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Annual and General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of the Annual and General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held at Club Macquarie, Argenton, on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 7:30pm

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Hi all

Just to let you all know the bunker was broken into about a month ago with the BBQ's, trap, and several other items being stolen. The padlock had been cut off! A new padlock has since been installed and where the concrete slab on the side was falling in, Ray and David have installed a steel plate to prevent any further movement. To disguise all of this we will "top dress" it with some road base and hopefully we can have another 15yrs of trouble free use of the bunker. Thanks again Ray and David

The AGM is on the 19th May and if you could let Hart know of your attendance it would be appreciated for catering reasons.

Bla...bla...bla

Phillip

Presentation Night

Saturday 27th June, 09



Cost \$40.00 per person

Time : 6:00 pm

Club Macquarie -
458 Lake Road, Argenton
2284

This is our club's premier social event of the year, where the women get dressed up and the men wear ties (no crocs allowed).

Presentations are made; perpetual trophies are awarded and is a fun night for all.

Come along and enjoy!

RSVP: 16/6/2009 - Kim 0415 316000 or Hart 0417 674687

Payment: a.s.a.p to Russell (0428 890700)

Or direct deposit - BSB 650000 - Account No. 962889402 - description your name

MENU :

Hot Canapés

Coffee, Tea & Dinner Mints

Selection of Desserts

Hot Carvery (Buffet style)

Roast Lamb

Roast Port & Crackling

Baked Potato

Bakes Pumpkin

Honey Carrots

Seasonal Green Vegetables

Beetroot & Onion Salad

Traditional Coleslaw

Assorted Condiments

Fresh Baked Bread Rolls

Selection of Desserts

Coffee, Tea & Dinner Mints

For those who would like overnight accommodation, Macquarie Inn at Club Macquarie can offer bookings on request – Phone 4958 8499

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21st April, 2009

Club Macquarie

Meeting opened at: 1944 hours

Chairperson: President Phillip Sparkes

Attendance: 18 as per Attendance Book.

Apologies: Kevin Newman, David and Hazel Cooper, Anita Heck, Graham Vivian, Kate Searles.

21/04/2009-01 Resolved – The minutes of the General Meeting held at Club Macquarie on 17/02/2009 (as printed in the April Catalina Fleet News) be adopted.

Proposed: Derek Tracey

Seconded: Graham Walkerden

Matters arising from the Minutes NIL

Correspondence

- Inwards
Received April Bilgewater Newsletter.
Received March Edition Sonata Notes.
Received Newcastle Permanent Monthly Statement.
- Outwards NIL

Business arising from Correspondence NIL

Reports

- Treasurer (Russell)
- Income: \$173.62
Expenditure: \$488.03
Total at Bank: \$3357.25

ING Balance as at 31/03/2009 \$4280.59

21/04/2009-02 Resolved – That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Russell Wilcox

Seconded: Leanne Tracey

- Racing Report
13 boats attended Race 5 and 6. Weather was good with close racing once again.
- Cruise Report
May Cruise to be hosted by Hans and Anita, not Hart. The cruise will be southbound – “Know your Lake” cruise. Meet at Styles at 1000hrs.
Derek gave a brief overview of the Easter Cruise (see report elsewhere in this newsletter).
“Adamant” was the Myall Cup winner. Derek reported that the lakes were noticeably weedy and that surveys were being conducted on lake siltation.
- **Aquatic Services Report** (Derek)
The Aquatic Services committee have compiled a list of all clubs who hold Aquatic Licences and their area of usage on the lake. This was to be used to show the state government how much the Trinity Point Development would encroach on the lake system.

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club has put in a proposal to increase their marina by double, so they can cater for larger boats and catamarans. Car parking is to be increased to the gravel area behind the park which fronts the Pacific Highway and increasing the current car park by cantilevering the edge of the car park over the water. They want to install a larger crane for launching and retrieving boats. They are planning to expand the current clubhouse by going up a level. This is proposed to be a 3 stage development.

Wangi RSL Club has also put in a Development Application to increase their jetty due to siltation so that larger boats can come in and be involved in their twilight racing.

General Business

Hart gave a short update on the 30 year Celebrations. Information will be available in the June Newsletter.

The On Shore Cruise is scheduled for July 11-12. Looking for hosts.

Presentation Night will be the 27 June, 2009. Prices are \$40 per head.

Lake Keepit Race is on the June long weekend – 6-8 June. Contact Greg Searles for more information.

Heaven Can Wait Race-still trying to make contact re: sponsoring the 6 hr lap dash.

Proposal for Constitution Changes will be mailed out to every member next week.

