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Commodore's Message



Welcome to all our readers. I hope you enjoy this Spring Edition of the NCYC Journal 3255. A big thank you to our members who have contributed articles and shared their news, also to Ethan for the editing and presentation, to make this edition a great read for us all to enjoy.

I'm sure we're all relieved that our recent lockdown is over, so our lives can start getting back to normal. We are very happy that the first step in easing restrictions has allowed us to re-open the club on the 11th of October, and it's wonderful that our members can start returning to NCYC. I hope you're all excited to see the new extension, and you are amazed with the refurbishment to the old Clubhouse as well.

This has been a huge effort from our Vice Commodore Valda Johnston and her Project Team, and I thank them all for their valuable input to our building project – especially the many tough decisions around interior design! My thanks also to our building contractor, Williams River Steel – Tony McLeod and his team have done a wonderful job!

Community sport is forecast to resume by the end of October, and we'll have updates from Australian Sailing as to the COVIDSafe requirements that we will need to comply with, for any club sanctioned events. I'm sure we're all keen to get back out on the water!

In August we held our 27th Annual General Meeting online. I thank all of our members who joined us, and I hope they found the presentations from the Board useful.

Thank you to our members who completed the NCYC Members Survey. We really value your feedback, and we will communicate the actions we will take to address your concerns, so we can continue to improve your experience at NCYC.

Welcome back!



Steve Rae, Commodore

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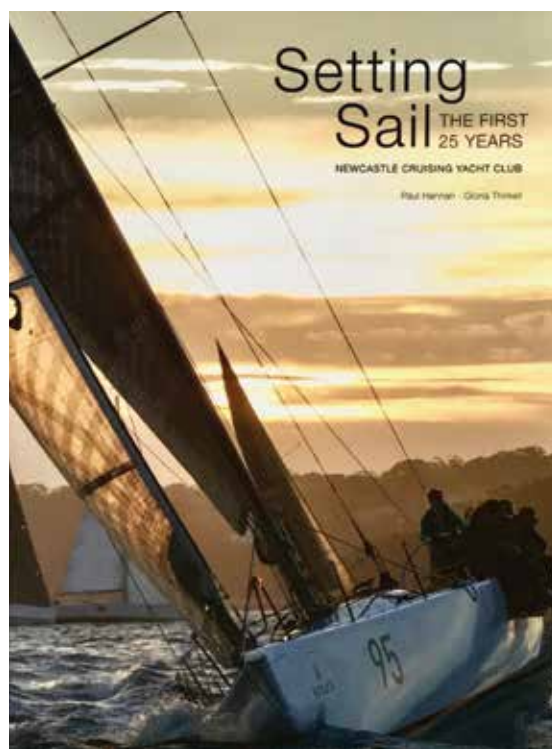
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Rear Commodore's Report



Last year around this time I included the Margaret Thatcher quote “You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.” The last year has proved her right and now the end of the “war” is in sight, but not necessarily all the battles.

We will be advised by Australian Sailing of when

we can start sail training and racing in the very near future and it's imperative we all do our bit. This means compliance with the rules. The most important of these is that for the time being, you will not be able to enter the Club, or race on a yacht crew if you are not fully vaccinated or medically exempt, and have acceptable proof of that.

At the time of writing (8th October) we expect that Club sponsored keelboat sailing will commence around Sunday, 31st of October. This is the weekend following when the state wide vax rate is estimated to reach 80%. Again, this will be only be for sailors that have formally proven they are fully vaccinated or exempt.

The state roadmap should allow unrestricted participation after 1st December, but I guess that will depend on the inevitable increase in cases. One current restriction to note is the restriction of movement from inside Greater Sydney to the regions. As I write, people from Greater Sydney will NOT be able to come to Newcastle or sail with us so Skippers, please keep that in mind, along with Gosford and surrounds being part of Greater Sydney.

Back to sailing! We hosted our Presentation Night online this year and I once again extend my congratulations to the winners! The following boats and Skippers took the major prizes:

- Gun Boat Trophy - Lumiere (Warwick Miller & Tony Lobb)
- Ocean Pointscore
 - PHS - Mako (Tim Dodds/Mako Syndicate)
 - IRC - Schouten Passage (Rob Howard)
- Annual Pointscore
 - IRC - Marta Jean (Steve Rae)
 - Div 1 - Uprising Bakery (Andrew Miller)
 - Div 2 - Scuffy (Richard Fleck)
- Tenacity Award
 - Linda Wells (Sailing Academy graduate)

Going forward, the “flexible” plan will see our large keel boat sailing program start on October 31st with the Spring Short Ocean Pointscore Race 1; Races 3 & 4 the following Sunday; and the first Ocean Pointscore

Race to Bird Island instead of the Port Stephens Race weekend on 14th of November.

