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Pittwater Beneteau Regatta 2018

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## Commodore's Message



Welcome to all our readers of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Journal. I hope you enjoy the articles provided by our members and club officials, in this our Winter 2018 edition.

Our club has continued to trade well in all areas of our business, and it's also been great to see a number of

new events, both on and off the water, that have been well supported and enjoyed.

To name a few, ... we have recently held the inaugural Youth Keelboat Championship, which has been a great opportunity to show case NCYC to young sailors from a number of clubs in the Hunter Region. This will be a lead into a Youth Performance Sailing program, followed by regatta and match racing opportunities with Sydney clubs later in the year.

We held a 'Family Fun Day' for Solder On (the support group for War Veterans and their families) the weekend prior to Anzac Day. We were able to give more than 60 people the opportunity to sail on the day, and we already have a wait list for a follow up event in the coming months. Thanks to Jacqui for liaising with Soldier On, and everyone who supported the event to make it such a great success.

...and off the water, we held a very lively St. Patrick's Day event, which was also a fundraiser for 'She Sails' to promote NCYC women's sailing events in 2018. As I write this article, the next 'She Sails' fundraiser,

'Bubbles and Troubles' evening was recently held at the end of May, and featured a number of experienced women sailors from our club who shared their experiences, including those from racing, cruising, youth and volunteer backgrounds.

Many of our boats and crews competed in the Port Stephens Regatta in April. NCYC was pleased to host the lead in race, with a record number of entrants this year 47, making for a picture-perfect start in the Harbour. Congratulations to "Summer Salt" who won Performance Cruising Div. 2!

Our Winter Short Ocean Pointscore started at the end of April with a sizeable increase in our racing fleet, so it's great to have "Beyond Cool", "Cipriani", "Equinox" and "Trim" joining our division 2 fleet for the first time. We had 14 boats on the start line for our last race, ... which is pretty good for a winter series!

Our financial year ended at the of 31st of March, and we hope to sign off our annual accounts with the auditors at our next Board Meeting, after which these will be posted on our website.



Steve Rae, Commodore

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## Rear Commodore's Report



This time last year I wrote about Paul O'Rourke joining our club as CEO and how I looked forward to his influence on re-focusing our efforts to get this club sailing. If you've been out on the water lately you would have noticed more boats on the start line, a motivated race management team and lots of activity in the clubhouse. I'd like to acknowledge Paul's efforts and those of the sailing team. Slowly but surely we are getting to where we need to be.

On Sunday 20th yacht race (WSOPS 3 and Women's Helm Race 3) we had 14 boats race. It was great to see! While we are talking women's sailing, congratulations to Tracy Hansen 1st "Anger Management", Peta Norris "Concealed Weapon" and Maureen Rae "Marta Jean" for taking the honours in the Women's Helm series.

A reminder that all Safety Certificates expire on Saturday, 30 June and that the club will be running an inspection day on that day. Our Category 3 Lion Island race is scheduled for 7th July so Skippers please ensure your Cat 3 SR inspection is complete on 30 June. A reminder to all to prepare your; gear especially checking that flares, extinguishers & life jackets are in date to at least 30 June 19. Booking procedures will be advertised.

Our Force 24s have been very busy with our She Sails regatta in March, the Newcastle Youth Keelboat Championships in April and we will be continuing with the Youth Interclub Challenge in June between NCYC, CYCA, RPAYC & RSYS.

The Summer Laser Series (OTB) finished with Paul Beath in 1st, Jeff Robinson 2nd and Eric Besuijen 3rd. The Handicap prizes were taken by Tony Van Der Stelt on top, Kyle Lewis 2nd and Ben Rigby 3rd.



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In the Summer SOPS final results Phil Arnall's "Anger Management" took the honours in PHS (D1), Mary & Jim Holley's "Aurora" in PHS (D2), and Steve & Maureen Rae's "Marta Jean" ahead in IRC. The Twilight series was won by Jan Howard driving "Schouten Passage".

The Sail Port Stephens (SPS) feeder bettered last year's record with 47 entries and a very full Marina. The race to Port Stephens was won by "2excess" (Mark Scharfenberg) on the PHS result with our own "Anger Management" taking both the IRC and ORCi silverware. At SPS the stand out result for NCYC boats was Joe de Kock's "Goodform" 3rd IRC (D2) in a shortened series due strong breeze on Sunday.