Peter and Brenda Swan sent their appreciation for the card and thoughts that were sent to them for the passing away of Brenda's father.

Doug Stanfield was not well at the Myalls. He has broken his foot. Our best wishes to Doug for a speedy recovery.

The Bunker was broken into and we lost the following:-
2 BBQs, the tarp, and all the crates were stolen.

Another boat has sunk on the lake, not far from where the previous one went down.

Date of next general Meeting: 19th May, 2009 at Club Macquarie.

Meeting Closed at 2114 hours.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Held on 20th May 2008 at 1930 hrs in Seminar Room 2, Club Macquarie
MINUTES

President welcome everyone

Attendance: 23 as per the attendance book:

Apologies: Graham and Debbie Walkerden, Ian and Lynn Nunn, Greg and Kate Searles, Malcolm Watson.

The Returning Officer took the chair and declared all committee positions vacant.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes of the previous AGM dated 15th May 2007 were presented and printed in the newsletter for acceptance.
- *AGM2008-1* Resolved - That the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting be accepted
Moved: Derek Tracey
Seconded: Ray Parker
CARRIED
- Matters arising from the Minutes NIL

4.2 President

Nomination: Phillip Sparkes
Nominated by: Hart Peters
Seconded: Stan Steele

I declare Phillip to the position of President

4.3 Vice President

Nomination: Greg Searles
Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes
Seconded: Hart Peters

I declare Greg to the position of Vice President

3. REPORTS

President's Report (Phillip)

Appendix One

Cruise Organiser (Derek)

Appendix Two

Treasurer's Report (Hart)

AGM2008-02 Resolved - That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Income of \$ 7,509.26

Expenditure of \$ 7,270.64

Profit of \$ 238.62

Closing balance of \$ 6,969.12.ee June 2007 magazine for details.

AGM2008-03 Resolved - That the Auditor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Barbara Jankowiak

Seconded: Pam Peters

CARRIED

Thanks given to Peter Hicks for keeping us on the straight and narrow again.

4.4 Treasurer

Nomination: Russell Wilcox
Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes
Seconded: Hart Peters

I declare Russell to the position of Treasurer

4.5 Secretary

Nomination: Hartmut Peters
Nominated by: Stan Steele
Seconded: Phillip Sparkes

I declare Hartmut to the position of Secretary

4.6 Ordinary Committee Positions

No nominations were received

The president was invited to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Stan was thanked for filling the spot on the spot

4.7.1 Re-confirm the following positions

Public Officer: - Phillip Sparkes

Honorary Auditor: - Peter Hicks

Vacant positions will be filled by the new Committee at a later date.

4. ELECTIONS

Proxy Forms received from Graham and Debbie Walkerden and given to Derek and Leanne

4.1 Returning Officer

Nomination: Stan Steele

Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes

Seconded: Hart Peters

Stan was elected unopposed as Returning Officer

5. OTHER BUSINESS NIL

Date of the Next AGM will be 19th May 2009

Closed at: 1956 Hours

Greg's Racing Report

Races 7 and 8 were well attended with approx 20 boats each day, the most boats I can remember for many years. The weather was mostly sunny with 10 knot breeze making it great sailing weather.

On Sunday a couple of boats that pulled out at Styles did not attend the briefing. There was some criticism of the Race Organisers after the debriefing about not waiting till they arrived. We apologise to anyone that feels that they have been left out, this was not done intentionally, however we do remind you that the results for Autumn races 5,6,7 and 8 and Spring races 1,2,3 and 4 will be conducted from the F Jetty area.

The "Keepit Cool" Regatta will be held over the June long weekend. For anyone that has not done this it is a great event. All food and entertainment is supplied (at a cost) so you only have to take yourself. Last year they had big cookups for breaky (\$5), sangas for lunch (\$4) and a sit down meal with dessert for lunch (\$10). There is beer and soft drink in the fridge so you do not need to take anything, just a little help in the kitchen and some sailing stories to tell after the races. A trivia night and a Yabbi race are always the highlight of the night time events. They have all sorts of boats attending such as multi hulls, performance boats, trailer sailers, sometimes windsurfers. I recommend this for anyone that is competitive or just wanting to have some fun. There are cabins available if you would like some home comforts. Anyone that is interested in going and needs more advice please contact me. Note that club points are accrued if you attend this event.

As you know there is the AGM coming up next month. Should anyone like to be involved in the Organisation of the races I am sure that Graham and I would welcome any assistance.

The new Spring series race 1 and 2 will be on August 22nd and 23rd, hope to see you there.

