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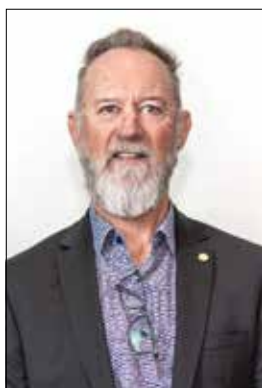
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## Commodore's Message



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 Winter 2021 edition.

This time last year our Clubhouse had been closed, and we had worked through a slow, but progressive opening in order to beat the virus.

Thankfully this proved effective, and we have enjoyed a COVID free, and COVIDSafe Newcastle since then – let's hope it continues that way! Thank you to all our members and guests for your on-going compliance of COVIDSafe rules with the COVID check in to the Club/ QR code scanning, and COVIDSafe sailing check in/ crew briefings. It is hugely important that we continue to comply!

Thank you to our members who have already paid their membership fees for the coming year. This is the first year that we have offered an early bird option for a 3- or 5-year membership deal. This proved very popular, and we will continue to offer this into the future.

Our year end financials have been audited by DFK Crosbie, and the audited accounts will be presented to the Board for approval, before being posted on our website in July. We look forward to seeing you (in person or by zoom) at our AGM on the 19th of August to review our recently completed 2020/21 financial year and preview our future plans.

I'm sure you many of you have been keeping a keen eye on the construction work on site, and you'll be pleased to know that our Clubhouse extension is on schedule for completion in September. We will be announcing details of the official opening – and "yes" you're all invited!

Our Project Team are doing a fantastic job, and I would like to thank them all for volunteering their time. Please applaud Valda Johnston, Paul O'Rourke, Lindsay Crutch, Doug Peters, Jan Howard, Damien Wall, Matt Sainsbury, Jack Murland, Dick Lees, and Dianne Gardoll.

Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported SailFest this year. It was a great success, and many boats and sponsors have already committed to joining us next year. Congratulations to our boats who competed at Sail Port Stephens, with special mention to 'Mako', 'Summersalt', 'She's the Culprit', and 'Goodform' for their podium finishes.

Keep safe. I hope to see you at the club soon.



Steve Rae, Commodore

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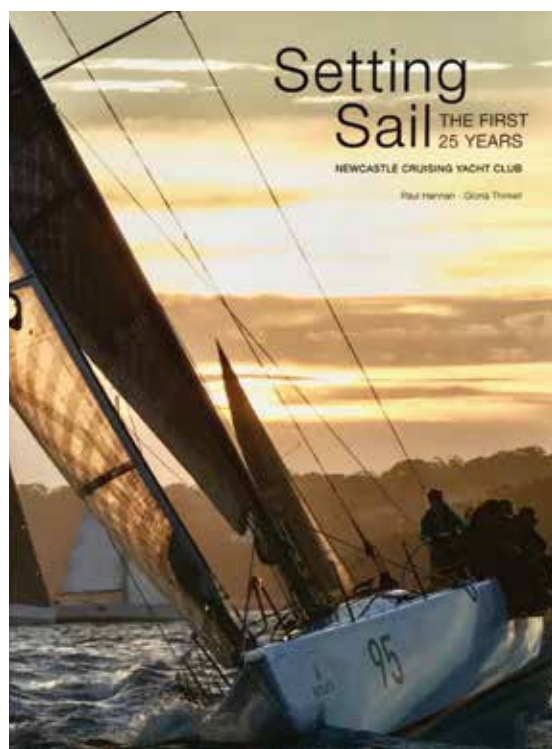
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## Rear Commodore's Report



Won't it be nice when I don't feel like I need to write to write about COVID-19. In fact, I won't – nothing has changed. Please don't think it has. If you don't believe me, ask yourself why we are having outbreaks and the border access is continually changing. Feel powerless to make a difference?

You are not. If you are able to do your bit and add another name to the "herd immunity" count; get vaccinated.

A lot has happened since my last missive in February. To be honest there is so much news, I'll have to summarise a little to fit it all into my space.

I wrote to you in February about increasing our Ozi Opti Tackers fleet to 16, and now I am glad to report that we have purchased 6 more boats for the Bay Sailing Centre (BSC) bringing out total to 22. You may have seen lots of activities during Summer at our Tackers base, but this will go into hibernation until we get the kids back on the water in Spring at NCYC and the BSC. We are communicating with, and plan to be visiting the schools in the Bay to ensure the parents and kids know what's on offer.

The Sailing Academy has been very busy. We are the 5th most successful Discover Sailing Centre in Australia, and the most active keel boat centre in the country. Yes, you read correctly, No. 1! This doesn't just happen. Jacqui and her team do great work in the traditional courses, but we also are involved in schools and community. There is our teenager focussed "OutThere" program, and Friday Harbour Sailing. Add to that groups like "Women Embrace Adventure", University of the Third Age (U3A) and Veterans Sport Australia, you'll understand why I said the Academy is busy.

We have completed the interim Laser base on F Arm and there has been general approval of the new location. I am, like you, patiently awaiting the new Laser facility approval across the creek at the Thales site. When we get the necessary approvals, and the agreement is in place we will move!

Our two Interclub Challenge teams remain in the top two places of the eight teams entered after the two rounds sailed in Newcastle and Pittwater. There are two more rounds to be sailed on 20th and 27th June. This youth initiative is sailed with NCYC, RPAYC, CYCA, and RSYS all fielding two teams each.

Continuing the "busy" theme, let's talk about the SailFest Newcastle, the Newcastle Port Stephens Race, Sail Port Stephens (SPS), the Summer Short

Ocean Pointscore, the Ocean Pointscore or the Winter Pointscore.

We ran a very successful SailFest Newcastle including the TP52 Gold Cup on 10 and 11 April with the harbour and offshore a flurry of marine activity. The TP52s liked it so much they asked if they could come back on May 1st and 2nd to do a "Round 2". For all the information on, and results of this hugely successful event check out the website <https://sailfest.com.au> The following Sunday saw the spectacular 40 plus boat start of the Newcastle Port Stephens Race. Line honours winner, 'Little Nico' did the course in a little over 2 hours 20 minutes, some 20 minutes ahead of her closest rival. For the results check out our website here <https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/offshore-racing/newcastle-to-port-stephens-race/>

At Sail Port Stephens we had great participation of NCYC boats with 'Mako' a standout 1st in PHS Div. 1. We also had an "NCYC base" at our moorings in front of the NCYC BSC. I have been told personally how well the water taxi service worked and what a great atmosphere it was; particularly after racing... and this from a competitor's partner!