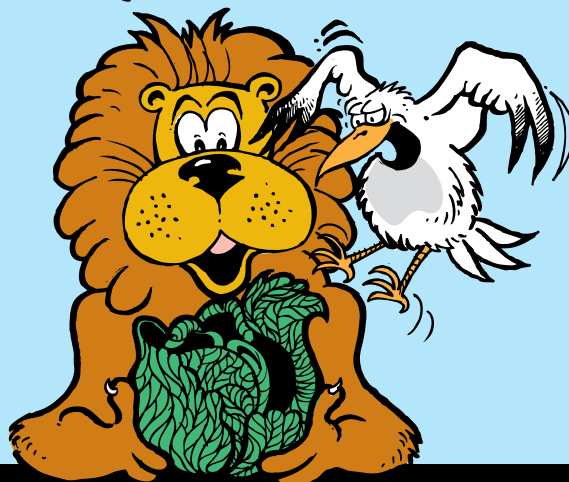
Over the last few months the Sailing Committee has been discussing the format of our Sailing Calendar. Our aim is to get more boats sailing and offer a variety that features both short series' racing and short transit racing with overnight stays at other clubs. We discussed this at an informal Skippers' meeting recently and feedback was positive. There are indeed parts of our program that work and that are popular, so we won't be fixing something that is not broken. Equally we have parts of the program that aren't well attended so we will be changing. Drop the Sailing Office a line if you have feedback or suggestions.

A final reminder that our Presentation Night is Friday 14th July; mark it in your calendar.



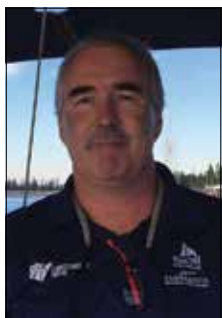
Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore

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## Chief Executive Officer's Report



I can't believe that I have just completed one year in the role - and I guess that's because time flies when you are having fun. I have found the role challenging and extremely rewarding. The support from members, staff, tenants and board has been overwhelming. Thank you to all.

As a yacht club, sailing is at the core of what we do so its great to see participation numbers grow over the past twelve months. It will be a primary focus again for next year. The sailing committee have been working on a great calendar and the Academy continue to innovate with courses and target markets. The Cruising Division and Game Fishing club have added depth and variety to our water activities. The winter sailing is attracting an excellent fleet racing off-shore and a brave Laser fleet on Saturdays. Our Youth Development Squad are training hard under the guidance of coach Nina Long. Their aim is to be competitive in the Interclub series against RPAYC, CYCA and RSYS and earn a start in the famous "Harken Invitational Youth Regatta" later in the year.

The marina has seen constant growth over the year and is fast approaching capacity. We have plans over winter to do preventative maintenance, install security cameras, and upgrade the bathrooms facilities. This is also the time when we schedule maintenance on our fleet of 23 club boats.



### Annual General Meeting

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Limited will be held on

**Thursday, 16 August 2018**  
**Commencing at 6pm**

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Off the water has also been a great year with record bar trade in the Club supported by our Social Committee and Social members. Winter activities planned include a Steak and Shiraz Dinner, a 7 course Degustation Menu Dinner and the highlight of the year – the Annual Presentation Dinner on July 14. Most special event dinners have been selling out, so make sure you purchase for these functions early.

The management team have completed a strategic review, in line with the board plan, and set ourselves goals and objectives for the new financial year to help make the club the best it can be.

Paul O'Rourke, CEO

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- Cardboard Only Facility at the Club Bin Compound •
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## Meet a Member of the Dockmaster Team



Hi I'm James,(also known as Jimmy)

I have been working for NCYC since October 2017 as part of the Dockmaster Team. I also work for Nova Cruises. I really enjoy spending time both on, and in the water and am really happy to be part of the NCYC team. I am very lucky to have two jobs that involve working on our beautiful Newcastle Harbour.

I have always had a passion for maritime, having grown up around boats and fishing. When I'm not working I love to spearfish, scuba dive, support Chelsea FC and have a keen interest in photography, engines, architecture and design. I am also a mad fan of the chicken schnitzly!



