

# CATALINA FLEET NEWS

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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 at Club Macquarie, Argenton, on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7:30pm

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## Hi all

A bit of good news – included in last months minutes is a list of 5 new members that have joined over the couple of months. Welcome all and have fun that's all we expect.

A bit of not so good news – as I have been indicating for the last couple of months, Yachting NSW will from the next term be charging the club a bulk fee. This went to the vote last month and was defeated. So the status quo will remain and each individual will again have to pay. At this time it looks as though a Country Membership will cost \$46

Attached is an extra page. It is the permission letter from Lake Macquarie Council to use the F Jetty for our next 8 races. Starting from Race 5 Autumn finishing Race 4 Spring.

A bit to think about - are you looking for something that you can get your teeth into to do with the club. There are several positions that will become vacant at the AGM in May. Under the current constitution some roles can only be held for 3 consecutive years.

Bla...bla...bla

Phillip

# General Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

### Club Macquarie

Meeting opened at: 1939 hours

Chairperson: President Phillip Sparkes

Attendance: 22 as per Attendance Book.

Apologies: Ralph Penn, Ray and Bronwyn Parker, Bernard and Barbara Jankowiak

**17/02/2009-01 Resolved** – The minutes of the General Meeting held at Club Macquarie on 18/11/2008 (as printed in the December Catalina Fleet News) be adopted.

Proposed: Graeme Vivian

Seconded: Derek Tracey

**Matters arising from the Minutes** NIL

#### **Correspondence**

- **Inwards**  
Received Newcastle Permanent Statements.  
Received F Jetty permission Letter.  
Received Club Macquarie Approval for meeting nights.  
Received correspondence from Yachting NSW re: Banding System.
- **Outwards**  
Sent correspondence to Club Macquarie for meeting night approvals.  
Sent correspondence to LMCC for F Jetty permission approval.

#### **Business arising from Correspondence**

#### **Reports**

- Treasurer (Russell) Reports received for November, December, and January.
- Details below are for January.  
Income: \$292.09  
Expenditure: \$NIL  
Total at Bank: \$2902.15

ING Balance as at 31/01/2009 \$4254.14

**21/10/2008-02 Resolved** – That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Russell Wilcox

Seconded: Greg Searles

- **Racing Report** -  
Greg reported that race 1 and 2 were well attended – 14 boats in total and then welcomed Graham Walkerden as the new Race handicapper.

#### **Cruise Report**

Wallis Lake cruise on this coming weekend to be hosted by Phillip and Kim.

Hart will be hosting the next cruise on Lake Macquarie on 21-22<sup>nd</sup> March. The theme will be Knowledge based and Knowledge Gained. See next Newsletter for more Information.

#### **Memberships**

The following membership applications were approved.

Christopher and Annie Strong (Sonata 7 – Time Out)

David and Joan Hutchings (Moonraker 26 – 007)

Michael Cusiter (MacGregor 26 – Something)

Richard and Emma Berry (Farr 6000 – Farr Haven)

Graeme and Liz Tinkler (Adams 21 – Adam Ant)

WELCOME ABOARD!!!

## General Business

Graham Walkerden would like to buy the Top Yacht program for handicapping. This had been approved previously but was re-affirmed by meeting and approval given to purchase.

This program to be run concurrently with existing program until bugs, if any, are ironed out.

The program is very stable, macros are protected and has lots of statistical features.

The Visitors Yacht Declaration Form has been updated to include activity location.

Ken Donaldson, who had his trailer stolen at Styles Point has put his RL 24 up for sail. He has purchased a Blazer 740.

YNSW banding system goes to a vote later this month and if introduced Yachting NSW hopes to stem the downturn of silver memberships and ensure long term viability of Yachting NSW.

Every member will be entitled to a silver membership card.

The personal details of a member were given out at an incident on the lake.

Please be aware that no personal details are to be given out without the express approval of that member.

Graeme Vivian's website (tscom.org) is running a raffle for the Victorian Bushfire victims. Graeme asks that you support the cause. \$20 per ticket. Available at next race day.

