

# CATALINA FLEET NEWS

Merry Christmas

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November Meeting location



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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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at Club Macquarie.

**Deadline for content for the next Newsletter: 1 February 2012**

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## Commodore's Report

Welcome to the December/January issue of Catalina Fleet News. Well, the Spring Season has very quickly come and gone and Christmas is "a knocking". It has been great to see everyone enjoying the racing and activities we have had this season. It for me, has been very pleasing to see everyone getting involved and putting their hand up to help with different activities and roles, and enjoying themselves - exactly what a club should be all about.

Pam and I would like to wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. If you are travelling please keep safe, and if you're coming up to the Myalls for New Year, we look forward to catching up and chilling out.

Hart



Merry Christmas

# General Meeting Minutes 15/11/2011



The Meeting was held at the Radio Base, Marine Rescue NSW, Swansea Heads.  
Meeting opened at 19.12hours

Apologies: Derek and Leanne, Ralph, Eric and Jan, Dougie and Pam Peters  
Attendance as book

- The Minutes of the General Meeting at Club Macquarie on 18/11/11 as printed in the November Newsletter be adopted. Hart mentioned there was an error in the item regarding the audit. It should say that the audit is made on the assets and finances and not on the number of members.  
Proposed: Kim Sparkes                      Second: David Cooper

## Correspondence

- Inwards:
  - Marine Rescue NSW re Marine Lake Macquarie Activities – regarding a Fishing competition on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November
  - Bilgewater Newsletter
  - Lake Macquarie City Council re Nominations for Lake Macquarie Sports Awards.
  - Sonata Notes
- Outwards: Nil

## Reports

- Treasurer** as at 31/10/11
 

Income:	\$500.00
Expenditure:	\$565.75
Balance:	\$3,286.36
ING:	\$4,808.67
Total:	\$8,095.03

 15/11/11 – resolved that the Treasurers report be accepted  
 Moved - Phil      Second Arnold



- Racing:** Arnold suggested to make the next race be a passage race to the north ie Croudace Bay
- Membership:** Nil

## General Business

- Phil proposed a change to the Constitution 15/11/2011 (*these will be listed in detail elsewhere in this newsletter*)  
 The first 2 motions are to solve a conflict that has arisen and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is to allow us make decisions by emails, teleconferencing, etc.
  - Motion 1  
 Change to - 6. Cessation of membership  
 c) fails to renew their membership within 2 months from the 1<sup>st</sup> September of that financial year.
  - Motion 2  
 Change to 10. Fees and subscriptions  
 (4) If subscriptions are not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> November, membership will cease.
  - Motion 3  
 Add new line 23. Meetings and quorum  
 (9) Meeting may be held at two or more venues using technology that allows Members an opportunity to participate.
- A discussion on possible changes to the Annual General Meeting regarding the protocol. Re members who want to be on the committee need to place this in the Newsletter so members can know who wants to stand on the Committee etc.
- The Constitution will need to be discussed with members in the New Year.
- Discussion on racing in storms. The consensus was the skipper is responsible for his yacht. Make sure the skipper and crew wear rubber soled shoes.
- Phil said the Yachting NSW census has been sent to them.
- Phil has contacted the Maitland Caravan and Camping Show with a view to promote the club next year. Suggested The Post may help us in advertising.

- From our Commodore:  
Pamela was unable to come to the meeting as she broke her foot climbing off their boat when they were on the Hawkesbury Cruise. We all wish you will soon be back on your foot.
- This is the last meeting for the year. The Christmas Party will be at Neville and Judy's. Contact Judy on what to bring. Bring dancing shoes. Bring a gift worth \$5.00 lady and man. Myall Lakes for the New Year. The Manning River Race and then Australia Day.

Meeting closed at 2030 hours and an invitation was extended to all to view the Base and its workings.

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## Committee Meeting Minutes 8/11/11



The meeting was held at 109 Fishing Point Road, Fishing Point.  
Meeting opened at: 1935hours

Attendance: Hart, Derek, Phil, Ray, Kevin & Hazel

- Minutes of the last Committee Meeting. Approved: Moved Phil Sparkes. Seconded: Ray Parker

### Correspondence

- Inwards – Nil
- Outwards – Nil

### General Business

- Yachting Australia. We have to present the number of members we have on the books so they can work out their charge for the year. We don't have to pay until next year. We have lost one half of our racing members. YA cover us for third party insurance.
- Constitution: Phil proposed a change to the Constitution  
Regarding Part 2 Membership No 6  
“(d) fails to renew their membership within 6 months from the 1st September of that financial year, provided no funds are owing to or from the incorporation, other than membership fees”  
and change to  
“If Membership has not been renewed 2 months after 1<sup>st</sup> September then membership will have lapsed.”

This will be the same as:

“10. Fees and subscriptions (4) If subscriptions are not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> November, Membership will lapse until such subscriptions are paid.”

This to be put forward to the Members at the Next General Meeting 15/11/11.

