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## Commodore's Message



Our Spring sailing series has recently completed with both divisions well represented. The Club is enjoying an increased variety in sailing activities this year with our Laser fleet growing for the Friday afternoon races, more Etchells regattas, our combined races with LMYC and the trialling of offshore starts for our division 1 and 2 fleets.

The recent October long weekend Etchells regatta was voted an outstanding success by participants with the overall winner being Matt Chew from RQYS. See page 14 for details. As with all our events we are grateful to the volunteers both on and off the water.



Vice Commodore Jim Holley will be sailing "Aurora" in his 25th Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.  
Image by Mike Eggleston

Upcoming sailing events include the "Lion, Bird & Cabbage" series which for the uninitiated gets its name from the marks of the course being Lion Island off Pittwater, Bird Islet off the Central Coast and Cabbage Tree Island to the North of Port Stephens. The 2 race series provides our fleet with overnight sailing experience and perhaps whets some appetites for the longer blue water events such as the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

During November we conducted the annual HMRI Cup, a charity event to raise money for the HMRI. Apart from being a well-attended fun day NCYC assisted HMRI raise approximately \$17,000 for this worthwhile cause, thanks to the generosity of yacht owners, crew, sponsors and attendees. See page 21 for more details. It is worth noting that our Club has taken the approach to support, financially and in kind a small group of charities using the criteria of being Hunter based and focused on services to humanity. This list consists of the Newcastle Mission for Seafarers, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and of course HMRI. We also support our fellow sailors at the Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club.

A number of NCYC yachts including Director Tony

Lobb's "PT73" and Director/Treasurer Kym Butler's "One for the Road" competed in the recent RMYCT 30 Miler on the Lake Congratulations to Fred Elderton who won the Non-Spinnaker division in "Astrid".

I am pleased to report that the Club continues to trade well despite the tough conditions and we are happy with the response to our new Chef. Please come and try for yourself Amanda's new menu! The holiday season is shaping up to be very busy at the Club so please remember to book ahead to avoid disappointment.

I would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to wish our two participants in the Sydney to Hobart race, Aurora and Frantic, good sailing and fair winds. We are proud that you are flying the NCYC burgee and will follow your progress with interest.

The Flag Officers and the Board would like to extend best wishes to all our members and their families for a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable and safe holiday.



Phil Arnall, Commodore

Buyaboat is a professional team of Marine Brokers originally based out of Marks Point Marina four years ago. Our recently opened offices at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club are in the perfect location for you to view your new boat or for the buyer of your current boat to view it in the finest of surroundings.

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NCYC hosts diverse maritime activities. These include visits by Super Yachts on their way to and from major racing events and to the recent Sydney Boat show, hosting new sailing schools and regular regattas and offering support to Game Fishing Clubs.

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Steve Bryant

## Chief Executive Officer's Report



With Christmas fast approaching the Club is in full flight both on and off the water. Michael and the team are readying themselves for a very busy December with a new menu just released and plenty of Christmas related functions booked in at the Club. In addition to the Club being busy, on the sailing front a number of our yachties are in the throes

of preparing their own or others' yachts for Hobart and Coffs which is always a bigger job than expected. With the Spring Short Ocean Pointscore soon coming to an end and the Christmas fun Cat 4 keel boat yacht race, as well as Friday night laser dinghy racing there is plenty of sailing on between now and Christmas at the Club.

NCYC's marina operations have seen a steady flow of transient vessels come and go as well as few who decide to stay at NCYC on a more permanent basis. Our fledgling Laser fleet has been growing over the past month or two and we are working towards the development of our hardstand and dinghy rigging area. Given the peculiarities of development of waterfront space our timeframes for completion of this little project have been extended but hopefully Lasers and small keelboat will be rigging from the facility before too long.

During some recent high winds NCYC's marina staff and I were checking boats in the marina and I observed quite a number of inadequately moored vessels. Not

## NCYC website

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New drop-down menus!

### "News"

**replaces and combines the previous**

Home page posts & NCYC Updates.

### "Calendar"

**for coming events.**

Event names - listed on the date.

Event description - hold cursor over the date.

Event details - linked to Event names. Just click.

**Definitely worth the time...**

**why not have a look?**

only were boats not positioned correctly in their berths via the use of their lines and springers but some boats had old or worn lines on them which were at risk of breaking. I recommend all boat owners check their lines, replace them where necessary and regularly check the positioning of the boats in their berths. While not NCYC's responsibility marina staff will provide additional lines on boats if required with the cost being passed on to the boat owner. If you need some advice on how to correctly tie up your boat in its berth please call NCYC's marina staff and book in a time to meet them at your boat for some advice and assistance.

I would also like to welcome Melissa Archer and her team at Archer Business Consultants to NCYC's commercial centre. A small profile regarding Archer Business Consultants is provided on page 7.

On another note, members may be interested to know that NCYC has recently agreed reciprocity with Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) in Melbourne, Victoria. SYC is a fantastic yacht club with state of the art facilities and this initiative will allow NCYC's members to enjoy their facilities when next down in Victoria. Please also make SYC members welcome to NCYC during their travels up the coast.