Derek asked if we could find out from R & M Insurance exactly what is covered if your boat trailer is stolen. Hart to forward query.

Derek got mushy at meeting re: the help he got from Leanne on the Australia Day Cruise weekend. Well done Leanne! And you too, Derek.

The meeting was then handed over to Graham who gave a presentation on the Right of Way Rules and Part 1 of the Blue Book – Fundamental rules.

Date of next general Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 at Club Macquarie.

Meeting Closed at 2120 hours.

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*(editor: this report was supposed to be in last month's Newsletter, sorry Doug)*

## Manning Marathon Race as seen by Doug On Roller Coaster

2008 was a B\*^\*#!d of a year for me, but one of the things that pulled me through was to get boat control fit for the 2009 Manning Marathon

I strive to perfect my basic sailing skills and confidence so I could compete competitively in sailing Roller Coaster.

Now old R/Coaster is an easy barge to sail, I just go along for the ride and point it somewhere I want go. No talent needed, just go-go-go.

It gets in the NHTYA newsletter and I'm del-lighted to do that cruise w/end. Great I can handle that one. Easy, I'd done 13 races before all 'Manning Matharons' epic journey, it's a snack.

Well this year my no 3 crew member decided that being jib lady on Roller Coaster was no fun, and shot off to New Zealand for a bike ride. My best crew mate Steve McClean of Camden and I discussed the situation.

It's OK boss, we can handle it easy, remember the so-so race in 1991, and that was a shocker of a race in 1995, and so on he went. Yes we can do it, but the word "easy" was very hard to grasp.

I got a weather report via my grape vine in-tell-agency system; it's going to be Ne to E 10 to 15 kts. Great no worries put on my big old 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Binks 25 genoa and an old chuck out Bonito 22' main about 1980 vintage that had both been cut down to suit my cut down mast.

Steve arrives after work on Friday night at 11 pm, stuffed, so I tucks him into my spare bedroom and of he goes to slumber land. Till 8am the next morning. Had breakfast (porridge & a mango) and all the drugs I now need to keep me going. He follows me to Taree in his jalopy so if needed he can get away early.

Got to the ramp at Taree and I meet Phil and Kim on A'tanos, Stan and his crew (daughters-husbands-father) on Blue Moon, dear darling Debbie and her crew skipper Graham and young Ben on Gunsmoke (what a top name for a boat), then a couple of Castle 650's with Graeme, Heidi and Ben on Vivace, and Robin and Terrie on Impulse. So far no Eric (the boat yard proprietor) and his lovely lady crew Jan.

Launch the boats and start of up the river ASAP to get my usual spot on the west side of the baths, cou's Roller Coaster rolls on her side when she dries out, as its always to the right side, as I don't like tangled masts, this way it leans into the baths, but no way could I get in there this year, cause of a NHTYA 3 hulled training sailing boat "Oranje" he was sideways just where I wanted to go (bugger) better go over the other side of the baths then and stay out deeper.

The nite at Manning Point Bowling Club was a top evening I had 2 lamb shanks and was not impressed with the orange tomato anti-fouling they cover it in, but I eat it with gusto any food you don't have to prepare your self is tops in my books. Then there were sweets, I had banana & ice cream with chocolate sauce "ab-so-lootly delicious" and we ate Manning Point Bowling Club out of bananas. The band this year was tops, I enjoyed it a lot, tho a bit loud. It was a great night and I can tell those of you that stayed at home you missed something good, no complaints from nobody.

So Sunday arrives quite peaceful, a good sign of thing to come. Have breaky with the fire'es cookin up a storm bacon, eggs, sausages, tomato, toast, tea and coffee, all for \$10 and the proceeds go to "Care Flight" .

After breaky there is a talk fest. I takes off the boom cover and ready's the main for up haul, bolts on the jib to the four stays as are ready with a reef in the jib. Yes my ex Binks 25 jib has reef points in it – it's old.