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Newcastle launched an electric-bike sharing scheme last week with docking stations located around Newcastle, including the Junction, Bar Beach, Wheeler Place, Newcastle Interchange, NewSpace, the foreshore, Customs House, Newcastle Library, Darby Street and at our Marina.

There will be 100 electric bikes across 19 charging stations as a new transport option for tourists, commuters and anyone else who wants to cruise around the city.

The electric bikes will be securely locked and charged in the bike docks and must be returned to a docking station. They can be hired by anyone 18 years plus, at any time of the day on a one-off basis or by subscribing to a weekly or monthly membership.

Pay-as-you-go starts at **\$5.99 for 30 minutes** and costs go up to a **\$49 monthly membership**. So, a new option for members and marina occupants to go out and discover Newcastle.

### Thursday Night Members Draw

Permit LTPS/18/21669

Up to 4 draws per night:  
6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm and 7pm.  
Cash prize starts at \$200 - jackpots if not won.



## History of the NCYC Social Committee Tenacity Award Images & Article by Gloria Thirkell (Life Member)

Third Winner for the Tenacity Award was "Funnelweb" sailed by Ivan and Sibylla McFadyen.



Date: Boxing Day, 26th December 2004  
Rolex Sydney to Hobart (60th race)

Trials leading to the Award:

1. First Sydney to Hobart race for the boat
2. First Sydney to Hobart for three of the crew (including Colin Jordand from Sienna).
3. 50 k headwinds for much of the way
4. Weather conditions caused major damage even with the Maxis.
5. Many had to retire from the race. "Funnelweb" completed the race.
6. Three cases of chronic seasickness and one of fractured ribs (not to mention the displaced fracture of the toilet bowl!!)

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## Community Support

### Port Hunter 16ft' Sailing Skiff Club

Image by Alyson Gearing

On 10th March, 2018, NCYC's Members Ernie Thirkell, (Life Member) and Sarah Gamble attended the Port Hunter Sailing Club Junior presentation day. Mel Dingle and Jules Darras were the winners of the NCYC Cup race on board 'Ice Magic' and was presented with the perpetual NCYC Cup trophy.



Presentation of NCYC Trophy  
PHSC Juniors Presentation

Melanie (Mel) Dingle, an MG sailor was also presented with the inaugural 'She Sails' award. This award is for a young woman / girl at PHSC who has shown leadership, performance or improvement. Mel, who has been a regular twilight sailor on "Aurora" was presented

the award for leadership, having demonstrated generous encouragement and leadership on numerous occasions when the PHSC sailors have visited our club for their annual twilight sail. Mel received a 'She Sails' embroidered shirt, cap and sailing gloves.



Congratulations Mel!

Sarah presenting Mel her prize.



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## The Battle of the Coral Sea

Image by Gloria Thirkell (Life Member)



**Above photo:** NCYC Honorary Chaplain, Canon Garry Dodd of the Mission to Seafarers, with NCYC Life Member Ernie Thirkell.

**Location:** Civic Park Newcastle, on Sunday 6th May 2018. The annual Battle of the Coral Sea commemorative Service for the Australian and American sailors who saved Australia from invasion. The battle of the Coral Sea took place on 7-8 May 1942.

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### Record Fleet for Port Stephens Race!

By Jack Buchan

The Club was buzzing with activity and excitement in the days leading up to this year's race to Port Stephens last month. We were excited with Asahi jumping onboard and claiming the Asahi Super Dry Newcastle Port Stephens Race 2018 as naming rights sponsor!

Whilst the day started slowly – a picturesque sunny day without even a hint of wind – it wasn't long before the Race Committee lowered the AP and sent the fleet out to the Harbour! Hiding in the Basin until the last coal ship had cleared the Harbour, the record x48 yacht fleet amassed filling the Harbour with a wall of sails as they milled in the pre-start area.

A hive of activity on the Harbour with a generous display of NCYC yachts all getting prepared to send their yachts and their crews north to the tranquil Sail Port Stephens destination! In a spectacle observed by a busy shoreline, the record fleet crossed the start line and slowly made their way past Nobby's and up Stockton Bight.

Leading the fleet calmly away from Newcastle was Ian Bower's Farr 400 "Ignition" from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, closely followed by Newcastle based Tom Woods' "Toy Story" and Anthony Paterson's "Tow Truck" – another Lake Macquarie Yacht Club competitor!