- Phil re the Audit – to be taken out of the constitution to be presented at the next Gen Meeting
- Hazel – re the risk of storms during racing to be discussed at the next General Meeting
- Discussions about advertising the NHTYA further afar, ie Maitland and the Central Coast.
- Membership 28 members at this time
- Racing Arnold will present the medals at the next General Meeting
- Committee Vacancy  
Suggest we ask Arnold or Robin Parker to take a place in the Committee
- Suggestions for showing the Club to the Public with the idea to rise our membership

Next General Meeting at the Swansea Radio Base on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1800 hours

Meeting closed at 2112hours

## **Proposed Constitution Changes** 15/11/2011

The first two motions are to solve a conflict that has arisen and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is to allow the committee to make decisions by emails, teleconferencing, etc:

Motion 1

### **6. Cessation of membership**

*A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:*

- a) dies, or*
- b) resigns membership, or*
- c) is expelled from the association, or*
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Motion 2

### **10. Fees and subscriptions**

- (1) Annual subscriptions shall become due on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.*
- (2) The amount of subscription shall be decided at the General Meeting prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- (3) Members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> July each year shall be fully paid up members for the following year, provided they pay any increase in the subscription decided at the said Meeting.*
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Motion 3

#### ADD NEW LINE

### **23. Meetings and quorum**

- (9) Meeting may be held at two or more venues using technology that allows members an opportunity to participate

**Anyone requiring a current copy of our Constitution please contact the Commodore or Editor**

## “Boating with Friends and Family”

### **You’re the Skipper – You’re Responsible**

As a skipper you’re responsible for the safety of your vessel and the people on board. Preparation and awareness are two of the most important elements of safe and responsible boating. As skipper, take time to ensure the boat is ready and also spend time to brief your passengers on safety issues.

Among other things, it’s a good idea to brief everyone on board your vessel about the various safety equipment and how to use it.

### **Lifejackets**

Explain that lifejackets save lives and that a lifejacket will not save your life if you’re not wearing it. As skipper you must carry a lifejacket for every person on board. But it’s no use just having lifejackets on board, make sure you and your passengers wear them.

In NSW you must wear a lifejacket in situations of long, when boating alone, at night, on open (ocean) children under the age of 12 must wear a lifejacket in experience on the water or who are unfamiliar with properly and make sure they know what to do in the



heightened risk such as a small vessel up to 4.8m waters and on alpine waters. And of course, boats at 4.8m long. For people with limited lifejackets, show them how to fit their lifejacket event of an emergency.

Recent tragic events have highlighted the need to in a boating situation where the wearing of lifejackets is not compulsory, you should ensure that weak swimmers wear a lifejacket.

wear lifejackets – they save lives. Even if you are

Children need to be watched carefully. Be especially careful not to allow children to be on the bow or to sit with legs dangling over the side when under power.

### **Being prop aware**

Remind your passengers to be prop aware. Tell them that boat propellers pose a risk that is easily ignored because they are under then water, “out of sight and out of mind.” A strike from a spinning propeller can cause injury and even death.



Make sure that the prop area is all clear before starting the engine, remind your passengers to keep arms and legs inside the boat, keep a proper lookout especially when near swimmers and wear a kill-switch lanyard when boating alone.


### **Checking the Weather**

As skipper you should always check the weather before and during boating. If it looks dicey, don’t go out. If it starts to turn bad, head straight for shelter. A marine radio helps you keep in touch with weather updates. Learn to understand and read weather patterns, the wind, the waves and the limits of the craft. Conditions on the water can change in a blink of an eye.



For more information visit [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au) or call info line 13 12 56.”

Submitted by Hazel Cooper



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### 3 Island Look Sea Cruise – NHTYA Mob

Well it was de-cided thru the year that Dougie would do a Hawkesbury Pittwater Cruise. No worries, Ill do 3 Island and O/N up McCarrs Creek.

But I gets a wedding invite and me and me ex – No. 1 son ‘Duncan’ was married to Loretta with 3 kids ‘Nadine’ ‘John’ ‘Rebecca’. It was Rebecca and her Stephens wedding and was held way out “Plo-Block” on Lyn Pepper’s Creek Way country.

Tw as a swell affair, the bride wore white strapless gown and looked ‘ravishing’ she has dark comp lection. Stephen 6’6” blood nut we wished them well.

Cos that was the day Friday I was to go to Parsley Bay or organise this NHTYA Cruise – I’d had one cancellation ‘Ralph Penn’ couldn’t make it. ‘Chris & Annie Strong’ were yet to ring plus another boat from Bribbie Island area (Alan). Then a Nolex Peter & Janette from Tamworth, Hart & Pam and Phill & Kim. Plus I had an investigator ‘Bart’ coming.



So I took ‘Roller Coaster’ to the ex’s place & Budgewoi and left her there and was driving in a red “Getz” (cos they go faster) i sure learnt her how 2 drive fast.

After the wedding I took R/Coaster 2 Parsley Bay and rigged 1:00 am there abouts. Easy, I motored to outer jetty and had a top snooze.

Next day Saturday Nev & Judy were there & Peter & Janette and I sea the CJS-008 in the car park. Then I sea Phill & Kim arrive, we may have 8 or 9 boats and a 10:00 am start. It’s all good so farr.



Saturday we left early from Parsley bay, 2 Sabre 25’, 1 Nolex, 1 Investigator and one Adams 21 motored around. Dangar Island admiring the homes and boats. It was a motor all the way to Patonga where we met up with Alan on South Coast 23’ and Clubman 8 with Christ & Annie who had stayed on moorings in America Bay.

I found the fish & chips lovely and any food you don’t have to prepare yourself is top tucker. We all then motored or motor/sailed or sailed around the majestic escarpment of sand stone “Lion Island”. Into Pittwater and a lovely Easterly breeze pushing us along just nice.