We completed the Ocean Pointscore mid-March with 'Mako' ahead in PHS and 'Schouten Passage' taking the IRC honours. The Summer Short Ocean Pointscore finished with visiting LMYC boat 'Wallop' winning IRC, 'Uprising Bakery' winning PHS D1 and 'Scuffy' on top in PHS D2. 'Mako' has rounded out a very successful four months narrowly taking out the Summer Twilights as well. Both the Winter SOPS and the Female Helm series have competitors within a single point at the top, so it looks like an exciting three weeks to come in club racing. None of the long list above happens without the invaluable input of Jack Buchan and his team of volunteers. Remember to tell them so if you have the opportunity.

Finally, it's that great time of year when we have a celebration of winners and start the trek north to Southport, Airlie Beach, Hamilton Island, and maybe even Townsville. If that's you, enjoy and remember to keep the club up to date on your exploits. As always, we try our level best to do everything right, but if we can improve, please let us know. When you do, please remember comedian George Burns' words below... sometimes it's a little more difficult than you think!

"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair." - George Burns



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore



## Vice Commodore's Report



Dear Members,  
We're very happy to report that the Club Extension is on track and on time! Construction works completed to date sees the building erected, the ground floor and mezzanine levels complete and the roofing & glazing completed.

We have engaged EJE Architecture to provide an interior design scheme which is also underway.



By the time the magazine is released, the lock-up stage will have been completed.

Meanwhile, thank you for your continued patience and attendance. We hope to have a Grand Opening in October and are looking forward to the additional all-weather space!



Valda Johnston, Vice Commodore



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## Chief Executive Officer's Report



We have just completed a much-needed great Summer of boating after a very long and difficult 2020 Winter.

While some events still got cancelled, most notably this year's Sydney to Hobart, we had some great club sailing. Fortunately, we were able to host our main regatta SailFest

which was a huge success. It attracted the top sailors in the country and raised the profile of sailing and the club within the Newcastle community. The club racing to Port Stephens and Pittwater were also a highlight of the season. The inshore racing saw the introduction of match racing which proved very popular.

The Bay Sailing Centre held a very competitive club championship. The Tackers fleet and keelboat Learn to Sail continues to grow in popularity. The Cruising fleet has some very enjoyable outings on and off the water. The Newcastle Game Fishing Club held their annual tournament which this year included the Australian Championship for game fishing.

'Goodform' and 'She's the Culprit' represented the club at the Middle Harbour Regatta. The Newcastle to Port Stephens event attracted another big fleet of 40+ boats. Our Youth team posted great wins in the first two rounds of the annual interclub challenge.

The Bay Sailing Centre proved a great hosting venue both on and off the water during Sail Port Stephens. It continues to be a hit with the locals enjoying their morning coffees and taking in the stunning view.

Off the water we have commenced the extension to the Clubhouse. Vice Commodore, Valda Johnston, and the house committee have overseen the project and even after extensive rain it is still on track for a September opening. It will be a magnificent facility and is already attracting enquiries and bookings. We have also continued our comprehensive maintenance program on the growing fleet of club boats. Even after COVID and closing the beer garden, the Clubhouse maintained great trading numbers. The social committee have done a great job restarting and reinventing the weekly raffles and members draw.

All of this on and off water activity relies on a great team so special thanks to all the staff and volunteers here at NCYC.

Here's looking forward to a great Annual presentation dinner on 24th July to celebrate as a Club not just surviving, but thriving in such an extraordinary year.

Paul O'Rourke, CEO



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# Marina & Assets Manager's Report



Welcome to the Winter edition of our Magazine.

The marina occupancy has been steady with casual visitation during these uncertain months. The turnover of boat ownership continues to be quite notable. Those that can't holiday overseas seem to be dabbling in boat ownership, whether its

first time or upgrading – searching for the sea change. General trend has been as we farewell one, we welcome another.

The international ship delivery has seen two arrivals, with Australian owned vessels returning 'home' as the owners are restricted by travel. During May, we hosted 3 vessels >25m. These superyacht owners hinted at having Newcastle as a home port, being that Sydney is to saturation capacity of suitable length and available time for these larger yachts. Newcastle offers so much to the superyacht industry – talented shoreside trades and services, ideal RnR for crew with the beaches, proximity to the award-winning vineyards, and New Zealand direct flights, as well as a comfortable commute to/from Sydney.

Late March, a nasty storm cell passed through the Newcastle and Hunter region. With these East coast storm cells, the southern (City) end of the marina is

quite exposed to wind and wave action it brings. One of the fingers on A dock broke hinges at the shoulder and elbow joints. NCYC staff secured the finger with tie down straps and strong dock lines until the system passed. A huge shoutout to the SMADS team, who just happened to have their barge (with crane) moored alongside the damaged finger.

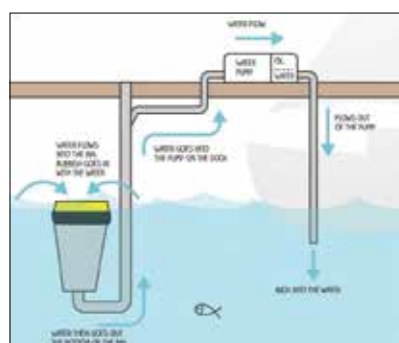
With their assistance all hinges were replaced the day after the storm cell passed.



In April, the Marina was a hive of activity with casual boat moves. SailFest Newcastle Regatta (10/11 April) saw attract eight stunning TP52 vessels which was a sight to behold with all of them docked on F dock. The following weekend was the arrival of Sydney/southern ports boats heading to Port Stephens for Sail Port Stephens. Lastly, the ANZAC weekend filled the Marina with fishing boats for the East Coast Classic.

A schedule is in place to upgrade all shore power outlets, with E & F docks completed already. It's expected to have all the marina outlets upgraded by end of July. It would be timely for vessel owner to consider upgrading shore power leads. A Test N Tag program will be introduced and enforced by year end.

In a measure to take better control on matters of security, we will be moving forward to implement a common due expiry for Security Access cards to be 30 June annually. This will be the first year we take this step and whilst it may be a little inconvenient to some, it is a safety net to capture unauthorised access across the site.



NCYC was approached by Seabin Project to be a host marina. This initiative is welcomed as a further incentive to contribute to keeping our waterways clean.

There will be two bins installed in the Marina (locations to be determined) and will be serviced by Community group(s) involved with the Seabin Project. This incentive forms part of a grant from the State Government and will not incur any cost to NCYC. NCYC will supply power to the units, which will be maintained by trained representatives of the Seabin Project. The 'Seabin Host Agreement' has been signed and we expect to have them installed and operational by Spring.

Fair winds, following seas







Last season was the busiest Autumn for the Clubhouse so far, even with our venue being reduced to less than 50% capacity due to the extensions. It was great to see the return of SailFest this year which ran at the same time as the Newcastle Seafood Festival. The Seafood

Festival was held within our waterfront site and brought a lot of local and media attention to NCYC and sailing in Newcastle. We also received several positive reviews regarding our service and facilities from competitors visiting from yacht clubs all over Australia which was great!

