

NEWSLETTER – Autumn - Winter 2014

Summer has well and truly gone after one of the best summer seasons we have had in many years that hopefully saw us all use and enjoy our boats and the wonderful world that is Port Stephens. It is that time of year when the retired (and those with a bit of time off) among us head north to the warmer weather for the winter.

Since our last newsletter we have completed our AGM with a new commodore Alan Bridge at the helm. The last Christmas function was a great get together at Mavericks. The club has been able to finalize a fuel agreement with d'Albora Marinas that will benefit members and our premier event the Australia Day raft up was again a great success. The shootout was another successful event.



PSMYC AGM 2013

The AGM was conducted on 30th August where the financial details of the club were presented and the new committee elected. Congratulations to the new commodore Alan Bridge. The positions filled were

Commodore: Alan Bridge.

Secretary: Brian Clulow.

Treasurer: Peter Williams.

Committee: Colin Brown, Shane Hards, Doug Ray, John Sharpe.

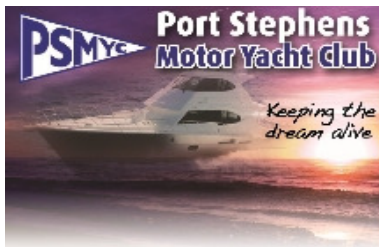


Australia Day Raft Up.

What a great day yet again and made successful with the attendance of so many members and friends. We had 15 boats with approximately 160 people. The events were hotly contested as usual.

Ducky Challenge: The team from DOUBLE D skippered by Daryl McNally.

Beer Boat Race: Won by the sharpest of teams from the good ship SHARPEST



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Cont.: Australia Day Raft up

- Soft Drink Champion:** Girls: Mattie Boys: Eithan
- Pie Champions:** Girls: Charlotte. Boys: Liam.
Ladies: Tiona on KIRONA. Men: Hugh on HIGH LIFE
- Best Dressed Boat:** HULLABALLOO
- Best Dressed:** Lady: Darlene on SHARPEST. Gent: Duncan on RUMOURS.
Girls: Lucy White on Kirona Boy: Jack White on KIRONA
- Life Jackets Challenge:** The winning Teams were from **BLACK BETTY** and **RUMOURS**



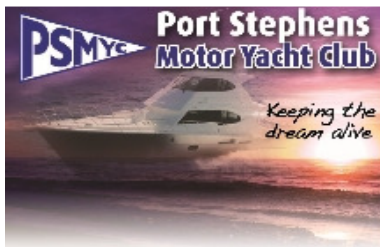
The Club Shootout

Another successful event on Sunday the 9th of February with the running of this annual event again organized by Colin Brown. We had seven boats participating with approximately 30 anglers. Congratulations to our new champion GUNRUNNER.



Black-tie and Board Shorts Night

This night was a great success and enjoyed by all. Unfortunately numbers were down and inclement weather did force relocation from the Marina but thanks to the generosity and hospitality of Peter and Narelle Williams for offering their home the night continued



New Members

We wish our nine [9] new members a warm welcome as we look forward to you joining us in our club activities

- Emma and Lyndon Turner on their Rampage - **MAKAJIKI**
- Kerry and Christine Buttsworth with their Riviera - **MOJO**
- Jamie and Erin Montgomery on the Maritimo - **BLACK BETTY**
- Dennis and Judith Webb on their Caribbean – **ADRENALIN**
- John Curley and Trudy Nash on the Riviera – **LUNASEA**
- Tim and Rebecca Dean with their Obrien - **CALYPSO**
- Leon and Hayley Williams on the Riviera – **L.O.BARCLAY**
- Ron and Gillian Mason on the Princess – **PANDORAS BOX**
- Mark Holmes on the Viking – **OBSESSION**
- Welcome back to Port Stephens and the PSMYC Michael Diamond on **PUMP ACTION**

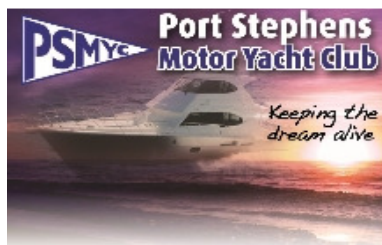
The club membership currently stands at 62 and we are hopefully of welcoming new members shortly.

Comings and Goings

- Peter & Kay Collings picked up there Riviera 50 Flybridge in May are remaining in northern waters for the winter months. Congratulations and may they get as much enjoyment from this boat as they did from **BLUEWATER**
- Congratulations to Peter and Lynne Dunn having at last re-joined the boating fraternity by picking up their new boat **EMILY J.** We reckon it's Peter to a tee and the smartest looking boat on the marina.
- Eric and Janelle Bulley have again headed north to avoid winter on board **BULLEYE.**
- Kerry and Christine Buttsworth on **MOJO** have headed off north for the winter to join Eric and Janelle.
- Welcome back to Don and Suzanne Nicol on **HALCYON 6** after their successful trip over the summer months to Tasmania.
- Congratulations to Gary, Sandy and James Holt on the arrival of their new boat **FRENCH LOOK 3.** It is said this boat can go backwards as fast as most boats go forward so good luck with chasing those fishing records.