At the end of the day it was Lake Macquarie based Mark Scharfenberg's "2XCESS" that flew to the top of the PHS podium. Followed by Greg Croak's "Challenge" – another Lake Macquarie based yacht and Richard Arnall and the Newcastle "Anger Management" Team trailing in third place.

"Anger Management" managed to tousele with the leaders in the light air sailing their way to a second



placed line honours and third PHS, and claiming first place in both IRC and IRC divisions.

With light very pleasant (however light) SE winds, Race Officer Ted Anderson finished the fleet at Point Stephens Lighthouse, which allowed them to fire up the engines and make some wake as they completed their journey to d'Albora Marina for a wild night of celebration that would continue on throughout the coming week!

For an event that started out as just a dozen yachts, it's exciting to think that at almost 50 yachts we are now nearing capacity – pillaging any empty marina spaces we can and rafting yachts deep into the channel overnight! It's incredible to think that we could very well be approaching a multiple start line event – similar to the likes of the CYCA's Rolex Sydney Hobart start!!!

Riding on the success of Sail Port Stephens, we can't wait to be supporting the event again next year. Sending both boats and volunteers, it's great to continue to help deliver an event enjoyed by so many of our members and attracting sailors from further afar.



## Scuffy & Sail Port Stephens

Article by Richard Fleck  
Images by John Curnow

"Scuffy" N2 sailed to Port Stephens in April for the Port Stephens Sail Week, competing in the Commodores cup div 3. The lead in race from Newcastle to Port Stephens was a struggle in light winds but "Scuffy" made it across the finish line with 90 seconds to spare before a DNF. Luckily this gave "Scuffy's" crew time, supervised by marine racing chef Oonagh O'D, to slowly roast a marinated lamb shoulder before docking at the Corlette anchorage...

A mediocre performance in the next two races was redeemed when Ernie Thirkell took the helm and steered "Scuffy" to a win for div 3 on the last race for the Port Stephens Commodores Cup.

Inspired by the Port Stephens Sail Week, "Scuffy" and her crew set off for the Pittwater Beneteau Cup held on May 5 and managed a very solid last place on handicap in division one, Pittwater (where the wind goes to die) was not kind to "Scuffy's" enthusiastic and slightly tipsy crew despite an excellent start.

The beneteau cup regattas are held annually in Pittwater (May) and Sydney Harbour in November - RPYC and CYCA are great hosts for these events!



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## 2018 SAILING PRESENTATION NIGHT



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**PLACE:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

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## Update from SheSails@NCYC

Article by Kristen Anderson

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The last quarter has been a busy one for our SheSAILS@NCYC group. Following a hugely successful Force 24 Development Regatta in March, we turned our attention to the annual Sail Port Stephen's Regatta, where our NCYC women were well represented in both the Commodore's Cup and Port Stephen's Trophy. In what was a fantastic effort for women's sailing at NCYC, our sailors were on the water aboard "Anger Management", "Trim", "Austral", "Beyond Cool", "Bugalugs", "Goodform", "Red Dog", "Scuffy", and "Summersalt", as well as with the race committee and regatta PR teams. In addition, a mostly female team crewed "Aurora" and an all-female crew raced "Schouten Passage".



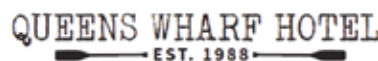
Kicking off the regatta, Port Stephens turned on the sunshine for the hugely popular Commodore's Cup, which saw a total of 77 boats competing across three divisions. Schouten Passage, skippered by Jan Howard, mixed it with the 25-strong EHC Division 1 crews to finish in 6th place after the 3 days of racing. Two relatively light air days were followed by an absolute cracker on Day 3. The team improved both their teamwork and tactics over the course of the regatta and, with a beautiful 18 knot breeze to play with on this final day, "Schouten Passage" earned herself a podium spot in 2nd place. Champagne flowed to celebrate the close of a wonderful regatta, wishing there was more racing to be had!

The layday before the commencement of the Port Stephen's Trophy gave us an opportunity to recover from the fun and frivolity of 3 solid days of racing and the Commodores Cup Presentation. Champagne flowed and dance moves were vigorous as the whole NCYC gang hit the dance floor for the post regatta celebrations. A quiet day followed to nurse hangovers with many opting for a lazy day of swimming and snoozing on the sand.



