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CATALINA FLEET NEWS

November 2010

"It's All Good" – Haines Tramp, John Longworth
+ "Viva La Vida"

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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held on 7pm Tuesday 16 November 2010 at Newcastle Cruising Yacht club.

Deadline for next Newsletter: ***1 Dec****.*

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General Meeting Minutes: 21 September, 2010

Held Club Macquarie
Meeting opened at 1907hrs
Chairperson: Greg Searles
Attendance: 14 as per Attendance Book.
Apologies: Brenda Swan, Debie Walkerden, Kate Searles, Pam Peters.

21/09//2010-01 Resolved – The minutes of the General Meeting held at Club Macquarie on 17/08/2010 (as printed in the September Catalina Fleet News) be adopted.
Proposed: Phillip Sparkes Seconded: Jim Gillan

Matters arising from the Minutes
PO Box Keys have been cut

Correspondence
- Inwards
  Received Westpac Rescue Helicoptor magazine.
  Received September Bilgewater magazine.
  Received Sonata Notes magazine.
  Received Newcastle Permanent Statement for August.
  Received correspondence re: a new insurance policy proposal for the club. Hart to investigate.
- Outwards NIL

Business arising from Correspondence NIL

Reports
- Treasurer (Peter)
- Income: $2,048.81
  Expenditure: $756.55
  Total at Bank: $8,280.37

  21/09/2010-02 Resolved – That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
  Proposed: Graeme Vivian Seconded: Graham Walkerden

- Racing Report
  Race 3 and 4 provided a good weekend of racing. Kinross and Guns Blazing have now finished their provisional status and been given their handicaps. October 3 and 6 hour race and Heaven Can wait are coming up. Sailing Instructions and Handicaps have been done.
  NHTYA will hold the 3 and 6 hour race on the Sunday so that any boats competing in the HCW can also compete for the 3 and 6 hour trophies.

  Sunday Race Briefing will be 0900hrs at Styles Point with a 1000hr Race Start. Start and Finish will be off Styles Point.

- Cruise Report
  The Newcastle Harbour Cruise was a non event. 55 Knot winds cancelled all activities and confined all boats to the marina. See report elsewhere in this newsletter.

  October Cruise to be hosted by Robin and Terry. See notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

  Membership
  Membership Approval for Martin Border – Boat Angelique
  Proposed: Phillip Sparkes Seconded: Hart Peters

  Currently 22 out of the 48 club members have renewed their membership.

General Business

Club is looking for someone to be the Aquatic Services Delegate. Please contact the committee.

A cheque has been drawn for Giovanni, who has inadvertently paid his membership twice.

Graeme Vivian raised the topic of Life Membership for the club. All members asked to think about criteria for this as a clause will need to be added to the Constitution.

Racing results for Race 3 will have to be re-entered as there was an anomaly in the printout from the computer race program, all boats actually started 5 min late.

Meeting Closed at 2030 hours. November Club Meeting to be held at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. 1900 hr start.

Hart Peters
Secretary

General Meeting Minutes: 19 October 2010

Minutes of the General Meeting Held Club Macquarie
Meeting opened at: 1915 hours.
Chairman: Greg Searles
Attendance: As per Attendance Book.
Apologies: Kim Weir, Graham Walkerden, Peter Swan

- **19/10-01 Resolved** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held at Club Macquarie on 21/10/2010 (as printed in the Catalina Fleet News) be adopted.
- Proposed: Graeme Vivian
  Seconded: Phillip Sparkes

Matters arising from the Minutes – NIL

Correspondence

- Inwards
  Received October edition of Bilgewater.
  Received October edition of Sonata Notes.
  Received Promotional Information on Perth 2011 World Sailing Championships.
  Received LM Sports Council Minutes and Agenda.
  Received ING Statement.
  Received Newcastle Permanent Statement.
  Received YA membership invoice.
  Received Mebership renewals from Robert Karlson, Eric and Jan Waddingham, Kevin And Gaylene Newman, and Bernard and Barbara Jankoviak.
- Outwards
  Sent request to NCYC to hold November Meeting at their Club.

Business Arising from Correspondence

Phillip Sparkes moved a motion to approve payment of YA membership Invoice for $1055.00. Seconded by Ralph Penn. Motion approved.

Reports

- Treasurer
  Income: $1453.27
  Expenditure: $60.00
  Balance:9673.64

  ING Balance as at

- **19/10-02 Resolved** - That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Stan Steele
Seconded: Barry White

- Racing Organiser
  Race 5 was cancelled due to adverse winds. Members spent the day socialising.
  Race 6 on Sunday started favourably with light winds. First on corrected time was Blue Moon, followed by Impulse and Oranje.

