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December & January 2009



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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held on Tuesday 16 February, 2010 at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club at 7:00pm

*Deadline for Feb Newsletter: **29 January.***

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Brennie & Deb's Social Corner

DECEMBER 09



**UPCOMING
EVENTS 2009**

- ◆ Christmas Get Together Charlestown Bowling Club—
12th Dec 2009
- ◆ Myall Lakes —
NYE Party
- ◆



Please email us any comments/ suggestions for social activities.

Attn: NHTYA Ladies

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our ladies night was postponed.

We are looking forward to holding our 2nd night in early 2010 and will confirm the date in due course.



**12 December 2009
CHARLESTOWN BOWLING
CLUB**

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Christmas Get-Together 2009



Our Christmas function will kick off at 5pm where we will enjoy a couple hours of Lawn Bowls. Nibblies will be provided and drinks can be purchased at the Club. We will move to the Function room at approximately 7pm when dinner will be served, we will play our Secret Santa and enjoy the company of each other. We have some fab prizes up for grabs in this year's Xmas Raffle.

If you haven't paid your money, please do, either by DD or by Cheque asap.

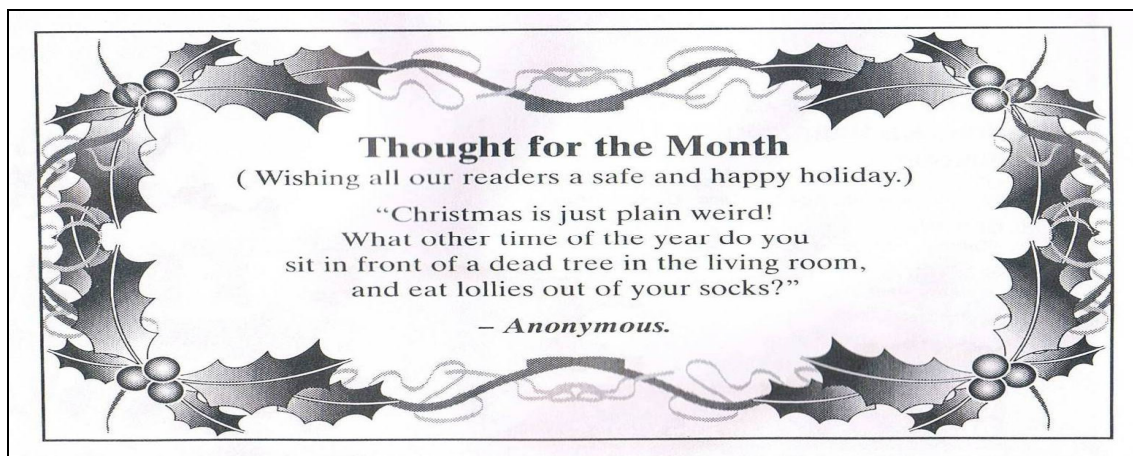
If you would like to attend but haven't RSVP'd, please call either Deb or Brennie asap.



**Lots of fun to be had amongst friends and
to round off Year 2009**

****Don't forget your \$5 Secret Santa pressie****





CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2009/2010

Points score up to and including 30th Anniversary Weekend

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT all activities	SOCIAL cruises only
VIVIAN	Graeme & Hedi	Ross 780	<i>Vila La Vida</i>	18	8
WALKERDEN	Graham & Debbie	Sabre 22	<i>Gunsmoke</i>	17	8
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Sonata 7	<i>A'tanos</i>	16	10
COOPER	David & Hazel	Farr 7500	<i>Farther's Toy</i>	16	8
SEARLES	Greg & Kate	Ross 780	<i>Zorro</i>	16	6
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Ross 780	<i>Kinross</i>	14	7
SWAN	Peter & Brenda	Sabre 22	<i>Tamu N'doto</i>	14	4
HEAP	Neville & Judy	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer II</i>	13	6
McINTOSH	Shane & Kirsti	Castle 650	<i>Dancing Barefoot</i>	12	6
GILLAN	Jim & Lisa	Farr 6000	<i>Spindrift</i>	12	4
QUIRK	Robin & Terry	Lingard	<i>Cloud Walking</i>	11	6
TINKLER	Graeme & Liz	Adams 21	<i>Adamant</i>	10	4
BROEKMAN	Arnold & Jo	Haynes Tramp	<i>Oranje</i>	10	1
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Clifton 7	<i>Binnaway</i>	10	0
BOOKER	Graham & Maria	Sonata 26	<i>X-Rated</i>	10	0
STEELE	Stan & Wendy	Farr 6000	<i>Blue Moon</i>	8	2
STANFIELD	Doug	Adams 21	<i>Roller Coaster</i>	8	2
HUTCHINGS	David & Joan	Blazer 31	<i>Ezy</i>	8	2
PARKER	Raymond & Bronwyn	Young 7.7	<i>Possum</i>	7	4
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr & Beyond</i>	6	4
PENN	Ralph & Janice	Duncanson 26	<i>Penultimate</i>	6	0
WATSON	Malcolm & Betsy	Sonata 7	<i>Windsong</i>	4	2
WADDINGHAM	Eric & Janice	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Too Many</i>	4	2
LONGWORTH	John & Denise	Haynes Tramp	<i>It's All Good</i>	4	0
WHATSON	Garry & Cheryl	Sonata 7	<i>No Worries</i>	3	0
HOBBS	Bill & Lynda	Haynes Tramp	<i>Trivia</i>	3	0
STRONG	Chris & Annie	Sonata 7	<i>Time Out</i>	2	2
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Sabre 22	<i>Keanu</i>	2	2
HICKS	Peter & Noula	Noelex 25	<i>Proteus</i>	2	2
ANGUS	Greg & Toni	Farr 6000	<i>Coonawarra Blue</i>	2	2
NUNN	Ian	Farr 7500	<i>Farr Horizon</i>	2	0
HECK	Hans & Anita	Austral Clubman	<i>Cross Wind</i>	1	0
JANKOWIAK	Bernd & Barbara	Gazelle	<i>Blew By U</i>	1	0