Day 4 racing saw "Aurora" competing in the Performance Racing Division of the Port Stephen's Trophy. Skippered by Mary Holley, the crew of 8 gals and 1 fella revelled in the opportunity to fine tune their regatta skills and crew work ahead of their upcoming Cork Race Week campaign. In light and flukey breeze, this was not "Aurora's" race, but fresher winds on Day 5 put smiles on everyone's faces and a satisfied crew finished in 4th place, looking forward to even stiffer breezes for the next and final day of racing. However, as the saying goes, 'be careful what you wish for!' Huey took out all prizes on Day 6, sending an excess of wind and chop that saw all racing abandoned. The team finished with 11th place overall and packed up with an abundance of enthusiasm and optimism for their next outing in July.

What a hugely enjoyable and overwhelmingly successful 2018 SPS regatta for all NCYC sailors, and special congratulations to "Summersalt" and "Goodform" on their silverware!!!







From the “Schouten Passage” and “Aurora” crews, our thanks go to our wonderful coach Troy Poulson and boat boy extraordinaire Rob Howard, and to Jan and Rob Howard and Jim and Mary Holley for yet another opportunity to race on their beautiful yachts. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the wider NCYC community and our fabulous sponsors, with whose support we continue to develop our racing skills, expand our networks and encourage more women of all ages and abilities to participate in this fabulous sport.

Upcoming events for SheSAILS@NCYC in the next quarter include: our Bubbles and Troubles fundraiser on May 31, a celebratory evening of women’s sailing; The Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta in Melbourne over the June long weekend, in which a number of our NCYC sailors are racing in a joint crew with Gosford Sailing Club; Cork Race Week in Ireland from July 16 to 22; and the GALs Regatta in Townsville 7-9 September. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you in advance for your ongoing support and encouragement of women’s sailing in our club.



## She Sails @ NCYC Presentation Development Regatta – March 2018



Presentation of flowers to thank Mary Holley & Jan Howard, our She Sails @ NCYC Ambassadors.



Thank you to our Race Officer, Robyn Tames. Robyn travelled from Sydney to help us run our event.



She Sails regatta crews.

## Laser Sailing

Article by Phil Ashley-Brown

Images by Simon Macks

It's crisp and cool outside but that hasn't stopped a hardy group of eleven Laser sailors from taking part in the winter series which kicked off in mid-May. And why wouldn't you want to go for a morning race in the middle of winter? The mornings are beautiful and clear, there's no one else out on the water and the wind is light. It might be winter but it's perfect! The Laser winter series this year is made up mainly of sailors from NCYC and Belmont with a few travelling from Port Stephens. The series runs across early winter, so it won't get too cold. So, what are you waiting for? It's a perfect time of year to follow that thought in the back of your mind, "yes I've always wanted to try a Laser," and the conditions couldn't be better (apart from the old cold splash of cold water).



The Laser summer series had 25 boats participating and it was great to see new sailors joining the fleet such. Big congratulations to Paul Beath who took out the summer twilight series followed by Jeff Robinson and Eric Besuijen. There are some exciting plans for the Laser fleet with a one-day regatta planned for October 13, where you can win your weight in beer. More details to this to come and if you've never sailed a Laser before then winning 110 litres of beer is a pretty good reason to start. If you're interested in racing Lasers, then please get in contact with the club. We'd love to see as many boats out there across winter and at the upcoming one-day regatta.



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## NCYC Cruising Division

By Brian Gardoll



The Cruising Division has been lapping up the extended summer and autumn months with individual cruises to Myall Lakes “After Hours”, Broughton Island “The Doctor” and many a local cruise outside, in the Harbour and up the River.

Land cruising has also become a popular pursuit with Paul and Trudy “Haven II” wandering to South Australia again and Rod and Trish “Emerald City” heading north to Queensland.

We have recently welcomed a number of new boats to the Cruising Division – “Georgia” (Neil and Charna), “Cloud Catcher” (John and Leanne) and “Haven II” (Paul and Trudy). “Isabella Blue” (Mark and Helen and their delightful young family) have also returned to E arm with their spectacular new Moody 41 Classic. Welcome back!!

“Marlena” also recently hosted 7 member of the Vohra family from Gujarat State in India. They enjoyed seeing Newcastle beaches all the way to Merewether from ocean side, then returning to harbour for a seafood lunch and topped off with a classic Aussie Pavlova.