  As Race 5 was not sailed all boats will receive maximum points for the race. Updated results will appear in the next Newsletter.

- Cruising Organiser
  Next Cruise will be on the 30-31 October on Pittwater. Meeting at Parsley Bay. See Newsletter for more details.

  Hart and Pam have volunteered to host this year's New Years Cruise. Information in next Newsletter.

  We still need a volunteer for the Australia Day Cruise next year. Manning River Event need to be added to calendar.

  Hart to be given 2 points for the Port Stephens Cruise as he was at Tea Gardens, but unable to negotiate the bridge and ricer into Port Stephens because of the windy conditions.

  Phillip Sparkes announced he is looking at organising a cruise next August/September down the Murray River. More information will be available in the newsletter.

- Social Organiser (VACANT)
  Christmas get together this year will be combined with the last Cruise in November.

General Business

A draft for Life Membership is to be reviewed by the Committee before being put to the membership for consideration.

GPS Trackers are currently being trialled for club races and a proposal will be put forward to the members in the new year after being reviewed by the Committee.

Use of spinnakers in club events was raised in relation to Heaven Can Wait and the Queens Birthday Bash, but not the Club spring and autumn series. The Committee will review and forward a proposal to the members in the new year for consideration.

Bill Hobbs raised a question as to what was happening with the 3 and 6 hour race versus the Heaven Can wait event. Still being reviewed by the Committee.

Derek Tracey raised a question about recent cruises not being held on Lake Macquarie, leaving some members not being able to attend. Committee will review and look at alternate cruises again.

Shane and Kirsty raised a question about how the Constitution worked and requested. Phillip to supply them with a set of documents. Any other members wishing a copy please contact Phillip. Also raised was putting a PDF version on the website.

Giovanni Torretta has purchased another boat. An RL28 called Apache II. Looking forward to seeing his boat on the water.

Date of next General Meeting: 16th November, 2010 at Newcastle Cruising Yacht club.
Meeting closed at: 2035 hours

Hart Peters
Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 19th October, 2010

Held at: Club Macquarie
Meeting opened at: 1815 hrs
Chairman: Greg Searles
Executive members present: Greg Searles, Graeme Vivian, Phillip Sparkes, Hart Peters, Derek Tracey, Jim Gillan.
Apologies: Graham Walkerden, Peter Swan.

- Minutes of last meeting

Moved: Jim Gillan Seconded: Graeme Vivian

- Business arising from the minutes

Events Calendar to be advanced to second half of next year.

- Correspondence

In: NIL
Out: NIL

Spinnakers
A discussion was held on introducing spinnakers for the Heaven Can Wait event and the Queens Birthday Weekend. 3 issues were raised:-

1. Insurance coverage
2. Introducing a new 6 hr race.
3. Purchasing a new club trophy for HCW with spinnakers.

A motion will need to be prepared. Graeme Vivian to action.

GPS Trackers
GPS Trackers are currently being trialled in our club races. Cost including program is Approximately $40. Graeme will prepare a report detailing advantages, disadvantages and Costings. Graeme Vivian to action.

Life Membership
A draft has been prepared by Graeme Vivian and presented to the committee for discussion. To be actioned by committee and discussed at next committee meeting.

Website
Purpose of website was discussed and agreed that it was a marketing tool for the club. Graeme looking at a new model for website. Graeme Vivian to action.

Membership Update Fees To be actioned by Peter Swan.
Hart as Secretary to become a signatory for accounts. Approved by committee.

Compliance audits for Cruising Boats To be carried over.

Harmony and the Lack There Of. To be carried over.

General Business carried over.

Meeting closed at 1911hrs. Date of next Committee meeting TBA

Secretary
Hart Peters

Race Organiser's Column:

Officer Of the Day Roster for the remainder of the Spring Series 2010

Race 7....Cloud Walking	*Race 8....Penultimate*

For the next race weekend we will be doing races 7 and 8 on Saturday 13th November (two short races). Then reschedule the cancelled race 5 for the next day, Sunday the 14th November.

NHTYA Ross 780 Cup

Race 5: 16 October 2010 – Cancelled due to high winds.