Your sailing department has been quite busy over the past three months. I thought I would give you a brief insight into what we've been up to:

- Finalised our 2021-22 Aquatic Licence application
- Finalised and publicised the Sailing Handbook and program (which is already changing)
- Added ORC Club to the handicapping and entry options
- Added a Radio-Controlled fleet to our sailing
- 16 of our Sailing Academy keelboat graduates raced in the Winter SOPS.
- Carried out fleet maintenance on our Force 24 and Elliott fleets. The Elliotts will be anti-fouled in December/January
- New engine for the “Paul Gleeson”
- Approved the purchase of brand-new committee and rescue boat for the Bay Sailing Centre (BSC). The new boat is a 4.2m, 50HP plastic centre console which is ideal for our requirements at the BSC.
- Approved the purchase of 6 OziOptis (Optimist dinghies) for the BSC. The Optis have been delivered and are awaiting the resumption of sailing.

Moving onto what is to come, aside from the club program, we have the following to look forward to:

- Rolex Sydney Hobart 26th December
- Southport Yacht Club's Qoin Sail Paradise Regatta 3rd to 6th January 2022
- BSC regatta request – foiling Waszps 27 Jan 2022 to 26 Jan 2022.
- TP52 Gold Cup NCYC 26th and 27th March 2022
- Sail Port Stephens lead in race and Regatta 3 to 10th April 2022
- Club Marine Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race 8th April 2022
- Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Race 30th July 2022
- BSC regatta request – Cherub Nationals 27 Dec 2022 to 4 Jan 2023

So, at this point I normally wish you well with your endeavours in the Rolex Sydney Hobart race or at venues north of us but with the uncertainty around state border regulations, and especially in Tasmania, I sincerely hope you get to fulfil your aspirations.

Enjoy our brand-new Clubhouse and I'll see you all there soon, as well as on the water.

“On the other side of a storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin.” - Gregory S. Williams



Barry Kelly, Rear Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



WE'VE ARRIVED
Back in 2005 George Keegan went to the Newcastle City Council with a Development Application to build a Club House for the Yacht Club. The build was to be in two stages, with Stage 1 to commence in 2005 and Stage 2 in the future.

We began seriously thinking about Stage 2 in 2015 and after many trials and tribulations over the years, commenced in March 2021. It gives me great pleasure to state: "It's finished!"

In the first instance, we contracted Catalyst Project Consultants to attend to the tender process, where we sought three tenders based on the plans and drawings provided in the DA. Williams River Steel, who built Stage 1, was the successful bidder, contracts were signed, and building commenced in March 2021. Members, guests, and neighbours stoically endured the disruption and noise because WRS were striding along, keeping to the programme and within projected timeframes, despite some rain events.

Then COVID struck again. Close the Club, lockdown. Aside from the terrible impact on our members and staff, this imposition had mixed blessings for our build. On the one hand we were able to renovate and rejuvenate our Main Bar and existing kitchen without disrupting our members and guests in tandem with the new build. On the other hand, materials, furniture, and fittings were in short supply, especially from overseas. WRS also had labour supply issues, given the restrictions put in place around work area and travel.

We stuck faithfully to the original vision and powered through all of these obstacles to finish on time and on budget! EJE provided Interior Design and we tried our utmost to adhere to this, but the supply chain let us down in a few areas, such as floor coverings, however the end result is still pleasing.

Reopening NCYC occurred on the 11th of October, 2021 in line with NSW COVID re-opening timeframe. We will have a grand opening in the future when we can enjoy all aspects of our Club without constraint, but for now, we open with a great new Main Bar, complete with ten taps at two ends of the bar and "The Foredeck" which was the kitchen and is now a wonderful high bar area that can be closed to be used for small functions. We maintained the Trophy Room and jazzed it up with some new furniture which can also be closed for small functions.