About 40 Cruisers recently attended the inaugural “Impromptu” party. This was a great social evening with food, drinks and music to match. What a great way to catch-up and share our common interests in boating and the lifestyle we are so lucky to lead!



A number of Cruising Division members attended to the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show and Riviera Festival of Boating at the end of May and will update everyone on their return.

Don't forget the next Cruising Division meeting to be held on Thursday 7 June at 7pm, in the Club Trophy Room.



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## Cruising Division

NCYC Cruising caters to the boat owners who enjoy the water at a leisurely pace, relaxing in an idyllic location and appreciating the occasional sundowner. Participation in organised boating and social events is encouraged with the aim of sharing interesting, topical boating information and experiences.

Social dinner meetings are held in the NCYC Club each month with varied on water activities planned for a mix of sailing and motorboats on a monthly basis.

The Cruising Division sub-committee:

Valda Johnston – Board Representative

Brian Gardoll – Motorboat Representative

Colin Peebles – Sailboat Representative

All are welcome to attend the next meeting 7 June 2018

For further information Tel: (02) 4940 8188 Email: [sailing@ncyc.net.au](mailto:sailing@ncyc.net.au)

## Newcastle Youth Keelboat Championship

By Jacqueline Bell

The inaugural Newcastle Youth Keelboat Championship (NYKC) was a great success despite the challenging weather!

On the last weekend of the April school holidays, 28 kids, from six teams representing five local clubs came together to race in our fleet Force 24s. The NYKC was a fleet racing event, with six inshore windward/leeward races due to be sailed on each of the two days. The weather wasn't kind though with Sunday's racing being cancelled after only one race, due to lack of wind and persistent rain.

Most of kids involved are regular dinghy sailors, so the racing skill level was pretty impressive, and all crews quite easily transitioned to the inshore keelboats. As part of the event we provided a "Regatta Coach" to assist all crews both on-water and then with a racing debrief at the end of each day.

Coach Nina Long summed up the event as:

"...A collection of capable young sailors who have battled it out over the past two days - it was a delight to be working closely with each of the teams to develop their skills and teamwork as the regatta progressed."

"...With teams representing Great Lakes Sailing Club, Mannering Park Sailing Club, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Port Hunter 16' Sailing Skiff Club and Port Stephens Sailing & Aquatic Club, we were overwhelmed by the influx of talent these sailors bring with them. It was enlightening to see, that even in the rain, everybody continued to work hard and with a great big smile!"

With Sunday's racing cancelled, National Judge & Umpire, Damien Boldyrew stepped in to provide the kids with a very thorough session on rules and their application in racing tactics . . . with even some of



1st place NCYC Team

the very experienced youth coming away impressed. One being overheard to say "Wow, I actually learnt something in that session"! Thank you Damien for your ongoing contribution to developing youth keelboat sailing at our club.

The presentation was held early Sunday afternoon and we thank Gill Australia for their contribution of prizes for the event.

1st Place - Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club  
Tom Stivano, Thomas Steenson, James Robson, Chelsea Williams

2nd Place - Mannering Park Sailing Club  
James Henderson, Nicole Henderson, Kyle Micallef, Bailey Hord.

3rd Place - Port Hunter 16' Sailing Skiff Club  
Harrison Miller, Isaac Pale, Sam Taylor, George Carr, Linden Nash.

"The Newcastle Youth Keelboat Regatta is a great introduction to keelboat racing for young sailors of our region. We give them one of our yachts to take out and race against their peers from other local clubs - building new skills and new friendships over the course of the two-day regatta.

We hope to see some of these capable young sailors continue on with us by joining our Youth Development Program or coming back to race in our new youth match racing event later in the year" - Jack Buchan, NCYC Sailing Manager.



2nd place Mannering Park Sailing Club Team



3rd place Port Hunter Team



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## Sailing Academy Instructors

Meet Andrew Omotosho or Tosh, one of two senior instructors at the sailing academy.