Our weekly 'Thursday Night is Member's Night' has been a big success, with many members coming in for our Members Draw that now jackpots at \$250 each week (up from \$200) that is drawn right before our Raffles with over 20 prizes to be won each night. There is also our Member's Only Happy Hour 6pm-8pm every Thursday with \$5 house beer, wine, and spirits available as well as a \$10 Members Cocktail also available on the night. There has never been a better time to be a NCYC member.

The bar's ever-growing wine list has seen the introduction of some new varieties never before seen on our past wine lists. Our new Alberino, a great food wine and pairs with most things you would add a touch of lemon to. We also have a Barbera which is another great food wine as the acid cuts through richer red meats like

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- 500ml Bacardi Oro

lamb. We are also now offering alcohol-free wine to keep up with demand as well as a new alcohol-free gin that should make 'Dry July' less painful.

With our extensions almost complete, we are looking forward to this new chapter in the club's history and are excited for the new experience and level of service we will have to offer our members as well as the rest of Newcastle.

Cheers!

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## Nor East Bistro Report



Welcome readers of Thirty-Two Fifty-Five.

I'd like to start by thanking our members for their continued support and their patience during the construction works. With that, we are pleased to say that construction noise is to a minimum, and the most disruptive works have been completed.

Sunday Roast is returning and will be available during dinner service, with an incredible Yorkshire pudding available for purchase as well. These two options are a great take away choice during these cold Winter months. As always, our regular menu remains options for take away as well.

The breakfast menu is getting updated with some hearty seasonal dishes such as beans cassoulet on toast, and portobello mushroom with truffle butter. As they are in season, expect to see Canberra truffles as a regular on the special menu. Keep a close eye on the specials board as the seafood available at this time of year is plentiful and varied.

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## Sailing Manager's Report



Welcome to Winter. We've achieved a lot in the few months since March. We've conducted, and our members have supported, a mass of sailing and regattas between here and the Bay!

Let's wind back the clock to March. We'd just had a severe East Coast Low batter the coast

and wash trees and debris into the river systems feeding Newcastle, Port Stephens, and the ocean. There was strong concern – from some – regarding the safety and appropriateness of participating in a recreational boating activity given the danger and debris lurking below the surface of the water.

Our first event on the table was the RS Aero Intergalactic Championship which went ahead at the Bay Sailing Centre. Majority of the RS Aero fleet travelled from the North Shore to participate, and our volunteer team enjoyed two days in the sun off Soldiers Point.

Next event on the calendar was the NS14 National Championship. The NS14 presents itself very similar to an MG with the absence of a spinnaker. The event, hosted over the four-day Easter weekend, was a spirited family atmosphere with most competitors either parent and child, or husband and wife. Again, a roster of volunteers shared the load to deliver this event over the Easter break.

Next, just a week later, we rolled straight into SailFest. By far our biggest event on annual calendar, SailFest encompasses the offshore TP52 Gold Cup, offshore PHS & IRC fleets, inshore Sailing Champions League at Honeysuckle, the Cock of the Harbour race from Stockton, and free Try Sailing based at Carrington!

Our team, largely made up of volunteers, pooled together and supported our handful of staff to deliver an absolute masterpiece of sail racing and aquatic activities over the SailFest weekend.

Among the free Try Sailing at Carrington, the outriggers and standup paddleboards were on hand to welcome onlookers to have a go and Maritime were based here promoting their message – wear a lifejacket.

By all accounts, SailFest brought out the best in our people, our volunteers, and our members. I was fortunate to meet many members for the first time through their generous pledge to help us for a day or for the weekend. Some were new to boating and helped us onshore. Some were novice sailors who helped our mark layers on the water.

After wrapping up SailFest, we had just a week to

relocate to the Bay in time to support Sail Port Stephens. Our support started from Queens Wharf at the start of the Newcastle to Port Stephens race with the cannon at Fort Scratchley firing – signalling the start to the 43 competing yachts. Following this, an impressive 13 yachts represented NCYC throughout the Commodores Cup and/or the performance racing weekend.

We then also added an 'off the beach' dinghy racing component to Sail Port Stephens conducted out of our Bay Sailing Centre. The new addition to the week saw a fleet of 20 Finn class sailors travel from Sydney and Queensland to race with us, joined by 10 Sabots, 6 Lasers, and 25 Windsurfers.

By the beginning of May, we had achieved a lot. We had called on our volunteers a lot, but we still had one more weekend of racing to go just a week after Sail Port Stephens. This time, the TP52s were back, and the racetrack was dedicated to them and nobody else. Officially, they had enjoyed themselves so much at SailFest that they wanted to come back and do it all over again as soon as possible.

Two good days of racing was always going to offered up when you come to Newcastle and two good days of racing is what they got!

Winter has been a \*ahem\* "warm welcome" with reduced onwater activity. In writing this report, the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore is well underway with only a few weeks remaining before the end of the annual sailing season and the return of the Sailing Presentation Night after it was missed last year due to the ever-changing COVID restrictions imposed on the clubhouse.

We're now taking stock and getting even better prepared for yet another big year on the water. It's hard to fathom aspiring to deliver bigger and better events than what we've had – but with the help of our members and sailors, I'm confident I can continue to lock in regattas and national championship events over the next Summer and that I can rely on help being available when we need it.

As always, I will end my Sailing Report in the same way and this time it is notably appropriate. So, in acknowledging the extra-ordinary participation of our members this summer, please just let me say it again – Thank. You. Newcastle.

Jack Buchan

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# Sailfest 2021

By Mark Rothfield

Newcastle Harbour has hosted sailing regattas for over 175 years, but never has it witnessed a sight more enthralling or nail-biting than this – eight grand-prix TP52s planing across the start line under spinnaker, fanned by 25 knots of wild, wild sou-westerly, followed by the PHS and IRC fleets coming from Port Stephens, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Middle Harbour, and Manly to contest the annual regatta.

Going into the final day of racing, it was the perfect start to the closing day of SailFest Newcastle 2021, especially for spectators and probably the crews – not so much for the guys writing the cheques, nor the winches that were audibly groaning under the load.

That said, the well-oiled machines and racing teams displayed remarkable control and faith as they accelerated to 20+ knots within metres of each other's gunwales and further confined by breakwall rocks, shipping marks, and the Queens Wharf pub, where punters watched in awe.



Ultimately it was Tony Kirby's 'Patrice' that got the jump, the black stallion holding windward advantage and galloping 150 metres ahead on the run to the port's entrance. From there the Botin-designed 52 stretched its legs in clear air over the 24 nautical mile passage course, beating Matt Allen's 'Ichi Ban' by a sufficient margin to win overall IRC honours via countback.