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Donation \$200.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 • Decorations \$500.00 \$640.91 (\$140.91) <p>Total \$2,110.00 \$1,670.30 \$439.70</p> <p>Variable Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal \$3,450.00 \$3,533.00 (\$83.00) • Gift \$0.00 \$640.20 (\$640.20) <p>Total \$3,450.00 \$4,173.20 (\$723.20)</p> <p>Total Expenses \$5,560.00 \$5,843.50 (\$283.50)</p> <p>Net Profit/Loss (\$328.86) (\$298.86) \$30.00</p>
<p>Cruising Organizer – Graeme Vivien</p> <p>Coming up the Illawarra event</p> <p>Last weekend was Neville & Judy’s cruise – twilight sail – 5 boats attended – more details to come</p> <p>December we have annual New Years Eve Cruise - a lamb spit roast in the water is being organized by Greg & Graeme</p> <p>More details in the next newsletter to organise food etc</p> <p>Manning Race 9 & 10 Jan – Doug organizing this event – best thing to do in a trailer sailer</p> <p>January - Grahame Tinkler to put info in next newsletter</p> <p>Marina – will accommodate as many as they can on the Friday night – bbq at the Yacht Club byo</p> <p>Egg and bacon breakfast on the Sunday morning</p> <p>suggest bring your running shoes</p> <p>exercise dinghy sailing – Australiana quiz – study up</p> <p>Soldiers Point – launch</p> <p>Ring Tinklers if attending</p>
<p>Social Organizer – Debbie/Brenda</p> <p>Peter advised next ladies night is postponed until further notice</p> <p>Xmas Party 11/12/09 need to have numbers for catering by 1st December, \$35 head – 2 course meal, music & lawn bowls</p> <p>Money being collected or direct deposit</p> <p>Children prices still unknown</p> <p>Room and staff \$300 – nibbles then meal</p> <p>Shortfall to be funded by Club</p> <p>Motion – to allow social organizers to spend up to \$300 – anymore needs further approval</p> <p>Stan approved Graeme seconded</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Membership Organizer – Phillip</p> <p>Simon & Vicki Wallis have joined the Club – Sonata 7 “Satisfaction”</p> <p>Motion – Approved</p>
<p>Racing Organiser - Graham Walkerden</p> <p>Lord Mayors Regatta next weekend Lake Illawarra – little bit of info in newsletter</p> <p>No one else has indicated they are attending as yet</p> <p>Race 7 & 8 last two of the series – point score is very close, between Oranje, Zorro & Blue Moon</p>
<p>General Business</p> <p>Ralph had incident – jack-knifed his boat – talking about winch which punched a hole in the side of the boat – what stopped the boat was the winch hanging on and chain – stainless steel if continually wet – stress corrosion and pitting corrosion –what happens winch eye bent – could have broken at any time with stress corrosion – stainless steel does corrode</p> <p>Suggest everyone check their stainless steel</p> <p>Ralph hopes to be back next race weekend</p> <p>Point score has been sent to editor but was missed from this months publication</p>
<p>Date of next General Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 16 February, 2010</p>
<p>Grahaem Tinkler said he thought races were to be cancelled if the wind is above 25 knots – passive race – some women were not happy with this calling</p> <p>Several boats pulled out of the race</p> <p>forecast was 25 knots in the afternoon – constant 20-22 knots and gusts 25 knots</p> <p>Barry White put forward the motion not to race in winds over 10 knots – motion not carried</p> <p>Phillip put forward the motion to not race if winds are under 10 knots – motion not carried</p>
<p><i>Merry Xmas to All</i></p>

And on a lighter note....

Extract from one of our old newsletters

21/3/84 a vote was taken at the general meeting as to whether to allow #1 Sail (Genoa) to be used on race days?? Up to this point "Jibs" were the only sail apart from the main allowed to be used

It went to the vote "11 for and 3 against"

Phillip Sparkes



Happy Birthday to

8 Dec	Kate Searles
13 Dec	G Booker
17 Dec	Garry Watson
18 Dec	Pam Peters
23 Dec	Wendy Steele
1 Jan	Brenda Swan
15 Jan	Terry Quirk
18 Jan	Stan Steele
24 Jan	Phillip Sparkes

Minutes of Committee Meeting

17 November, 2009 Newcastle Cruising Yacht

Chairperson : Greg Searles
Committee : Graeme Vivian, Kim Sparkes, Peter Swan, , Phillip Sparkes, Graham Walkerden
Apologies Stan Steele
Attendees: 6 as per attendance book
Meeting opened: 6:10 pm

Minutes

Confirmation of previous minutes : 21/7/09 – Club Macquarie

Proposed : Phillip **Seconded** : Graeme Vivian

Matters arising from the Minutes –

Nil

Peter to re-do and present new budget – yet to come
Correspondence to be addressed in General Meeting

Business – YA Fees – have not yet received a statement

We advise everyone to check their YA membership – check your membership is current on the web site
Phillip to follow up with YA

Peter enquired about the magazine subscription that was given to NHTYA as a promotion and was given out as a lucky door prize on the October long weekend social bbq. Peter thought this should have been raffled. Which then brought up discussion on other issues eg. Xmas Party that was booked and deposit paid without consulting or advising Committee &/or approval for funding.

Motion approved - in future - all expenditure to be presented to The Committee prior to any payments.

Peter questioned club assets – what are they and who has them. It has been a few years since a formal Club Asset Register has been identified. It was suggested that Phillip start an email to collate and formulate the register

Meeting closed at 6:55



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Race Organisers Column:

2009 Heaven Can Wait:

Congratulations to everyone involved in the fundraising. A massive result for the club and all those that have supported it. Below are the Teams mentioned on the HCW website

- Kinross Team \$3,005.00 AUDHoly Crap Batman!!!
- Spindrift Team \$1,065.35 AUD
- TScam.org Team \$1,025.00 AUD
- Gunsmoke Team \$265.00 AUD

The 2009 Heaven Can Wait 24 hour yacht race run on Lake Macquarie broke a host of records in its fourth year -- despite weather conditions that convinced a number of sailors an evening spent in front of the TV was a more prudent option.

Records broken for this year's Heaven Can Wait (HCW) included:

- Raising over \$14,000 in donations to individual yachts competing in the weeks leading up to the race
- A record start-line fleet of more than 60 yachts (in spite of the rain-related 'no shows')
- A new course record for the One Lap Dash.

Congratulations to Graeme Booker and crew of X-Rated for completing the 24 hour race and placing 7th on Handicap...Outstanding. Congratulations also to John Longworth on 'It's All Good' for the best 1 lap Dash result from our club using the HCW handicaps.

Both Graeme and John were unable to place in the clubs results due to electing to use Spinnaker. I hope to change this for next years race and enable everyone that has the willingness to raise funds and support the event the opportunity to gain a result in the clubs 6 hour race also.

2009 Spring Series:

Well the Spring Series is over for another year and I would just like to thank all 26 entrants that participated and assisted with the race weekends. Special thanks to Singo for running the show on Race 7 and Joan from 'Ezy' for making races 5 and 6 a laugh with the Halloween theme. I hope to see everyone again for the start of the 2010 Autumn series next year.



