



Spring has arrived at last and its time to get the boat ready for a busy Boating season. Hopefully we will get some good boating weather this year and we will all enjoy our boats and friends. The Migration from the warm northern weather should get into full swing with most of the boats getting back by end November.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held at Mavericks on Saturday 21st August, 2010. Congratulations to Don Nicol who was elected our new Commodore. The old Committee was returned unopposed.



CLUB XMAS PARTY

You would have received by email the details for the Xmas Party to be held at **VUES ON THE BAY** on **Friday 26th November**. Please get your tickets early as it makes it easier for the committee to organise catering etc.



COMINGS AND GOINGS



CROSSCUT, KIRONA and **KAOS** visited Lady Musgrave Island via Rooney's point (Fraser Island) for a week. Although the weather was ordinary most of us enjoyed the experience. (Truly Liz the 5 star resort was only recently closed on Lady Musgrave).

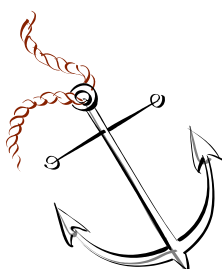
KNOT TO BAD was spotted enjoying the summer weather at MOOLOOLABA and the shopping and is now at the Gold Coast.

MAVERICK has made the trip down to the Gold Coast.

IRONIC is now up north at the Gold Coast.

HALCYON VI is back in Port Stephens after enjoying winter cruising in Queensland. Don and Suzanne Nicol spent the majority of their time around the Whitsunday Islands and ventured as far north as Townsville. The highlight anchorages were Pearl Bay near Port Clinton and Thomas Island, there were many more and they were all great.

NEW BOATS (and ships)



Congratulations to **Gary & Sandy Holt** on the arrival of their **VIKING 48ft**.

I am looking forward to see who gets to and from the shelf fastest now.

Congratulations to **Doug & Deb Padman** on the arrival of their **WESTBAY SUNSHIP** at 75 ft, it is now the biggest boat in the club (The rest of us better get our cheque books out if we want to keep up with the Padman's).



MYSTERY DAY

Come and join the Commodore on his boating mystery day out. Meet outside the entrance to d'Albora Marina at **10am** on **Saturday December 11th** and follow the commodore for a great day out. B.Y.O. friends lunch and grog.

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If you want a new club burgee please let the secretary know he will supply you one free.

NOAKES

Don't forget that Nokes are offering club members a special deal on slipping one free day in three ask them for your club discount.

NELSON BAY MARINE

Don't forget to show your membership card for a 10% discount on all your purchases.