The Marquee and beer garden are gone. In their place we have a very large upmarket new kitchen and "The

Regatta Room", a breath-taking function room complete with a dance floor and a portable dais donated by Williams River Steel, which can be wheeled out of the way. The room has one wall of bi-fold doors opening to the waterside onto an expansive deck and outdoor area.

Our Administration staff have been able to move into the first floor of the Clubhouse, so we are all under one roof. We have added two more rooms with multiple uses. The Bridge can be used as a Boardroom/Training Room/Private Dining Room and The Retreat (for Members only) can also be made available as a separate Function Room. These rooms lead out to a large deck with beautiful views over the Marina and Fishing Boats.

I personally have many people to thank for their assistance along the way, including but not limited to, the House & Assets Committee, NCYC Staff, and many more too numerous to name. I especially want to congratulate Tony McLeod and his team from Williams River Steel for their excellent craftsmanship, professionalism and co-operation throughout.

We look forward to many and varied events during all seasons of the year and welcoming back our Members and Guests to a much more expansive, inclusive, and vibrant venue in the heart of Newcastle.



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Chief Executive Officer's Report



I hope all our Members have stayed safe and connected this winter.

This continues to be a challenging year with the most recent COVID measures closing the Licensed Club, sailing academy, and community sport. It was the second year running we had to cancel the annual

presentation dinner, the NSW Country Championship regatta, and Season Opening Blessing of the Fleet.

On the positive side we have been very busy on the marina with International arrivals. The closure has allowed us to finalise the renovations and extension of Stage two. All the team have been working very hard to ensure the club looks fantastic on opening. The Bay Sailing Centre has managed to stay open serving coffees and the Laser sailors getting some COVID compliant exercise in.

One of the highlights of winter was the NCYC Youth team winning the NSW Interclub for the first time. A great sign our youth development program is on the

right track. Special thanks to head coach and team manager Andrew for doing a great job. Winter has also been busy with boat maintenance with the club fleet of F24 keelboats taken out for antifoul, the Elliott's dry stored and club powerboats all receive an annual service.

We are all excited and look forward to some spring boating with a busy schedule of offshore, inshore, off the beach, and cruising activities planned. We also have a hectic regatta schedule over the summer.

We are very optimistic the Clubhouse will complement the boating season with social activities and special events. The Members Christmas party will be the biggest ever! Special Welcome to Luke Carpenter as Executive Chef and the whole kitchen brigade. Congratulations to Matt Stamp who now takes on the Club Manager role and increased responsibility of the delivering quality service and smooth operation of the new extension.

I look forward to seeing you at your club.

Paul O'Rourke, CEO

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Marina & Assets Manager's Report



Welcome to the Spring edition of our Magazine.

As the focus to completing the Clubhouse extension was prioritised, Maintenance across the Marina precinct slowed to a steady pace. In saying that, 95% of electrical outlets on the docks have been upgraded to captive plugs. Boat owners

are encouraged to consider upgrading shore power leads. A Test N Tag program will be introduced by year end.

There was a serious compromise of water supply to B Dock that needed urgent attention. The location of the leak was in the services junction box, inconveniently located



under the ramp. To complete the repairs access was restricted and a crane from the promenade was required to lift the ramp while repairs were completed. A shout out to Luke Wagner Plumbing and 24/7 Electrical for getting the job done.

The international ship delivery visitation has seen two arrivals to Newcastle over the Winter months, with 20+ discharging vessels from 10-100m in length. Because of the Health Orders in place and Border

closures, many vessels have extended alongside stay until these are relaxed. This has driven casual occupancy to above expectation.

Casual staff have been temporarily stood down during lockdown. We all look forward to seeing

everyone back on deck and things returning to a more 'normal' soon. On behalf of the Marina & Maintenance team, we also look forward to welcoming you back to the Club, Marina soon.

Fair winds,
following seas.



Club Manager's Report



Welcome!
How good is your new Clubhouse?

A lot of hard work has gone into transforming the Clubhouse during the lockdown and it's been great to see the members return to what was only a vision 12 months ago. Now with 10 different and unique spaces, all

with their own feel and vibe, the NCYC Clubhouse is now better than ever and will truly lead as Newcastle's premier waterfront venue.

We reopened with our new Executive Chef Luke Carpenter and his team at our brand-new Nautica Dining which is now back in the hands of NCYC after years of leasing the kitchen and restaurant staff to contracted caterers. The feedback from our members has been outstanding in regard to the quality of the meals and the variety on the menu. We are glad to know that the members are in safe hands and are excited for what the future will bring with Luke at the helm.