Happy Sailing & Happy Xmas
Graham
NHTYA Race Organiser

Spring Series Race 5 Results

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Div	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd
1	4	oranje	02:24:34	0.655	01:34:42	0.688	0.659	A Broekman	D3	0.8	15:14:34	3
2	169	Viva La Vida	02:31:35	0.638	01:36:43	0.656	0.642	G Vivian	D4	2.0	15:26:35	7
3	11	Tamu Ndotu	03:03:15	0.530	01:37:07	0.542	0.543	P Swan	D1	3.0	15:38:15	15
4	510	Its All Good	02:29:03	P0.659	01:38:13	0.667	P0.659	J Longworth	D3	4.0	15:19:03	5
5	F916	Spindrift	02:59:04	0.555	01:39:23	0.555	0.558	J Gillan	D1	5.0	15:34:04	14
6	190	Gunsmoke	02:49:03	0.588	01:39:24	0.588	0.591	G Walkerden	D2	6.0	15:34:03	13
7	2665	X-Rated	02:33:13	0.652	01:39:54	0.649	0.651	G Booker	D3	7.0	15:23:13	9
8	145	Zorro	02:18:29	0.725	01:40:24	0.718	0.721	G Searles	D4	8.0	15:13:29	1
9	7265	Farrthers Toy	02:43:24	0.615	01:40:30	0.608	0.615	D Cooper	D3	9.0	15:33:24	11
10	440	Blue moon	02:49:00	0.600	01:41:24	0.588	0.598	S Steele	D2	10.0	15:34:00	12
11	100	Binnaway	02:38:01	0.643	01:41:36	0.629	0.638	B White	D3	11.0	15:28:01	10
12	164	Kinross	02:31:32	0.674	01:42:08	0.656	0.669	D Tracey	D4	12.0	15:26:32	6

13	77	Possum	02:31:36	0.700	01:46:07	0.656	0.693	R Parker	D4	13.0	15:26:36	8
14	168	No Worries	02:59:04	P0.594	01:46:22	0.555	0.558	G Whatson	D2	14.0	15:44:04	14
15	888	Could Walking	02:26:44	P0.734	01:47:42	0.677	0.681	R Quirk	D4	15.0	15:21:44	4
16	M27	Ezy	02:21:26	P0.782	01:50:36	0.703	0.673	D Hutchings	D4	16.0	15:16:26	2
DNF	106	Dancin Barefoot	.	0.613	.	.	.	S McIntosh	D3	19.0	.	.
DUT	36	Adamant	.	0.613	.	.	.	G Tinkler	D2	.	.	.

Husband & Wife Trophy: Gunsmoke

Spring Series Race 6 Results

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed	AHC	HC Cor'd T	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Div	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd
1	4	oranje	02:04:45	0.659	01:22:13	0.685	0.666	A Broekman	D3	0.8	13:54:45	2
2	502	Wanderer 2	02:17:55	0.607	01:23:43	0.620	0.610	N Heap	D2	2.0	14:02:55	6
3	169	Viva La Vida	02:10:42	0.642	01:23:55	0.654	0.647	G Vivian	D4	3.0	14:05:42	5
4	190	Gunsmoke	02:22:30	0.591	01:24:13	0.600	0.592	G Walkerden	D2	4.0	14:07:30	8
5	510	Its All Good	02:09:42	P0.659	01:25:28	0.659	0.656	J Longworth	D3	5.0	13:59:42	4
6	440	Blue moon	02:23:57	0.598	01:26:05	0.594	0.597	S Steele	D2	6.0	14:08:57	9
7	77	Possum	02:04:22	0.693	01:26:11	0.687	0.690	R Parker	D4	7.0	13:59:22	1
8	106	Dancin Barefoot	02:28:07	0.613	01:30:48	0.577	0.604	S McIntosh	D3	8.0	14:18:07	10
9	2665	X-Rated	02:19:58	0.651	01:31:07	0.611	0.642	G Booker	D3	9.0	14:09:58	7
10	145	Zorro	02:08:02	0.721	01:32:19	0.668	0.709	G Searles	D4	10.0	14:03:02	3
11	F916	Spindrift	02:49:54	0.558	01:34:48	0.503	0.550	J Gillan	D1	11.0	14:24:54	12
12	100	Binnaway	02:31:42	0.638	01:36:47	0.563	0.628	B White	D3	12.0	14:21:42	11
DNF	36	Adamant	.	0.613	.	.	.	G Tinkler	D2	17.0	.	.
DNF	888	Cloud Walking	.	0.681	.	.	.	R Quirk	D4	17.0	.	.
DNF	7265	Farrthers Toy	.	0.615	.	.	.	D Cooper	D3	17.0	.	.
DUT	11	Tamu Ndotu	.	0.543	.	.	.	P Swan	D1	.	.	.

Husband & Wife Trophy: Wanderer 2

Spring Series Race 7 29 Nov

David and Joan "Ezy"

The forecast for Race 7 looked reasonable before the race. We were joined by Steve on his Corsair 24' trimaran "Cape Kara" which looked fast and promised to be an interesting sight in the fleet. Jim left Spindrift at the dock to be his crew. The start line was laid by David and Hazel in Farrther's Toy quite close to the eastern shore of Kilaben Bay and this tended to mask the wind from the east. We therefore had no idea what was in store for us all as we drifted across the line with several people not getting to the start line on time. As the fleet headed south it soon became apparent that there actually was a breeze blowing and that breeze was continuing to build as we closed Pulbah Island.

As we reached the leeward mark the Lake was covered in "white horses" confirming that the wind was now up to about 25 knots, possibly more funnelling down the side of Pulbah Island. Most people gybed towards Johnny's Point but we decided to tack round and save the gear. Around this time Atanos badly tore their mainsail and radioed that they were retiring. Phil reckons it was caused by weakness induced by an earlier accident with the mainsail. Many of us saw the astonishing spectacle of Cape Kara revelling in the conditions and moving at an amazing pace. Many people had reefed and/or changed jibs to start the beat back to Wangi Point. Either way it was a blustery trip back to windward. The Tramp trimarans took a very Easterly route to Wangi Point and crossed the shallows. "Its All Good" reported that they first saw the fin of a shark ahead of them and then heard it hit the hull. Seems on the web there are quite a few sightings of a Bull shark between Murray's Beach and Pulbah Island.

From Wangi point we could ease the sheets a bit and the close reach down to the finish line was glorious with I suspect most boats at their maximum speed. However just before the finish line the Wind Gods got confused and I think we all had wind coming from all over, finally settling on NW.

A great race overall and a real eye-opener to see Cape Kara first in by half an hour. However big congratulations to "It's All Good" for winning overall. John reckons that changes to his centreboard and housing have made a big difference. We won the Husband and Wife trophy AND actually got to see it this time. It has pride of place at home and we have sent the pictures off to the rellies. The trophy is so imposing they think we have won a National Championship! Nice joinery Neville!

