



## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS

### Australia Day Raft Up



11 boats attended our raft up at our moorings at North Arm Cove. The weather held off and events held throughout the day kept everyone amused. The winner of the NCE perpetual trophy for the rubber ducky race was won by Bob Meale in his rubber ducky "Little Lizzy". Bob won by a length from debut tu ducky "Little Suzie". It was an eventful race with Ted Dorans duck holing and taking on several hundred kgs of water and still crossing the finish line only a few seconds behind the winner. A special mention to Daryl McNally who crossed the finish line within 15 seconds of the winner even though his duck only had a 5 hp motor, well done

Daryl. It was a BIG day for Brian Clulow who took out the gold medal in the pie eating contest after Bob Meale was penalised for a false start - eating his pie early in the background. The gold medal for the pie throwing contest was won by Barry Lewis off Debut-tu. Sue Clulow assisted by Ray Bailey led all in a rousing rendition of Advance Australia Fair and Waltzing Matilda and a great day was had by all.

Special thank yous must go to the organisers of the day Brad Noble, Liz Meale, Mrs Commodore Sandra Brown and to Sue Clulow for the sing-along and the song sheets.

### New BBQ

A new BBQ has been purchased for the club events and d'Albora have been kind enough to find a safe spot for storage of all our equipment in a locked room at the rear of the laundrette. This makes two BBQ's for club members use now. The key can be obtained from one of the committee members.

### Fishing Competition

The 3<sup>rd</sup> PSMYC marlin shootout was held on Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, the weather gods were kind to us and it was well attended with 11 boats and 54 anglers competing. The winner was



BLUEWATER with Peter Collings at the helm and a crack crew from Melbourne and Lake Macquarie catching the only marlin of the day. Several other boats caught tuna and dolphin fish with junior angler Amy McAndrew

(FROSTY) winning the best other fish capture with a great catch of a large dolphin fish. The BBQ afterwards was even better attended with an estimated 80 people participating. Thank you all for your attendance and participation.

## Coming Events

### Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Boat Trial and BBQ

This will be the forth boat trail that the club has run. It is always well attended and a great time has been had by all participants in the past so put this date in your diary and get a group together for a fun time. For those that have never participated it is held totally within the bay, takes two hours, involves trivia, navigation and observation. It is best to have a minimum of 6 people on the boat of you want to win.

d'Albora have offered free berths for non d'Albora members for the presentation and BBQ afterwards.

## New Members

Welcome to:

- Fred and Fiona Seymore who have a Sea Ray at d'Albora Marina
- Steven (Chook) and Lynda Holmes who have a Mariner (LOREISHA) at d'Albora.
- Mark and Carol Lamb who have a Cabo (ANARCHY) at d'Albora, and
- Michael and Cathy Diamond who have a Hatteras (PUMP ACTION) at d'Albora.

## Members Survey

The secretary has included a members survey with this newsletter. It would be appreciated if all members would take the time to complete and send/hand it back to a committee member of the secretary.

## Xmas Party

The venue is booked and the date set please put it in your diary now so you don't double book: **SATURDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**



## Comings and Goings and Rumours

- IRONIC is gone, last seen in Sydney and Brad has been seen sleeping on any boat that will have him until his new boat arrives.
- An unnamed skipper stood in the front yard of his house and watched his Riviera drift towards the beach. The lesson is never tie off to the plastic handle on a mooring buoy.
- Another unnamed skipper was last seen driving out to the marina with a 240v cord and Foxtel cable dangling out the back of the boat (luckily it detached from the services post) it isn't true that he was trolling for marlin.
- There is a rumour going around that the club has members at the Anchorage Marina it cannot be true as no one has spotted one at any of our functions.
- Peter Collings caught a bad case of the Gary Carlin flu after the fishing day BBQ it put him out of action for two days. Peter recommends that a wide berth be given to Gary's boat as the flu is easily caught.
- Don and Suzanne Nicol are about to take possession of their new boat in New Zealand, after cruising in NZ, Don will sail it back to Australia via Lord Howe Isd.

## Club Winners Roll

FROSTY - Winner 2007 fishing competition  
BLUEWATER - Winner 2009 fishing competition  
REELCROSS - Winner 2006 boat trial  
DEBUT-TU - Winner 2007 boat trial  
SHANTOOZIE - Winner 2008 boat trial  
KIRONA - Winner 2009 Rubber Duck Race

## Committee

Colin Brown (Commodore) - 0417 622 444  
Brad Noble - 0408 497 033  
Liz Meale - 0412 782 703  
Alan Bridge - 0412 121 444  
Shane Hards - 0412 230 722  
Brian Clulow - 0418 493 506  
Peter Williams - 0411 018 834