We have introduced the new Me&U ordering system that gives you the option to view our entire dining and drink menus from your phone, select, order and pay from your seat and have your meals and drinks delivered right to your table!

Our Bar has also had an upgrade with now 20 different beers on tap!! With 10 taps dedicated to craft beers, NCYC now has the biggest selection of craft beers on the water in Newcastle!

You would have also noticed a lot of new faces behind the bar and restaurant as we have had almost a dozen new staff members come aboard and join our team. We pride ourselves on the friendly and helpful reputation our staff are known for, and we have already received compliments from members on how great all the new staff members are.

With summer ahead of us and further restrictions easing, we are looking forward to a big and busy season for the NCYC Clubhouse and our wonderful members.

Cheers!

A full-page advertisement for Asahi Super Dry Black beer. On the left is a large, detailed image of a dark glass beer bottle with a gold and black label. The label features the Asahi logo and 'DRY BLACK' text. To the right of the bottle, the text 'PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY' is in a small box. Further right, the 'Asahi DRY BLACK' logo is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below the logo, a paragraph of text describes the beer's characteristics. At the bottom right, the alcohol content and beer type are listed in bold, red and white text.

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Bio - Luke Carpenter

As most of you have seen, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club has extended its Clubhouse, and with it, the kitchen. NCYC has taken this opportunity to bring the running of the kitchen back in house and has hired Luke Carpenter as executive chef. Luke has enjoyed a successful career in the hospitality industry and is incredibly humble as chefs go. We sat down with Luke to get a deeper insight into his beginnings in the industry.

For Luke, produce and good food have been ingrained in him his entire life. He grew up on a farm in New Zealand surrounded by chefs. His great grandmother, grandmother, and uncle were all chefs, and his grandfather was a baker. He was first employed by his uncle who had won numerous awards, and instead of being favoured, he was constantly having to prove himself worthy of being in the kitchen. Here, he was trained and his passion for food grew, but by the age of 20, he knew that he needed to leave New Zealand to continue his growth.



At the age of 21, he moved to Australia with his girlfriend (now wife), and predominately worked in Sydney before eventually ending up in the United Kingdom. After a brief stint in London, Luke and his girlfriend left for Scotland where his girlfriend was from. Luke found his fit at small, boutique style country hotels. After working with a restaurant manager who applied for the exclusive Skibo Castle and was found to be unsuited for the venue, he knew he had to try as well.

Skibo Castle, or the Carnegie Club, is the epitome of opulence and extravagance with an 8,000-acre estate complete with equestrian centre, golf courses, lochs, and

more available only to their members. A vast majority of the produce was grown on the site of Skibo, and the ghillie would bring back game from their daily hunt. This required Luke to think on his feet about the menu and gave a profound respect for the produce. It was during his time at Skibo that he married his girlfriend, and the bagpiper of Skibo played at his wedding.

After his time at Skibo, Luke had a short time at Midsummer House in Cambridge where they were able to move from one Michelin star to two during Luke's brief time, however, it was tough being away from his wife, and so Luke moved back to Scotland to work at Gleneagles. Gleneagles is a 5 red star hotel and club, and is highly member focused, once again taking advantage of the beautiful landscape of Scotland to offer golf courses, equestrian centres, ATV courses, archery, and more. It was here that Luke served dinner to eight presidents and prime ministers, and the Queen of England at the G8 Summit.

From here, Luke moved to Loch Lomond Golf Club, an elite club whose members join by invitation only and are required to pay a contribution to the club before joining. Here they hosted the British PGA on numerous occasions and won many competing awards as a kitchen team. However, Luke and his wife wished to have more time together to start a family, and so moved home to New Zealand where they had their first child. It was here that Luke ran a café and did consulting work, the hospitality industry had taken a hit during the Global Financial Crisis, and it was difficult to land a full-time job as a chef.

However, opportunity presented itself at Peppers Clearwater, where Luke became executive chef with the task of turning the place around. The restaurant had a terrible reputation. The food was renowned for poor quality, the team morale was abysmal, and yet, within two years, Luke was able to transform it into an award-winning venue. Locals wanted to eat there again, and the team wanted to be there. Having seen the incredible turn around, Luke was made the regional executive for Peppers and was sent to Paremata, Martinborough where he once again was able to turn the venue into an esteemed dining venue.