We all waited 4 catch up boats and then motored up in McCarrs Creek into a little picnic area. It’s got fire place, water on tap and picnic tables. All we needed 4 a nice get-together night.

Which we did, no fire tho. It was an early night 4 me & I died and as always have top sleeps on my boat, and I think everyone else did 2 cos they never got up early and it was the native birds that dis.turbed the peace. Nev even could tell me what sort they were.

Well about 8 or 9 or so we all motored off on a good run out tide. Some visited their old watering hole at (Newport Arms Hotel), others motored through the boats – 1000’s of em. Some sailed or motored for home.

4 boats went to Palm Beach West 4 lunch, we all had to anchor twice? I don’t know ? our anchors needed heaps of scope.

After lunch stop we all split up, some going to Winzor via Wisemans Ferry, some 4 a poke around Cowan Creek, Smiths Creek, Waratah Bay, Jerusalem Bay then out 4 home.

The weather was tops, the company was tops and I think the venue is tops. I’ll just have to get moor organised with the start times, next time. Anyhow, it ain’t me who makes the cruise, its the folks and boats that turn up that make a top cruise.



*Over and out from that disturbing element, Douglas Stanfield and his ‘Roller Coaster’ sailing ain’t 4 sissies.*

## Spring Series 2011. Race 8 27<sup>th</sup> November

MCHC Expo G2 results:- Start time 11:30:00

TOP YACHT RESULTS AS PER RACING INSTRUCTIONS

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed Time	AHC	Corrected Time	BCH	CHC	Finish Time	Elapsed Time Order
1	D26	Penultimate	02:35:57	0.549	01:25:37	0.587	0.568	14:05:57	5
2	502	Wanderer II	02:34:54	0.567	01:27:50	0.591	0.579	14:04:54	4
3	501	Sail Away	02:33:37	0.596	01:31:33	0.596	0.596	14:03:37	3
4	55	Calista	02:18:40	0.691	01:35:49	0.660	0.676	13:48:40	1
5	77	Possum	02:18:51	0.707	01:38:10	0.659	0.683	13:48:51	2
6	4	Oranje	02:42:53	0.669	01:48:58	0.562	0.636	14:12:53	6

### Race 8 Spring Series 2011

As seen from Penultimate

Race briefing indicated the start would be in line with the white jetty section of the Rathmines Point swimming baths. So we did our usual track up and down the line only to find that there really is no place on the shore for Leanne Tracey to start the race in line with the white jetty at the baths so we decided to start in line with Leanne who was 50m east at the rock wall parking location.

A nominal west wind at 10 knots provided a down wind start. Ray was on the tiller so Albert and I performed sail trimming duties. Penultimate was first across the start line, closely followed by Calysta, Sail Away and Wanderer II. Possum was having engine troubles and was unable to make the start on time and Oranje I believe was waiting on crew to arrive and was also late across the line. No worries we four yachts pushed on to Coon Island with the wind between 10 and 18 knots from dead behind to 90 degrees off the starboard side. This required much adjustment to the poled out jib on starboard and gave Albert a timely sail trimming refresher as practice for his up-coming Whitsunday Rent-a-Yacht holiday.

Calysta has bragging rights now for being the first of the fleet to round the first mark at Coon Island and indeed was about 200m ahead of the bunched up trio who were following. Penultimate was the next to round the mark followed by Sail Away then Wanderer II.

- Instruction to Ray on the tiller was something like *“we are going to round this mark to the right Ray.....but I believe the ....about 90 degrees to the right”* was not heard or comprehended.

Would be interesting to hear how the following yachts saw what unfolded and how they managed to avoid us:-

- Ray got us through the 90 degrees OK,
- Albert and Ralph set the sails for a work to windward
- but Ray still has the tiller hard on to continue past the 90 degree tack,
- A gust of wind, maybe up near 20 knots, sent us on our way to 180 degrees as the wind laid us over at 45 degrees,
- The wind then continued us through the full 360 degrees
- So we then repeated the required 90 degree tack, reset the dishevelled sheet ropes
- and saw Sail Away and Wanderer II 200m ahead
- bummer!

The work to Fishing Point was quite exciting in that the wind was now up at 20 knots on our meter and gusting to 23 knots. The first reef was set and Penultimate stood up better and even then we were feathering main sail. The three yachts ahead all rounded Fishing Point and we were still 200, and maybe even 300m now, behind them.

Before we make the next tack we look back and are surprised to find Possum 50m behind so we conclude they must have been very late getting to the starting line as this is our first sighting of Possum. About 50m short of the mark we observe a very crowded Possum cockpit with little heads emerging from the cabin and passing us to leeward....and going like the clappers!

The wind is now backing down at about 10 knots but we hold the reef in the main for a while till the wind gods decide on their next move. We observe either Sail Away or Wanderer II also still has a reefed main still.

We now head towards Slip and well before reaching Coal Point our reef is shaken out and the yacht ahead is doing the same. We notice a good increase in our boat speed now. Wind now between 8 and 15 knots and unsure of what speed to steady at. It is on our Port Quarter and by the time we reach the Slip Mark we have made up 200 to 250m on Sail Away and Wanderer II. They are now only 50m ahead as we head for Cardiff Point Mark. As we near the mark they are on

Starboard Tack and get a serious knock while we were on Port Tack and receive a glorious lift that puts us in line with the mark.