Greg Searles
Vice President/ Race Organiser

Autumn Series - Race 5 - 4th April 2009

Reference Boat:		WANDERER II				1:34:52						
<u>Yacht</u>	P	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
ORANJE		12:50	0.673	14:58:09	2:08:09	1:26:15	1	0.740	10.0%	0.700	1.00%	0.685
SLIPPERY WHEN WET		12:50	0.660	15:08:48	2:18:48	1:31:36	2	0.683	3.6%	0.683	0.50%	0.668
A'TANOS		12:45	0.614	15:17:20	2:32:20	1:33:32	3	0.623	1.4%	0.623	0.25%	0.617
WANDERER II		12:45	0.62	15:17:31	2:32:31	1:34:52	4	0.622		0.622		0.622
GUNSMOKE		12:45	0.623	15:19:30	2:34:30	1:36:15	5	0.614	(1.4%)	0.614		0.621
POSSUM		12:55	0.742	15:08:57	2:13:57	1:39:23	6	0.708	(4.6%)	0.720		0.738
X RATED		12:50	0.677	15:16:57	2:26:57	1:39:29	7	0.646	(4.6%)	0.657		0.673
ZORRO		12:55	0.749	15:09:33	2:14:33	1:40:47	8	0.705	(5.9%)	0.727		0.745
KINROSS		12:55	0.720	15:15:00	2:20:00	1:40:48	9	0.678	(5.9%)	0.698		0.716
BINNAWAY		12:50	0.669	15:22:34	2:32:34	1:42:04	10	0.622	(7.1%)	0.649		0.665
OO7		11:45	0.639	DNF								
ADAMANT	p	12:45	0.637	DNS								
FARRTHERS TOY		12:50	0.633	DNS								

Husband & Wife: A'tanos
Officer Of The Day: Blue Moon

Autumn Series - Race 6 - 5th April 2009

Reference Boat:		GUNSMOKE			2:05:00							
<u>Yacht</u>	P	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
BLUE MOON		11:45	0.595	15:04:17	3:19:17	1:58:34	1	0.627	5.4%	0.619	1.00%	0.606
OO7		11:45	0.639	14:55:15	3:10:15	2:01:34	2	0.657	2.8%	0.657	0.50%	0.646
WANDERER II		11:45	0.622	15:01:55	3:16:55	2:02:29	3	0.635	2.1%	0.635	0.25%	0.626
X RATED		11:50	0.673	14:55:38	3:05:38	2:04:56	4	0.673	0.1%	0.673		0.673
GUNSMOKE		11:45	0.621	15:06:18	3:21:18	2:05:00	5	0.621		0.621		0.621
ADAMANT	p	11:45	0.637	15:01:21	3:16:21	2:05:04	6	0.637	(0.1%)	0.637		0.637
FARRTHERS TOY		11:50	0.633	DNF								
BINNAWAY		11:50	0.665	15:00:47	3:10:47	2:06:52	7	0.655	(1.5%)	0.655		0.663
TRI 510	p	11:50	0.684	14:57:55	3:07:55	2:08:32	V	0.665	(2.7%)	0.665		0.678
POSSUM		11:55	0.738	14:50:01	2:55:01	2:09:10	8	0.714	(3.2%)	0.716		0.734
ZORRO		11:55	0.745	14:49:51	2:54:51	2:10:16	9	0.715	(4.0%)	0.723		0.741
KINROSS		11:55	0.716	14:57:47	3:02:47	2:10:52	10	0.684	(4.5%)	0.695		0.712
ORANJE		11:50	0.685	15:01:25	3:11:25	2:11:07	11	0.653	(4.7%)	0.664		0.681
A'TANOS		11:45	0.617	OOD								