Thanks to David and Hazel for being OOD.

Spring Series Race 7 Results

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd
1	510	Its All Good	02:09:28	0.656	01:24:56	0.699	0.663	J Longworth	0.8	14:59:28	3
2	4	Oranje	02:10:14	0.666	01:26:44	0.695	0.673	A Broekman	2.0	15:00:14	4
3	M27	Ezy	02:11:54	0.673	01:28:46	0.687	0.676	D Hutchings	3.0	15:06:54	5
4	77	Possum	02:08:45	0.690	01:28:50	0.703	0.690	R Parker	4.0	15:03:45	2
5	2665	X-Rated	02:21:02	0.642	01:30:33	0.642	0.640	G Booker	5.0	15:11:02	7
6	169	Viva La Vida	02:25:25	0.647	01:34:05	0.623	0.641	G Vivian	6.0	15:20:25	8
7	145	Zorro	02:12:47	0.709	01:34:09	0.682	0.705	G Searles	7.0	15:07:47	6
8	100	Binnaway	02:33:16	0.628	01:36:15	0.591	0.622	B White	8.0	15:23:16	10
9	11	Tamu Ndotu	03:00:22	0.543	01:37:56	0.502	0.536	P Swan	9.0	15:35:22	13
10	502	Wanderer 2	02:42:05	0.610	01:38:52	0.559	0.605	N Heap	10.0	15:27:05	11
11	431	Cape Kara	01:38:54	1.000	01:38:54	0.916	0.990	S Armour	.	14:33:54	1
12	440	Blue moon	02:45:43	0.597	01:38:56	0.546	0.588	S Steele	11.0	15:30:43	12
13	164	Kinross	02:32:30	0.669	01:42:01	0.594	0.661	D Tracey	12.0	15:27:30	9
DNF	8	Roller Coaster	.	0.567	.	.	.	D Stanfield	16.0	.	.
DNF	88	Atanos	.	0.598	.	.	.	P Sparkes	16.0	.	.
DUT	7265	Farrthers Toy	.	0.615	.	.	.	D Cooper	.	.	.

Husband & Wife Trophy: Ezy

Just Cruising

November Wrap Up:

We had a mixed bag this month. Neville & Judy's Lake Macquarie cruise over the 14th and 15th was attended by five boats of which more in the report below. The Illawarra cruise \ race weekend unfortunately was a bit of a fizzer due to the weather, boats in repair and interstate visitors resulting in only Oranje representing the club. Well done to Arnold and Robyn for making the trek down South.

What's On December:

- December onshore cruise activity is the Christmas party at the Charlestown Bowls club on the 12th December - see the social page \ contact Brenda Swan for further details.
- New Years at Neranie - The motley crew from Zorro are organising a pirate themed New Years eve event. Greg has provided details below.

What's On January:

- 25th Anniversary Manning Marathon - hosted by the Taree Aquatic Club this is a must do event. Details are available from <http://www.sailos.info> – Entry Form and Info sheet attached.
- Australia Day Weekend at Port Stephens - Graham and Liz are hosting something a little different this year. Details are below and this promises to be a great long weekend of sailing and socialising.

By the way, check out the latest Youtube video, just search for 'NHTYA'

Have a great Christmas and New Year.

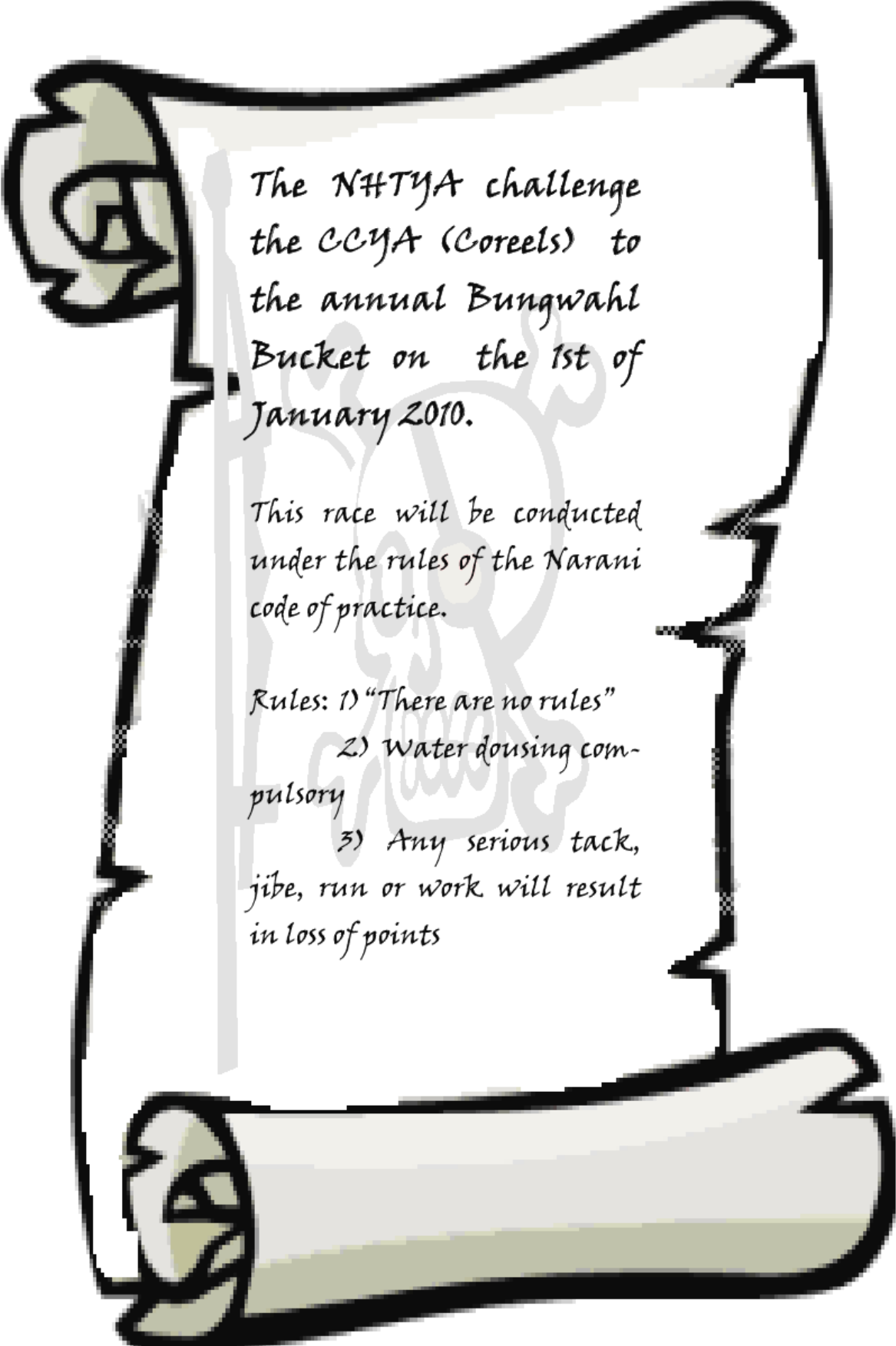
Graeme, Heidi, Ben Snr & Jordan Vivian
Viva La Vida

At Myall's End

Pirates of the Catalina fleet use ye navigational charts on the eve of new year to find ye way to Neranie Sands, safe haven to Pirates, Criminals and Vagabonds.