What a shame.....Sail Away and Wanderer II just won't make the mark now.....indeed Penultimate sails between them both as we cross paths, one 10m ahead of us, the other 5m behind us.....love this close quarters manoeuvring.

We all round Cardiff Point Mark, head for Coal Point Mark and at this stage we see Calysta is just about to round the Coal Point mark with Possum trying to catch them. Good that they were there because we now know the location of the mark!

Nothing particularly memorable between Coal and Coon Marks except that Penultimate was able to hold position just behind Sail Away and Wanderer II and round Coon Island Mark behind them. From here to home was a work to windward and we lost a bit of ground to them.

Casting an eye to the stern we see Oranje heading towards the Coon Island Mark and this was our first sighting of them. They must have missed the start time by more than Possum did, however it is great to see them moving so fast.

At the finish line we could not see Leanne and assumed she was in one of the vehicles parked there. Crossing the finish put Penultimate was about 2 minutes behind Sail Away and 1 minute behind Wanderer II.

To Leanne, the start finish controller, our sincere appreciation for her effort as this allowed Calysta to partake in the race with Hart Peters as crew. Hart dutifully rubbed it in during retrieval that Calysta virtually "led the fleet from start to finish" (except for the first 4 minutes over the start line where Penultimate crossed first!). OK we will allow bragging rights.

To Possum and Oranje it was good to see you press on even though you were held up arriving at the start line.

Penultimate rated the day as one of the best sailing days for many a year. Other than performing a spontaneous 360 degree rounding at a mark, maybe we are getting the hang of racing this yacht! It was a rollicking ride all day.



Albert Ray & Ralph  
The good yacht PENULTIMATE

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<b>CLUB BOAT &amp; SOCIAL TROPHY 2011/2012</b>						
<b>Points up to and including Race 8</b>						
<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>KNOWN AS</b>	<b>BOAT TYPE</b>	<b>BOAT NAME</b>	<b>CLUB BOAT</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>SOCIAL</b>
				<b>activities</b>		<b>only</b>
						<b>cruises</b>
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Sabre 25	<i>Sail Away</i>		21	12
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Delah 34	<i>Calista</i>		15	6
HEAP	Neville & Judy	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer II</i>		13	6
BROEKMAN	Arnold & Jo	Haynes Tramp	<i>Oranje</i>		11	2
PENN	Ralph & Janice	Duncanson 26	<i>Penultimate</i>		11	2
STEELE	Stan & Wendy	Farr 6000	<i>Blue Moon</i>		8	0
COOPER	David & Hazel	Farr 7500	<i>Farrther's Toy</i>		7	1
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr and beyond</i>		6	6
STANFIELD	Doug	Adams 21	<i>Roller Coaster</i>		6	6
STRONG	Chris & Annie	Austral Clubman 8	<i>Recluse</i>		6	6
PARKER	Raymond & Bronwyn	Young 7.7	<i>Possum</i>		3	2
HECK	Hans & Anita	Austral Clubman 8	<i>Cross Wind</i>		2	2
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Catalina 28	<i>Idle Vice</i>		2	2
TINKLER	Graham & Liz	Adams 21	<i>Adamant</i>		2	2
COPOCK	Peter & Jannette	Noelx 25	<i>Knot Home</i>		2	2
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Clifton 7	<i>Binnaway</i>		2	0
DAVIS	Brian & Jeannete	Noelx 25	<i>Chameleon</i>		1	1

**HOW TO START A FIGHT!**

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.....

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

**More next issue!**

# N.H.T.Y.A. XMAS PARTY



Our Xmas Party this year will be at  
Nev & Judy's Home  
15 Binburra Av.  
TOOWOON BAY



Saturday 10th December  
Time 6.00pm

Ham & Chicken will be supplied  
We look forward to sharing our home with you and we ask if you could please bring a salad or desert

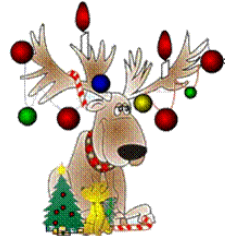


Punch will be supplied - byo alcoholic beverages  
We have a large Ice Box to keep your drinks cold

Please bring a \$5 "secret Santa" present  
each person to buy one for same sex and label for male or female

Wear your dancing shoes and xmas colours or decoration

Cost for the night will be \$5 - \$10 dollars per person to cover costs.



Please call Judy by 3rd December to let us know if you are coming and advise what you are able to bring

Phone 43 323529      mobile 0400 352905



## New Years Eve 2011

Myall lakes - beach party

Naranie sands - weather permitting  
If not suitable - nearest available beach



*Rally at the Beach (after Dinner) in your colourful outfit at 7.00pm with your drinks and Nibbles to share  
Join in the fun with games and have a merry time together as we celebrate the New Year*



*Let us know if you are able to come*

*Neville & Judy - Wanderer 11 - Phone 43 323529 or Mobile 0400 352905*

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## NAUTICAL ORIGINS OF EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS

### **Above Board**

Literally the wooden boards of planking which make up the deck. Any activity which went on "above boards" would be in the open for everyone to see. Thus it has come to mean honest and fair dealing.

### **Heavy Weather**

To make heavy weather or heavy going of something is to make unnecessary hard work. To meet heavy weather is to suffer unexpected difficulty. Each compares with a ship labouring in heavy seas.