Last but not least I would like to wish all our members and staff a safe and happy Christmas, with Nor East sea breezes for those heading south on Boxing Day followed by a solid 20 knot Southerly for those going to Coffs on the 2nd of January! All the best and I hope to see you down at the Club over the festive season.

Richard Howard, Chief Executive Officer

**Time to drop in to the club  
to try on some new NCYC / Gill gear?**



**Gill Cotton T-shirts (M & F)  
\$60**



**Gill Long Sleeve Race Shirts  
(Unisex / UV) \$65**



**Gill Hats \$25**



## NCYC - Our Club

### STAFF PROFILE

Amanda Laird, NCYC Head Chef

Amanda came from Armidale where during her final apprenticeship year she secured her first job as Head Chef in a four and a half star Motor Inn.

Amanda then spent several years in Yamba and Maclean, running the bistro she started in one of the hotels. She moved on to Nambucca a few years later as Head Chef in her own bistro business in a large recreational club.

During the past twelve years or so, Amanda has had a number of ventures. She established a catering business from home and later became a Day Care Mum with a difference. She started a business which involved travelling to Day Care Schemes in various areas as a public speaker. Amanda promoted the program she developed, which was giving hands on training in "Cooking with Kids".

Amanda has also been a casual Chef at NCYC for four years and a RAAF Reservist Chef. Apart from spending time with her two sons, sixteen year old Liam and ten year old Nick, Amanda enjoys working out (boxing and weights), reading and... collecting elephants!



### Informal Members BBQ to Farewell

Offshore Sailors competing in  
Sydney to Hobart

&  
Pittwater to Coffs

4pm onwards, Sunday 2nd December 2012

## GALLEY

Lunch: Noon to 2.30pm

Dinner: 6pm to 8.30pm

Available from the bar all day:  
coffee, tea & fab desserts

## NCYC WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

### NCYC Christmas Party

Sunday 9 December 2012

Santa Clause will rock up - in a boat!

Fun for kids and parents.

Fun Christmas Yacht Race



### Christmas Ham Raffles

Through December 7, 14 and 21.

10 HAMS TO BE WON EACH NIGHT

### Celebrate AUSTRALIA DAY at NCYC

In the Club

Live music - Ozzie menu

On the Water

Australia Day Regatta - Friendship Cup

### NEW YEARS EVE

Live Music.

Relaxing atmosphere.

Grab a meal at the Galley



Not all Accountants are created equally... the Archer Business Consulting difference. NCYC welcomes Melissa and her team as a tenant in NCYC's Commercial Centre.

Archer Business Consulting was established by Melissa Archer in 2006 from a desire to offer small business clients a more personalised service. Her aim is to work with small business owners on improving their business systems and performance.

Archer Business Consulting considers that the active role of an accountant is to provide you with timely and complete information on the financial aspects of your business and to also provide you with an accurate picture of your business and how it is performing. At Archer Business Consulting we recognise that business owner's benefit from regular contact with their accountant. By giving professional advice and offering continuous support Archer Business Consulting enables you to make informed decisions that will develop and benefit the present and future of your business.

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keeping your business on target.

## Founders Day Parade and Race Winners



Above: (left to right) Skipper Stephen McKay and crewman Warren Amos (Matt Fensom's "One for the Road" - 1st PHS Div 1) and Vice Commodore Jim Holley ("Aurora" Best Dressed Boat), Commodore Phil Arnall ("Anger Management" - 1st IRC Div), Ross Knights (Tamarillo" - 1st PHS Div 2), Steve Rae ("Marta Jean" Best Dressed Crew).



Above: Anger Management, a Corby 43 owned by Commodore Phil Arnall, will represent NCYC in the annual Pittwater Coffs Race starting Wednesday 2 January 2013. Members and guests will be able to use yacht tracking on the computer in the club to check progress of the fleet for the duration of the race. Image by Craig Wakefield

Right: (left to right) Kris Rickard ("Woodstock" 2nd), Mark Richards (Handicapper), Club Captain Ernie Thirkell (donated the Tracey P Memorial Trophy), Alison Horton ("Warrain" 1st), Ted De-La-Garde (Signals), Fay Hunter (Recorder), Sailing Secretary Dianne Fitzgerald (Principal Race Officer)

### 2012 Boating Industry of Australia Try Sailing Day Sunday 4 November

NCYC yachts "Aurora", "Frantic", "Novocaine", "Schouten Passage" and "Warrain" participated in the annual TSD, an opportunity for novice/prospective sailors to try sailing in a relaxed atmosphere. The program allowed participants to have approximately ninety minutes aboard the yachts during which time they experienced harbour sailing up and down wind, allowing for some tacking. This year a large number of keen prospective sailors took up the opportunity to try their hand at this wonderful sport.

Dianne Fitzgerald, Sailing Secretary

### Lady Skipper Sunday 16 September 2012





## Social Highlights

### Tying Knots



At the instructional evening on nautical knots, held in our marquee 25 September, NCYC Skipper Robin Hillery joined forces with our Race Handicapper, Mark Richards.  
Image by Mick Martin



NCYC Members Robin and Paul McGrath who tied a different sort of knot back in July of this year. We thank Paul for his regular "On the Bridge" articles for this publication. In this issue: a new and harder format!