Always moving from accomplishment to accomplishment, but always remaining humble,

Luke ended up at the Anchorage in Port Stephens, which had similar reputation to Peppers Clearwater – locals refused to eat there, and the team had no passion. Luke was able to transform yet another venue, and by the time he was finished at the Anchorage, they had been awarded a Chef's Hat by the Australian Good Food Guide. After a change in management, Luke desired a change, and left to open the Mercure at Newcastle Airport.

He worked there for a time, but at 40, he wanted to try something away from cooking. He was asked by a friend to run and manage his business selling wholesale produce in Newcastle. He spent his time liaising with chefs on their everyday needs, and despite wanting to try something new, food continued to encapsulate his life. Then came the phone call. With Nor East Bistro moving on, Paul O'Rourke had begun a search for a new chef for NCYC. Luke had known of Paul from his at the Anchorage and was immediately sold on the idea of being executive chef at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

Luke's career has been a pursuit of perfection and has been incredibly driven in his pursuit of this.

Despite what one may think when hearing about a perfection driven chef, Luke is humble and relaxed. He doesn't beat his chest or boast about accomplishments, he is relaxed in his demeanour and will continue to provide great food. His time in the United Kingdom has given Luke an appreciation for Clubs, and he believes that everything should first and foremost be for the members.

Luke will be focused on providing our Club with a bistro experience with some flair and will be using local produce aimed at using what is in season right now. Our members can expect amazing fresh Australian seafood. Luke aims to make as many items in house as time will allow his kitchen staff. While the Club will be aimed to be simplistic in approach, Luke aims to have degustation options available to be booked for those who want a themed dining experience with matching wines. Ultimately, Luke is striving to offer NCYC the very best, and he will happily advise you on foods, and listen to your dietary requirements. Luke looks forward to meeting you all in the Clubhouse and exceeding your expectations.

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Welcome to another new summer season.

By now, I hope that you've had an opportunity to come and make yourself at home in the new and improved Clubhouse and check out the magic of the upstairs Member's Lounge.

Besides the completion of the renovations and moving our

office space to the new Clubhouse building, we've also completed some major routine maintenance on our onwater fleet with significant improvements to our powerboats that support training and racing activities, as well as the annual antifoul of our Force 24 learn to sail fleet. The Bay Sailing Centre will also receive a new Safety Boat in addition to a new fleet of six plastic Tackers Optimists to help develop a junior fleet off the beach at Soldiers Point before they begin racing in O'pen Bic's. Every year at the end of winter my report is always the same – we're better equipped than ever to tackle the mammoth sailing calendar ahead of us – at both our locations both Newcastle and Port Stephens.

By the time you read this, I hope that we've also been able to get back on the water racing and cooling off in the new Foredeck Bar which I expect will become our home base for all sailing activities here at Newcastle.

In exploring the monumental changes brought by the new clubhouse, I was considering a quote by Paul Valery... "Every beginning is a consequence – every beginning ends something." In this case, I believe that he, along with many other visionaries of change, was wrong. Just this once at least. In this case, I believe we are now seeing something that was only ever dreamt about by many members since the first foundations of the original Clubhouse were constructed.

A dream has become reality, and, from an onwater perspective, nothing has been lost and nothing has ended. It's the beginning of a new era, but an expansion of what was already built – including more than just a Clubhouse. The new spaces available to us offer expansion of our sailing and regattas as well as an opportunity to deliver our sailing academy courses to a higher standard. The expansion offers nourishment and enhancement to our overall member experience and makes us more accessible to the rest of the local community.

I'm excited that our future will see the Making Waves Foundation (MWF) and their passionate team of

volunteers set up a permanent Sydney 40 program based right here in Newcastle. The MWF aspire to improve the lives of disabled and disadvantaged people through their sailing programs, by developing confidence and team skills to help people meet life's challenges with determination and optimism.

