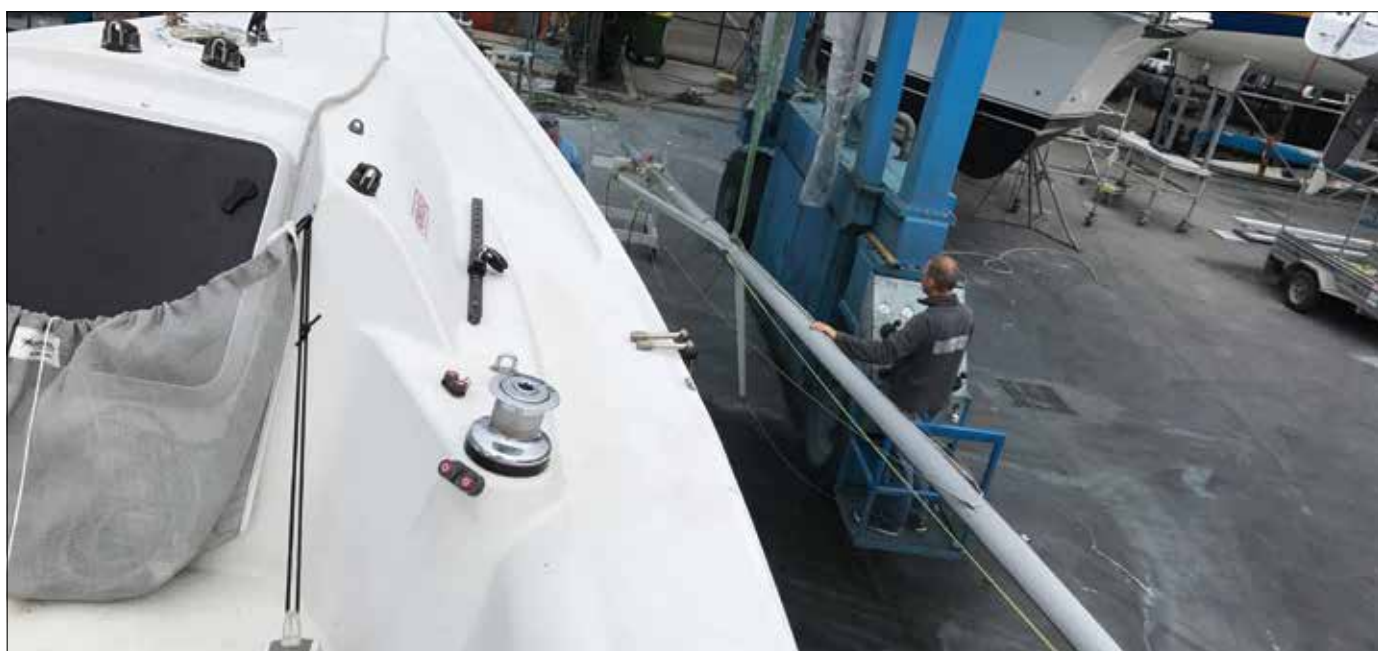


By Jack Buchan

The fleet of Force 24s are scheduled for some refreshments over the winter months with the boats being hauled out and the masts removed by Midcoast Boatyard & Marine. This Winter the boats will experience a much needed clean and polish of the topsides, a fresh coat of antifoul, a rig inspection with East Coast Marine & Sail, new halyards for all sails and minor repairs to the rudders.

We anticipate increased demand on the boats over the coming season with the multitude of activities we are using the boats for including Start Crewing / Helming / Skippering / Spinnakers, Corporate Sailing, Youth Performance Program and the popular Force 24 Twilight Development Series.

We also look forward to the excitement in and around the Club as we set our sights upon the Discover Sailing Day which is expected to be another successful demonstration of the sport we are all so passionate about.



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## She Sails Regatta & Training Day

**Jacqueline Ellis**  
**Sailing Academy**

One of the most successful and popular components of the Sailing Academy's activities is our Friday Women's Sailing program. This is largely due to the skills and bright enthusiasm of our regular instructors Jan Howard, Mary Holley and Nina Long. We regularly see three or four force 24s on the water every Friday with crews consisting of rank beginners through to skilled sailors learning to hoist & gybe spinnakers.

The sailing is always based on casual no-pressure enjoyment with a sense of "you can do anything if you try"! I love seeing the ladies coming up the marina walkway smiling and chatting after their morning on the water. Of course our Oatley Wines "Bubbles & Nibbles" in the clubhouse after week 4 is a welcomed bonus!

The drive to encourage women's sailing from Jan and Mary has now extended to the development of NCYC's very first She Sails Regatta. This fabulous initiative, sees Sailing Academy graduates teamed with seasoned female club sailors race the Force 24s in a regatta format, introducing many to their first taste of around-the-buoys racing.

We were all set to go in March and we conducted a fantastic day of rules education and on-water training but unfortunately on our much anticipated race day bad weather and strong winds put paid to our plans . . . but we were not defeated!

We will be hosting our She Sails Regatta on Saturday 22nd July. We will again host our training/warm-up morning the Saturday before, on the 15th July. All previous registered participants will carry forward their registrations to this new date. We will be working towards confirming registrations for our new date in the next few weeks. We do have a few places now available for any of our new graduates or club members who



may not have been involved for the initial date. We welcome your applications so please contact Jacqui in the Sailing Office to obtain a registration form – [sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au](mailto:sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au)

We have had enormous support from sponsors for our She Sails Regatta including Oatley Wines, East Coast Marine & Sail, Gill Australia, EJE Architects, Uprising Bakery and Grotty Yachty.