### Arrrrr a Pirate Parrrrty

It be international Talk Like a Pirate Day.

Avast ye mateys, we made it. Marked with an X on the TLAPD "What's happening around the world" asarrsom custom pirate version of the "GoogleMapThing", with our party details there for the world to see!!

Check it out on

[www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.htm](http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.htm)



### Race Week Sponsoring in Style

Horse race sponsors wouldn't miss being at the track for their race. Susan K Walton, Special Eyes Optometrist was NCYC Race Week Sponsor for the week 11-17 November 2012. Susan and Evan believe that if it's good enough for horses, it is definitely the way to go for our yachts! The Walton family celebrated the day, with pre-lunch nibbles and drinks for friends at the club, staying on for lunch and a lazy Sunday afternoon, followed by the after-race hype and announcement of results.



## Laser Sailing at NCYC

By John Searl

A chance conversation on the rail of “Summer Salt” during a Twilight race in 2010, led to the first “foray” into Laser sailing at the NCYC. Phil Ashley-Brown was sharing his frustrations of trying to get some Friday night Laser sailing happening on Lake Macquarie and “newcomer” John Searl was discovering there was limited opportunity for his family to sail Lasers locally.

Follow up conversations aboard Anger Management shortly after, had Richie Arnall and Paul Rees on board and Commodore Phil keen to back the idea. 2011 daylight racing saw three to four boats turning out regularly on Friday nights in what could be loosely termed “racing”. The YA rule book didn’t play much of a role in these early days, with those more worried about their boats normally being the ones backing down to avoid collisions. The courses were normally decided “on the run” depending on the weather, enthusiasm of the sailors, and the lure of the NCYC Friday night drinks. Club Captain Ernie was a regular supporter on the start boat and did a great job of getting things rolling.

The only goal in 2011 was to circulate and keep pushing the idea to as many people as possible, believing we had the right idea and that others would agree. The support of the NCYC Sailing committee and CEO Richard Howard has been fantastic from the outset with their belief in the concept and support of Laser sailing with the club’s resources.

2012 has seen the fleet reach a record 11 boats, regulars from 2011 combining with existing members who have bought boats. Ernie was sick of watching from the Start boat and against advice from numerous medical experts, bought a Laser for himself and is racing keenly. Visiting sailors from Port Stephens and throughout the Hunter have also joined the fleet, with more joining each week.



Images on this page by Ray Blackburn.



New facilities are currently being developed on the Forgas’s site across from the club. These include boat storage and a launching ramp which will hopefully be operational after Christmas. The NCYC has stuck to its charter of supporting sailing as its first priority. When the new facilities are operational, Laser numbers should “sky rocket” in 2013. There are bold predictions of 25-30 boats in the near future.

A big thankyou from Laser sailors to NCYC committee and CEO for the support shown in assisting initially to get the Laser up and running and then take it to a new level by developing new facilities.

### Santa Sails a Laser!

**When:** Friday 7 December 2012  
**Start time:** 5.30 pm  
**Course:** in the area of the basin.  
**To view:** vicinity of the Honeysuckle Hotel

**There will be prizes for:**

- Best dressed boat
- Best Sailing Santa
- Best swimming Santa (most capsizes).

The Lasers will be “dressed ship” Christmas style.

Who says I can't bring Rudolph?

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Big boats are encouraged to come along to watch

Santas might watch from the shore

# NCYC Photo Competition

## Category: "Maritime"

All NCYC members are invited to submit an image for the Autumn 2013 competition.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Photographer must be a current member of NCYC.
- One high resolution entry per person per issue.
- Send electronic format to: info@ncyc.net.au.
- Deadline for entries Friday 1 February 2013.

Judged by Peter Field.

Newcastle School Portraits



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Winning entry (left): "Cowrie Hole Foggy Morning" by Vice Commodore Paul Gleeson. Paul will receive a 12x18 inch colour print of his photograph from Newcastle School Portraits.

### Highly Commended:

Due to the high quality of entries, judges felt compelled to select a band of five highly commended this time.

- 1 - Ray Blackburn
- 2 - John Curnow
- 3 - Maree Edwards
- 4 - Brooke Hall
- 5 - Bill Holley

## Skirts benefit from Day Skipper Course

By Mary Holley and Maureen Rae

Due to the increasing numbers of Skirts sailing at NCYC Jan Howard and Mary Holley thought their general sailing knowledge and seamanship skills would benefit with some formal sailing qualifications. After looking at several options they decided to undertake the Royal Yachting Association Day Skipper (RYA) Course with Chris Griffiths from Master Class, Lake Macquarie.

Maureen Rae and Helen Griffin decided to join them for the 5 day practical course on board Chris' 42 foot Catalina, "Sea.G." The course would begin at Lake Macquarie then proceed to Port Stephens for 2 days and back to the lake via Newcastle. Unfortunately, due to family reasons Jan and Helen had to postpone their booking for a later date and Chris was left at the mercy of Maureen and Mary for 5 days.