We get a mumbled briefing and a 5 minute late start R. Coaster eases up the water with her big rig. Steven & I knocks out the jib reef and poles out. R.Coaster was stoked up tops. Steve stayed on as his fore deck making the bow do what vows do what Joe Adams maid the shape of his bows on his boats do mag-niff-ecently cut and push water out of the hulls way with no gurgling from the stern we flew thru the water.

Keep calm 'tourist' I tells myself and sail straight lines efficiently. Well, we let 7 bigger boats slide past so they could show me where the wind was. It took from Manning Point to the Pacific H/way bridge, near the end of the race for a big well crewed Farr 7500 to pass me just going thru the bridge pedalstals.

Then down past the ballast drop I didn't risk that short cut but I used the next one fending of a sluggish castle 650 with the hooter blare-ing we crossed we thought 8<sup>th</sup> out of 91 craft. Not bad 4 an old bloke just getting over a heart attack, pacemaker and stents. We both were so happy with our effort we did well. Tail end Charlie of all the bigger boats – great.

The ramp was hassle free this year. I don't know why, but it was. I was out quick smart and Steve hi-tailing it back to his son young William and William's mum 'Solida'.

What a top w/end it was. The best race I've ever done. Everything worked together to perfection and the sail gods were pleased with our effort. So that's my report on 2009 Manning Mayhem.

2010 will be MM's 25<sup>th</sup> event and it will be BIG – so be there.

The Tourist and Roller Coaster with crew Steve.

# NAUTICAL ORIGINS OF EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS

## Even Keel

State of normality; when the ship's keel is perfectly horizontal and her fore and aft draft are the same. (the expression is misapplied because in fact a fore and aft draught which reads the same is the last thing any sailor wants. A ship which floats on a perfectly even keel can be almost impossible to steer. It is customary to trim slightly by the stern.) The antipodean position *keeled over* with the vessel capsized and the keel sticking up in the air is the sailor's term for death.

## Half Slew

When the yards which carry the sails are not properly braced to catch the wind they are said to be 'half slewed'. In this condition they are ineffective, they will also sway and the sail will shake. Not unnaturally the term has come to describe a drunk, or somebody well on the way.

## Hitched

It is difficult now to know whether there was any difference implied in the two phrases; 'to get hitched' or 'to get spliced'. Both are understood to mean marriage and were the sailor's equivalent of tying the knot. Hitching however is a temporary arrangement; the whole point of making a hitch is that it can be undone again. Splicing, on the other hand, is permanent.

## Leeway

The distance a ship is forced sideways from her intended course by the action of the wind and the sea. It is correctly designated as the angle between the ship's head and the track which she will ultimately make. Colloquially *leeway* is room to operate, or falling behind with something and having to make up lost time.

## Mess

Muddle, confusion. Derived from the ship's *mess*, the space where the men ate and slept. From the Spanish *mesa* meaning table. Although the Anglo Saxon word *mese* means the same.

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## Ammeter & Tachometer/Hour Meter

Being one for gadgets and knowing what is happening, I thought I would share a couple with you that might be of interest. With my Honda electric start outboard, I have installed the following:

1. Arrid MA3030 Ammeter. This ammeter has zero in the middle and shows up to 30 amps either way, i.e. charge or discharge. It takes the current draw with electric start, admittedly off the scale, but then shows exactly what current is being fed to the batteries, very handy when using it to top up the batteries rather than just propelling the boat. These are available for around \$40 plus postage from the 12 volt shop, see [www.12volt.com.au](http://www.12volt.com.au) for further details.
2. Series 806-10x Tachometer/Hour Meter. This is a neat little device, only 52mm x 37 mm x 13 mm, with a small display screen. To connect it, simply wrap the pickup wire around a spark plug lead. Easy to install or remove or change from motor to motor. When no input it shows accumulative hours, great for knowing when servicing is due, and with input it shows the engine RPM. Note that it can't be zeroed so if you change motors with it you would need to record the hours. Available from Christie Engineering for \$77 delivered. More info at [www.christieengineering.com.au](http://www.christieengineering.com.au)

Malcolm Watson  
"Windsong"