Bring along some grits for afternoon snack and desert and your motley crew to celebrate the new year. Convene at the beach at 7.00pm 31st December 2009.

*Please RSVP to Cruise leaders Kate
Greg on 0249381116 or
fairviewwines@people.net.au if you
are coming*



The NHTYA challenge
the CCYA (Coreels) to
the annual Bungwahl
Bucket on the 1st of
January 2010.

This race will be conducted
under the rules of the Narani
code of practice.

Rules: 1) "There are no rules"
2) Water dousing com-
pulsory
3) Any serious tack,
jibe, run or work will result
in loss of points

Australia Day 2010

You are invited to a Sneak Peak look around Port Stephens for a 2 to 4 day Australia Day weekend on 23 – 26 Jan 2010. Hosted by "Adamant" Liz and Graeme.

Cruise details

- Australia day 2 or 4 day weekend 23/01/10 -26/01/10
- Friday evening is a sunset social for those who can make it 1830 hrs BBQ at 1930 bring your own meat and a salad to share. This will be held at the Soldiers Point Y.C please let Graeme .T know on 49190040 mob 0419322324 if attending as marina berths may be available on that night
- Saturday will kick off with a Egg & Bacon breakfast at the club at 0930
- The rest of the weekend depends on wind and weather conditions
- things to bring
 - Map of the area would be handy.
 - Running shoes
 - Bone up on Australiana questions for the quiz

We look forward to showing you around our area

Graeme & Liz
ADAMANT

November Cruise

Hazel Cooper

We left Fishing Point about 11am meeting Wanderer II on the way and made our way to the Sand Island for morning tea/lunch. We met Proteus there and it seemed no one was keen to swim. From there we sailed to Murray's, there was a strong wind from the South and we were making 6 to 6.5 knots. We saw Wanderer II on the jetty but it looked a bit bumpy for us and evidently Neville thought so too so we all anchored North of the jetty watching out for the razor shells. Once we were all settled we decided to walk around the housing estate and Peter and Dave had a Magnum. Dave decided to walk back to the boat and we continued on around the waterfront. We admired the view of the Eraring Power Station and looked at Pulbah Island from another view. It was a lovely afternoon. Not too hot. After our meal we 5 settled on Wanderer II to play "May I". Poor Peter I think he was amongst a few crazies! This continued through the night with Neville winning the game overall, was he pleased!

We all had a good quiet night and when we woke we noticed our anchor had moved during the night. Good job it was a quiet night. No early swim, not very enticing at that time of morning. Neville suggested we sail to Shingle Splitters and we left about 10am. We already had our jib furled and with a reef in the main we followed Wanderer and Proteus spying a shark, about 5 feet I reckon, it soon swam away as we sailed past. The Southerly increased and we were glad we had decided on the reefed main. We followed Wanderer to Shingle Splitters but Neville decided we should sail to the Northern Side of Pulbah for Lunch making it easier for everyone to get home. While there we were joined by Kinross and their friends from Germany. While we were standing in the water chatting we noticed some red ink coming up from the water. On inspection it was a triangle type specimen and was most upset when poked as it continued to put out red ink. None of us had seen one of these before. Any ideas? Derek and Leanne said they were sailing to the Sand Island, we decided to follow Wanderer home.

Thanks Judy & Neville. A really good relaxing weekend.

Fraser Island

By Phillip and Kim, Atanos

We are going north the GREAT SANDY STRAITS in a couple of months and wanted to know if there is any other members who would also like to attend Starting and finishing at Harvey Bay and following is a ruffff itinerary

- Friday 23rd April : Launch
- Head north staying in the famous Coongul and Wathumba Creeks weather permitting
- Wednesday 28th April : Head south for Tin Can Bay

- Saturday 1st May : Bay to Bay Yacht Race (for those that want to race)
- Monday 3rd May : Retrieve and start the trip home

If you have always wanted to do this bit of water and wanted to do it in company plan things now and ask questions. We already have 2 starters and 2 more maybes

Phil 0414223654

Programs for 2009 and 2010

Newcastle & Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc.

Program 2009

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time	Contact	Ph number	Points
Saturday	12 December	Party, X-mas get-together	Charlestown Bowling Club	1800	Brenda Swan	4942 3111	

Program 2010

Date			Activity		Location	Cruise Leader	Points
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2009 Jan 2010	Pirate Cruise	New Years Eve	Myall Lakes	Greg Searles	2
	2-3	January	TBA				
Sat-Sun	9-10	January	Cruise/race	Manning Marathon	Manning River	Doug Stanfield Ph 4997 4792	2
Sat-Sun	23-26	January	2 to 4 day Cruise	Australia Day	Port Stephens	"Adamant" Liz and Graeme	2
	30-31	January					
	6-7	February					
Sat-Sun	13-14	February	Race 1-2		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
Tuesday	16	February		General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Kim Sparkes Ph 0415 316000	
	20-21	February					
	27-28	February					
Sat-Sun	6-7	March	Cruise	Dougie's Hawkesbury			2
	13-14	March					
Tuesday	16	March		General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Kim Sparkes Ph 0415 316000	
Sat-Sun	20-21	March	Race 3-4		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
	27-28	March					
Sat-Sun	2-5	April	Cruise ////	Easter	Myall Lakes	Looking for volunteers	2
	10-11	April					
	17-18	April					
Tuesday	20	April		General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Kim Sparkes Ph 0415 316000	
Sat-Sun	24-26	April	Cruise ////	Anzac weekend		Looking for volunteers	2
	26	April					
Sat-Sun	1-2	May	Race 5-6		F-Jetty	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
			Race ////	Bay to Bay Race	Harvey Bay	Phillip Sparkes Ph 0414 223654	2
	8-9	May		Mothers Day			
Sat-Sun	15-16	May	Cruise		Lake Macquarie	David Hutchings 0400 753 780	2
Tuesday	18	May		AGM Meeting	Club Macquarie	Kim Sparkes Ph 0415 316000	