### **Spic and Span**

In pristine condition. It referred originally to a newly built ship. A *spic* was a spike or a nail, a *span* a length of timber – both primary items of ship construction.

### **Taken Aback**

A ship is said to be *taken aback* when through a dramatic shift in the wind or careless steering, her sails suddenly billow out in reverse. The helmsman is then taken aback in more senses than one.

More from the *old salt* next newsletter!

ARGH!! **Hart**

# Our Australia Day Cruise



**Meet at Styles Point at 10.00am for our flag raising ceremony.**

**We will be leaving for the Sands near the caravan park at Swansea where we will have a swim, weather permitting.**



**A trip to Speers point after swim and lunch where we will anchor for a trip ashore to the fair and to watch the fireworks. For those staying on the water, Friday will be a late start with a sail to Pulbah for lunch and then South to Brown's Bay for Dinner. Saturday will hopefully see us sail to Sunshine for lunch and on to**



**Duck Hole for a BBQ ashore( BYO BBQ ). Sunday will be a sail back to the Trailers after a morning tea on shore.**



# MURRY RIVER

Mildura to Renmark (or Waikerie)

3rd March 2012 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Saturday - Sunday

**Yes we will try again**

Only this time it will not be in flood  
The nights and days will be warmer

## The Trip

I have been told this trip can be completed in a week, but at this moment my intentions are to take at least two to give us time to explore the interesting points. The extra time is taken up with 4 days on the road (2 days travelling from NSW each way), and 1 day to do the shuttle run. That should give us 10 days on the water.

There would be 4 to 6 hours motoring a day on average. Our car and trailer are best left at a caravan park for security. The bus service between Renmark and Mildura can be used to complete the car-trailer shuttle operation.

Sailing is difficult, if not impossible. So it will be a mast down cruise. With keeping the speed down to around 4 to 5 knots under motor this will get us through from Wentworth to the Border Customs House on 70 to 80 litres of fuel (the longest stretch). A bimini or sun awning over the cockpit will provide protection from the sun and also help to keep you dry if it rains.

As a cruise, this 300-odd kilometre stretch of river takes you through visually untouched Murray River scenery, with something to appeal to almost every taste.

This river is the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest navigable river in the world  
Its total length is 2756km  
1986km is navigable (Goolwa to Yarrowonga)  
15 navigable locks (we are not doing all these)

We are going and I have already had some very positive interest from other members IT IS OPEN TO ALL just let us know if you would like to attend and we will keep you in the loop.

Phillip and Kim  
0414223654

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## What is the Australian Standard for a tow ball ?

The Australian Standard for tow balls for weights up to 3,500 kg is 50 mm and the rating must be stamped on the ball. Always check this to verify the towing weight capacity of the ball. The rate can be between 750 kg and 3,500 kg. The diameter of the tow ball shank should be 22.2mm. The tow ball shank slides into a hole in the ball mount or tongue and is affixed with a locking washer and a nut.

Ball couplings on towbars are required to be installed so that the height of the centre of the body of the ball coupling is between 350mm and 420mm from the ground when laden (Refer to ADR 62/01)

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# What does it all mean

Having just towed the Sonata back from Harvey Bay and turning back around to go and get the Sabre all in couple of days, I would have to say they towed just as good as each other apart from the Sabre being a little bit heavier, with in a week of getting the new boat home we loaded it up with everything and down to the weigh bridge not to bad !!! then had to transfer the rego from Qld into NSW.

Had to weigh the trailer without the load on it, so get the boat lift from Derek, lift it off, and get the trailer down to the weigh bridge again, (now I understand how they get that figure on the glossy brochures). Because the trailer is rated at over 2 tones we had to get a Brown slip (not a Blue slip) all this went fine until the inspector started asking questions as to how the trailer got this odd ATM?? (don't know it's how it was in Queensland so just give it the same) He suggested that I go and see a Automotive Engineer and he may even be able to upgrade it even further with a little bit of work.

2 weeks later I did go and see the Engineer and after about half an hour of talking and him asking questions eg: who high do I want to go, ATM, GTM, GCM and a lot of other things that a painter really does not understand. In the end all I had to do was upgrade the 4 springs, replace the safety chain with a AS4177 rated chain (that's another story) reinforce the towing coupling were it bolts on to the draw bar and wallah its now upgraded to 3300kg- bugger now I have to get a new Car that is capable of towing it!

I have compiled some acronyms' and their definitions

## **GVM (Gross Vehicle Mass)**

Is the accepted safe, maximum allowable total mass of a fully loaded Vehicle, . Its consists of the kerb mass (mass of the vehicle itself with all operating fluids) plus the payload.