Their first taste of the learning curve ahead was the tricky manoeuvre off the short lee wharf at Coal Point and other advice on various berthing techniques in adverse and changing conditions. Safety is a key component of this course and their first day involved honing their seamanship skills and covering emergency equipment and procedures. They practiced man overboard, berthing, anchoring and boat handling in Lake Macquarie before settling in for the night and

preparing their pilot and passage plan for Port Stephens. Under Chris' guidance they built on their course theory and previous sailing experiences to prepare succinct and accurate navigation plans that could be interpreted readily by other crew. They were ensuring their position could be reckoned at any given time and that they could make passage safely whether at night in a narrow channel or in a busy harbour in heavy fog. They were able to navigate blindly along contour lines relying only on good communication and mapping skills which reinforced the need for accurate chart work.

The week also incorporated practical use of tide tables and tidal curves, plotting a course to steer and GPS navigation. Chris also gave them many useful tips on buoyage and pilotage as well as an introduction to weather patterns and synoptic charts. These valuable skills enabled them to be more effective and efficient Skippers and crew for both cruising and racing.

It was not all hard work though. It was perfect winter sailing conditions and the whales and dolphins escorted them on their passages. The trip was well catered, the company was good with lots of laughs and pleasant evenings were spent "debriefing" over a glass of wine.

The Day Skipper course is designed for both motor boat and yacht skippers and crew, is internationally recognised and required if chartering boats in Europe. There is an online theoretical component which is recommended prior to undertaking the practical course. Chris is an excellent instructor; his approach is professional and inspires confidence. Mary and Maureen found this Master Class course invaluable and well worth undertaking.



Relaxing after a big day on the water, YA accredited Sailing Instructor Chris Griffith, with Maureen Rae who with Husband Steve is a regular NCYC competitor aboard their yacht "Marta Jean".  
Image by Mary Holley

## Butcher Boat Wine Club

The September the NCYC Butcher Boat Club function was a “night of reds”. Those attending enjoyed and learned about a variety of single vineyard reds all sourced from within New South Wales. NCYC chefs are to be congratulated on their choice and preparation of the courses to match these superb wines.



Left to right: Michael Winborne, Rear Commodore Paul Gleeson and Ross Knights.



Left to right: Alan Lewis and Terry Bates.

The club tasted a variety of Single vineyard wines from the ACT and NSW. The members were delighted and pleasantly surprised at the quality of a range of wines sourced from various regions including Canberra, Orange and Gundagai. The diners tasted further varieties ranging from Merlot to Nebbiolo.

We anticipate that before 2012 winds to a close we will be celebrating the festive season with a “night of fizz” at a time and place yet to be decided.

Members will be notified when the details are confirmed. The next Butcher Boat meeting will be our Grenache Night to be held at NCYC on Monday 11 February 2013.

Membership of the Butcher Boat club is open to all NCYC members and application forms are available from the Administration office.

Kym Butler,  
Director/Treasurer



## Melbourne Cup at NCYC



First past the post for hats and outfits!

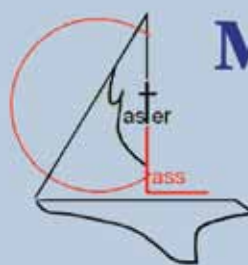
Left to right: Judy Franklin, Sandra Burns, Liz Northam (Best Hat) and Tracey Ditrich.



NCYC is a great venue for your function. Both inside the restaurant or in the Marquee for larger groups to 170.

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## Recent Regattas

### Forgacs Defence Inner Spring Regatta.

NCYC was the Organising Authority for the two day regatta comprised of two divisions, each closely contested on the waters off Newcastle. There was a social twilight race to precede the regatta on the Friday evening.

The Farr 40 Division consisting of four races held over two days was the first event for this class to be held at NCYC. The Cruising Division comprised two Performance Handicap (PHS) races.

Organisers were delighted with the response from the NSW sailing community for the Farr 40's, with one entrant coming from each of five prestigious Yacht Clubs. Clubs represented were: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) and of course Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC).

#### The Farr 40 Division

**Race 1** was won by "Enigma", skipper G. Adshead from CYCA. The elapsed time difference for the fleet was a few seconds off eight minutes. This was shaved down in subsequent races. **Race 2** winner was again "Enigma" with a fleet elapsed time difference of 04:04. **Race 3** "Enigma" continued her willing streak, with the fleet crossing the finish line within 04:32. **Race 4** "Estate Master", skipper M. Page from MHYC. The entire fleet was across the finish line in 05:31. **Series results** were "Enigma" (G. Adshead CYCA) 1st. "Estate Master" (M. Page MHYC) 2nd, "Forty" (S. Hill RSYS) 3rd.

#### PHS (all entrants from NCYC)

**Race 1** was won by "Warrain", skipper R. Hillery. The elapsed time difference for the fleet was 16:00 which converted to 00:57 on handicap corrected time. **Race 2** was again won by "Warrain", with only 11:15 separating the fleet as it crossed the finish line. Handicap corrected time converted this to 03:12. **Series results** were "Warrain" (R. Hillery) 1st, "Woodstock" (L. Croft) 2nd, "Tamarillo" (R. Knights) 3rd.