# Wallis Lakes Cruise Report

I've been meaning to do Forster for the last 15 years or so and was really looking forward to giving it a go. I had heard that it wasn't much good, too shallow etc. Let's just say I was pleasantly surprised, not as good as the Myall's across the road but still pretty damn good! Pacific Palms ramp was shallow but no problems for the sabre, (or anyone else for that matter) especially thanks to the drop off at the end of the concrete, thanks to the powerboats powering up their trailers. The Sport and Rec Club is there also. It would have made a good spot for tea as we arrived late and ended sleeping on the hard. Pity for us we had takeaway on the way up!! Sat morning saw a good number of boats on the jetty with one of the Rec club members asking questions and commenting on how nice it was to see the yachts at the jetty



We had Proteus, Wanderer II, Arctic Tern II, Tamu Ndotu, A'tanos, ourselves on Gunsmoke and the infamous mystery club boat, Coonawarra Blue!! Turns out to be a lovely little Farr 6 with two great owners in Greg and Toni. Hopefully we might get to see a bit more of them as not only did they enjoy a sail but also they enjoyed a good chin wag too!



We had a quick briefing and before long we were heading up the lake. At first I wasn't going to sail as I thought it was a short trip. I think the map must have been a different scale as the trip was taking a while, so we put up sail and still had a way to go.



The water quality was down as they had just received up to 200ml in spots so it was quite brackish...bummer. Not to worry..... We motored up the river, until just short of Coolongolook and found a top camping area with good facilities for the night's usual



agenda.

It was a very festive atmosphere with birthday celebrations for Dougie going well into the night. I don't know how Kim kept the cake fresh but it sure was nice!! Sat morning we cruised back down the river and enjoyed the scenery. One impressive part was an eagles nest the size of a small car!!

We had lunch at a lovely spot around Wallis Island and then headed towards the main part of the channel hoping for a look at the crystal clear water and sand flats near the bridge. Not to be this time as the tide was running out at about three knots in places making the going slow. Mowing the



reeds in the shallows didn't help much in spots either!!! The good news is once the channel opened up we got to have a good sail back to Pacific Palms for about an hour and a half, shadowing Nev and Judy on Wanderer II all the way.





I would definitely go back and spend a bit more time poking around as it really is quite huuuuuuuge.

Thanks Phil and Kim (A'tanos) for organising this great cruise.

Graham, Debbie & Ben

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## It happened in our 1997 Newsletters

### Feb

The club is deciding whether to upgrade from the old Gestetner to a photocopier  
A club burgee was donated to "Bede" on the "Enterprise" at the Myall (is this now "Independence")  
Race 2 had 21 boats competing (only 6 are still members)  
A survey was attached to this newsletter (2 copies as it was that controversial - him and hers) and it was 6 pages  
Cruise was on Lake Macquarie (Nunn's)

### March

A new photocopier purchased \$2050 (life expectancy was 4 years)  
Club Burgess \$15 (they are now \$20 contact Hart for the new style)  
The bunker at Styles has White Ants in it again!  
New members "Steve and Sue Sims"  
Talk going on about amalgamating with Wangi Club  
Race 4 had 23 boats competing  
Cruise was at Hawkesbury River (Stanfield)  
Easter cruise at the Myalls (Keevers)



### April

New members "Carole Jones and Micheal Darwin", Sonata 7 "Spot On"  
Fishing competition – only fish of legal sizes will be counted, newspaper is allowed  
Cruise was on Lake Macquarie (Truslove's)  
The club goes 10pin bowling  
Windsong (Watson), Wanderer II (Heap), Bolero (Nunn) all went to the Gippsland Lakes  
Survey results were printed (was interesting results)

### May

AGM Re-elected was Greg Searles as Editor, Malcolm Watson as Secretary, Betsy Watson as Tea lady.  
New members "Roger and Shirley Evan" Sonata 7 "Melody Maker"  
Constitution issues voted on  
Race 6 Summer had 26 boats competing (42min difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and last on corrected time) 10 members still in Club  
Presentation Night was at "Merewether R.S.L. Club, Sunset Room" \$30 per head (we still only pay about that)  
Cruise was on Lake Macquarie (Hartigan's) was an observation Cruise