Tony Kirby: "We got a great start and were just able to skim past the port marker. We hit the lead then extended it. Downwind we were hitting the high 20s – they're awesome boats in these conditions, just so fast."

Matt Allen lamented a few lost chances for 'Ichi Ban' but was rapt with its performance and the regatta format.

"It was one of those days when you had to execute cleanly, and we didn't quite



manage to do that," he said. "We had a problem with a jammer at the start and got caught up in the pack. I guess we made too many mistakes overall, but we're really pleased with how the boat's going.

"Sailing out there in that sort of breeze is incredibly exciting. Also, everyone's so welcoming and relaxed up here. We love coming."

The TP52 Gold Cup, awarded on the class's TPR handicapping system, went to 'Quest' after overnight leader 'Smuggler' posted a 4th today.

"It's such a great event to have so many TPs here and, as far as the start goes, I'm not sure about 175 years but it was the most exciting I've been involved with," owner Craig Neil said as he held his trophy aloft.

"Yesterday was tough with the shifting breezes but today really suited us – a strong breeze and a course that provided a mix of upwind, reaching and running. It had everything. Our boat was designed for offshore racing, so we were really in our element."

'Smuggler' claimed second place, owner Sebastian Bohm also buzzing about the lively conditions.

"That was heart-in-the-mouth stuff," he said. "As soon as the gun went, a gust of 25 to 30 knots came through and we were absolutely flying down the harbour. We had 'Ichi Ban' and 'Matador' above us, and 'Quest' and 'Celestial' below us, so it was fairly intense but great fun.





“Once we gybed out of the harbour and worked upwind it became pretty full-on. We saw a gust of 38 knots. We had some kite issues and blew up our A4 [gennaker], then it became touch and go under our A2 in those conditions.”

‘Celestial’ withdrew with gear damage, while ‘Denali’ owner, Damian Parkes, retired once the breeze increased: “We did the first run and clocked 25 knots, which is plenty, but it was gear-breaking stuff on the second work and we decided that it wasn’t worth it for a weekend of fun,” Parkes said.

In the Offshore series run in conjunction with the Gold Cup, PHS honours went to Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club’s ‘Summer Salt’, helmed by Peter Sinclair,



ahead of ‘Anger Management’ and ‘Mako’. Overnight leader ‘Little Nico’ retired from the race, as did NCYC Commodore Steve Rae aboard ‘Marta Jean’.

## Cock of the Harbour

By Mark Rothfield

Brothers Daniel and Nathan Van Kerckhof on ‘Send It Marine’ were crowned the Cock of the Harbour winners, etching their names onto one of the oldest trophies in Australian sailing.

Representing Tanilba Bay Sailing Club, they were piloting a brand-new Goodall Akurra F18 – one of only two in the world and having just its third ever outing as part of an ongoing development program.

“The boat is straight out of the box, including the sails, but they do such a great job with the engineering,” skipper Daniel says. “You could go to Brett and say I’d like the same boat as the Cocks of the Harbour are sailing, and it would be identical. We’d also give a plug to Harken and Vaikobi.”

Nathan adds: “Comparing it to our last boat, a C2, it definitely feels like it accelerates quicker, but we can’t wait to get it into some stronger breeze and really blow the cobwebs out.”



They narrowly edged out the F20 ‘Thunderbolt’ (Brett White, Ethan McAlauf), while another F18, 1484, finished third.

Fastest of the monohulls was ‘Waddles’, a local 16-foot skiff crewed by David Croft, Anthony Johnson and Greg Linich. It crossed the line eighth overall, no match for squadron of F18s on the day.

Monohulls dominated the yardstick handicap placing, filling eight of the top 10 places, and it was an all-VS



podium, led by 2 Sailors + 1 with John Jefferson, Pete and Brody Sullivan aboard. Second was ‘Stowe’ skippered by Tim Dodds, ‘Meeks Real Estate’ in third. ‘Send It Marine’ was the best-placed cat.



# Sailing Champions League

By Lisa Ratcliff

Over SailFest 2021, NCYC hosted the Sailing Champions League: Asia Pacific 2021. There were teams from ten clubs in total and the sailing skill displayed was incredible to witness, both on and offshore. This season organisers mandated 50/50 male and female crew and the decision has the support of competitors. Mick Babbage from the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club team that finished third overall said at the dockside presentation: "It's a great dynamic having mixed crews."

Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's qualifying series top result earned them a precious one-point advantage



going into the first-to-two wins final that was delayed when the wind funnelling down the Hunter River climbed to 25 knots on the racetrack adjacent to the viewing platform at the waterfront Honeysuckle Hotel.

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's youth team of Jed Cruickshank, Aiden Mansley, Brooke Wilson, and Emily

Keg produced the first win, levelling the score with the Taswegians who were able to cast aside their first result and come back with a vengeance in race two.

"We had a nice start for the second race, and it was super straight forward after that," King said. He is keen to do more events with the same teammates: "I really love sailing with these guys; they are amazing, and I was lucky to get them - they were in hot demand."

RYCT won the series which has qualified them for the SAILING Champions League: World Final in Porto Cervo in October and King promises they will take on the European might. "If we are allowed to travel, we'll be at the final."



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The RSYS collected trophies for top youth team (U22) and second overall. "We are very happy; that's what we came here to do," Cruickshank said. "We gave the RYCT a good run for their money. It's been so much fun; I really don't want to sail with anyone else... I've been spoilt!"

Principal Race Officer Ian Humphries was happy to share his last thoughts: "It's been a fantastic three-day event and the RYCT's last run down to the finish under kite with the rooster tail out the back was one of the most spectacular sailing sights you'll see anywhere in the world."

The SCL: Asia Pacific Final linked up with NCYC's SailFest regatta for the first time and given the success of the joint venture, the venue will be strongly considered for the 2021-2022 season when league directors hope teams from New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Asia will send their best club teams to fleet race against the Aussies.



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A couple is seen from behind, standing on the deck of a boat. The man is standing and holding a rope, while the woman is sitting next to him. They are looking out at the ocean under a bright, hazy sunset sky. The boat's deck, with various ropes and equipment, is visible in the foreground.

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## Lord Howe Island By Victoria Hill

I was recently asked to write a short blog for the NCYC Cruising Division about our recent voyage to Lord Howe.

My husband Andrew has a theory that boat owners are optimists whose first thought is, how good is this going to be!!! I do love our boat, however, when he floated the idea of sailing to Lord Howe to be there for New Year's Eve 2020, I was conflicted; it's a long way; we hadn't been more than 30 miles off the coast before let alone 400 miles east from NCYC! "How good is this going to be... Really?"