Husband & Wife: OO7

Officer Of The Day A'tanos

Autumn Series - Race 7 - 2nd May 2009

Reference Boat:		KINROSS			1:28:12							
<u>Yacht</u>	P	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
ATANOS		12:45	0.617	15:02:11	2:17:11	1:24:39	1	0.643	4.2%	0.642	1.00%	0.628
PENULTIMATE		12:35	0.598	14:57:58	2:22:58	1:25:30	2	0.617	3.2%	0.617	0.50%	0.605
ADAMANT		12:45	0.637	14:59:59	2:14:59	1:25:59	3	0.653	2.6%	0.653	0.25%	0.642
WANDERER II		12:45	0.626	15:02:26	2:17:26	1:26:02	4	0.642	2.5%	0.642		0.629
X RATED		12:50	0.673	14:57:59	2:07:59	1:26:08	5	0.689	2.4%	0.689		0.676
BLUE MOON		12:45	0.606	15:07:22	2:22:22	1:26:16	6	0.619	2.2%	0.619		0.609
KINROSS		12:55	0.712	14:58:52	2:03:52	1:28:12	7	0.712		0.712		0.712
SLIPPERY WHEN WET		12:50	0.668	15:02:12	2:12:12	1:28:19	8	0.667	(0.1%)	0.667		0.668
POSSUM		12:55	0.734	14:55:23	2:00:23	1:28:22	9	0.733	(0.2%)	0.733		0.734
ITS ALL GOOD		12:50	0.678	15:00:24	2:10:24	1:28:25	10	0.676	(0.2%)	0.676		0.678
VIVACE		12:50	0.672	15:01:53	2:11:53	1:28:38	11	0.669	(0.5%)	0.669		0.671
ORANJE		12:50	0.681	15:00:18	2:10:18	1:28:44	12	0.677	(0.6%)	0.677		0.680
FARRTHERS TOY		12:50	0.631	15:10:53	2:20:53	1:28:54	13	0.626	(0.8%)	0.626		0.630
FARR HORIZON		12:50	0.636	15:09:54	2:19:54	1:28:59	14	0.630	(0.9%)	0.630		0.635
OO7		12:45	0.646	15:03:17	2:18:17	1:29:20	15	0.638	(1.3%)	0.638		0.644
FARR N BEYOND		12:50	0.642	15:10:08	2:20:08	1:29:58	16	0.629	(2.0%)	0.629		0.639
ARCTIC TERN 11		12:35	0.572	15:14:10	2:39:10	1:31:03	17	0.554	(3.1%)	0.555		0.569
ZORRO		12:55	0.741	14:58:32	2:03:32	1:31:32	18	0.714	(3.7%)	0.719		0.737
GUNSMOKE		12:45	0.621	OOD								

Husband & Wife: A'tanos

Officer Of The Day
Gunsmoke

Autumn Series - Race 8 - 3rd May 2009

Reference Boat:		ORANJE			2:23:34							
Yacht	P	Start Time	This Race TCF	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos.	BCH	% Variation	Adjusted BCH	Penalty	TCF Next Race
ADAMANT		11:45	0.642	15:23:51	3:38:51	2:20:30	1	0.656	2.2%	0.656	1.00%	0.651
IMPULSE	P	11:50	0.668	15:20:46	3:30:46	2:20:48	2	0.681	2.0%	0.681	0.50%	0.676
ZORRO		11:55	0.737	15:06:52	3:11:52	2:21:24	3	0.748	1.5%	0.748	0.25%	0.741
ITS ALL GOOD		11:50	0.678	15:19:49	3:29:49	2:22:15	4	0.684	0.9%	0.684		0.679
VIVACE		11:50	0.671	15:22:05	3:32:05	2:22:18	5	0.677	0.9%	0.677		0.672
BLUE MOON		11:45	0.609	15:39:05	3:54:05	2:22:33	6	0.613	0.7%	0.613		0.610
ORANJE		11:50	0.680	15:21:08	3:31:08	2:23:34	7	0.680		0.680		0.680
X RATED		11:50	0.676	15:22:44	3:32:44	2:23:48	8	0.675	(0.2%)	0.675		0.676
GUNSMOKE		11:45	0.621	15:37:48	3:52:48	2:24:34	9	0.617	(0.7%)	0.617		0.620
ARCTIC TERN 11		11:35	0.569	15:49:25	4:14:25	2:24:46	10	0.564	(0.8%)	0.564		0.568
FARR HORIZON		11:50	0.635	15:38:10	3:48:10	2:24:53	11	0.629	(0.9%)	0.629		0.634
WANDERER II		11:45	0.629	15:35:42	3:50:42	2:25:07	12	0.622	(1.1%)	0.622		0.628
SLIPPERY WHEN WET		11:50	0.668	15:27:15	3:37:15	2:25:07	12	0.661	(1.1%)	0.661		0.667
FARRTHERS TOY		11:50	0.630	15:43:24	3:53:24	2:27:03	14	0.615	(2.4%)	0.615		0.627
KINROSS		11:55	0.712	15:21:40	3:26:40	2:27:09	15	0.695	(2.4%)	0.695		0.709
ATANOS		11:45	0.628	15:40:04	3:55:04	2:27:37	16	0.611	(2.7%)	0.611		0.625
FARR N BEYOND		11:50	0.639	15:47:42	3:57:42	2:31:53	17	0.604	(5.5%)	0.620		0.635
OO7		11:45	0.644	15:41:43	3:56:43	2:32:27	18	0.607	(5.8%)	0.625		0.640
Husband & Wife:	IMPULSE											
Officer Of The Day	BINNAWAY											