### June

Cruise was on Lake Macquarie (Berghofer)  
\$3724.90 in Bank

### July

Onshore cruise started at Wollombi Tavern and visited Aboriginal sites up the valley

### August

David and Hazel move into their new house

### September



Cruise was at Port Stephens (Stanfield) Dolphin Watch  
Ron Wilson talked about a new but unusual trailer-sailer with 2 rudders and a 40hp outboard (guess)  
It was minuted that the jetty at Rathmines Bowling club will be renewed within 9 months (still waiting)  
F Jetty has just been finished (refurbishment)  
Race 4 Winter had 7 boats competing  
Committee meeting are still held every month



## CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2008/2009

POINTSCORE up to and including February Cruise

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT	SOCIAL
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Sonata 7	A'tanos	27	17
HALL	Andrew & Dee	Farr 6000	Arctic Tern II	24	12
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Ross 780	Kinross	24	12
HEAP	Neville & Judy	Sabre 25	Wanderer II	19	12
WALKERDEN	Graham & Debbie	Sabre 22	Gunsmoke	18	8
SEARLES	Greg & Kate	Ross 780	Zorro	18	6
PARKER	Raymond & Bronwyn	Young 7.7	Possum	17	5
PENN	Ralph & Janice	Duncanson 26	Penultimate	15	4
BOOKER	Graham & Maria	Sonata 26	X-Rated	14	2
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	Farr & Beyond	13	7
SWAN	Peter & Brenda	Sabre 22	Tamu N'doto	10	8
WATSON	Malcolm & Betsy	Sonata 7	Windsong	10	8
COOPER	David & Hazel	Farr 7500	Farrther's Toy	10	5
VIVIAN	Graeme & Hedi	Castle 650	Vivace	10	2
BROEKMAN	Arnold & Jo	Haynes Tramp	Oranje	10	0
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Clifton 7	Binnaway	8	5
CHALMERS	Garry & Kathy	Sonata 7	Coconut Duck	7	7
STEELE	Stan & Wendy	Farr 6000	Blue Moon	7	2
HOBBS	Bill & Lynda	Haynes Tramp	Trivia	7	0
WADDINGHAM	Eric & Janice	Farr 6000	Farr Too Many	6	4
CUSITER	Michael	MacGregor	Something	6	2
HICKS	Peter & Noula	Noalex 25	Proteus	5	5
STANFIELD	Doug	Adams 21	Roller Coaster	5	4
HUTCHINGS	David & Joan	Moonraker 26	OO7	4	2
HECK	Hans & Anita	Austral Clubman	Cross Wind	3	1
NUNN	Ian	Farr 7500	Farr Horizon	3	0
WILCOX	Russell & Michelle	Haynes Tramp	Slippery when Wet	3	0
ANGUS	Greg & Toni	Farr 6000	Coonawarra Blue	2	2
HEANLY	Peter & Hilary	Sabre 22	Sabre Dancer	2	1
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Sabre 22	Keanu	2	0
WHATSON	Garry & Cheryl	Sonata 7	No Worries	2	0
JANKOWIAK	Bernd & Barbara	Gazelle	Blew By U	1	1
ARKINSTALL	Ben & Karen	Sonata 26	Brontide	1	0

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Having their birthday in March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hans Heck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kevin Newman</p>	
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## Autumn Series - Race 1 - 7th February 2009