Our boat, 'Sans Souci III', with its first owner crossed the Atlantic, navigated the Panama Canal and cruised the South Pacific on its way to the Gold Coast prior to our purchase in 2016. It is capable and in good condition. Accompanying us on the trip was our daughter Hannah



and her boyfriend Anthony who has experience and navigation skills, and this gave me some comfort. However, I was still very hesitant, worried, and nervous; the reason is... I suffer from sea sickness.

The fear of being sick for a 3-day passage was weighing heavily on my mind. A week out the weather forecasts were favourable, COVID-19 was under some control in NSW, but it was still an issue that could scuttle our trip. We had completed our biosecurity compliance for Lord Howe, I had the best sea sickness and nausea medications; so, no backing out of it now!

The favourable weather forecasts had changed somewhat. We consulted our good mate Morrie, an experienced delivery skipper, who told us it would be a bit rough for a good part of the trip... but not dangerous. So, on the morning of the 27th of December, we cast off for Lord Howe in light winds. It was smooth sailing up to Broughton Island where we turned for Lord Howe and passed between two ships. These would be the last vessels that were sighted until Lord Howe Island. As the day went on the wind and



waves were building and I was feeling worse and worse until I couldn't even keep the nausea medication down.

For two and a half days I was down below unable to get off the bed, listening to the wind howl and the woodwork creak as we were tossed around. Andrew and Anthony shared the helm on 4-hour shifts steering through the big swells until around 3pm on the 29th when the wind and swell dropped, and the sun came out. By 5pm we had the first glimpse of Mt Gower and Mt Lidgbird!

We anchored in calm water off the North Passage around midnight, 68 hours after leaving NCYC. At 8am we were guided into our Lagoon mooring by



the local police officer Heath to the clearest water we had ever seen. The Marine Parks Officers arrived soon after and dived on our boat to check the hull for growth. When they were satisfied that Sans Souci III presented no threat to the pristine environment, they left wishing us all the best for a great time on the island.

Lord Howe is just beautiful and the fact that a cap on the number of residents and tourists is in place means it is never crowded.

On the afternoon of the 30th of December Anthony surprised me as he showed me the engagement ring he was to present to Hannah and ask her to marry him. This was the first I knew about the "**real reason**" for the trip. It was Anthony's idea as he had asked Andrew back in June to sail to Lord Howe so he could propose on NYE 2020, and to keep it a secret. That moment the memory of two and a half days of sea sickness immediately vanished.

Prior to our departure Anthony had a flag made that read "**WILL YOU MARRY ME**". After Andrew and I went ashore NYE afternoon he hoisted the flag and waited for Hannah to come on deck. An hour or so later we





arrived back on Sans Souci, the answer was **YES** and the champagne was flowing!

Later the four of us went ashore to celebrate, had dinner and a few cocktails, and came back to the boat to watch the NYE bonfire that the locals had constructed from driftwood and pallets to resemble a giant COVID mask. It made a spectacular sight lighting up the Lagoon.

We spent our days swimming, kayaking, snorkelling, and walking the numerous tracks on the island.

The island has a great museum and the story of the



Indigenous insect the Phasmid is well worth learning. The golf course is perhaps the most beautiful in the world and the vibe friendly, I even got a smile and hello from Hollywood actor Chris Hemsworth as we crossed paths whilst kayaking!

The days passed quickly as we became familiar with the island and its people, a weather window presented itself and we left on the morning of the 11th of January. The wind was light, as was the swell and we were motor sailing, however the boys were confident the winds and swell would be favourable.

The trip home was comfortable, although a little queasy I did not suffer seasickness like I had experienced on the trip out. The conditions were so good that we were playing cards and scrabble in the cockpit while making great time sailing at 10kn.

We were welcomed back at around 2pm on the 13th of January by friends with even more champagne and an overwhelming sense of achievement. I gained a son-in-law, I grew in confidence. Would I do it again? I'd do it in a heartbeat!!



Lord Howe - how good was it? - It was great!

Hannah made a short video of the trip available on the Cruising Division page of the NCYC website.

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By Jacqueline Ellis  
Sailing Academy Manager

As we reduce our face-to-face instructing activities during the winter months, it affords us time to review and reflect on the successes of the Sailing Academy over the last nine months. Having come running full steam out of the enforced COVID lockdown of 2020, the Academy finishes on a high note as the results of Australian Sailing's cumulative third quarter report indicates.

The NCYC Sailing Academy was reported to be the fifth most successful Discover Sailing Centre in Australia and the number one club-based center in NSW. This included being the most active Keelboat Centre (by a huge margin!); Number 1 in the country! We have also made our way into the Top 10 Tackers providers for the first time after experiencing a cracking summer with loads of youth sailing action!

This is a tremendous achievement against tough competition from fellow clubs and it is an absolute credit to the hard work of our Sailing Academy team of instructors.

Our success in spreading the joy of sailing covers the many different programs we offer, from kids in Tackers, to teens in keelboat OutThere Sailing, to the ever-popular Women's Sailing and the growing Friday Harbour Sailing. We welcome groups from many local schools, both primary and high, as well as cubs & scout groups, and active social groups such as University of the Third Age (U3A), and Women Embrace Adventure. We are now working to provide further opportunities to participants from Veteran Sport Australia.

## Academy Graduates Regatta

We were pleased to continue our sailor's development through hosting the second Academy Graduates Development Regatta. Along the same lines as our SheSAILS event, we had all six force 24s racing with guidance from our wonderful instructors. Read further about the event in the report from Senior Instructor Andrew Omotosho.

## Winter Ocean Pointscore for Academy Graduates

We are very thankful to NCYC members who have been welcoming Academy graduates to go sailing with them during the races for the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore. This is an extremely valuable introduction to offshore racing for all those keen sailors who have completed Start Crewing, Start Helming, Start Skippering and Women's Sailing courses.

## Tackers at the Bay Sailing Centre

The Bay Sailing Centre has been successful in our application to Australian Sailing to purchase six new Tackers dinghies under the Whitworths Tackers Boat Scheme. This scheme provided a significant discount on the boat purchase and will now allow us to deliver this great kids learn-to-sail program to the Bay. We will still have our fleet of six O'pen Bics which we aim to use as a progression "green fleet" and for member's club racing on Sundays.

We are busy now working on our calendar of sailing experiences and courses for both the school holidays and term-based programs. Further details will be posted on the Bay Sailing Centre website.