## **GTM (Gross Trailer Mass)**

*The total permissible mass which includes whatever you add as payload (eg. water, motor and luggage) that can be supported by the wheels of a trailer. This does not include the mass supported by the tow ball.*

## **ATM (Aggregate Trailer Mass)**

*The total laden weight of a trailer, which includes the tow ball mass and whatever you add as payload (eg. water, gas, luggage). The ATM is specified by the trailer manufacturer and must not be exceeded.*

## **GCM (Gross Combination Mass)**

*The rating provided by the manufacturer of the tow vehicle. The maximum laden mass of a motor vehicle plus the maximum laden weight of an attached trailer is not permitted to exceed the GCM rating.*

## **Tare Mass**

*The unladen weight of the trailer.*

## **Tow Ball Mass**

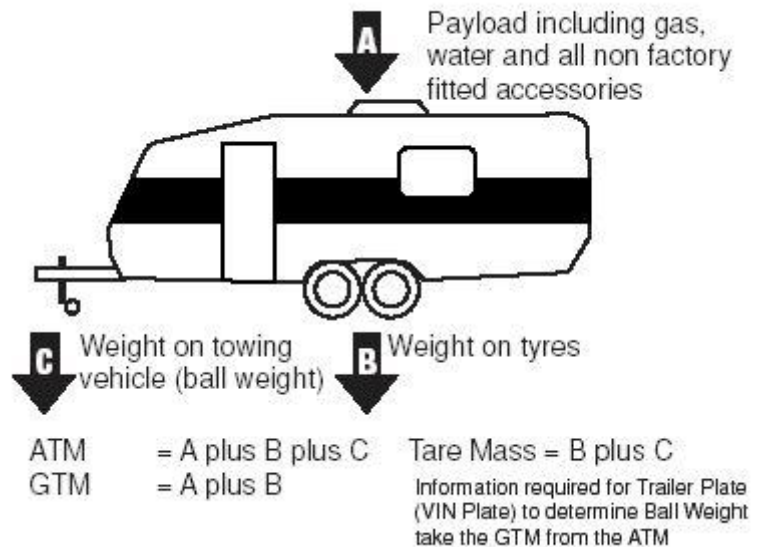
*The weight imposed on the rear of the tow vehicle's tow ball from the coupling of a trailer or caravan.*

## **Kerb Mass**

*Is the mass of the vehicle in running order, unoccupied and unladen but with all fluid reservoirs filled to their nominated capacity. All standard vehicle equipment is also included in the kerb mass.*

## **Payload**

*Payload is specified by the manufacturer. It must not be exceeded under any circumstances. Safety, insurance & warranty may be affected if the specified payload is exceeded.*



## Keanu is for Sale.

Sabre 22

2007 Yamaha 8 hp two stroke  
Equipment replaced 2010 camping tent with fly screens with zip up windows. porta potti battery with C - tek charging system.  
New carpet, life lines, curtains 2011 mainsail.  
Boom tent.  
Trailer rebuilt 2009 rewired with led lights new axles, bearings, brakes, u bolts, 12 inch ladder rollers with 25mm s/steel pins.  
Anti fouled, Two electric power winches with new gal rope & hooks.  
Spinnaker & 1, 2, 3 jibs mainsail used once.

Price \$21,000  
ph Kev 0417648692



## For Sale

“CROSSWIND” Austral Clubman 8

Sail number 8006, launched 1994. The Clubman is a high-performance trailer sailer with a current boat handicap of 0.805 and is an absolute delight to sail. For more information visit [www.australyachts.com.au](http://www.australyachts.com.au)

This yacht has had a complete refit in 2006 with new windows, interior lining, upholstery, plumbing and wiring. An additional light weight bulkhead has been fitted between the head and the V berth as well as a vanity unit and sink in the toilet area. All sinks are fitted with electric swivel taps fed from a food grade 60L tank under the V berth and there is an inbuilt 12/240V refrigerator.

The mainsail is brand new made by Ray Brown using Dimension Polyant Flex. Headsails are No 2 and No 3 Genoa (laminated) and a spinnaker. The motor is a Honda 9.9hp fourstroke 2005.

The 2.5 tonne Mackay trailer has been completely renewed including all running gear, and is fitted with electric hydraulic disc brakes (stainless calipers) on each four wheels.

Also included are: depth sounder and log; lightweight carbon composite rudder; two 100Ah AGM batteries; 60W solar panel; alarm system; electric winch; canvas boat cover; auxiliary motor mount; single-handed mast raising system and single-handed retrieval system.

Asking \$53,000. Contact Hans on 0417 295 311



## For Sale –



**Put your boat here**

## Why have towing mirrors?

When towing a caravan or having a slide-on camper the tow vehicle internal rear view mirror is of little use as the view is obstructed. For some tow vehicles the fixed external side mirrors on your door may not have the capacity to provide a clear view of any following vehicle.

A reversing camera fitted to the rear of your caravan and connected for viewing on a display screen in the tow vehicle cab will also provide a good rear view but may not adequately provide good vision so you can see down both sides of your caravan or trailer. You need to consider if the tow vehicle mirrors are adequate to supplement the rear view camera.



## Rules and regulations for tow vehicle mirrors

After searching the various state and territory transport websites and The Australian Road Rules website only the following information about towing mirrors was located (as at 10/7/09):-

- The Australian Road Rules site states - "Extra mirrors may be needed for the towing vehicle if towing a large trailer"
- The RTA New South Wales (NSW) website states – 'Where the trailer is wider than the towing vehicle, side mirrors on the towing vehicle may project beyond the width of the trailer. However, when the trailer is detached, these mirrors must be removed if they project more than 150 mm beyond the extreme width of the towing vehicle. [In the case of vehicles of more than 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM), collapsible mirrors may project up to 230 mm beyond the width of the vehicle provided they are capable of collapsing to 150 mm]'. NB: Any towed vehicle is referred to as a trailer in their publication.
- The South Australian (SA) website The Driver's Handbook 7<sup>th</sup> Edition states – "At least one rear vision mirror must be fitted to each side of any vehicle towing a trailer that is wider than the towing vehicle".
- Queensland (QLD) Transport website, Safe Towing booklet simply states 'Extra mirrors are required for towing large trailers'.
- Victoria (Vic Roads) website states – "It is important to have adequate rear vision when the caravan is attached. Depending on the width of the caravan, you may need to fit extension mirrors to the towing vehicle".
- Northern Territory (NT) website Road User's Handbook states "At least one mirror must be fitted to each side of any vehicle when towing a trailer that is wider than the towing vehicle".