Race Report Autumn Series Race 7 & 8

REPORT BY ADAMANT

Sat 2nd May

Briefing reports from Graham had 20 boats sign on (a record number) weather report was for 10-15 knots SSE no more than that expected with a possibility of some showers. With my crew member John, doubling for Liz, we had an excellent start and went off after Penultimate and Artic Tern. The course was different this time Pulbah to pt Coon pt. then home. With A'tanos keeping us honest we took off after rounding Wangi headland we needed the 7x50'S to see what Penultimate was up to and with Phil on my tail eventually over hauled Artic tern at the bottom of the Island and with couple of tacks we were then able to ease sheets to get going towards Coon. X-Rated passed then Possum and after Coon we were passed by Zorro and Kinross the rest were back a little way and a great sail was had by all thanks to Gunsmoke for O.O.D Duty.

At the presentations the rain started to tumble down and by the time placing's where finished buckets of rain where falling and a mad dash for cover was executed. Results listed elsewhere. More rain on and off all night with the usual small get together on the bigger boats taking place and bottles of wine etc. being consumed

Sun 3rd May

Rain had cleared by 9am and it seemed like a good day with lighter winds predicted than Saturday .The new O.O.D for today was Barry in Binnaway 18 signed on.

A south course was selected for the day and oh dear our performance on Saturday had put our handicap up 4 points the start for our division was very tight and caused some concerns for some boats but we got away clean with good boat speed and clear air we chased down Artic Tern just after the Fishing Point mark and from then on had to find all the other marks until passed by Zorro (must have been on his back horse with the Mexican police chasing him) he was going fast and passed us at Coal Pt. From there we were overhauled by X-Rated and 2 Castles, Vivace and one new member Impulse and 3 Tramps and Kinross finally the field was now strung out like brown's cows and we hung in there until the finish. Again another great sail to round off the series final presentations over and tired we all headed home for a well earned rest. Thanks to all for the great competition.

We will be back for spring Graeme & John Adamant

PS Liz is coming next time

RACE 7 AUTUMN SERIES 2008

Sailed May 2nd 2009

MATTERS WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE HAVE TO BE RECORDED.

The intriguing title emanates from the fact that Penultimate has never before in its 23 year history been at the sharp end of a race for so long. It was not until we entered Kilaben Bay that Possum caught up and passed us in magnificent style, clothed in her new suit of sails. Before the race briefing I made comment to Bronwyn that the light wind was her kind of day, and there she was passing us and smiling happily as Ray shouts out *"it took a long while to run you down today!"*

Penultimate had a ripper day

We were 3 up today, Albert on tiller, Ray and Ralph on the sheets. We practice "time on distance" judgements at the start and place the yacht 2 minutes back from the line and make our run.

More practice needed!.....We cross the line 33 seconds late and start chasing Arctic Turn who probably crossed 33 seconds before Penultimate. They got the timing right and don't need more practice! Where are we going? Well the course was Pulbah to port, Coon to port, then home. Penultimate was lucky. On starboard tack pointing high and pinching at times, we were able to clear Coal Point....but only just.... in one tack doing 5+ knots in 10 to 15 knots wind. Arctic Tern was shoreline bound and had to throw in a port tack to clear Coal Point. Arctic Tern seemed to experience a few knocks after that tack and we made up ground on them. Penultimate then found itself ahead of Andrew & Dee on Arctic Turn and that allowed us to lead the race from there on.

This first work placed us in 5m of water near the shore at Coon before we made our first tack with Arctic Turn still chasing us. Bummer....we will not clear Wangi Point and will lose some time having to throw in a tack. Penultimate takes some time to get up to speed after tacking so with fewer tacks needed the better we perform. We round Wangi, still in the lead, and head for the North Cardinal Mark at Pulbah Island NW corner. After passing the North Cardinal Mark we encounter the tricky bit with Pulbah giving a wind shadow and some turbulence so we stand off a respectable distance. By now we are about 600m ahead of the fleet.

Penultimate presses on southwards, in one long tack heading for Point Wolstoncroft. After lengthy deliberations on....."are we there yet"..... (referring to the best position to make the tack) we decide to tack.