## One-day Boat Licence Course at the Club

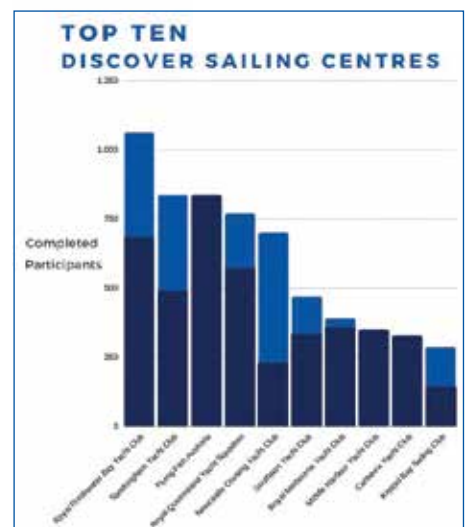
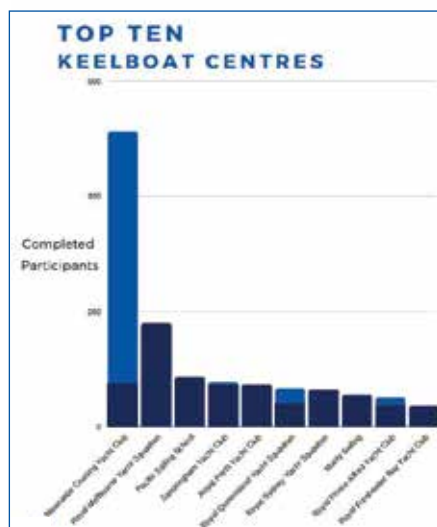
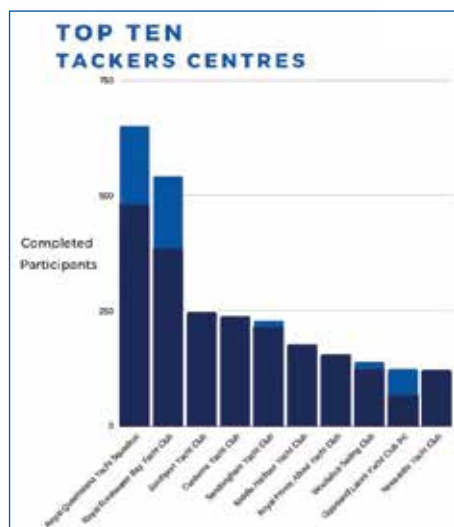
If you're keen to obtain your RMS General Boat Licence, you can complete all requirements through a 1-day Start Powerboating course here at the Club.

Delivered by our Australian Sailing qualified instructors, the course includes 8 hours of theory & practical instruction as well as a participant's pack of textbook, logbook, and case studies. Upon successful completion, you can take your Australian Sailing certificate to Service NSW to obtain a licence without further testing. (You are required to pay the licence fee).

Course are conducted throughout the year; next course is in July – check out details & dates online.

## Keelboat Instructor Training

NCYC will host Australian Sailing over the weekend of 17th & 18th July as they conduct a Keelboat Instructor course. Anyone interested in gaining this qualification or who needs to re-validate a current qualification, can see further details on our website.





# Youth Development Program

By Andrew Omotosho

NCYC proudly supports its 7th Edition of the Youth Development Program, the aim of this Program is to provide a structured training pathway from NCYC Learn to Sail programs into competitive keelboat racing for our Youth members.

The Youth Development Squad fall into intermediate and advanced categories with a training program to suit which cover a wide range of racing skills from correct rig tension, starts through to roll tacks and gybes. Sailors are coached from day one on boat/sail dynamics and how to get maximum performance with minimum use of rudder, helping to improve boat speed and crew cohesion around the racetrack.

For 2021 Felix Prince and Thomas Steenson are Team Coaches for the Advanced Squad, while Karma Randall has been looking after the Intermediate Squad, with Andrew Omotosho making a debut as Team Manager. It is encouraging to see our team 'giving back to the sport' as Felix, Thomas, and Karma have all been through the training program themselves and actually still form part of the Squad at competition.

Talking of competition, the litmus test to how squad performance is widely accepted as the Interclub Challenge. The Interclub Challenge is a fleet racing series hotly contested by the four major youth keelboat programs in New South Wales, with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron each hosting a stage of the series. Each stage consists of up to two teams from each club, participating in a maximum of six races per stage.

The 1st Round of the challenge was at NCYC on 30th May – two teams were formed from the YDP supported by Felix, Thomas, and Courtney. As the Club sized up the competition as the briefing and boat draw were undertaken. There was a friendly but tangible anticipation.

Crews carefully rigged NCYC's fleet of Elliot 6's sailing out of the paddocks to the track in the Basin where Jack Buchan supported by Paul Slattery (who kindly volunteered his time) ran 6 races in a breeze of 10knts gusting up to 23knts as crew navigated along the start line and demonstrated strong start line prowess, with all 6 boats crossing start line within 10secs of each other in no less than 5 of the 6 races.

Good fortune or good skills, saw the NCYC's team command proceedings with some convincing 1st and 2nd placings across the finish line. The sailing was smooth, tactical, and the crews showed how good teamwork makes the cut through the water faster.

After two drops or 'discards' as we say in England, NCYC took 1st and 2nd place on home H2O, however could they do the same in Sydney in the bigger Elliot 7s?

Round 2 on 6th June saw the NCYC Squads (which had now evolved to include some of the younger and less seasoned sailors from the 2nd Crew) make a 6am start travel to Sydney to race at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

The other Clubs had also switched things up a bit in order to provide more competitive edge against the NCYC threat - it's worth mentioning at this point that the Interclub Challenge silver wear has never seen light of day outside CYA trophy cabinet. This Interclub Matters.

The strong wind start went south and fell to 2knts meaning that only two races were conducted, Team Coaches agreed that this could still constitute a Series in a slight amendment to Sailing Instructions. In Race 1 NCYC managed a 1st and 2nd place with Crew 2 giving our seasoned sailors a decent run for the line.

Race 2 saw NCYC gain a 2nd and 4th with line honours going to an ecstatic CYCA crew and an even more pleased CYCA on water coach.

On what was to be an afternoon of protest hearings, the 4th place in Race 2 for NCYC became 6th due to a 5min penalty as a result of a "breath in we are going through that gap" moment at the top mark. No contact was made but it was an informative lesson for Crew 2 on how protests may be used to influence a result and the processes around hearings.

Despite the penalty NCYC still lead the Interclub Challenge going into Round 3 at CYCA.

Of course, the training within YDP continues at Newcastle during and outside the Interclub Challenges dates, the remaining of the Squad have been making real progress in sailing development and more importantly are enjoying the challenges of racing.

Intermediate Squad Coach Karma comments "I am surprised and encouraged to see how well the mixed teams are doing, they are learning from each other and super engaged in spinnaker training in particular."

Training progresses towards a session onboard a Member yacht at NCYC, and there will be a Club Regatta for the Squad in late July, which will help develop the squad under real race conditions, preparing them for NCYC Open Series pushing off the jetty in Spring 2021.