Image by Ken Mastop.

### Newcastle Etchells Offshore Regatta.

Past success of this three day Regatta held over the long weekend in October has resulted in a reputation which attracted entrants in for 2012 from far afield. It was a big plus to once again have Phil Collyer as Principal Race Officer to head a team of NCYC's own race officials.

The ten entrants between them represented: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS), Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS), Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC), Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) and Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) in Victoria.



Image by Ken Mastop.

The Newcastle regatta is seen as being an excellent opportunity for Etchells skippers to experience offshore competition before the season kicks off each year.

Series results were: 1st place "GEN XY" M. Chew (RQYS), 2nd place "VIKEN" M. Ryan ((RSYS), 3rd place "TANGO" C. Hampton (RBYC).



Above: NCYC Vice Commodore Jim Holley presents the winner's trophy to M. Chew.  
Image by Greg Jackson



**Part 1 Pre Departure**  
**By Peta Broadbent**

We travelled to Pittwater on Friday 13th April to prepare for our delivery. As this is traditionally an unlucky date to start any passage, we planned on leaving the next day. We were taking “Pyrenees”, a Jeanneau 50 DS, to Singapore from RMYC. She is a pretty boat, built in 2009 and shipped out from France. The owner has converted the second water tank to a reserve fuel tank, and fitted a watermaker and AIS for the passage. The southeast trade winds had started to blow from about the Whitsundays, and we expected the passage to take about seven weeks. Our scheduled stops were to be Mackay, Port Douglas, the Torres Strait and Darwin.

We familiarised ourselves with the boat, checking and re-stowing lockers, ensuring all necessary ship's documents were on board and located any manuals we thought we may need. We put up the sun awning which fills in between the dodger and bimini, did engine and genset checks, and shopped for provisions.

“Pyrenees” has a main forward cabin with en suite and two double quarter berths which share a combined head/shower. The saloon is light and airy and the galley has a large fridge and separate freezer. We reckoned we would be quite comfortable on this passage!

**14th April**

Martin from BME arrived to replace the filters in the watermaker and go through the operation with us. This one runs off the 12 volt system meaning we didn't have to run the genset to make water. We moved to the fuel wharf and were happy to find that the tanks were full. The weather forecast was for 15 - 20 kt NE winds with a southerly change due Monday.

NEXT ISSUE - we depart RMYC noon, 14 April 2012

**PYRENEES. Jeanneau 50 DS**

- Length** - 15.07m
- Beam** - 4.49m
- Draft** - 2.35m
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- Spectra 12 volt watermaker** - 54 litres/hour

**Delivery Skipper:**

Morrie Morgan

**Delivery Crew:**

Peta Broadbent

**ON THE BRIDGE**  
 with Paul McGrath

**Problem:** In any contest it is the prerogative of your opponents to make your task as difficult as possible. If you feel as though you are being fired upon you might need to duck for cover. Later, when the coast is clear and you have bolstered your stocks you may emerge to recontest the challenge. With this in mind take up the helm in the South seat and decide how you will play in 5S with the cards shown. West, bid 2NT to show at least 5-5 in the minors (clubs and diamonds) to begin the auction and East/West contested the auction all the way to 5C before subsiding in the hope they had forced you beyond your depth. What tack will you adopt to give your craft the best chance of reaching its destination unscathed?

**NORTH**

- ♠ J
- ♥ AJT6532
- ♦ J72
- ♣ 86

**SOUTH**

- ♠ AKQ976
- ♥ Q4
- ♦ AK
- ♣ AT2

Solution: page 17

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## BIG CLEAN UP

Newcastle yachting and boating enthusiasts have been given a gentle reminder about the importance of ensuring rubbish is properly disposed as a result of the annual Stockton Beach clean up.

Newcastle Port Corporation was a sponsor of the clean up for the 26 kilometres of beach stretching from Stockton to Birubi Point in October 2012.

About 400 volunteers assisted the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to collect 7.44 tonnes of rubbish which nearly matched the 2011 clean up of 7.5 tonnes.

Stockton Beach is on the doorstep of the Port of Newcastle and a popular destination for campers, fishers and recreational vehicles. The Corporation encouraged volunteers to contribute a few hours on the last Sunday of October to help clean up our local coastal environment.

NPWS organiser, Tony DeMamiel, said old camp sites, discarded buoys, rope, fishing line, nets, plastic items and bottles were collected by the volunteers.

Among those who helped were quad bike riders, members from the Range Rover Club of NSW who travelled from Sydney and the Central Coast, and four-wheel drive club members from as far as Port Macquarie.

The Stockton Beach Clean Up is one of many community environmental events and organisations sponsored by Newcastle Port Corporation. Others include the Conservation Volunteers Australia project to remove bitou bush at Nobbys Beach and revegetate the area with native species, Australian Marine Protection Environment Association and the annual Clean Up Australia Day in March each year.