Andrew, originally from London, became involved in water sports through kayaking in the Sea Cadets. One day he was invited to try sailing, and he was hooked; sailing is '10 times better, there is no water running down the back of your arm'. A few years later Andrew trained as an instructor and worked part-time whilst studying for his economics degree. A serious car accident was a catalyst for Andrew; he completed his degree and rather than work with numbers, he opted to pursue sailing full time and a healthier lifestyle. Andrew moved to Newcastle 18 months ago with his family to take up the position at the NCYC. An avid laser sailor, he races regularly out of Belmont, relishing the competition which is 'tougher than in the UK', idyllic weather, and friendly community atmosphere.

Andrew has been sailing for over 30 years and teaches children in the tackers program and youth and adults on the club's Force 24 keelboats. Andrew is also a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) inspector, travelling overseas regularly to inspect sailing club facilities.



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Members must be aged 16 years or older. If you already have some boating skills, that's great. If not, we can teach you everything you'll need to know from the water up, including getting your NSW Maritime Boating Licence, First Aid training and your Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency.

We're always on the lookout for people from a range of backgrounds who have valuable technical, practical, administrative or life skills to contribute to the smooth and efficient operation of a unit, such



as accounting, engineering, electrical, plumbing, marketing, teaching or communications knowledge.

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We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

For further information visit:

**<https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/volunteers>**



## NCYC hosts Soldier On

On a sunny April Sunday we were honoured to host a Family Sailing Day for a large group of ex-service men and women and their families from the Williamstown and Singleton areas.



The morning of sailing activities was coordinated through an organisation called Soldier On, which aims to help service personnel adjust to and reconnect with civilian life after their time serving in our nations defence forces.

The weather was perfect on the day and with 58 participants we were kept busy!

We hosted a bunch of keen kids in our Tackers dinghies under the watchful eye of our qualified and experienced Tackers instructors. Whilst some of the bigger kids joined with the adults on our Force 24s, again with our skilled Sailing Academy instructors assisting.

We were very generously supported by the owners and crews of "Schouten Passage" and "Marta Jean", who provided additional sailing opportunities to the group. Wombat was also on the water, with ex-serviceman himself Kevin Abrahamson at the helm, for those curious and interested but non-sailing guests.



After the morning of sailing, a barbecue was held out the front of the club in our new Foredeck Café area.

We have received some lovely feedback from the participants involved.



"We made some good friends and had a most amazing experience on the water with Kevin. It was the first time out on the Harbour and Kevin provided us with some interesting facts about sailing. Most enjoyable!!"

"Meet and greet likewise interested people. Renewed our vision of a Trailer Sailor"

"Great to have participated in an activity which challenged your comfort level in a supportive environment with professional instructors."

"Was lovely to meet like-minded people for mutual support, in a wholesome and nicely challenging environment."

"Made new friends and I'll be looking at doing a sailing course"

We are looking to host another Family Fun Day towards the end of September and we would love for more of our members to get involved and take some guests sailing. If you are able to assist, please just let Jack or Jacqui in the Sailing Office know – [sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au](mailto:sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au)

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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 August and September. The yacht which has been modified for people with disabilities and is crewed by volunteers, will stop in Southport, Roslyn Bay, Mackay, Coffs Harbour and Newcastle.

This year SWD will berth at Newcastle Yacht Club for just over a week from Tuesday 18th to Wednesday 2th September. During that time, SWD will welcome on board groups of children with disabilities from schools



across Newcastle. We are seeking volunteers who can help on board for the week 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."

In 2016, 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 Greg on 0402 247 747 or email [alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com](mailto:alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com)



## JOIN US ON BOARD IN NEWCASTLE ON 18-26 SEPTEMBER 2018 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 18-26 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 Greg on **0402 247 747** or **[alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com](mailto:alyson@sailorswithdisabilities.com)**



# 2018 East Coast Classic Report

By Scott Morris

The 2018 Newcastle East Coast Classic has been run & won. Congratulations goes to our major prize category winners !!

1. Largest Marlin over 150kg sponsored by MMM Sheet Metal - "Off Da Hook" (NGFC boat) with a 156.1kg Blue Marlin - \$5,000 Cash
2. Champion Boat Tag & Release Sponsored by Marmong Point & Koolewong Marinas - "Reel Diamond" (Sydney GFC) - \$5,000 Cash
3. Overall Champion Junior Angler - Tag & Release Rhys Jolly - (Seababy IV)
4. Highest Point Score Team - OGF - Tag & Release - "Team Dominator"
5. Highest Point Score Team Shark - Tag & Release - "Riptide"



The \$3000 cash for Heaviest Shark over 300kg + \$2000 cash for Heaviest OGF didn't go off.