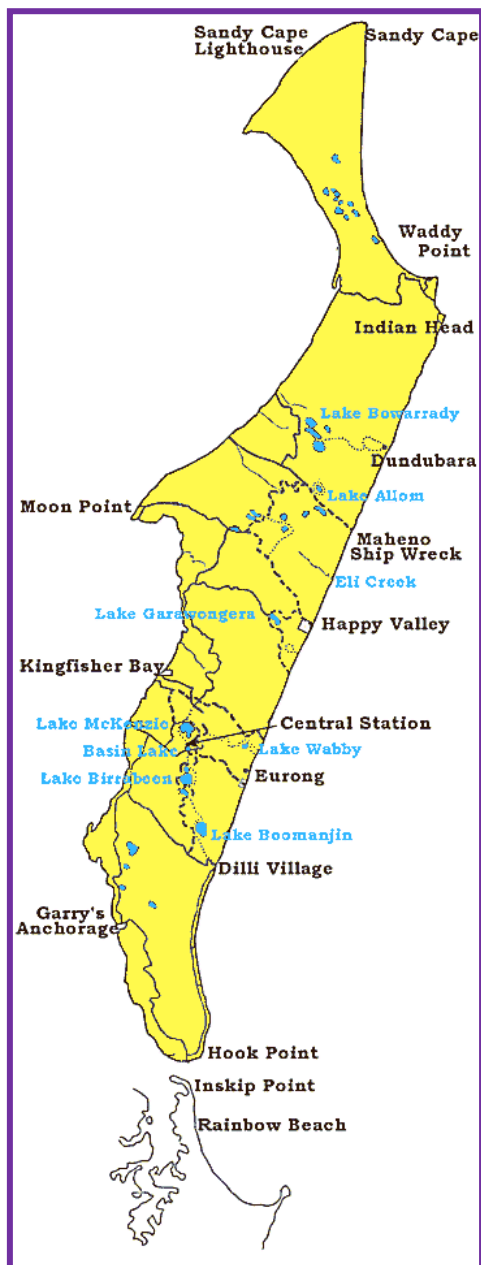
LORD HOWE ISLAND APRIL 2011

A cruise to Lord Howe Island in early April 2011 is in the formative stages of planning. Lord Howe is approximately 350 nautical miles from Port Stephens and the passage would be done at 10 kn (35 hours). At this speed it should be in safe range of most members vessels. Fuel is available on Lord Howe. The stay in Lord Howe would be approximately 2 weeks with at least one trip to Middleton and Elizabeth reefs (about 100 miles north of Lord Howe Island) during that time. Day trips to Balls Pyramid for excellent King fishing are just one of the many highlights of this magnificent island. The air service to Lord Howe Island from Sydney is daily via Qantaslink Dash8 making crew changes easy and for those that do not want to partake in the passage making. There are ample choices of accommodation on the island. Aside from boating activities there are excellent walks, golf, diving, snorkelling and a reasonable selection of restaurants. There are a limited number of moorings in the lagoon and these will have to be booked well in advance. One option for the return leg is to cruise to Yamba or Ballina. The Gold Coast is also an option for those that want to commence their track north at this time. HALCYON VI's plan is to be in Ballina for Easter so that the crew can attend the Byron Bay Blues Festival. The departure date is anticipated to be 4 April or thereabouts. Anyone interested in joining the cruise should contact Don Nicol.





CRUISING THE FRAZER COAST



During the winter we made our way north from the Gold Coast via Morton Bay and Mooloolaba to the back of Fraser Island and onto Urangan, Lady Musgrave Island, Pancake Creek, Bundaberg and back to Urangan.

This year Narelle and I decided that we would not do what we usually do and drive through this area in a couple of days but spend some time here exploring, talking to the locals and trying out new anchorages and new fishing spots which abound in this area.

The weather from the end of May has been mixed, the night temperatures have been as low as 12 deg but the daytime temps have been around 22-25 deg, when the wind (S-SE) has not been blowing it has been very pleasant, the locals tell me that from the end of July - October is the best weather of the year.

The great thing about this area is the fact that you can always find an area of calm water to spend your time.

We have found that if you make the effort and know the right places there are plenty of crabs to be had (Mud & Blue Swimmer). We slowly found the good fishing spots and had some good catches of Red Emperor, Snapper, Spanish Mackerel and lots of other reef species.

The Marinas at Urangan and Bundaberg are both good and reasonably priced

For a 15mtr boat around \$40-\$50 per night on a nightly basis and have cheaper weekly and

monthly rates (\$18 per night at Urangan). Fuel at both Bundaberg and Urangan is \$1.30/ltr.

Highlight of our trip were the time we have spent at Rooney's Point at the northern end of Fraser Island the anchorage is opposite a pristine white sandy beach with the cleanest water I have seen in many years, nearby was the best reef fishing we have encountered on any of our trips. Any club member who would like more info on this area please give Peter Williams a call.



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010



EVENTS CALENDAR



XMAS PARTY
MYSTERY BOATING DAY
AUSTRALIA DAY RAFTUP
GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT
BOAT TRIAL

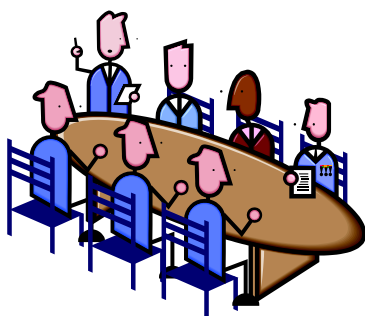
Fri November 26th @ 6:30pm
Sat December 11th @10:00am
Wed 26th January @ 10:00am
Sat February 5th 7:00am - 4:00pm
Sat March 26th @ 10:00am

CLUB WINNERS ROLE

FROSTY - Winner 2007 fishing competition
BLUEWATER - Winner 2009 fishing competition
THE FORCE - Winner 2010 fishing competition
REELCROSS - Winner 2006 boat trial
DEBUT-TU - Winner 2007 boat trial
SHANTOOZIE - Winner 2008 boat trial
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HALCYON 6 - Winner 2010 boat trial
KIRONA - Winner 2009 Rubber Duck Race
BLING - Winner 2010 Rubber Duck Race



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