Vale Bede Bright

It is with much sadness that I must inform you that Bede Bright has passed away on Wednesday 16th of July. I know that many members who have sojourned on the Myall Lakes would have met and experienced Bede and Jacquis' hospitality & assistance at some time. His funeral will be held in the Roman Catholic Church, corner of Witt & Maxwell streets at Tea Gardens on Thursday 24th of July at 1030 am. Condolence messages can be sent to Jacqui's address which is 153 Myall Street, Tea Gardens



Club Preferred Fuel Supplier

I'm sure that by now members will be aware that your club has successfully completed negotiations with d'Albora Marinas to supply members with fuel at a special rate applicable to members. Your support of the arrangement will ensure its' success for all into the future. The offer applies to all d'Albora sites in NSW and Victoria and applies to both petrol and diesel supplies.

Remember that during business hours when getting fuel identify yourself as a club member to marina staff to receive your discount

For after hours purchases contact Brian Clulow, Peter Williams or Alan Bridge for the special club card

We have produced and circulated a detailed procedure to cover fuel purchases. If you require another copy please contact Brian Clulow on 0418493506 or email secretary@psmyc.org.au

Club Mobile BBQ

The club has a BBQ for the use of all members and is housed at d'Albora Marina. Those wishing to avail themselves of the unit can do so at any time and the keys are normally kept with Bob and Liz Meale on board KIRONA on A arm. If they are not available then access can be gained by asking at the Marina reception that has a full list of members' names so as to allow access. There is no cost to members but we do ask that the unit is thoroughly cleaned prior to return.

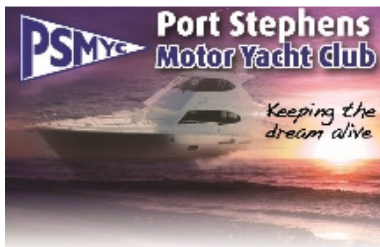
Club Moorings

We are in the process of having stickers printed to put on the moorings to aim at keeping non-members off.

We have issued RMS [previously Maritime NSW] with a list of members so they can keep an eye on our moorings and they have been extremely helpful in this regard.

If you have a problem with unauthorised use of the moorings call RMS on 49842133 or 0427241252 [Paul Hearfield] and RMS will attend and move the offenders on

Please fly your club Burgee when on the moorings to assist both the RMS and PSMYC members to protect our assets.



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Up Coming Events



2014 AGM [and BBQ]

The annual general meeting of the club will be held at d'Albora Marina A arm on Saturday 18th October commencing at 1pm. The BBQ lunch sausage sizzle will start at 12:30 and likely continue until, well who knows?

Remember everyone is welcome and the committee would welcome your input prior to or at the AGM

Anyone wishing to stand for a committee position would be most welcome to nominate at the meeting or earlier.



8th Anniversary Christmas Party 28th November

This years' Christmas party will be a special event to be held at the BAROQUE Restaurant in Magnus street Nelson Bay on Friday night November 28th.

The venue has a limited capacity so its first in first served for the tickets so get in early.

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

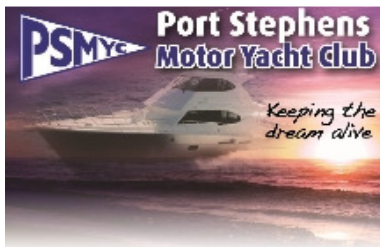
Details on time and costings will be sent in a separate circular shortly.

Annual Membership Fees

You will shortly be receiving in the mail your invoice for annual fees \$130.00. Please read it carefully and pay the amount outstanding.

Included in that mail out is your PSMYC membership card.

The committee has been able to maintain our annual membership fees at \$130.00. Your fees cover the annual costs of NSW Maritime fees and the servicing costs for our 10 moorings. In addition to covering the clubs cost ,the benefits offered by way of discounts through membership remain good value for your membership dollar more than covering your outlay.



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Cont. Annual Membership Fees

These additional club benefits offered by our supporters are

Fuel – d’Albora Marinas - 0249841333

- d’Albora Marinas offer the members a substantial discount on all fuel products

Hardstand – Noakes - 49844150

- Noakes offer members 1 day free hardstand in every three days

Chandlery - Nelson Bay Marine – 49849777

- Nelson Bay Marine offers members a range of discounts on stock items when members display PSMYC cards

Club Burgees.

If you require a club flag please contact the treasurer or secretary. These are supplied free to our members so there’s no need to hang on until the last thread disappears.

Port Stephens / Myall Lakes User Group.

The club has recently been invited by the convener of this group, RMS to join in meetings as a member. The group is designed to raise issues of concern to all users of our waterways.

Membership includes service organizations, sport and recreational groups, commercial fisherman, tourist operators and government agencies such as police.

The issues covered are wide and varied as you would expect and cover the items from moorings to safety and navigation aids, boat ramp construction and safety campaigns.

If members of our club have issues they would like raised you should contact your committee who can make contact and prepare submissions.

Contributions to your club and its newsletter.

We would encourage all members to contribute items for the newsletter and also those with ideas for the clubs enhancement to feel free to offer. In the meantime enjoy happy and safe boating.