



NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2015

We have now well and truly put the summer 2014/2015 behind and hopefully everyone has enjoyed the good weather and Boating lifestyle that is available to us all here in Port Stephens.

Some of the boating style grey nomads are preparing to or have started to head north to various locations in Queensland with Cairns and the reef being targets to take advantage of the weather during the winter months.

If you are planning to travel north keep an eye out for other club members and say hello. Use the clubs on board list of phone numbers to keep in touch.

At the end of this newsletter we have updated the clubs honour roll.



PSMYC AGM 2014

The AGM was held on the 18th October on the Marina with a BBQ afterwards. The Financial details of the club were presented and a new Committee elected for the coming year. Thanks were offered to the outgoing committee and a new committee was elected as follows.

Commodore: Shane Hards.

Secretary: Brian Clulow.

Treasurer: Peter Williams.

Committee members: Colin Brown, Alan Bridge and John Sharpe.

The current membership at the time of writing is 66.



PSMYC Christmas Party

The 2014 Christmas function was held at Baroque Restaurant in Magnus Street Nelson Bay. It proved to one of our most successful functions with in excess of 80 attendees and a great time was enjoyed by all with the location, the catering and the entertainment being wonderful.



Australia Day Raft Up

This year the numbers were slightly down on previous years but still with an enthusiastic roll up of members and guests. Competition was great and as usual a most enjoyable day was had by all. The event results were:

Kids Pie Eating Champions

- Girls Champion was **Aleah** from **Crosscut**.
- Boys Champion was **Nathan** from **Hullabaloo**.

Adult Pie Eaters

- Ladies: An encore performance by **Megan** from **Encore**.
- Gents: Hullabaloo was created by **Wayne** from **Hullabaloo**.

Best Dressed

- Best boat was **Crosscut** with no expense spared.
- From the ladies the stunning winner was **Carol** from **Eagle**.
- The gent dressed to make a point was **Bob** on **Crosscut**.

The Soft Drink Super Slurpers

- Girls Champion was **Aleah** from **Crosscut**.
- Boys Champion was **Nathan** from **Hullabaloo**.

The Beer Boat Race

- The crew of **Darrel**, **Paul**, **John** and **Peter** from **Double D** survived a protest to claim the prize.

Life Jacket Survival Race

Only three people survived this event we believe Marine rescue may still be searching for those less fortunate.

- Kids: Chloe from **Double D** showed how it should be done.
- Adults: Gary and Wayne from **Hullabaloo** and **Crosscut** had obviously taken tips from Chloe.

The Ducky Trophy

- After years of development and unbelievable expense the event was taken by **Encore** crewed by Megan and Brian.



Annual Fishing Shootout

The fishing competition was on a perfect fishing day with six boats taking part. These were **SHELBY**, **KAOS**, **OBSESSION**, **L.O.BARCLAY**, **SCORPION** and the winner of the day **EAGLE** skippered by Colin Brown (AKA Captain Seaweed) and crewed by anglers Ralph, Colin and Dan who were under extreme pressure to perform. They produced the goods with 2 Marlin. The day ended with a BBQ and presentation at the marina sponsored by d'Albora Marina. Shirts are being prepared for the proud winners and the trophy has been engraved and is on display at Mavericks.



Club Fund Raiser



A big thank you to all the members who made donations to this project to raise funds to provide a defibrillator for the Marine Rescue services vessel Danial Thain. Thanks also go to d'Albora Marinas for their generous support in assisting with the prize for the associated lucky dip draw for 1000 litres of fuel with the winner being Brian Clulow from **ENCORE**.

The Cheque for \$2200.00 was recently presented to the Deputy Unit Commander Terry O'Donnell of Marine Rescue Port Stephens by our Commodore Shane Hards. It's interesting to note that the equipment was installed to the **DANIAL THAIN** in time for the rescue carried out in the recent severe weather in The Bay but fortunately not required.



PSMYC Fuel



The arrangement with our discount from d'Albora continues. This has been a great success for all our members as it enables members who only use a small amount of fuel to get maximum discount. d'Albora has advised an adjustment downwards in the clubs' discount to 24 cents per litre. At the same time pump prices for the d'Albora group have also been adjusted downwards. The current price structure came into effect on 16th March.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call any of your committee members for clarification.



Club BBQ

Don't forget this is always available for your use at Nelson Bay. The BBQ is located in the storage room behind the laundry it is for all members to use please make sure it is clean when it is returned and that the gas bottle is not left empty.