Mmmmm....will we really clear the SE corner of Pulbah, should we have tacked that early? By now others in the fleet have tacked also and still 600m astern. Onwards we press and again needing to pinch up a wee bit now and then to clear Pulbah in this one tack. We press on with Pulbah looming larger and larger on the port side: we see the oysters on the rocky shoreline, will we clear Pulbah?.....A glance astern and we see some of the fleet tacking out away from the shoreline....U beaut....they will fall a bit father behind us.....we press on and on.....RIPPER we cleared Pulbah in one tack with about 30m clearance. Should be a doddle from here on with the wind astern. On the run legs we tend to do better than on the works. So here we are leading the fleet, heading for Coon and the go-fast yachts are still 600m behind but looking ominous and threatening. As for the rest of the fleet we cannot work out which yacht is which as they are too far behind to identify.

Where is the Coon mark? When we passed it on the way to Pulbah, it seemed to be a long way out into the bay whereas we thought it was usually closer to the shoreline. Out with the binoculars. Just keep going it will eventually appear.

Just keep an eye out both sides also to make sure we don't pass it!!!

There it is...there it is...U beaut right on the nose. A glance behind reveals the fleet has not made much ground on us since Pulbah.

We round Coon mark and head for home. Wind is from the port stern quarter and poling out the headsail does not seem worthwhile so we just press on. Glancing astern we see Possum is starting to gain ground on us and X-Rated is looking menacing also.

This has been a most unusual day because by now we would normally see Possum, X-Rated, Zorro and Kinross as well as more than half the fleet out in front of us and here we are leading the pack!

With Coal Point now a few hundred metres behind Possum has made the overlap on our windward side and we reluctantly relinquish the lead to Ray & Bronwyn.

Probably half a mile to go to the finish line and X-Rated poles out their headsail but in so doing has to bear off a wee bit to keep it full and she heads straight towards the OOD Yacht at the finish line. We press on without poling out the headsail which is still pulling well. X-Rated is perilously close to passing us by now with only meters to the finish line.

On Gunsmoke, the Officer of the Day Yacht, Debbie is on the bow with Video Camera rolling and Graham is in the cockpit waiting and makes the call that placed Penultimate “one second” ahead of X-Rated as we cross the finish line. We had a great tussle with Graeme & Maria in those last few hundred metres and that adds excitement and interest in these friendly racing events.

PENULTIMATE – 2nd ACROSS THE FINISH LINE

Now that is worth crowing about. Never happened before, might never happen again, but we sure did savour the moment.

Handicap honours go to A’tanos, Penultimate came second and Adamant came third. Penultimate second across the line AND second on handicap, geez that may never happen again either.

Twenty Yachts racing and Gunsmoke as OOD. Ripper turn out. At the “F Jetty” briefing yachts were double rafted up and even triple rafted up next to Penultimate. We did not get to socialise with you all at the F Jetty and then after the race we promptly went round to Styles to retrieve and vacate so as to attend a 50th Wedding Anniversary of a University friend of 52 years standing. He was gracious enough to thank the NHTYA for giving Penultimate a leave pass to attend his celebrations!

Ralph, Albert & Ray
PENULTIMATE

A bit on “Potti” training

I have come across a cheaper treatment for Porta Pottis used by caravaners . Should work on boats too!!

The treatment for Porta Potti bottom tank is 3 tablespoons in a little warm water of Nappy Treatment Plus or similar. Both Coles and Woolies have home brands with slightly different names for this product. The active ingredient is Sodiumpercarbonate. Apparently when you first change over you may need a little more, or else soak and rinse once before using to get rid of remains of previous treatment. The final product can be disposed of in any system, including ones that don’t want formaldehyde based products that kill their good bacteria. You might have trouble explaining this though. More for caravans and campervans than boats.

Also recommended is a little Olive Oil on the neoprene(?) seals, some other oils are detrimental to the seals. Otherwise some Cousins Morning Fresh detergent to the top tank aids with preserving seals and keeps the bowl cleaner.

Malcolm (Windsong)

Myall Lakes Easter Cruise 2009

By Adamant Graeme & Liz

Thursday

We arrived at Narong to find Kinross and Possum rigging up, after assisting each other with launching we motor sailed in convoy to Shelley where we met up with Nev and Judy (Wanderer 11) and Greg & Toni (Coonawarra Blue) who were already there. The lake was about ½ metre higher than normal so we had to pick our spots carefully to avoid overhanging trees. Roller Coaster and a few others launched at Violet Hill and arrived later that afternoon. It was nice to see another two Adams 21's (one was from Canberra and also staying at Shelley Beach) and Doug was suitably impressed with our yacht.