Reference Boat:		WANDERER II			1:14:42							
<u>Yacht</u>	Pro	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
ARCTIC TERN II		12:35	0.560	14:42:44	2:07:44	1:11:32	1	0.585	4.4%	0.582	1.00%	0.570
GUNSMOKE		12:45	0.610	14:44:16	1:59:16	1:12:45	2	0.626	2.7%	0.626	0.50%	0.616
A'TANOS		12:45	0.604	14:45:36	2:00:36	1:12:51	3	0.619	2.6%	0.619	0.25%	0.609
WANDERER II		12:50	0.630	14:48:35	1:58:35	1:14:42	4	0.630		0.630		0.630
KINROSS		12:55	0.713	14:41:44	1:46:44	1:16:06	5	0.700	(1.8%)	0.700		0.710
X RATED		12:50	0.680	14:42:07	1:52:07	1:16:14	6	0.666	(2.0%)	0.666		0.677
PENULTIMATE		12:35	0.600	14:42:07	2:07:07	1:16:16	7	0.588	(2.0%)	0.588		0.598
POSSUM		12:55	0.752	14:38:14	1:43:14	1:17:38	8	0.724	(3.8%)	0.729		0.747
BINNAWAY		12:50	0.679	14:54:01	2:04:01	1:24:12	9	0.602	(11.3%)	0.659		0.675
OO7	p	12:50	0.665	DNF								
VIVACE	p	12:50	0.675	DNF								
IMPULSE	p	12:50	0.675	DNF								
ZORRO		12:55	0.751	OOD								

Husband & Wife: Arctic Tern II

Officer Of The Day: Zorro

## Autumn Series - Race 2 - 8th February 2009

Reference Boat:		X RATED			1:27:57							
<u>Yacht</u>	Pro	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
A'TANOS		11:45	0.609	14:01:35	2:16:35	1:23:11	1	0.644	5.7%	0.633	1.00%	0.620
GUNSMOKE		11:45	0.616	14:00:41	2:15:41	1:23:35	2	0.648	5.2%	0.641	0.50%	0.624
ARCTIC TERN II		11:35	0.570	14:03:00	2:28:00	1:24:22	3	0.594	4.3%	0.593	0.25%	0.576
KINROSS		11:55	0.710	13:57:42	2:02:42	1:27:07	4	0.717	1.0%	0.717		0.711
X RATED		11:50	0.677	13:59:55	2:09:55	1:27:57	5	0.677		0.677		0.677
BINNAWAY		11:50	0.675	14:01:58	2:11:58	1:29:05	6	0.666	(1.3%)	0.666		0.673
ZORRO		11:55	0.751	13:56:40	2:01:40	1:31:22	7	0.723	(3.7%)	0.728		0.746
MOONRAKER	p	11:50	0.665	14:08:10	2:18:10	1:31:53	8	0.637	(4.3%)	0.637		0.656
VIVACE		11:50	0.675	14:06:37	2:16:37	1:32:13	9	0.644	(4.6%)	0.655		0.671
FARRTHERS TOY		11:50	0.629	14:16:44	2:26:44	1:32:18	10	0.599	(4.7%)	0.610		0.625
WANDERER II		11:50	0.630	14:20:46	2:30:46	1:34:59	11	0.583	(7.4%)	0.611		0.626
IMPULSE	p	11:50	0.688	14:10:16	2:20:16	1:36:30	12	0.627	(8.9%)	0.627		0.668

Husband & Wife: A'tanos

Officer Of The Day: Possum

### Handicappers Blurb,

Races 1 and 2 saw ideal conditions for the boats suited to the heavier conditions. Races 3 and 4 should be good with the first three boats receiving substantial penalties for the first two races. I think it will be a while before they're in the medal circles again! This will leave the door open for other boats to waltz in and don't forget you drop your worst two results.

By the start of the next two races we will be recording HC data for use in the following series using the TopYacht software. So dust off the cobwebs and get some results in for the rest of the series if you haven't done so already. Don't let the safety audits hold you back as we have three auditors in the club and they really are quite simple to organise. Apart from all that it's a load of fun!!!!

Call me if you have any questions in relation to Handicapping, Category 7, or racing in general.  
See you on the 7th and 8th March

Graham  
Gunsmoke

## **Race 2 : Autumn Series 2009 report**

After the break from racing over Christmas and then facing up for Race 1 of the Series, it was a wakeup call for us all.

A hot steamy morning again to welcome us to Race 2.

