

## PSMYC Newsletter

### Spring 2019

After a cold and windy winter, spring has finally arrived hopefully the winds will die down and give us a chance to get out and about. Time to check that all your safety equipment is up to date get the bottom scrubbed and take care of those maintenance issues you have been putting off.

#### Club Moorings

All our moorings have been water blasted and the ropes should be clean for a month or so. Our thanks must go to our volunteers for this work. Shane Hards, John Sharpe, Terry Hulme and Brett Bradbury on **KAOS** under the stern command of Peter (Kaos) Williams. What a crew!!

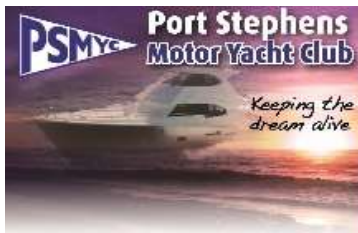
The Moorings will be serviced by our contractor during October and November ready for safe summer use.

Please fly your PSMYC Burgee when on the moorings, if you don't have a Burgee they are free from the Club Secretary.

Only club members are entitled to use our moorings so should if you see a non-club member on the moorings please ask them to move on ( *nicely of course* ) if they won't oblige report it to NSW Maritime - Transport who will move them along and possibly fine the culprit.

It costs the club from your membership fees to have these moorings so don't feel bad about asking boats that are illegally using them to move along

The local boat safety officers Tony Woodfield and Paul Hearfield provide great assistance and we provide them with updated club membership lists to assist in their work.



## Mooring Locations

North Arm Cove	3 Moorings at 32. 40. 374 S / 152. 30. 200 E
Little Salamander	2 Moorings at 32. 43. 344 S / 152. 60. 019 E
Wanda Beach / Kangaroo Point	2 Moorings at 32. 42. 662 S / 152. 40. 415 E
Lake Macquarie	1 Mooring at Belmont

## Membership Fees

If you have not paid your membership fees, they are now due.

## AGM Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 5:30 pm

This year the AGM is to be held at ***Mavericks on The Bay*** at 5:30 pm

prior to our Xmas function. Positions on the committee are available anyone interested in contributing as please contact the treasurer Peter Williams.

## Christmas Function Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – 5.45pm.

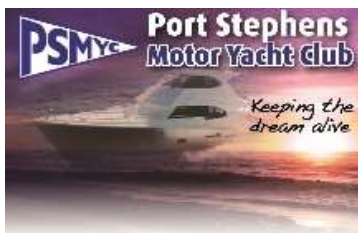
This year's annual Christmas function will once again be held at ***Mavericks on The Bay***

at 5:45 pm immediately after the AGM.

## Sausage Sizzle; Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

On the marina at time yet to be confirmed we will have a recovery chillout. Sausages hamburger meat, bread, salad, sauce and the like will be provided.

Alka Seltzer , Berrocca and other medicinal requirements will be at the members own discretion and cost.



## Local Marina News

For those owners resident at dAlbora Nelson Bay a new management team have taken over and much needed maintenance and alterations have been underway, reciprocal arrangements for their other marinas still apply.

The current Team at the Marina is;

- Andy Evans: – Assistant Manager
- Jacqui Farquer: - Office manager and boat yard coordinator
- Rhiannon Farrell: – Front office and client liaison.
- Dockmasters: - Dale Young, Michael Ferraris, Sam Limana, and casual assistant is Zach Bonser
- Matt Bonser: – Boatyard Manager with his team of Luke, Haden and James.

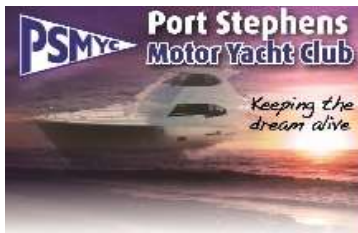
## New Business

Welcome to Tom Gode who has opened a marine electronics shop on the Marina next to Mavericks.

Tom is a qualified marine electrician who is happy to help with the supply service and installation of all the well-known brands of electronics, radios, toilets and marine lighting.

## Club Members Fuel Pricing

Our current arrangement re our fuel discount is still in place, we are currently in discussions with the new owners of the marina re future fuel pricing for our members.



## Australia Day

This year **AUSTRALIA DAY** falls on a Sunday. Our club celebrations will be held at a raft up on our moorings at North Arm Cove put the date aside and come and join members with their family and friends for a variety of activities including Pie Eating, Beer Challenge and The Ports Stephens Water Tennis Championship. Remember members, family and friends are all welcome.

## New Members

Since our last AGM we have welcomed the following members to our club

- Greg and Robyn Windeatt on board their **Ranger** - **PASSPORT**
- Peter and Christine Belcher on board their **Clipper** - **APOGEE**
- George and Debbie Salmon on board their **Riviera** - **MYRTLE**
- Kirk and Carol Winefield on their **Blackwatch** - **WATCHDOG**

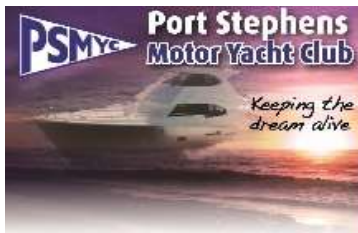
Welcome and enjoy the friendship of the club.

## A Message from NSW Maritime – Transport [formally RMS]

By Port Stephens Boating Safety Officer – Tony Woodfield

The last few years has seen a large influx of local and visiting cruisers using our beautiful Port and Lakes. In addition we have seen lower than normal Lake water levels. A combination of these things, along with some lack of awareness has led to wash from some large vessels some damage and danger to other users of the area.

Given this, could you please ask your members to help Paul and myself by taking a lead in managing this issue and setting an example around the area, by demonstrating how to minimise the effects of wash coming from large cruisers.



Areas of special concern for us are between Fly and Halifax Points. Wash can travel a long way with sufficient energy to lift and drop boats on trailers whilst they are trying to launch or retrieve and also impact heavily on vessel pulled up on shore.

Other areas of specific interest are the pinch points in the Myall Lakes. Areas such as Professors Cove opposite Korsmans, passing Blossom Bay and Long Point and going into Narranie. These areas usually have large numbers of vessels moored or anchored during holiday periods and with the Lakes being so low, wash travels far and fast to impact heavily on these secured vessels.

I would like to ask all your members using the waterways this coming summer to be aware of where their wash is heading and the impact it will have when it reaches into the areas. If in doubt, think of the consequences and then slow down. No one wants injury or damage to be the highlight of a summer holiday.

Paul Hearfield and I really appreciate the ongoing cooperation of your members. They are setting the example and reducing the need for extra signage and over regulation.

## Newsletter Input

As always we encourage those members or interested parties to speak up and provide input. Any items should be sent to the secretary at [secretary@psmyc.org.au](mailto:secretary@psmyc.org.au).

## From the Committee

Wishing all a happy and safe boating season – see you on the water!