Friday

Proteus arrived Friday morning and Nev set up camp and organised the wood stash while the rest of us had a lazy day relaxing in good weather conditions and light wind. We also had a game of bouce and we know why Neville and Judy suggested it as they were champions at it. That night we lit the campfire and sat around yarning and drinking as you do!

Everyone decided that a princess plank was a good idea (good job over winter) as the water off the back of some boats was over knee deep. Liz was the first to fall in on Thursday but not the last! Bronwyn from possum also fell in and rumor has it that Andy felt left out so did a swan dive from his plank

Saturday

A good day for sailing some light winds and from NE most of us at one point in the day were out for a sail to practice for Sunday's big event. Kinross returned and Derek decided to make a princess plank from his rudder (see photo for what happened next) and promptly fell in and Ray, being the gentleman he is, tried to save him and ended up in the water too causing laughs all round.

Lots of wild life with a death adder across the path to the toilet, a lace monitor and 2 dingo's were seen. Artic Tern arrived back and we were also joined by Coconut Duck. We had a camp fire and BBQ that night and there was lots of lovely food. Later we sat around the fire playing charades, telling jokes and later trivia trying to remember the club song and eventually Derek rang Betty to get the words. There were lots of eels around the stern of possum that night which worried Bronwyn somewhat.



Sunday

The briefing at 10am approx set the ground rules for the race (basically none except no motors) and Nev decided on an anchor start then to bird island a 360 deg. turn Long pt. stb. mark then home to a man overboard drill and 1st back to the shore. Every eligible contestant drew an envelope with the name of a potential winner and Easter Bunny bought some eggs for us. At 11am we set off at a cracking pace nought point something knots with Adamant first and Kinross catching up fast. Neville finally declared himself out of the race and motored to tell us the shortened course to Bird Island then home then a little later it changed again, this time around his boat and then home. We were determined not to let Kinross pass us so Liz steered and I paddled while Derek tried to hook us with his spinnaker pole but we were first around Wanderer 11. We split tacks and were caught out and Kinross crossed first Adamant 2nd but owing to some sloppy life ring retrieval (by Graeme not Liz!) we were beaten to shore by the Canberra Adams. Some finished and others gave up due to lack of wind in the finish. The results were announced at Happy Hour and Adamant was declared the winner hence this report.

Club boats at Easter cruise were Possum, Kinross, Wanderer11, Coonawarra, Adamant, Proteus, Artic Tern, Roller Coaster and Coconut Duck. Monday saw all but a few heading for home as the weather closed in to rain that afternoon and no wind again thanks to Neville and Judy for organising a great weekend .



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 210mm x 150mm
Mounting and caption is up to you.
3 entries per family per category.
Voting will be by secret ballot.
Prizes for 1st and 2nd in each category.
Judges decision stands.



	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Having their birthday in <i>May</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Derek Tracey Hazel Cooper Emma Berry David Hutchings</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Have we missed your Birthday? Maybe it was not filled out on your renewal form? Please contact Phillip or Hart if you want to see your name on the Birthday List.</i></p>		

Received this email and photo

Thought it might be of interest to some

Hi my name is RICK CARR manager of SOUTHCOAST SHIPWRIGHT SERVICES PTY LTD IN NSW I am letting clubs know of our new product The electric telescoping mast (picture attached) for older people, persons that can't lift physically .This is to enable people to keep sailing as a pastime. The mast is totally electric does not need any lifting and with the aid of a road pin does not need tying to the boat when its sitting in its road cradle just slip the pin in and tidy up the cables. Hope you can inform members of its availability from us web site coming soon information and pics can be had from email address alexanderyatchs@bigpond.com the yatchs is not a spelling mistake

Phillip





6th, 7th, 8th June 2009

LAKE KEEPIT SAILING CLUB invites you to its KEEPIT KOOL REGATTA, 6th-8th June.

- Hosted on Lake Keepit, 7 km. off the Oxley Highway between Tamworth and Gunnedah.
- Camping on site, log fires, hot showers, catering by LKSC.
- Endless space for rigging, launching, and parking. There is also a kiosk (phone 02 6769 7693) and caravan park with cabins and powered sites (phone 02 6769 7605). Sealed road access.
- Lake Keepit State Park - plenty to do for **ALL** the family; golf, tennis, BMX track, skateboarding, walking tracks.
- Trivia and entertainment Saturday and Sunday nights.