Bronwyn & Leanne were the Officers of the Day on shore and Derek & Ray headed off to race on Kinross. Arctic Tern II lead the way through the start line, followed by the next division Gunsmoke and A'tanos following the North East Course. Then Impulse, Wanderer II, Farrthers Toy, Vivace, Binnaway, X-Rated and our newest member Moonraker. The last division was Kinross and Zorro (with all men teams).

Everyone was hot on the tail of Arctic Tern, determined not to let them lead the way to the finish again. After the Fishing Point marker, we looked back at the rest of the division 3 and watched Wanderer ii drop sails, for some on-water repairs. We were all busy trying to point as high as we could to make it past Coal Point, some having to tack to make our way to The Slip.

“Pole it” yelled the Skipper as we rounded the marker in hot pursuit of Arctic Tern and Gunsmoke. We rounded Carey Bay marker, and on our way to Coon we watched as some of the fleet make their way past us on the way down to Coon Island.

This was neither a work, a reach or a run but just a fast ride with A'tanos doing 6.5 to 7 knots at times over ground, what a ride.

Some of the fleet on the way to the Marks Point marker, mistook a marker for the channel marker and ended up going the long way around some anchored boats (yes, big ones). This gave us an edge and snuck back up upon some of the faster boats.

Getting up to Marks Point there was a lot of us calling starboard on each other. There was Gunsmoke, Arctic Tern, Kinross, Zorro, Binnaway and ourselves turning this mark within a couple of minutes of each other. The run back to the finish line didn't have to many boats overtaking each other, but again the faster boats just slipping away to the lead once they passed 'My Girl'.

The finish line was done from The Officers Swimming Pool Jetty on shore by Bronwyn and Leanne.

by A'tanos

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## **Photo competition 2009 after the Annual General Meeting**

### **Categories**

- 1 - Humorous
- 2 - Serious
- 3 – A club member's boat sailing
- 4 – A club member

### **Rules**

- Photos must be less than 12 months old.
- Can be professionally or home printed.
- Size of photo's no bigger than 150mm x 100mm [6x4]
- Mounting and caption is up to you.
- 3 entries per family per category.
- Voting will be by secret ballot.
- Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each category.
- Judges decision stands.



## Equipment for loan

Industrial sewing machine (Contact Phillip)

Boat lift – free standing, suitable for lifting keels out or just the boat off the trailer (Contact Derek)

406 Epirb - it's the new style, club registered for all to use (Contact Phillip)

## Extracted from our May 1997 Newsletter

A related history of Styles Point, a story was told to me by a local whilst walking his dog in the park early on Saturday morning. Styles Point was owned by a family of fisherman named Styles and their house was located near the point at the end of the track which runs along the eastern water front.

The location would have been somewhere below the toilet block and was built up to the rock face and extended over the water. It was built high enough to allow several fishing boats to be moored underneath; my informant told me that these fishermen used horses to haul their nets.

*Editor: Thought this was interesting. True or not ????*



**BOB FUSSELL**

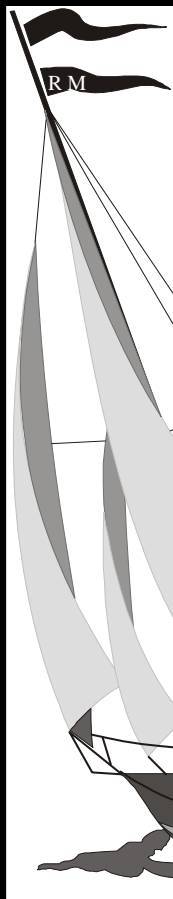
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# DECK NOTES



## Easter at the Myall's Cruise 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April

Meet at Shelly Beach at 10.00am 10<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) for a fun and relaxing long week end. We will be launching at Violet Hill Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and staying until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April if anyone would like to join us for the week.

Friday relax and enjoy the company of our N.H.T.Y.A. friends. Saturday there will be a Bochie Tournament for those who are interested. Please bring Bochie Balls if you have them.

Saturday evening we will have a communal Bar-b-q on shore, BYO Meat and Drinks – Salads & Deserts to be provided by ladies. Please let us know if you are able to come and bring a salad or desert to share. Also if you are able to bring a bag of wood it would be appreciated.