NCYC members are reminded that a big range of activities, including free port tours sponsored by Newcastle Port Corporation, will be held on the harbour for 2013 Australia Day National Maritime Festival on Saturday, 26 January.



Volunteers used a variety of modes of transport to help clean Stockton Beach. Quad bike riders Dean Wooding of Kotara (left) and Lorraine Weir of Woodberry were among the willing helpers.

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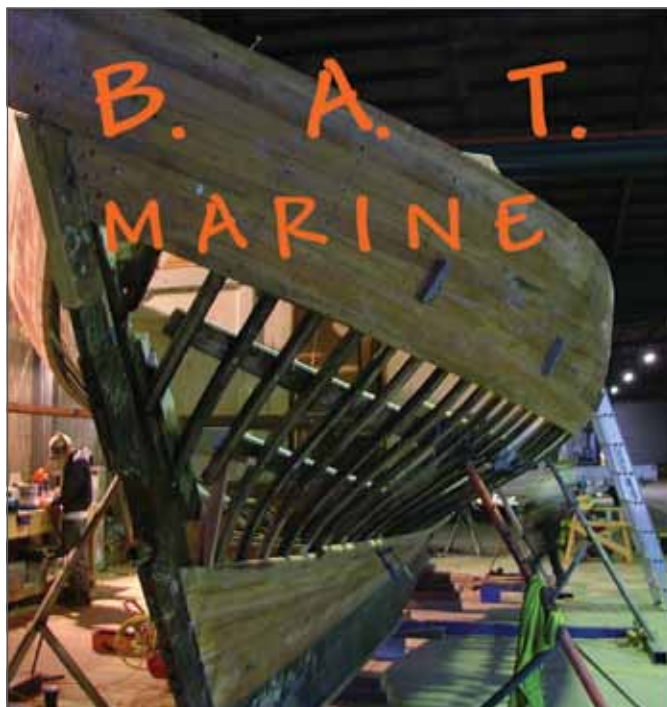
## Waterfront Property Security

When addressing the seminar at NCYC organized by Senior Constable Mark Bird, Senior Constable Paula Trevitt strongly recommended to owners of waterfront properties that they check out the Police web site. [www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_issues/crime\\_prevention/marine\\_crime](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/marine_crime)

By using this link, NCYC club members with waterfront properties can download the "Marine Security Assessment form. This lists six questions with a yes, no, or N/A response, and room to comment. By focusing your awareness on pertinent features you are assisted to self-assess your level of security. This is followed by valid tips to assist you to maximize the safety of your property.

### Suggested Treatments—Waterfront Properties

- Consider installing security and/or sensor lighting between your property and the water
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to reduce concealment opportunities and increase visibility of the waterfront from the property.
- Create a visual barrier between your property and the water to identify where your private property starts.



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- Ensure a physical barrier such as a gate and padlock is erected at the beginning of your mooring, to prevent thieves gaining access to your boat, and it will also restrict those wanting to leave your home via the water.
- Consider some type of identification marker, so you can establish from the water the identity of your property. For example the name of your home may be constructed as a sign on your waterfront property entry point.

The NSW Police force has established crime prevention officers (CPOs) to work within the community to reduce local crime. They have many roles, including to undertake safety and security audits for individuals as well as community groups and local organisations to prevent crime from occurring.



Ernie Thirkell Club Captain.

### ON THE BRIDGE with Paul McGrath

**Solution:** Bridge is a game of counting. So, let's begin. West holds at least ten cards in the minors. Therefore, West can hold no more than three cards in the majors (hearts and spades). So, it is highly likely that East holds the heart king as well as length in spades. Further, East holds at most three clubs and possibly just two, unlikely less given they bid to 5C. Once you have figured out all of this then perhaps you might see that you should duck the club king lead. After that, win whatever West continues, cash the trump jack, cross to hand with a diamond, draw trumps and take the heart finesse. The remaining club loser in your hand can be discarded on dummy's top hearts. Ducking the first trick is essential to survival. If you win the first club trick then when East wins the heart king a club can be returned and down you go to a watery grave (see full deal below).

#### Full Deal:

		<b>NORTH</b>	
		♠ J	
		♥ AJT6532	
		♦ J72	
		♣ 86	
<b>WEST</b>			<b>EAST</b>
♠ 53			♠ T842
♥			♥ K987
♦ T9543			♦ Q86
♣ KQJ743			♣ 95
		<b>SOUTH</b>	
		♠ AKQ976	
		♥ Q4	
		♦ AK	
		♣ AT2	

Over the past few years a growing number of members have suggested that articles and photos relating to aspects of the history of our harbour and the city centre, would be valuable additions to our journal. In this issue we look at the digital presence / profile of the interactive research being done by our academics, with the wider implications / applications in regards to historical tourism in Newcastle. Feedback on the contents of page 18 of this edition would give guidance as to whether to continue with “a little bit of history” in future editions of “thirty two fifty five”.