	22-23	May					
Sat-Sun	29-30	May	Race 7-8		F-Jetty	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
	5-6	June					
Sat-Sun	12-14	June	Cruise ////	NHTYA & TSCOM Queen's Birthday	Lake Macquarie	Graeme Vivian Ph 0410 329950	2
			Race ////	Keepit Kool	Lake Keepit	Greg Searles Ph 0409 243926	2
Tuesday	15	June		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	19-20	June					
	26-27	June		Presentation Night		Greg Searles Ph 0409 243926	
	3-4	July	Xmas in				
	10-11	July					
Sat-Sun	17-18	July	On shore				2
Tuesday	20	July		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	24-25	July					
Sat-Sun	30-1	July/August	Rego day	1 st August			
Sat-Sun	7-8	August	Race 1-2		F-Jetty	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
	14-15	August					
Tuesday	17	August		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	21-22	August	Cruise				2
	28-29	August					
Sat-Sun	4-5	September	Race 3-4	Father's Day	F-Jetty	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
	11-12	September					
Sat-Sun	18-19	September	Cruise				2
Tuesday	21	September		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	25-26	September					
Sat-Sun	2-4	October	Race ////	Labour Day Weekend	3 & 6 Hr Races	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
	9-10	October					
Sat-Sun	16-17	October	Race 5-6		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
Tuesday	19	October		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	23-24	October					
Sat-Sun	30-31	October	Cruise				2
	6-7	November					
Sat-Sun	13-14	November	Race 7-8		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden Ph 4950 4437	2
Tuesday	16	November		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	20-21	November	Cruise	Lake Illawara Cruise \ Regatta			
Sat-Sun	27-28	November	Cruise				2
	4-5	December					
Sat-Sun	11-12	December	Xmas get- together				
	18-19	December					
	25-26	December					
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2010 Jan 2011	Cruise ////	New Years Eve			2

Tech Tips

Mooring your Boat to a Jetty

Mooring your boat with the proper bow and stern breast lines, fore and aft spring lines will provide your boat with a secure hold to a dock or pier.

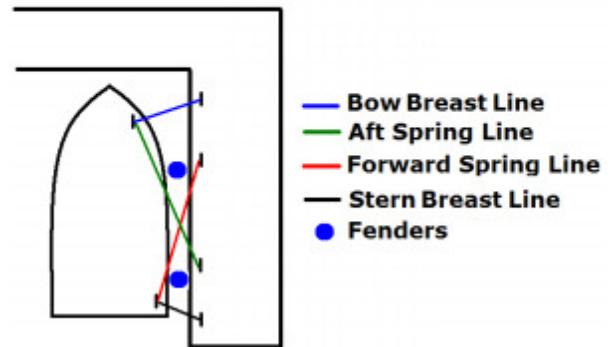
The bow and stern breast lines act to stop the boat from moving away from the dock.

The fore spring line, which runs from the aft boat cleat to a forward point on the dock, stops backward (aft) movement of the boat. The aft spring line, which runs from the bow cleat to an aft point on the dock, stops forward movement of the boat.

Fenders are hung from the stanchions on the dock side of the boat to prevent both boat and dock damage from the boat rocking. You will need to use at least three fenders to provide adequate protection.

Derek, I hope this helps ;-)

Mooring to a Dock



AGM Batteries

Many of you are, or will be, selecting batteries for your boats. Thanks to Phil Sparkes for offering this interesting article. I have also added to information that I have found invaluable.

It is well worth understanding the virtues of both conventional (Lead Acid) and AGM batteries, and how you can put them to best use, I won't go deeply into the technical details of these batteries, just point out some of their advantages, and why.

Basically it starts with how you intend to recharge your batteries, I am talking about your main recharging source here. If you are going to be using any of the smart charging solutions, like solar panels and a quality smart regulator, or a smart 3 stage mains (240v) battery charger, or the Christie Honda petrol charger (set to hi charge), then in most cases the conventional wet cell deep cycle battery will serve you well.

If treated correctly (and few are) conventional deep cycle batteries can outlast AGM's, but only if they are well maintained and cycled within their design perimeters, with both correct discharging/charging and equalising (now that a whole other story) and with keeping electrolyte (water) levels up.

However if your main source of charging is from your vehicles alternator, or you need to place the batteries in places that are less than optimum for safe battery storage, keeping in mind that wet cell batteries give off hydrogen (explosive) gas as they are charging, then you should consider using AGM batteries as they are totally sealed and spill proof.

Did you know that if our good quality wet deep cycle batteries have been discharged fairly deeply, it can take 8-12 hours of continuous engine running to achieve just 70-80% charge?

A bit about Alternators.

Standard car and truck alternators are designed, for various good reasons to recharge car batteries to only 70-80%, and this works very well for normal cars and trucks, but when it comes to charging our storage batteries, where of course we need as full a charge as possible, that same 70-80% is not very helpful at all. Really, standard alternators are designed primarily to top up quickly the surprisingly small amount of energy that is removed from the battery by the starter-motor on engine start up, and then to keep up with all your accessories, radios, head lights etc, they were never designed to recharge deeply discharged batteries, and they fall short in this area unless modified or replaced with a specialised charging alternator, and smart multi stage regulator.

Automotive battery chargers suffer from much the same less than perfect regulation as car alternators, and achieve much the same results, and take a much, much longer time to do it.

As an example lets imagine you have a 100 Ah (Amp hour) battery, and you main charging source is an alternator or a standard automotive battery charger, now both of these will only charge this battery to about 75% (75 Ah), and you should not discharge your batteries below 50% (50 Ah in this case) of their capacity (see note below) if you want them to last, so all you can really safely use of this 100 Ah battery is 25 Ah, not much eh?

The following table shows the charge voltage for conventional batteries when the charge must be replaced as quickly as possible. Note that these voltages will require battery water to be replaced. It is worth knowing the voltage at which YOUR charging solution maxes out. It may well be too low.

Battery Temperature	Charge Voltage per cell	Charge Voltage for a 12 Volt battery	Gassing Voltage per cell	Gassing Voltage for a 12V battery
-20 °C *	2.67 to 2.76	16.02 to 16.56	2.97	17.82
-10 °C *	2.61 to 2.70	15.66 to 16.2	2.65	15.9
0 °C *	2.55 to 2.65	15.3 to 15.9	2.54	15.24
10 °C	2.49 to 2.59	14.94 to 15.54	2.47	14.82
20 °C	2.43 to 2.53	14.58 to 15.18	2.415	14.49
25 °C	2.40 to 2.50	14.40 to 15.00	2.39	14.34
30 °C	2.37 to 2.47	14.22 to 14.82	2.365	14.19
40 °C	2.31 to 2.41	13.86 to 14.46	2.33	13.98
50 °C	2.25 to 2.35	13.5 to 14.10	2.30	13.8

The following table shows the charge voltage for charged conventional batteries when trickle charging so that electrolyte is not lost.