Sunday – The Myall Cup (Fun) Race. Hopefully we might have a bit of wind this year. Monday sit back and relax, swim, or sail.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible. All the more the merrier. Please let us know if you can come.

Nev & Judy, "Wanderer 11"  
Phone 43 323529.

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### Haynes Hunter Tramp "Trivia"

Well kept tri on a Tinker trailer  
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For full inventory, more photos and further details please contact Peter or Hilary Heanly 0265454142

# Newcastle & Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc.

## Program 2009

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time	Contact	Ph number	Points
Next newsletter closing date 1/4/09							
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Race 3 Autumn	Styles Point	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Race 4 Autumn	Styles Point	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930	Hart Peters	43682230	
Sat/Sun	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	1000	Hart Peters	43682230	2
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Race 5 Autumn	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Race 6 Autumn	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Cruise Easter	Myall Lakes	1000	Neville Heap	43323529	2
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930	Hart Peters	43682230	
	25 <sup>th</sup> April		Anzac Day				
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Race 7 Autumn	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Race 8 Autumn	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Cruise		1000	Hart Peters	43682230	2
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930	Hart Peters	43682230	
Sat/Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	1000	Graham Vivian	65774014	2
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Presentation Night	Club Macquarie	1830	Phillip Sparkes	0414223654	
Sat/Sun	11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Cruise	On shore	1000	Peter Hearnly	65454142	2
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Rego Day		1000	Hart Peters	43682230	
Sat/Sun	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Cruise		1000			2
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Race 1 Spring	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Race 2 Spring	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Cruise	Dads day	1000			2
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Race 3 Spring	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Race 4 Spring	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3 & 6 Hr Race	30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary regatta	1100	Greg Searles	49381116	2
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup> October	We turn 30		0000			
Sat/Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> October	Cruise		0900			2
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Race 5 Spring	Styles Point	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Race 6 Spring	Styles Point	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cruise		0900			2
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Race 7 Spring	Styles Point	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Race 8 Spring	Styles Point	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Cruise		0900			2
Saturday	12 December	Party	X-mas get-together	1800			
Thursday	31 December	Cruise	Myall Lakes	2359			2

### OOD Roster 2009

Race 1 Autumn  
*Zorro*

Race 2 Autumn  
*Possum*

Race 3 Autumn  
*Trivia*

Race 4 Autumn  
*Wanderer II*

Race 5 Autumn  
*Blue Moon*

Race 6 Autumn  
*Farr Horizon*

Race 7 Autumn  
*Binnaway*

Race 8 Autumn  
*Windsong*

**If you can't do it on your allocated date swap with someone else and let Graham know**

10 February 2009

Mr H Peters  
Secretary  
Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc  
PO Box 210  
BOOLAROO NSW 2284

Dear Hart

**Subject: Permission for Overnight Mooring - Rathmines F Jetty**

Thank you for your letter received at Council on Wednesday 4 February 2009.

Vessels associated with NHTYA are permitted to occupy Rathmines F jetty for an extended period from 3.00pm on the following dates until 11.00am the next day.

Saturday 4 to Sunday 5 April 2009, Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 May 2009, Saturday 22 to Sunday 23 August 2009, Saturday 19 to Sunday 20 September 2009.

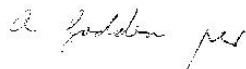
Permission is subject to conditions:

1. An outer section of the F jetty face, nominally 14 metres long, is available for all other vessels to embark or disembark.
2. Ensure competent persons attend to vessels occupying the jetty in case any vessel requires removal at short notice.
3. Rubbish generated by the stay removed from the jetty and reserve to ensure park waste receptacles are not overloaded.
4. No power cords or water hoses are to lie on the jetty.
5. NSW Maritime Authority is to be advised of this approval.
6. A copy of this letter is on site at all times and produced to a person of authority on demand.

Council Rangers are aware of your approval.

Should you require further information, please contact me on 4921 0579.

Yours faithfully



Chris Miner

**Park Liaison Officer (West)**  
**Community Planning Department**

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