There were also plenty of happy boats receiving prizes in our giveaways throughout the tournament + the boat "Bloodbank" for winning the NSS9 Simrad Sounder on offer!



We would also like to thank all the boats that came from Game Fishing Clubs from North & South of us for competing. The feedback suggests that everyone was happy with the hospitality shown by us & all the staff of NCYC Marina & Yacht Club throughout the weekend !! We can't wait to have you all back next year !!!

A great showing for the tournament over the weekend especially considering the weather was looking a little shaky in the lead up, with 49 boats and 215 anglers competing & filling the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club throughout the weekend !!! The weather was a little bumpy on Saturday morning, clearing up in the afternoon. Sunday was almost a glass out all day.

The fishing was quite good with most of the fleet on "The Carpark" both days. Overall there were 109 Marlin tagged – made up of 65 Black, 36 Striped and 8 Blue Marlin as well as 27 Sharks and 1 OGF Tagged.

On the Capture side, 2 Blue Marlin and 1 Mako Shark were captured.



Congratulations to all who competed & we hope to see you all next year!!

See you on the water.





## Article and Images by Peter Middleton, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain

Our great team of staff and volunteers at the Mission to Seafarers in Newcastle aims to care for the seafarers who visit our Centre in Wickham. That is the heart of our work. That is why we provide free transport and so much else for seafarers.

One of the special things we love to do is facilitate seafarers connecting with their loved ones and friends while at our Centre. Mostly they do that through email, Skype and social media (Facebook etc.) using our free WiFi. But sometimes they have a relative or close friends who lives in Newcastle or Sydney. In these cases we are often able to help them actually get together for a few hours.

Recently we helped two brothers to meet up again after five years apart. One brother and his wife drove up from Sydney to connect up at our Centre and they really enjoyed a short time with their seafarer brother before he had return to his ship and continue on his seafaring journey. We hope it won't be another five years before they see each other again!



We also welcomed a young Turkish woman who travelled from Sydney to meet up with her seafarer uncle at our Centre. They hadn't seen each other for 2 years! It's so difficult for seafarers to keep connected to their wider family and loved ones, and we were really glad to provide the venue for this reunion. We hope and pray that they will catch up again well before 2 years passes!

Every Wednesday night at the Mission to Seafarers in Newcastle is "Pizza & Grill Night". Our great team of Ros, Steve, Kerry, Les & Margaret, Paul and Phil provide a great feast for all the seafarers who are able to come to our Centre. You should see their faces light

up as they enjoy food and company with their fellow seafarers! It's always fun, fun, fun on these nights!

Many times, of course, seafarers are unable to come ashore during the brief time their ship is in the Port of Newcastle, and the best we can do is visit them on their ship. But sometimes we are able to help seafarers meet up with loved ones at our Centre, and these are very special times for us. We're always looking for opportunities to provide care and support for seafarers who live a difficult and often unpredictable life, yet whose work is so essential to maintaining our lifestyle here in Australia.





## Coming Events...

### JUNE 2018

- Sunday 3 June - Interclub Challenge
- Thursday 7 June - Cruising Division Meeting at 7pm
- Monday 11 June - Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
- Sunday 17 June - Equipment Auditors Course
- Thursday 21 June - Steak & Shiraz & Winter Solstice
- Sunday 24 June - Last Winter SOP
- Saturday 30 June - NCYC Audit Day

### JULY 2018

- Saturday 7 July - Laser Winter Series
- Saturday 7 July - The Lion Island Race (Cat 3)
- Friday 14 July - Sailing Presentation Night
- Saturday 28 July - Thirkell Cup

### AUGUST 2018

- Saturday 24 August - F24 Club Marine Match Racing Championship
- Thursday 16 August - International Rum Day
- Saturday 25 August - NSW Country Yachting Championships

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- Sunday 9 September - Founders Day
- 18-26 September - Sailors With DisAbilities
- Wednesday 19 September - Talk Like A Pirate

### EVERY WEEK

- Tuesday Night Trivia - 7pm in the Marquee
- Thursday Night Members Draw [LTPS/18/21669]: up to 4 draws per night: 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7pm  
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- Friday Night Raffles  
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