We are looking forward to a day of great weather and great sailing in July – please come along and watch the action and support our developing sailors . . .



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# The Mission to Seafarers

Article and Images by Peter Middleton

The Mission to Seafarers are dedicated to the relief of need, hardship or distress amongst seafarers of all nationalities irrespective of gender, ethnicity, colour or creed.

As a port-based welfare organisation, the Mission to Seafarers offers both spiritual and practical welfare services to all visiting seafarers. The Mission offers friendship and a safe environment where seafarers can contact their loved ones from whom they are separated for months at a time, receive assistance and counselling with any problems they may be facing including injustice and distress but also to simply 'chill out' from their demanding way of life on-board ships.

Volunteer drivers collect seafarers from pick up points within the port terminals and escort them to shops, go on day trips or visit the Mission Centre where they can use recreational and internet facilities.



Our annual Sea Sunday celebration will be observed in Newcastle Anglican Diocese on Sunday 16th July with Sung Evensong in the Cathedral at 6.00pm. All are welcome to join us. On Sea Sunday we remember the 1.5 million seafarers around the world who make possible the transportation of nearly everything we use (more than 90% of trade is estimated to be transported by sea). And we pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers as we care for seafarers in 200 ports in around 50 countries, including here in Newcastle.

We are looking forward to using our newly-renovated kitchen to provide nutritious home-style meals for the seafarers who visit our Centre in Wickham, Newcastle.

The renovation of our kitchen was made possible by generous donations from:

- The Stronger Communities Programme, run by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Australian Government)
- The Light Up Newcastle And Rotary Lantern Walk (organised by the Rotary Club of Newcastle with the support of Hunter Rotaract Club and 16 local Rotary Clubs)
- The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
- Newcastle City Council
- A generous married couple who support the work of our Mission as volunteers.



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Our Sea Sunday celebration will be held on Sunday 16th July 2017  
in Christ Church Cathedral at 6.00pm. All are welcome!  
This celebration will include the Blessing of the Port of Newcastle  
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- Monday 12 June - Queens Birthday
- Saturday 24 June  
CYC/B16s Laser Winter Series
- Saturday 24 June - NCYC Boat Audit Day

### JULY 2017

- Saturday 1 July - The Lion Island Race (Cat 3)
- Saturday 1 July - Tackers Course Presentation
- Saturday 15 July - Sailing Presentation Night
- Saturday 22 July - She Sails Regatta

### AUGUST 2017

- Sat 5 August - NCYC/B16s Laser Winter Series
- Sat 26 - Sun 27 August - Innter Spring Regatta

### SEPTEMBER 2017

- Saturday 9 September  
Founders Day Formal Dinner
- Sunday 10 September - Boat Parade & Blessing

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- Friday Night Football live on screen.
- Sunday - Live Entertainment from 2:30pm
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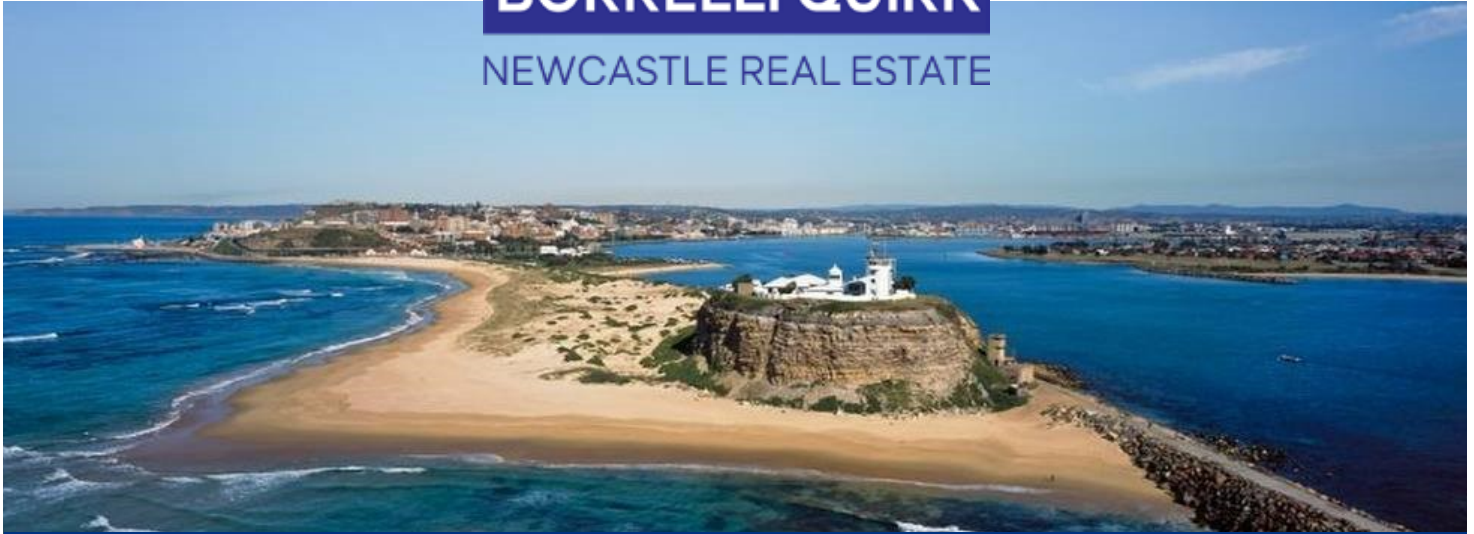
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