The common factor is the driver must have an unrestricted clear view of the road to the rear of the caravan or camper trailer and be able to view any overtaking or following vehicles. Extended (external) rear view mirrors should be used where the trailer is wider than the tow vehicle to accommodate this.

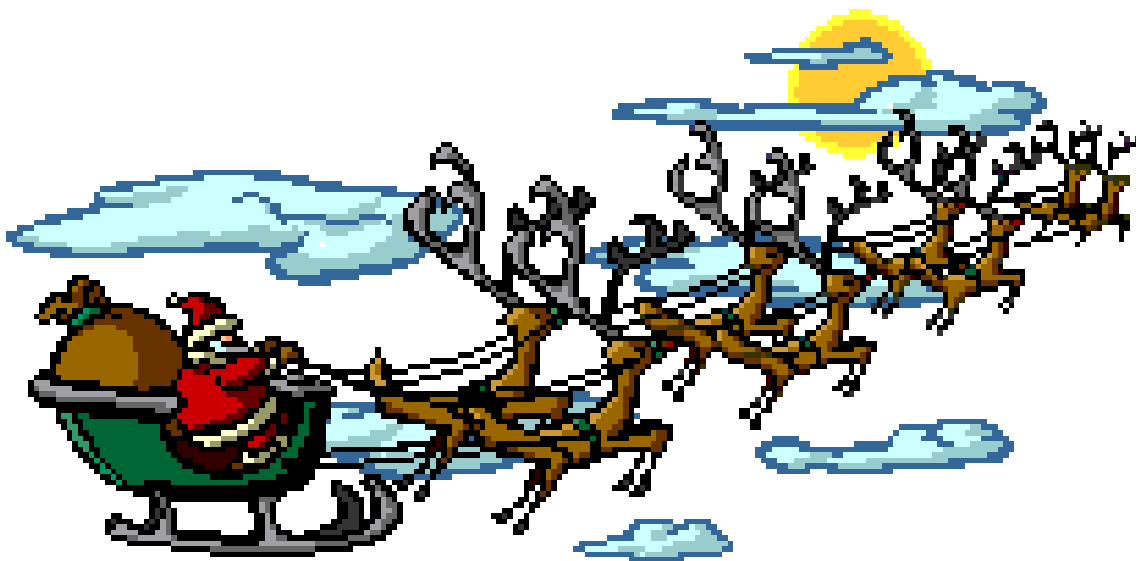
## Program of Events

NHTYA Program 2011								
Date			Activity		Location	Contact and Phone	Pts	
Sat-Sun	12-13	November	Cruise		Hawkesbury River	Doug Stanfield 4997 4792	2	
Tuesday	15	November		General Meeting	Swansea	Hazel Cooper 4975 1793		
Sat-Sun	26-27	November	Race	7-8	Styles point	Arnold Broekman 4973 3811	2	
Sat-Sun	10	December	Event	X-mas get together	Heaps	Neville Heap 4332 3529	2	
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2011 Jan 2012	Cruise	New Years Eve	Myall lakes	Neville Heap 4332 3529	2	

## NHTYA Program 2012

Date		Activity	Location	Contact and Phone	Pt		
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2011 Jan 2012	<i>Cruise</i>	New Years Eve	Myall Lakes	Neville Heap 4332 3529	2
Sat-Sun	14-15	January	<i>Invitation Race</i>		Manning River	Doug Stanfield 4997 4792	2
Thu -Sun	26-29	January	<i>Cruise</i>	Australia Day	Lake Macquarie	Derek 0414 501133	2
Sat-Sun	11-12	February	<i>Race</i>	1 and 2	Styles Point	Arnold Broekman 4973 3811	2
Tuesday	21	February	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie	Hazel Cooper 4975 1793	
Sat-Sun	25-26	February	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Sat-Sun	3-18	March	<i>Cruise</i>	Extended away cruise	Murray River	Phillip Sparkes 0414223654	2
Sat-Sun	10-11	March	<i>Race</i>	3 and 4	Styles Point	Arnold Broekman 4973 3811	2
Tuesday	20	March	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie	Hazel Cooper 4975 1793	
Sat-Sun	24-25	March	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Fri-Mon	6-9	April	<i>Cruise</i>	Easter	Myall Lakes		2
Tuesday	17	April	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie	Hazel Cooper 4975 1793	
Sat-Sun	21-22	April	<i>Race</i>	5 and 6	F-Jetty	Arnold Broekman 4973 3811	2
Sat-Sun	5-6	May	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Tuesday	15	May	<i>AGM</i>		Club Macquarie	Hazel Cooper 4975 1793	
Sat-Sun	19-20	May	<i>Race</i>	7 and 8	F-Jetty	Arnold Broekman 4973 3811	2
Sat-Mon	9-11	June	<i>Cruise</i>	Queens B/D			2
Tuesday	19	June	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	14-15	July	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Tuesday	17	July	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat	4	August	<i>Inspection Day</i>		F-Jetty		
Sat-Sun	18-19	August	<i>Race</i>	1 and 2	F-Jetty		2
Tuesday	21	August	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	1-2	September	<i>Cruise</i>	Dad's Day			2
Sat-Sun	15-16	September	<i>Race</i>	3 and 4	F-Jetty		2
Tuesday	18	September	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat-Mon	29-1	Sept/October	<i>Cruise / Race</i>	Labour Day 3 and 6hr	Styles Point		2
Sat-Sun	13-14	October	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Tuesday	16	October	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	27-28	October	<i>Race</i>	5 and 6	Styles Point		2
Sat-Sun	10-11	November	<i>Cruise</i>				2
Tuesday	20	November	<i>Meeting</i>		Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	24-25	November	<i>Race</i>	7 and 8	Styles Point		2
Sat-Sun	8-9	December	<i>Christmas</i>				
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2012 Jan 2013	<i>Cruise</i>	New Years Eve	Myall lakes		2