### Unlocking Newcastle's forgotten past

An innovative app for smart phones and tablets that can transport people back to 19th Century Newcastle at the flick of a finger has been developed locally. University of Newcastle School of Architecture researchers, Dr Tessa Morrison, Nicholas Foulcher and Dr Helen Giggins, developed the augmented reality application. Digital “layers” of text and images are displayed on an interactive map, bringing the interesting architecture and historic scenes such as tall ships at the wharves, of a forgotten era to life.

“To see these extraordinary images, anyone can download a free application (Layer Reality App) to their smart phone or tablet device which allows them to roam the city's streets, point at a site and get a window into the past, all at the flick of a screen,” Dr Morrison said.

The researchers painstakingly scanned the image database of the University's Cultural Collections library and have been able to pinpoint with much accuracy each historical photo to its present-day location.

Background information, images, how-to and a video clip of University researchers testing the app on the city streets and along the harbour foreshore are available in the blog <http://blogs.newcastle.edu.au/?p=1107>

There is also a link to a YouTube clip of University of Newcastle researchers explaining the app. They are really showing you how, rather than giving a verbal explanation.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvfgnvZ3LZk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvfgnvZ3LZk)

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The modern day scene disappears, fading.  
In its place are images of what was there in the 1800s.

### Newcastle's Victorian History

Newcastle was first settled in 1801 and with a population of 1000, was declared a city in 1847. By the late 1870s, Newcastle was the industrial heart of New South Wales, a badge the city still wears with pride nearly 150 years later.

Making headlines as the first city to become electrified in the 1890s, Newcastle's epicentre and promenade, Hunter Street, was described in the Illustrated Sydney News as the “The George Street of Newcastle” by Sydney folk as tales spread of the shopping strip few colonial country towns could boast. On Saturday nights, when it was seen at its best and brightest, Hunter Street enjoyed throngs of shoppers and loungers who turned out after supper to socialise.

By the end of the 19th century Newcastle was a bustling city with significant stone buildings, hotels with broad verandas and a thriving commercial centre. The city's energy, its growth, commerce and industry were comprehensively photographed at the time by photographer Ralph Snowball and his images have kindly been made available through the University of Newcastle Cultural Collections.

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### Turkey, a great place to visit

Article and images by Dick & Margaret Lees

Our previous articles about a wonderful three weeks in Turkey took us from Gallipoli to Bodrum and then aboard our previously hired 27 metre, two masted Gulet “Arielle” for a cruise. The holiday continues.

The coast consists of two steep gulf openings to the Aegean on the West. The nights were spent at Kara Ada Island, just east of Bodrum, Aopartne, Datea, Bogburum, Loryma, Boncik and Ora Island.



Dick couldn't resist taking a cooking class with his New Zealand mate Quintin Reeves.

Knidos is a ruined city state at the tip of the peninsula dividing the two gulfs and Kos which was its great rival in ancient times. Rhodes is nearby. Loryma has an elliptical wall that was a massive fortification going back approximately 3,000 years ago and is still impressive. The mountainous country is mainly sparsely wooded with farms in

the valleys. It is worth looking at Google Earth to get a feeling for it.

Turkey has very few large islands in the Aegean. We could see the Greek ones, but we would have needed a special visa to visit. The Greeks and Turks don't like each other very much. The Ottoman Empire controlled Greece until independence in 1832. We didn't know



Underground Roman water cistern in central Istanbul known by the Romans as Constantinople.

that at the end of World War 1 the Turks had not only lost their empire, but Turkey itself had been largely carved up by the Greeks, French, Italians and Armenians which left only a small area around Ankara in central Anatolia in their control.

The Greeks invaded in 1920 with the idea of recreating the Byzantine Empire but were soundly and spectacularly defeated by armies led by Kamal Ataturk, of Gallipoli fame. When a peace treaty was signed in 1922 ending the Turk's war of independence, the Greeks took most of the islands.

Margaret and I would recommend a cruise of the Turkish Coast as an alternative to cruising the Greek Islands or the Coast of Croatia. There are all sorts of ways to do it such as by Gullet with a crew, or shared with others. A yacht can be chartered with a skipper or as a bare boat.

Turkey is a great place to visit. The people are friendly and interesting. Enough speak English to make communication easy. The scenery is beautiful and the history and evidence of it is fascinating. We were there in September which is their spring. The weather was warm but comfortable. To most of us one of the most important things is that it is affordable.



The Blue Mosque, Central Istanbul, named for its beautiful blue tiled interior.

## Supporting Community

### Mission to Seafarers, Newcastle

By Rick McCosker

The aim of The Mission to Seafarers is to provide a warm, loving “home away from home” to allow the seafarers to relax in a friendly atmosphere for the short time they might have ashore.

We endeavour to visit as many ships as possible, bearing gifts of books, magazines, food etc., but more importantly to offer our time and friendship to those seafarers who can't come ashore.



During September's Month of Giving, NCCY members and their friends supported the Mission in many ways, including their attendance at the Trivia Night and by purchasing tickets in the “Pirates Treasure Chest” raffle. Everyone who attended the club for dinner and the drawing of the raffle

had a wonderful night, particularly the many “pirates” in costume.