Since our last edition of the magazine, we've acknowledged our 2020-2021 season annual winners by hosting an online presentation night. For those that missed it, we heard a short reflection from each of our winners over a few... refreshments... in the comfort of our own homes. Congratulations to all of our sailors and of course to our annual prize winners including –

Gun Boat Trophy	Lumiere (Warwick Miller & Tony Lobb)
Ocean Pointscore – PHS	Mako (Tim Dodds & the Mako Syndicate)
Ocean Pointscore – IRC	Schouten Passage (Rob Howard)
Annual Pointscore – IRC	Marta Jean (Steve Rae)
Annual Pointscore – PHS Division 2	Scuffy (Richard Fleck)
Annual Pointscore – PHS Division 1	Uprising Bakery (Andrew Miller)
Tenacity Award	Linda Wells (Graduate of the Sailing Academy)

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to another summer on the water and, as always, Thank you Newcastle.

Jack Buchan



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Sailing Academy

By Jacqueline Ellis
Sailing Academy Manager

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we are very much looking forward to re-opening the Sailing Academy from Monday 25th October. We will do so in accordance with all NSW Health regulations to ensure the safety of our customers and staff. We will launch straight into our full suite of course offerings with our Wednesday Tackers and teen OutThere Sailing programs the first cabs off the ranks on Wednesday afternoons.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our popular school holiday programs at the Bay Sailing Centre and Newcastle, but our January holiday programs are already online and attracting bookings. Many of our Start Crewing & Helming courses and our Women's Sailing courses had to be rescheduled from August and September, however we are happy to now be able to offer these from October onwards. We are taking enrolments for all courses now!

Sailing Academy Weekly Schedule

TUESDAY

- U3A Sailing (1pm - 4pm)

WEDNESDAY

- Tackers 1, 2 & 3 (4pm - 7pm)
- OutThere Sailing (4pm - 6.30pm)

THURSDAY

- Women's Sailing (5.15pm - 7.45pm)

FRIDAY

- Women's Sailing (9am - 11.30am)
- Friday Harbour Sailing (5.15pm - 7.45pm)

SATURDAY

- Tackers 1 & 2 (8.30am - 11.30am)
- Discover Sailing Experiences (9am - 12pm)
- Start Crewing, Helming & Skippering (9am - 12.30pm)
- Tackers 1 (8.30am - 11am) BSC
- Tackers 2 (11.30am - 2pm) BSC

SUNDAY

- Tackers Green Fleet (9am - 12.30pm)
- Discover Sailing Experiences (9am - 12pm)
- Start Crewing & Start Helming (9am - 12.30pm)
- Bay Tackers 3 (8.30am - 11am) BSC
- Bay Green Fleet (8.30am - 11.30am) BSC

*BSC – Bay Sailing Centre

We were excited to receive our six new OziOpti dinghies at the Bay Sailing Centre ready for the launch of our Tackers program at the Bay. Senior Instructor Andrew Omotosho, along with Instructor Dennis Hume and Assistant Instructor Corey Barwood unloaded, unpacked and put together our beautiful new boats. We are looking forward to many happy hours of youth sailing, launching from the sandy shores of Soldiers Point.



The learn to sail and learn to race sections of the Bay Sailing Centre website have been completely updated with loads of information about the new Tackers program, the progression options to club sailing, as well as many helpful FAQ's for new parents. All of our courses are listed ready to take enrolments. Please help us to spread the word of this great program for kids in the Bay area.

There has been a lot of work done on updating many sections of the NCYC Academy website too in order to make it easier to navigate and find details of our ever-growing offerings. This work will continue as we bring the entire site into the new format.

During September the successful recipients of funds under the “Your Port, Our Community” sponsorship program of the Port of Newcastle was announced. We are very pleased to announce that the NCYC was awarded a grant to purchase a full set of 18 new personal floatation devices (PFDs) for our Tackers sailors. This sponsorship will allow us to replace the old & worn jackets as well as purchase a wider range of sizes. We are very thankful to the Port of Newcastle for their support of our junior Tackers program.



As many of you may know, we were very pleased to see our wonderful Senior Instructor, Andrew Omotosho awarded the NSW Instructor of the Year! This is such a well-deserved accolade for Andrew who works so hard to lead our instructing team in providing the highest standard of instruction across all our courses in keelboats, dinghies and powerboats. Always cheerful with a big smile and an accommodating attitude, Andrew is a very popular instructor himself receiving many specific requests for his on-water services. We wish Andrew the best of luck in the national award announcements in coming weeks.



Andrew has also introduced and led a series of zoom instructor training sessions for our team during these months we haven't been able to get on-water. The sessions, included sections delivered by some of our more experienced instructors, have been well received and attended by our Academy team and covered topics on Session Planning, Emotional Intelligence, Vessel Asset Management, Emergency Action Plans, and our Child Protection Policies.