These dates can change! So please check your Newsletter closer to the activity.





Taree Aquatic Club      Trailer Yacht Info  
**27<sup>th</sup> Manning Marathon Regatta**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012**

Trailer Yachts competing in the Manning Marathon are invited to "make a weekend of it" and join with local and visiting yachts in a cruise down river from Taree to Manning Point on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Note: Bridge height clearance is 12m.

The proposed program is:

**Saturday**

**1000**      **Rig and launch at Taree – the ramp is located in Stevenson Street down from Kentucky Fried Chicken.**

**\*Tentative\* - Car and trailer overnight parking may be available in a vacant lockable used car yard approximately 200m from the boat ramp. No responsibility taken by owner or Taree Aquatic Club.**

**1130**      Cruise to Manning Point. Depending on conditions, the trip should take 3-4 hours. There are numerous jetties and anchorages at Manning Point.

Dinner at Manning Point Bowling Club and Manning Point Marina  
Following dinner and afters, depending on conditions it may be necessary to move yachts for overnight.

**Sunday**

**0730**      Hot breakfast at Manning Point Reserve - \$10.50. Proceeds to Westpac Rescue Helicopter

**0900-1100**      **Beach Entries \$40 per yacht**  
Includes one printed T-shirt

**1100**      Approximately  
Race briefing

**1200**      Non Spinnaker Trailer yacht start

**1230**      Spinnaker Division Trailer yacht start

**1300-1400**      Line Honours contenders start

**1700-1800**      Presentation and refreshments Taree Aquatic Club after retrieval and unrigging

If you intend to have dinner at the Taree Aquatic Club, it is advisable to book early. Phone the club: 6552 1435



## Taree Aquatic Club Sailing Committee MANNING MARATHON Entry Form Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

**All enquiries contact Andrew Dessel 0447 596 315**

*I wish to nominate my boat in the 2012 Manning Marathon in the following Division:*

Select Division (Tick one)		Start Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Careel / Investigator	12:00 nn
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Trailer Yacht (no spinnaker)	12:00 nn
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Trailer Yacht (with Spinnaker)	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Sailboard	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 NS14	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 MG14	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Mono hull (Dinghy or Skiff)	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Catamaran without spinnaker	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Catamaran with spinnaker	12:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	0 Outright Line Honours	2:00 pm

*Generally five boats of the one class will form a division. TAC reserves right to change Divisions at its absolute discretion.*

Vessel's Name: .....

Class/Make: .....

Sail No: .....

Yardstick (If known): .....

Helmsman's Name: .....

YA Membership No: .....

Email: .....@.....

Address: .....

Crew Name(s): .....

YA Membership No/s: .....

Club: .....

Entry Fee \$ .....

Extra T-Shirt No .... \$ .....

Polo Shirts No .... \$ .....

Total \$.....

**Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance of not less than AUD\$1,000,000 (recommended AUD\$5,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign this Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

**Note:** Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Taree Aquatic Club Sailing Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after the event.

**Declaration:** I agree to be bound by the racing rules of the ISAF and by all other rules that govern the event. I acknowledge that Rule 4 – Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility on each crew for deciding to participate in a race or continue racing, and accept the organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after the event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Owner or representative)

**Junior Consent:** I, \_\_\_\_\_ being Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ consent to him/her participating in the Manning Marathon and upon the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race and hereby release organisers, officers and other representatives of the organizing authority, from any claim or demand that I may have or deem myself to have on my or anyone else's behalf arising out of the event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

**Entry:**

\$30 per craft (includes 1 Printed T Shirt) for entries received prior to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**Please note: Entries received 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 \$40 Extra T Shirts \$15 each.**

Junior Entry \$5 No shirt or \$20 including 1 Printed T Shirt

T-Shirt size(s) .....

Method of Payment: Cash / Cheque / Money order / EFT (circle)  
Cheques payable to: Taree Aquatic Club Sailing Committee  
EFT Details:

Account Name: Taree Aquatic Club Sailing Committee

BSB: 802-214 Account No: 57307

Reference: MM-[Your Surname]

**FORM MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED**

Polo Shirts available - \$25 each Pre-order by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Polo Shirt size(s) .....