The Mission would like to thank Heliservices Newcastle and Hunter and Schvitzer Marine for donating the wonderful raffle prizes. Thanks also to the Club and members for the generous support and for the donation of clothes, food and volunteer bus-driver. Special thanks Mel Ford, initiator of the Month of Giving, and to Matt Fensom of Enviro Pacific for the significant cash donation. It's comforting to know we have friends close at hand.

The two major prizes of a helicopter ride and a tug-boat experience were much sought after. Kim Elliott was the lucky winner of the helicopter ride for two over Newcastle, while Leanne Wagner won the trip for four people on a working tug, a rare experience that you



Seafarers enjoying their time at the mission.  
Image by Marion Willey



Using the free internet to Skype loved ones.  
Image by Marion Willey

can't buy. The third great prize, donated by the club, was a \$100 voucher for dinner and wine at the Club, won by Leigh Plain.

Chaplains and Volunteers are kept increasingly busy with a greater number of seafarers entering our Port. There have been a number of on-board incidents recently and the crews have benefited from additional support and pastoral care provided by our Chaplains, from various backgrounds, working together ecumenically for the benefit of the seafarers.

While we are very appreciative of all the support in the past, the Mission has on-going needs in carrying out our Ministry to the many seafarers. To this end we would like to continue an on-going relationship with members of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

As this will be the last edition for 2012 we would like to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year - from Chaplains Garry Dodd, Michael Davies, Rick McCosker and all the Team at the Mission to Seafarers.



Above left to right: Rick McCosker, Russell Cunningham, Donna Cunningham, Reverend Garry Dodd, Reverend Michael Davies.  
Images above and below by Gloria Thirkell

Right: Mel Ford having presented the Heliservices prize to “Bucksom Wench” Kim Elliot



## Supporting Community - Reports

### HMRI Cup

The Ord Minnett HMRI Cup, promoted as a great networking and team-building opportunity, and a great way to do business, was supported by NCYC. Up to six places were provided aboard yachts for the non-spinnaker handicap race, and spectator power boats.



Particular thanks go to the owners, skippers and crew of the vessels involved. Spectator Boats were NCYC's Committee Vessel "Wombat" (Race Officials), "Fortune of War" (Mike Eggleston). Participating Yachts and Skippers were "Anger Management" (Phil Arnall), "Long Time Dead" (Matt Fensom), "Wizzard" (Mike Hinchey), "Novocaine" (Vaughn Stephens), "Marta Jean" (Kionee Box), "Aurora" (Jim Holley), "Warrain" (Robin Hillery), "Summer Salt" (Steve Hassell).

### A Night With Volvo Ocean Racing Bowman Wade Morgan at NCYC

Touted as being one of this country's most promising future sailing stars, the talented and entertaining "local boy" from Lake Macquarie attracted an enthusiastic audience for his August presentation in the marquee.

Wade's recollections of competing onboard "Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing" in the most recent Volvo Ocean Race were augmented by some spell-binding video footage, which certainly backed up claims that this is one of the toughest ocean races on earth. He gave the audience an inspiring insight into the professional and personal challenges faced by people competing in this event.

Two Line Honours in the Sydney Hobart and Winner in another, all while holding the position of Boat Captain, is exceptional, but there is so much more to Wade's career to date. He has also sailed in two America's Cup campaigns and in three Maxi Yacht World Championships, winning Line Honours as Bowman in the Fastnet Race!



Images on this page by Craig Wakefield (or his camera)!

The after party was complete with jazz band, food and drinks in the marquee. It was, if possible, buzzing with even more excitement and enthusiastically shared stories about the morning event than last year.

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Photographed by  
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### DECEMBER 2012

- Sunday 2nd December 2012  
Farewell Offshore Sailors  
Informal members BBQ  
4pm onwards
- Friday 7 December 2012  
Santa sails a laser  
See page 10 for details
- Fridays 7, 14 and 21 December 2012  
Christmas Raffles  
10 hams each night
- Sunday 9 December 2012
  - NCYC fun Christmas Race
  - NCYC Christmas Party - Check web and notice boards closer to the date
- Trivia - No trivia in December 2012
- Tuesday 25 December 2012 - Christmas Day  
NCYC Closed
- Wednesday 26 December 2012 - Boxing Day  
Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race  
come and watch the race @ NCYC
- Monday 31 December - NEW YEARS EVE

### JANUARY 2013

- Tuesday 1 January 2013 - New Years Day  
Relax with the family @ NCYC
- Friday 25 January 2013  
National Maritime Festival day 1  
Forgacs Harbour Light Parade
- Saturday 26 January 2013  
Australia Day, celebrate @ NCYC
  - Australia Day Regatta and Friendship Cup
  - National Maritime Festival day 2 - Free port tours sponsored by Newcastle Port Corp.
- No Trivia in January 2013

### FEBRUARY 2013

- Thursday 14 February 2013  
Valentines Day  
Treat your special lady to lunch at NCYC
- Saturday 16 February 2013  
CYCA Sydney Newcastle Race
- Thursday 28 February 2013  
Trivia - Proceeds to Mission to Seafarers

### MARCH 2013

- Friday 22 March  
NCYC Lion Bird and Cabbage Series Race 2
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