Battery Temperature	Charge Voltage per cell	Charge Voltage for 12V Battery	Gassing voltage
-30 °C *	2.7	16.2	
-20 °C *	2.34 to 2.38	14.04 to 14.28	2.97
-10 °C *	2.32 to 2.37	13.92 to 14.22	2.65
0 °C	2.30 to 2.35	13.8 to 14.1	2.54
10 °C	2.28 to 2.33	13.68 to 13.98	2.47
20 °C	2.26 to 2.31	13.56 to 13.86	2.415
25 °C	2.25 to 2.30	13.5 to 13.8	2.39
30 °C	2.24 to 2.29	13.44 to 13.74	2.365
40 °C	2.22 to 2.27	13.32 to 13.62	2.33
50 °C	2.20 to 2.25	13.2 to 13.5	2.30

Note. Have you heard that you can drain deep cycle batteries all the way down, and then recharge them? Have you been told that this is what deep cycle batteries are all about?

I hear this almost everyday that people have been told this, and by some battery sales people that should know better. This line of thinking is totally **wrong**. All conventional deep cycle battery manufactures say that their batteries are designed to be cycled to 50% of their rated capacity! So each and every time you take these batteries below this 50% you are shortening their lives, and if you do it regularly and deeply you will even more dramatically reduce their lives.

Ok OK !! I can hear the cry's from here "*but I get many more amp hours out of my deep cycle battery than what you say I can!*".

The truth is that most people discharge their batteries far too low, way down until their fridges cut out, or their lights start to dim (does this remind you of anyone ??), at this point they have discharged their batteries so low that they are doing serious damage to their batteries, and consequently won't get anywhere near the life out of their batteries that they could and should normally expect if the batteries were cycled within their design perimeters.

Now remember the 100Ah battery with only 25Ah useable? A huge gain can be had if you are using any of the smart charging solutions, like solar panels and a quality smart regulator, or a smart 3 stage mains (240v) battery charger, or the Christie Honda petrol charger (set to hi charge), you can expect close to 100% (100Ah) charge, So 100 Ah capacity, discharge to 50% (50Ah), that's now 50Ah useable, twice what you had before!

Now lets look at some of the direct advantages of these AGM batteries.

- ⊗ these batteries are totally sealed, 'transport' classed as spill proof, never needing topping up with water, **ever!**
- ⊗ because of this they can be mounted **inside** a car, caravan, motorhome etc and only need to be vented to **atmosphere**, they do **not** need to be in a sealed box vented to the outside like wet batteries, and can be mounted on their sides or ends if needed.
- ⊗ because of their very low internal resistance these batteries will **fully charge at a lower voltage**, and accept a much larger charge current, so when charging from a standard car/truck alternator these batteries will all but fully charge, **and fast too, in about 2.5 to 3 hours!**
- ⊗ they can occasionally be discharged much much deeper than conventional deep cycles without major damage.
- ⊗ these batteries when left unattended only self discharge at the rate of up to 3% per month, and even after 12 months sitting idle can be recharged and put back into full service without any ill effects. On the other hand a standard deep cycle battery if treated the same way will have destroyed it's self, it will no longer hold a good charge, and is sadly ready for **the rubbish tip and recycling, not cycling!**
- ⊗ AGM batteries were originally developed for the military, they are very robust and will take a real pounding.

The original AGM batteries were made in the US, brands like Odyssey, Concord, Lifeline, all excellent batteries, used extensively also in the aircraft and in the motor racing fields, but hugely expensive, there are now a lot of these (AGM) types of batteries coming out of China, and some are just rubbish. My battery supplier (ALCO Battery Sales Australia) has found a couple of companies over in China that have been in production for many years, and have been selling batteries into the European market for a long time and have built up very good reputations. ALCO now import these batteries into Australia and are selling them through their own outlets and dealers like myself.

These AGM valve regulated batteries (also called SLA or Sealed Lead Acid) offer very good value, and when compared to standard deep cycle batteries in a dollar per useable amp hour format, they come out miles ahead, plus all the added advantages that I have already outlined, but there is still more.

Lets look at it in dollars and cents.

Using a 100 Ah deep cycle wet cell Trojan (the best), my price \$325.

Useable capacity if charged with smart charging system..... say 50Ah, cost \$6.50 per Ah

Useable capacity if charged from the alternator or auto charger only.....say 25Ah, cost \$13.00 per Ah

Using a 100Ah AGM Battery, my price \$360.

Useable capacity if charged with anything..... lets say 80Ah, cost \$4.50 Per Ah

Now lets look at the space saving

Lets say you needed 100Ah useable capacity from your batteries, and your main charging system was from the vehicles alternator.

Now with conventional deep cycle batteries because you would only have 25% of your battery bank useable you would need 400Ah of battery bank, now there are a few ways you could do this, but the least expensive way would be four x 225Ah 6 volt Trojan batteries at a cost of \$1,120.

Now with AGM batteries you could have just two x 100Ah giving you 200Ah total, so there is your 100 Ah with heaps in reserve and an easy life for the batteries, so only 2 batteries, at a cost of \$720 all up, or better still you could use a single 200Ah battery for a cost of \$695.00.

So with space and money saved, and with the **many** other advantages of AGM batteries, they really are a very good option for **most** people.

Personally I will never muck about with messy, cantankerous, wet cell batteries ever again for my own needs.