I'd keep a lookout for these sixteen sailors if you are competing in these forthcoming Series. These youths have passion, drive, and enviable skills.

Finally, NCYC would like to send a big shout out and thank you to parents and supporters who have transported teams, RIBs. and helped with the Interclub Challenge.

On Saturday the 27th of March, Rod and Trish's new boat 'Tank' arrived in our marina and with it a 2004 tradition, the 'NCYC Inner Circle Rum Runners' was revived.

Although originally sponsored by 'Inner Circle', thanks to the generous contribution from Andrew and Victoria, rum runner Ernie greeted Rod, Teddy, Andrew, and Brian with a shot of 'Pussers Rum', apparently a Cruising Fleet favourite.

As word spread of the arrival, fleet members made their way to E-arm for a look where they toasted the proud new owners with either a tot of rum or a glass of bubbles.

The boat, a 1992 Precision 43 is a real beauty with barely a blemish mark to be found inside or out. I thought the timber work looked in amazing condition.

Previously owned by a boat dealer, 'Tank' looks, for all intents and purposes, like a new vessel.

Meticulously maintained, the step aboard style with walkthrough to salon and galley lends itself to being an entertainer's delight. Trish mentioned that she's really happy with it.

She absolutely loved the layout especially that the galley is on the same level with the salon so you always feel connected with your guests.

There are two separate sleeping quarters, V berth and side, with both having an abundance of storage space.

The head is large and the second door to the V berth makes for easy access from the owner's cabin.

Speaking with Rod, I learned the trip up from Sydney only took 3 hours, not

much more than it takes to drive your car! The seas were favourable and the Detroit 6V92's purred beautifully. At 1900 RPM they cruised between 20 and 23 knots burning 360 litres of fuel. With a capacity of 2000 litres they could easily make two return trips on a single tank.

When all is said and done, I think they scored themselves a real winner that suits their intended purpose to a T. Like most other Cruising Fleet members, I look forward to seeing 'Tank' out plying our local waters.





# Sailing at Newcastle

By Skye Howard

The dull hum of the unseen engine, as it assists us out of the crowded dock, accompanies the sound of the wind flapping in the sails. Suddenly, a calm comes, noises cease, and the engine has been turned off. It feels as if it's just the boat and our small crew of seven floating, dipping, weaving through the ripples.

But I look out to sea and see the swell outside the harbour. Where we are going? It's massive – unbreaking but big, really big! The next few minutes are a blur and then we are out there floating over the 14-foot mountains. I don't know what to think or say, so I stay quiet. My heart thudding, I feel like a tree watching a bushfire. Helpless, hopeless if anything goes wrong. I want to watch. I want to shut my eyes, but the sea seems to be kind to us, not wanting to tip us. As we turn towards the harbour, relief is a river, flooding me. I spend the next hour giggling my brother to let me steer and laughing with Dad's family.

As I step off the yacht, I feel so glad and happy towards the incredible experience I have just been through. I



Skye and Mac Howard on 'Schouten Passage'

want to do it again (but probably not in a 14-foot swell!) Skye is Rob Howard's niece and is 11 years old. She wrote of her experience on 'Schouten Passage' as part of her Year 6 schoolwork at Geelong College.

## Making Waves Foundation

### Newcastle Program Launch September 2021

#### About Making Waves

Making Waves Foundation (MWF) (formerly Sailors with disAbilities) is a network of skilled and dedicated volunteers who are committed to improving the lives of people living with disability and disadvantage through sailing related activities using ocean racing yachts.

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Over 50,000 people have participated in our programs in Sydney and Melbourne and along the Eastern seaboard (including Newcastle) through our annual Northern Campaign.

#### Newcastle Launch

MWF is now able to establish a permanent, all-year program based in Newcastle, mirroring our Sydney and Melbourne programs.

The Newcastle program will have its own dedicated yacht berthed at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, and

an already existing volunteer base will be substantially expanded to allow program growth.

Making Waves Foundation will launch the Newcastle operation in September 2021 starting initially with (volunteer) crew training in preparation for starting its 'Winds of Joy' program in term 4 2021 for Novocastrian children living with disability.

Making Waves Foundation is seeking local and mutually beneficial community partnerships, and collaborations to assist in making this program the success that Newcastle deserves.



# Marine Rescue Newcastle

By Terry Reynolds



Welcome aboard Marine Rescue Newcastle. Since our last article we have been very busy with several jobs on the water and fundraising.

## ON THE WATER

26th March, NC 30 was called out to assist a trawler that was surrounded by logs and debris from the flooded Hunter River. The concern was if the trawler activated its propellers the debris could cause damage. NC30 pulled the vessel away from its jetty with no further assistance required. Big thanks to crew of Ron, Stuart, and Wayne.

2nd April, radio operator Don Roser activated NC30 crewed by Terry Reynolds, Ian Morrow, Rick Neville, and Ron Holbrow to a call received from the crew



of a 44-foot racing sloop (heading to Port Stephens) with smoke emanating from the exhaust (engine turned off).

As the yacht was sailing at quick speed past

Swansea, a decision was made to rendezvous with the yacht closer to Newcastle. NC30 met the yacht some 5nm south and escorted it to just north of the break wall where we had to wait for a bulk carrier to enter.

NC30 then towed the vessel to near the NCYC where its engine was restarted with no apparent issues, so it berthed under its own steam. The crew of 5 was very thankful for the assistance with the yacht departing the next morning.



14th April valuable time was made to induct three members onboard NC30. Inducting all who serve as crew or an observer is an important training session so they know as much about how this high-tech bit of



equipment performs and how to deal with the many issues that can come up.

Pictured are certified crew Ian Morrow, Rick Neville and Mick Quill. The

inductees are Rod Keller, Tony Barker and Marina Neil. Welcome aboard!

On the same day MR Newcastle also participated in the SailFest activities cooking and serving delicious seafood provided by the Fishermans' Coop. Interacting with the wider community is an important part of our service to the boating community.

18th April, saw NC30, crewed by Ron Calman, Stewart Lawson, and Bill Johnston, activated to assist a medical issue with a crew member aboard a cargo ship some three miles east of Redhead. The crew member was suffering chest pains that had seen him deteriorate overnight.

NC30 picked up two NSW Ambulance Paramedics from the yacht club and transported them to the vessel as there was no helicopter access to the vessel and the NSW Police launch was on service in the Port Stephens area.



Once alongside the patient was able to climb down the ladder to NC30 where ambo's checked him over and monitored the patient until their return to NCYC.

Lots of training was undertaken throughout the summer and into autumn with a number of new members joining our Unit. More details on them in the next issue.