This season we are expanding to deliver three development regattas to help our participants put their newfound skills into action in around-the-buoys style regattas. Sailing Academy graduates (those who have completed a course), can register individually and we will form you into a crew with a mentor skipper to sail the regatta together. Registrations for these events can be completed online using your AS Number.

SheSAILS@NCYC
Development Regatta
5th & 6th March 2022

Youth Academy
Development Regatta
30th April 2022

Academy Graduates
Development Regatta
7th May 2022

The upcoming Summer is again going to be a busy one which we're looking forward to, as well as some more new projects to be launched soon! Keep an eye out in our weekly newsletter for further details!

We hope that everyone stays well and enjoys our new freedoms. We very much look forward to welcoming you for some fresh air and enjoyment through our Academy activities.



LEARN TO SAIL COURSES FOR KIDS

The NCYC Sailing Academy is a registered provider with Service NSW and accepts the \$100 ACTIVE KIDS vouchers.

For further information,
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Interclub Challenge

NCYC proudly supported its 7th Edition of the Youth Development Programme, the aim of this Programme is to provide a structured training pathway from NCYC learn to sail programmes into competitive keelboat racing for our Youth members.

The Youth Development Squad falls into intermediate and advanced categories with training programmes 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 the outset on achieving maximum boat performance and slick teamwork.

The Interclub Challenge runs concurrently with the YDP and crews are selected to represent NCYC around five tracks at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club Australia, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, and of course NCYC.

Each hotly contested meet features two crews from each Club, supported by a Club Coach and normally some excitable friends and family, with up to six races per meet the racing is intense, and both mentally and physically challenging for crews.

Unfortunately, the Sydney COVID outbreak meant only the NCYC and RPAYC stages could be completed in 2021 as extended lockdowns made reschedules nigh on impossible.

However, as the minimum number of races had been completed to constitute a series and the results stood. NCYC proudly won the Interclub Challenge for 2021 having pushed their Elliott's into 1st and 2nd places in almost every one of the eight races.



One crew featured seasoned Newcastle Youth Sailors who took commanding lead on the tracks demonstrating enviable Starting Line prowess and excellent spinnaker control downwind to earn convincing line honours in six of eight races.

Perhaps slightly more encouraging was the 2nd crew which consisted of good quality dinghy sailors who were relatively new to keelboat racing but demonstrated such promise on the track. At times even challenging the NCYC 1st team on route to the top mark, their tactical sailing was just that as they squeezed into smallest gap and proactively defended the water around them taking 2nd place on many of the races and one 1st place.

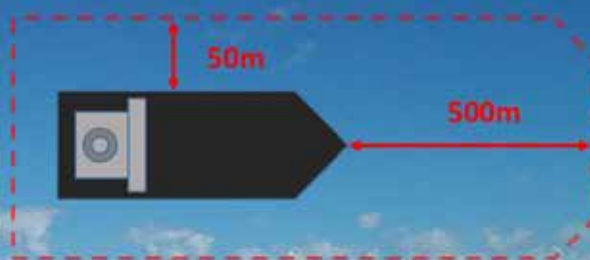
Absolutely of worthy silver place hardware and a crew to watch out for in 2022.

NCYC salutes both crews and looks forward to receiving the Trophy from CYA post NSW Freedom Day.

NCYC would also like to send a big shout out & thank you to parents and supporters who assisted with Interclub Challenge.

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

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By Terry Reynolds



Welcome aboard Marine Rescue once again.

Not a lot of training has been possible due to COVID restrictions, however, in between various COVID 'states', we do get to keep our skills up and regardless of the COVID situation, our rescue

vessel crews are on call and radio operators on duty.

As can be seen with the following 'jobs' carried out by Marine Rescue Newcastle's radio operators and boat crews, with the boating public still heading out for a day's fishing or just enjoying being on the water there will be the occasional mishap which requires our services.

ON THE WATER

Saturday 22nd May saw radio operators Warren Bramble, and Hank De Koff contacted NC30,

who was on the water training, to assist a 5-metre centre console boat (2 POB) which had broken down near the Stockton Bridge. NC30 crew safely returned the vessel to Carrington ramp.