List of Members

SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	STREET	SUBURB	PC	PHONE	MOBILE	BOAT NAME	SAIL NO	E-MAIL	BOAT TYPE
ANGUS	Greg and Toni	42 Coomba Road	CHARLOTTE BAY	2428	6552 9001	0427 193 960	Coonawarra Blue	M602		Farr 6000
AYRE	Ross & Margo Graeme & Maria Schultze	22 Willoughby Rd	CHARLESTOWN	2290	4943 0095	0427 002 613	Leaning 2 Farr			Farr 7500
BOOKER	Arnold & Jo	8 Norton Court	BEROWRA HTS	2082	9456 2172	0427 532 631	X-Rated	2665	graeme.booker@gmail.com	Sonata 26
BROEKMAN	Richard & Emma	1 Sunlight Parade	RATHMINES	2283	4975 5718		Oranje	4	jobroekman@yahoo.com	Haines Tramp
BERRY	Richard & Emma	3/5 Rowlands Street	MEREWETHER	2291	4927 1436	0414 896 203	Farr Haven	6910	rickberry@bigpond.com	Farr 6000
COOPER	Dave & Hazel	109 Fishing Point Road	FISHING POINT	2283	4975 1793	0408 435 432	Farrther's Toy	7256	hazelcooper@bigpond.com	Farr 7500
GILLAN	Jim & Lisa	613 Freeman's Drive	COORANBONG	2265	4977 1474	0401671099	Spindrift	916	jim.gillan@parchem.com.au	Farr 6000
HALL	Andrew & Dee	6 Thalaba Rd	NEW LAMBTON	2305	4957 6789	0418 464 189	Isis	1331	andrew.hall4@bigpond.com	East Coast 31
HEAP	Neville & Judy	15 Binburra Avenue	TOOWOON BAY	2261	4332 3529	0400 352 905	Wanderer II	502	nevjudy@bigpond.com	Sabre 25
HECK	Hans & Anita	29 Cessnock Road	SUNSHINE ADAMSTOWN HTS	2264	4973 5519	0417 295 311	Crosswind	8006	resort29@tpg.com.au	Clubman 8
HICKS	Peter & Noula	13 Astor Street	KURRI KURRI	2327	4937 4159	0408 688 487	Impulse			Castle 650
HOBBS	Bill & Linda	32 Boundary Street	CHERRYBROOK	2126	9484 5049	0400 753 780	Ezy	M27	davidchutchings@gmail.com	Blazer 31
HUTCHINGS	David & Joan	66 Edward Bennett Drive 67 Sawpit Ln, Walanbah Via Gloster	GLOUCESTER	2422	6558 0237	0428 580237	Dog'n Bucket		ccabeen@hotmail.com	Wagstaff
IRVIN	Charlie & Cathy	84 Dandaraga Road	BRIGHTWATERS	2261	4970 4060	0419 122 706	Blew By U	2513	bernd@tpg.com.au	Gazelle
JANKOWIAK	Bernd & Barbara	12 Casuarina Close	ONE MILE MACQUARIE HILLS	2316	4919 0043	0427 345 718	Miss Behavin'	Q635		Farr 6000
McINTOSH	Shane & Kirsti	37 Sacramento Ave	Dancing Barefoot	106	4953 7278	0414 555 930	Dancing Barefoot	106	kirsti_shane@bigpond.com	Castle 650
LONGWORTH	John & Denise	33 Charlton street	Barnsley	2278	4955 1590	0412 327 489	It's All Good	510	honestjohn@optusnet.com.au	Haines Tramp
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	60 Harper Avenue	EDGEWORTH	2285	4958 8840	0417 648 692	Keanu		gayleneandkevin@bigpond.com	Sabre 22
NUNN	Ian	101 Fishing Pt Road	FISHING POINT	2283	4975 2797	0415 458 466	Farr Horizon	M75	ian.nunn@gmail.com	Farr 7500
PARKER	Ray & Bronwyn	39 Hampstead Way	RATHMINES	2283	4975 5518	0409 828 104	Possum	7Y7		Young 770
PARKER	Robin & Cin	25 Mary Street	JESMOND	2299	4957 0129	0415 785 579				
PENN	Ralph & Jan	4 Bunar Place	KAHIBAH	2290	4943 1905	0429 431 905	Penultimate	D26	rjpenn@bigpond.com.au	Duncanson 26
PETERS	Hart & Pamela	15 Yowie Close	BENSVILLE	2251	4368 2230	0417 674 687	Farr & Beyond	6910	hartmut.peters@bigpond.com	Farr 7500
QUIRK	Robin and Terry	122 Darling Street	GREYSTANES	2145	9631 9886	0447 265 001	Cloud Walking		quirkservices@bigpond.com	Lidgard 26 Mod
SEARLES	Greg & Kate	422 Elderslie Road	BRANXTON	2335	4938 1116	0437 330056	Zorro	145	fairviewwines@bigpond.com	Ross 780
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	41 Camberwarra Dr	BELMONT NORTH	2280	4946 5080	0414 223 654	A'tanos	88	pwsparkes@bigpond.com.au	Sonata 7
STANFIELD	Douglas	Claymore Squires Hill Rd	BOOLAMBAYTE	2423	4997 4792		Roller Coaster	8		Adams 21

STEELE	Stan & Wendy Christopher & Annie	36 Reserve Drive	BATEAU BAY	2261	4333 1639	0439 466 809	Blue Moon	440	stainles2@bigpond.com.au	Farr 6000
STRONG	Peter & Brenda	29 Gap Beach Road	ARAKOON	2431		0427 665 912	Time Out	558	strongs29@bigpond.com	Sonata 7
SWAN	Graeme & Liz	2 Coolac Close	CHARLESTOWN	2290	4942 3111	0425 280 970	Tamu Ndoto	11	bren_pete@exemail.com.au	Sabre 22
TINKLER	Derek & Leanne	44 Essington Way	ANNA BAY	2316	4919 0040	0419 322 324	Adamant	36	graham.tinkler@bigpond.com	Adams 21
TRACEY	Graeme & Heidi	82 Marsden St	SHORTLAND	2307	4950 1987	0414 501 133	Kinross	164	derek@bravo.net.au	Ross 780
VIVIAN	Eric & Jan	73Casey Drive	SINGLETON	2330	6577 4014	0410 329 950	Viva La Vida	169	singoviv@bigpond.net.au	Ross 780
WADDINGHAM	Graham & Debbie	4 Jetty Avenue	CHARMHAVEN MARMONG POINT	2263	4392 4175	0438 924 175	Farr Too Many	6986		Farr 6000
WALKERDEN	Simon & Vickie	10 Courageous Close	MACARTHUR	2284	4950 4437	0405 526465	Gunsmoke	190	graham_debie@bigpond.com	Sabre 22
WALLIS	Malcolm & Betsy	15 Falkiner Place	SWANSEA EAST	2904	6292 8855	0438 051981	Satisfaction	7150	svwallis@velocitynet.com.au	sonata 7
WATSON	Garry & Cheryl	4 Boyd St(PO Box 412)	MAITLAND	2281	4971 4430	0428 714 430	Windsong	818	betsyandmal412@bigpond.com	Sonata 7
WHATSON	Barry & Kathy	48 Morpeth Rd	MINMI	2323	4934 6939	0402 525 809	No Worries	168M		Sonata 7
WHITE	Russell & Michelle	30 Church St	THORTON	2287	4955 1664	0409 511 220	Binnaway	27	kathywhite@bigpond.com	Clifton
WILCOX		17 Maybush Ave		2322	4966 8818	0428 690 700	SlipperyWhenWet	51	rjwilcox@bigpond.net.au	Haines Hunter