## ANZAC DAY and GAME FISHING COMP

On Sunday 25th April, as a part of both the ANZAC Ceremony and start of the Newcastle Gaming Fishing Club competition, NC30 was asked to lead the fleet of some 30 vessels out of the harbour.

All vessels commenced following NC30 from Dykes Point where we slowly motored close along the waterfront where once abeam of The Brewery Hotel, we saluted former and serving members of the ADF, both Returned Veterans and Veterans. We then lead the fleet out of the heads where we headed south to allow all vessels to set themselves up abeam of each other.



At 0745 a cannon was fired from Fort Scratchley to announce a one-minute silence in honour of those who have fallen in various conflicts. A second firing was sounded which started the day's competition. After



the 'carry-on' was sounded by the second cannon firing, the fishing vessels put the throttles full ahead to race to their favourite fishing grounds.

Big thanks to our crew for the morning: Ron Calman, Terry

Reynolds, Ian Morrow, Rick Nevile and Dianne Hammond, with radio office support from Mick Quill and Sarah Green-Goldberg.

Our unit had the honour of being invited to the Saturday evening and Wednesday evening dinners for the start of the Newcastle Game Fishing Competition. PENN fishing technology donated a fantastic reel and handmade rod for us to raffle on both nights, with sales being very forthcoming.

The night looked to be a success albeit numbers down on previous years. It was good to see quite a number of Junior Members being praised and given a nice gift for their efforts.

## Bright Future

By Joe de Kock

Joe de Kock's 'Goodform' came in third overall for the IRC division at Sail Port Stephens. The team aboard 'Goodform' have been together sailing in the highly competitive One Design series for a number of years, and leading up to SPS, had a few crew changes due to unknowable circumstances. The first day took some warming up as new crew settled into roles and learned the boat which saw them come in last on the first day of the IRC, but as the crew became familiar, they came in first on the second day, and third on the third day resulting in a third overall, an incredible feat with no tactician aboard. The One Design category of racing features a lot of professional sailors, however,

few can say they feature such a professional and young crew. During Sail Port Stephens, Harry Miller (16), Karma Randall (20), Tom Steenson (20), and Joe Ferguson (22) all did a spectacular job. Joe stated that "Karma and Tom trim as well as sailors of greater experience," and that "Harry, despite being the youngest on board, has more than earned his place in this competitive division, and is an incredible sailor for such a young age."



On the June long weekend, NCYC sent a team of 15 boats and 25+ people to the 52nd annual Keep It Kool regatta at Lake Keepit near Tamworth. It is a fun, casual, family friendly event.

We had 6 Puffin Pacers, 3 Lasers from Newcastle, 3 Lasers from the Bay Sailing Centre and 3 Skiffs. It was a five-race series sailed in very light but cold conditions. The hotly contested Pacer division ended in a 3-way tie with Tim/Liz Dodds, Andrew/Lola Omotosho, Steve/Maureen Rae all on 13 points. Mark Nugent and Adrian Kiely took out the line honours on most races in a VS.



Off water the club members spent the evening around blazing bonfires exaggerating their sailing ability. The shore crew led by Linda O'Connor and Cathy Kiely did a great job organising post-race snacks and drinks, and a banquet for 25+ people each night.

We hope this will become an annual event and more NCYC sailors and supporters join in next year's June long weekend trip.





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## Bay to Bay

In early May NCYC sent a team to contest 'The Bay to Bay'. This is a famous Trailer/Sport Boat event in its 40th year. The race is sailed from Tin Can Bay to Hervey Bay through the Tin Can Bay Inlet and the Great Sandy Strait and into Hervey Bay with an overnight stop at Garry's Anchorage between Fraser Island and Stewart Island.

The race is Queensland's largest trailable yacht race and one of the three largest trailable yacht passage races in Australia.

The team chartered a 42ft catamaran as the mother ship and raced Melges 24. They were rewarded with two days of 20+knt downwind



sailing. They finished in the top 10, had a great time and would highly recommend the event to others.

The team included Mark Nugent, Tim Dodds, Adrian Kiely, Paul O'Rourke, Dom Grundy, Steve Robinson, Simon Macks.



## Local Olympians

By Frank Ryan

Will and Jaime Ryan, a brother & sister duo from Lake Macquarie, are off to the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games as part of the Australian sailing team. Their grandfather, John Peschar, a Foundation Member of NCYC, was a great influence on their beginnings in the sport. Will began sailing at age 11 on Lake Macquarie and competed in 2006 at the Youth World Sailing Championships. Jaime began at 15 after following Will around to various sailing clubs, figuring she may as well start herself.

The pair competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics in the 470 class, with Jaime coming in 15th, and Will taking home a silver medal. In Tokyo, Jaime will be competing in the 49erFX class, and will competing again in the 470.



The 470 division is a development class wherein teams can complete works to optimise the boat's performance and is more tactical, where the 49er class are



more standardised, and courses are on average only 25 minutes long.

COVID impacted the pairs training as both their sailing partners were out of state, and the constant border closures meant that they were unable to train together. However, growing up in Lake Macquarie, the pair had a unique advantage where they could train together on an Olympic level in order to get as much training in before they left for Tokyo.

We wish them the best of luck!



## Coming Events...

### July 2021

- 24 July  
Sailing Presentation
- 30 July  
Cruising Division Luskintyre Airfield Visit
- 31 July  
Annual Equipment Audit Day

### August 2021

- 12 August  
Airlie Beach Race Week
- 21 August  
Hamilton Island Race Week

### September 2021

- 2 September  
Magnetic Island Race Week
- 5 September  
Father's Day
- 12 September  
Blessing of the Fleet & first race of the season

### Every Week

- Monday – Friday Happy Hour 4-6pm
- Tuesday Night Trivia
- Thursday Night Members Draw & Raffles
- Saturday & Sunday Breakfast 8.30-10.30am



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- **Fire Department** – 000
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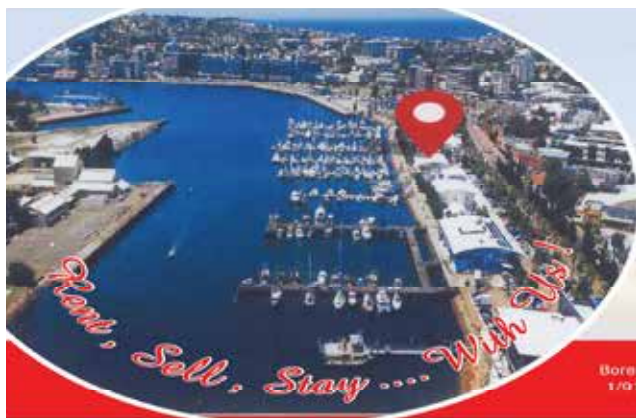
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