At around 0730, 23rd July, Radio Operator Rick Nevile activated NC30 to attend a disabled 4.8 metre runabout (2 POB) dragging its anchor near Queens Wharf Newcastle. NC30 took the DV under tow and delivered it to the ramp at Carrington. Immediately after this NC30 was tasked to assist a 5-metre runabout (1 POB), situated about a half mile southeast of Newcastle Surf Club with engine issues.

NC30 towed the vessel towards Stockton Ramp however soon after the vessels entered Newcastle Harbour, the DV became operable and once released from the tow, proceeded to sea again.



Friday 30th July saw Radio Operator Don Roser activate NC30 (Ron Calman and Rick Nevile) to assist a 4.5 metre runabout (2 POB) that had suffered

steering issues near The Brewery in Newcastle Harbour. On arrival our crew found the DV tied to a channel marker. All onboard were safe and the vessel was towed to Carrington ramp.

Sunday 22nd August saw the radio operator (RO) at Port Stephens Unit passed on a job to Newcastle RO, Jon Dicker in relation to a vessel (1 POB) with engine failure situated just over 1 NM north of the Stockton Bridge near the entry to Fullerton Cove.

Jon activated NC30, crewed by Ron Calman and Lyn Van Homrigh. The vessel was successfully towed to North Stockton ramp.

Saturday 4th September saw NC30 activated when Radio Operator Mark van Loon received a call from the skipper of a runabout with engine failure. Crew Ron Calman and Stuart Lawson located the DV in the Hunter River near Tomago. The vessel was safely towed to the North Stockton ramp.

Just before 0600 on 11th September, Radio Operator Dianne Hammond activated NC30 to attend a 6-metre runabout (2 POB) which had engine failure. The DV was situated 300 metres south of the entry to Newcastle Harbour. NC30, crewed by Ron Calman, Rick Nevile, and Stuart Lawson successfully towed the DV to Carrington ramp.

Sunday 19th September saw MR Newcastle Radio Operator Geraldine Allen activated NC30 to assist a runabout near The Sygna however was towed to their ramp by another passing vessel. Whilst NC30 was in the process of readying itself for the job a second call came through to assist a vessel near the Horseshoe. The DV, (2 adults and 2 children) was safely towed to Carrington ramp by NC30, crewed by Ron Calman, Lyn Van Homrigh, and Mick Quill.

OFF THE WATER

At the May Mess Meeting, Unit Commander Ron Calman presented Geoff Hawes with his 10-year Marine Rescue Long Service Medal.

On 2nd August, member Mark van Loon was presented with his Radio Operator slides and certificate by UC Ron Calman, and DUC Lyn Van Homrigh.



Coming Events...

November 2021

- 27-28 November - SheSAILS Open Regatta

December 2021

- 19 December - Sailing Holiday Break
- 19 December - Club Christmas Party
- 26 December - Sydney to Hobart Start
- 31 December - New Year's Eve Party

January 2022

- 22-23 January - Hunter Sailing League
- 30 January - Sailing Returns

February 2022

- 4-5 February
Ocean Pointscore Pittwater Getaway
- 5-6 February
Laster Masters State Championship
(Bay Sailing Centre)

March 2022

- 5-6 March - SheSAILS Development Regatta
- 11-13 March - Farr 40 National Championship
- 11-13 March
Newcastle Game Fishing Tournament
- 19-20 March
Sailing Champions League Youth Finals
- 24 March - Westpac Helicopter Fundraiser Regatta
- 25-27 March - TP52 Gold Cup
- 26-27 March - SailFest Newcastle
- 26-27 March
Sailing Champions League Open Finals

Every Week

- Monday-Friday Happy Hour 4-6pm
- Tuesday Night Trivia
- Thursday Night Members Draw & Raffles



The Mission to Seafarers provide Care Packs for visiting sailors to Newcastle

Any donation is appreciated and can be left at
NCYC Admin/Marina office or dropped off at 96 Hannell St, Wickham

Security Phone Numbers

Emergency

- **Police** – (02) 4929 0999
- **Water Police** – (02) 4984 9012
- **Fire Department** – 000
- **Marina Power Failure** – Dockmaster 0408 299 512
- **Dockmaster** – 0408 299 512

Club Directory

- **General Inquiries** (9am - 5pm)
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- **Licensed Club**
(02) 4940 8188 – barmanager@ncyc.net.au
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- **Administration** (9am - 5pm 5 days)
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