Regatta particulars

1. Regatta to be held at Lake Keepit on 6th-8th June, 2009.

Saturday	Heats 1 & 2	2:00 pm
Sunday	Heat 3	9:30 am
	Heats 4 & 5	2:00 pm
Monday	Heat 6	9:30 am
2. Registrations at Clubhouse from 10.30 am, 6th June
3. Entry fee \$50 per boat for Regatta or \$10 per heat.
4. Sailing instructions available on registration.
5. Three Divisions: Trailer Sailors, Monos and Cats. Class racing for Laser, Maricat and others if numbers allow.
6. Low Point Scoring System.
7. Prizes for first three in each division and overall Regatta winner.
8. All competing boats should have liability insurance cover to at least \$5m.
9. YA membership is recommended.
10. All races will be conducted under the current racing rules of the ISAF and the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF and various class rules, all as modified by the sailing instructions.

For further information PLEASE contact Race Secretary

KEN DONALDSON 02 6742 1159 0427 293 526 kjd15@bigpond.com



**Join in the fun of celebrating our
Monarch's Birthday on beautiful Lake Macquarie.**

Trailer Sailing brothers and sisters from around the country
will be joining us for action June 5-8 2009 .

Launch at Styles Point or Wangi

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| Friday Evening: | 19.00 Dinner at Wangi RSL |
| Saturday Morning: | 10.30 Sail down to Gwandalan Bowls Club
for Lunch |
| Saturday Afternoon: | 14:00 Sail up to Valentine Bowls Club for Dinner |
| Sunday Morning: | 1st Annual Le Mans Hybrid Race |
| Sunday Afternoon: | Dress up your boats in QBWE fashion (Union Jacks
& Aussie Flags) |
| Sunday Evening: | Loud Shirt Cobb Cook Off at Styles Point |
| (BYO BBQ Goodies) | |
| Monday Morning: | 11.00 Triangle social race in the bay Fishing Point,
Coon, Andersons and return |
| Monday Afternoon: | Pack up for some - our interstate friends are
staying a few extra days |

Contact Graeme & Heidi Vivian
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DECK NOTES



LAKE MAC CRUISE 16/17 MAY 2009 CRUISE LEADERS: HANS & NITA HECK

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Meet up at Styles Point at around 10.00am in time for morning tea and head off around 11.00am. This will give time for any latecomers to launch and not miss out on a cuppa.

The idea is to sail to Sunshine Bay (near the SLMASC) for lunch. There's a really nice reserve with toilet facilities. After the traditional siesta time, we'll head south to Crangan Bay (first bay North of the Gwandalan Bowling Club) for overnight.

Happy hour will include a quiz covering interesting facts and figures about our lovely lake. Don't worry – it's multiple choice!

Hope you can join us even though it's starting to get a bit cooler in the evenings!

Any questions or just to let us know if you will be coming, please ring us on 4973 5519 or mobile 0417 295 311.

Newcastle & Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc.

Program 2009

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time	Contact	Ph number	Points
Next newsletter closing date 1/6/09							
Sat/Sun	16 th – 17 th May	Cruise	Styles Point	1000	Hans Heck	49735519	2
Tuesday	19 th May	AGM Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930	Hart Peters	43682230	
Sat/Sun	6 th – 8 th June	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	1000	Graham Vivian	65774014	2
Tuesday	16 th June	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	27 th June	Presentation Night	Club Macquarie	1830	Phillip Sparkes	0414223654	
Sat/Sun	11 th – 12 th July	Cruise	On shore	1000			2
Tuesday	21 st July	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	25 th July	Rego Day		1000	Hart Peters	43682230	
Sat/Sun	8 th – 9 th August	Cruise		1000			2
Tuesday	18 th August	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	22 nd August	Race 1 Spring	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	23 rd August	Race 2 Spring	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	5 th – 6 th September	Cruise	Dads day	1000			2
Tuesday	15 th September	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	19 th September	Race 3 Spring	F-Jetty	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	20 th September	Race 4 Spring	F-Jetty	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Mon	3 rd – 5 th October	3 & 6 Hr Race	Regatta	1100	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	2
Sun	11 th October	We turn 30		0000			
Sat/Sun	17 th -18 th October	Cruise	30 th anniversary Dinner	0900			2
Tuesday	20 th October	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	31 st October	Race 5 Spring	Styles Point	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	1 st November	Race 6 Spring	Styles Point	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	14 th – 15 th Nov	Cruise		0900			2
Tuesday	17 th November	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	1930			
Saturday	28 th November	Race 7 Spring	Styles Point	1130	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sunday	29 th November	Race 8 Spring	Styles Point	1030	Graham Walkerden	0405526465	1
Sat/Sun	5 th – 6 th December	Cruise		0900			2
Saturday	12 December	Party	X-mas get-together	1800			
Thursday	31 December	Cruise	Myall Lakes	2359			2