Moorings

Our club moorings are only available for members to use and if you find a non-member on our moorings please ask them to leave. If they move on or if you experience any issues report them to RMS who will move them on. RMS has a current list of members of the club with boat details and they do keep an eye on our moorings.

If members feel they need to seek permission for a non-member to use a mooring in an emergency please consult with any committee member to obtain that approval and they in turn will advise RMS.



New RMS Boating Officer

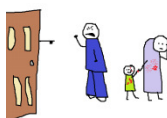
Paul Hearfield who is our normal contact is on exchange in the UK at present and is replaced by Jim Lawson until August. The contact number remains 0427 241252. Jim has assisted us recently and is aware of the clubs moorings. Welcome to the Bay Jim and thanks for your support.



New Members

We offer our new members listed below a warm welcome to our club and look forward to you joining us in our various club activities

- Emma and Trent McDowell on **MI CHICA**
- Livir and Dean Hoyer on **HAULIN**
- Julie and Tim Boyle on **DORADO**



Comings and Goings

Over the summer months members have spread their wings to enjoy the wonderful activities that boating offers us all.

Colin and Sandra Brown from **EAGLE** have spent 3 months in Sydney and were back in The Bay for the fishing season.

After spending some time in Sydney Bob and Liz Meale from **KIRONA** spent some time in Myall Lakes then to Lake Macquarie in January and February and are also now back to The Bay.

The Myall Lakes received many club members particularly over the Christmas and school holiday breaks Craig and Mandy with family and friends on **CROSSCUT** with Shane and Deb on **RUMOURS** and Brian and Suzie on **ENCORE** and their tribe also invaded Myall lakes as did



Comings and Goings



Cont:

Doug and Anne Rae on **HIGHLIFE** with visits from the temporally boatless members Dennis [Big D] and Jenny McColl and a cast of thousands.

HALCYON IV with Don and Suzanne Nicol accompanied Peter and Lyn Dunn on **EMILY J** to spend a delightful week in the Hawkesbury.

Janelle and Eric Bulley on **BULLEYE** have been down to the Hawkesbury during February.

Peter and Narelle Williams have taken **KAOS** north on April 1st. They will be heading up to Cairns and beyond for the winter

Also preparing to be heading north are **BULLEYE, EAGLE, ENCORE, HALCYON IV, HULLABALOO and SCORPION**

Peter and Kay Collings are taking their boat **BLUEWATER** to their new home at Mooloolaba. Peter assures me he will be back next summer.



Events Calendar

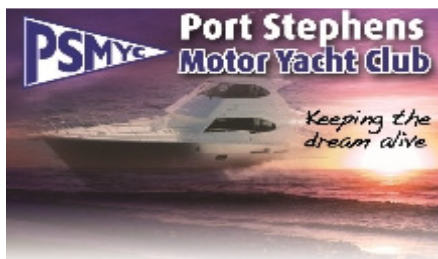
The dates shown are set at this time however changes and final details will be shown as the time of events becomes closer.

The proposed darling Harbour Melbourne Cup function is likely to be spread over a few days possibly covering a few of d'Albora sites to enjoy various destinations within the harbour. Watch this space!

July 1st Membership renewal. Notices will be emailed to members.

August 14th The AGM will again be held on "A" arm d'Albora Marina at Nelson Bay.

November 3rd Melbourne cup outing Darling Harbour



PORT STEPHENS MOTOR YACHT CLUB

HONOUR ROLL - 2015

Committee Members

Current

Alan Bridge
Colin Brown
Brian Clulow
Shane Hards
John Sharpe
Peter Williams

Commodores

2006 – 2008	Alan Bridge
2008 – 2010	Colin Brown
2010 – 2011	Don Nicol
2011 - 2013	Brian Clulow
2013 – 2014	Alan Bridge
2014 -	Shane Hards

Committee Members

Past

Sandra Brown
Dennis Goldspink
Darryl McNally
Liz Meale
Don Nicol
Brad Noble
Doug Rae

BOAT TRIAL

2006 - REEL CROSS
2007 - DEBUT TU
2008 - SHANTOOZIE
2009 - SHANTOOZIE
2010 - HALCYON IV
2011 - KAOS
2012 - KAOS

DUCKY TROPHY

2009 – KIRONA
2010 – BLING
2011 – KAOS
2012 – KIRONA
2013 – KIRONA
2014 – DOUBLE D
2015 – ENCORE

FISHING COMPETITION

2007 - FROSTY
2009 - BLUEWATER
2010 - THE FORCE
2011 - SHELBY
2012 - SHELBY
2013 - DIVERSION
2014 - GUNRUNNER
2015 - EAGLE