Race 6: 17 October 2010

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim
1	5	Ssora	03:05:33	M Whittle	D4	1.0	15:00:33
2	164	Kinross	03:12:58	S McIntosh	D4	2.0	15:07:58
3	169	Viva La Vida	03:13:24	G Vivian	D4	3.0	15:08:24

Series Results [Class ET] up to Race 6 (Drops = 0)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	145	Zorro	G Searles	3.00	[5.00C]	ABN	1.00	1.00	[2.00]	1.00
2	5	Ssora	M Whittle	5.00	1.00	ABN	2.00	2.00	[6.00C]	[3.00]
3	139	Angelique	M Hodder	8.00	5.00C	ABN	[6.00C]	[5.00C]	1.00	2.00
4	169	Viva La Vida	G Vivian	9.00	3.00	ABN	3.00	3.00	[4.00]	[5.00]
4	164	Kinross	S McIntosh	9.00	2.00	ABN	4.00	[5.00C]	3.00	[4.00]

NHTYA Spring Series

Race 5: 16 October 2010 – Cancelled due to high winds.

Race 6: 17 October 2010

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Score	Fin Tim
1	440	Blue moon	03:31:19	0.587	02:04:03	0.618	0.591	S Steele	0.8	15:16:19
2	65	Impulse	03:15:31	0.635	02:04:09	0.668	0.643	b Hobbs	2.0	15:00:31
3	4	Oranje	03:08:37	0.675	02:07:19	0.692	0.684	A Broekman	3.0	14:58:37
4	2665	X-Rated	03:17:13	0.653	02:08:47	0.662	0.651	G Booker	4.0	15:07:13
5	16	Guns Blazing	03:05:40	0.703	02:10:31	0.703	0.703	G Walkerden	5.0	15:00:40
6	169	Viva La Vida	03:13:24	0.675	02:10:33	0.675	0.683	G Vivian	6.0	15:08:24
7	888	Cloud Walking	03:05:38	0.716	02:12:55	0.703	0.710	T Quirk	7.0	15:00:38
8	164	Kinross	03:12:58	0.693	02:13:44	0.677	0.690	S McIntosh	8.0	15:07:58
9	5	Ssora	03:05:33	0.724	02:14:20	0.704	0.723	M Whittle	9.0	15:00:33
10	510	Its All Good	03:07:32	0.719	02:14:50	0.696	0.719	J Longworth	10.0	14:57:32
11	502	Wanderer 2	03:51:19	0.604	02:19:43	0.564	0.596	N Heap	11.0	15:36:19
DUT	F916	Spindrift	.	0.546	.	.	.	J Gillan	.	.

.25 HC Adjustment “It’s All Good” (Substantial Rig Upgrade)

Series Results [Mixed Class HC] up to Race 6 (Drops = 0)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	65	Impulse	B Hobbs	4.75	2.00	ABN	[4.00]	2.00	[6.00]	0.75
2	169	Viva La Vida	G Vivian	11.00	6.00	ABN	3.00	[7.00]	2.00	[13.00]
3	510	Its All Good	J Longworth	11.75	[10.00]	ABN	5.00	6.00	0.75	[6.00]
4	5	Ssora	M Whittle	13.00	[9.00]	ABN	2.00	3.00	[16.00C]	8.00
5	888	Cloud Walking	T Quirk	14.00	7.00	ABN	[8.00]	5.00	[10.00]	2.00
6	77	Possum	R Parker	14.50	13.00C	ABN	0.75	0.75	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
7	145	Zorro	G Searles	16.00	[13.00C]	ABN	7.00	4.00	[7.00]	5.00
7	2665	X-Rated	G Booker	16.00	4.00	ABN	[11.00]	8.00	[11.00]	4.00
9	440	Blue moon	S Steele	16.69	0.75	ABN	[12.00]	7.94U	8.00	[11.00]
10	164	Kinross	S	17.00	8.00	ABN	6.00	[16.00C]	3.00	[10.00]
10	4	oranje	A Broekman	17.00	3.00	ABN	10.00	[10.00]	4.00	[17.00]
12	F916	Spindrift	J Gillan	22.75	10.75U	ABN	[14.00]	9.00	[17.00F]	3.00
13	27	Binnaway	B White	25.00	13.00C	ABN	[16.00C]	[16.00C]	5.00	7.00
14	16	Guns Blazing	G Walkerden	26.00	5.00	ABN	9.00	12.00	[13.00]	[14.00]
15	021	Angelique	M Hodder	34.00	13.00C	ABN	[16.00C]	[16.00C]	9.00	12.00
16	8	Roller Coaster	D Stanfield	35.00	13.00C	ABN	13.00	[17.00R]	[14.00]	9.00
17	M27	Ezy	D Hutchings	40.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	11.00	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
18	88	Sailaway	P Sparkes	40.50	13.00C	ABN	[16.00C]	13.00	[16.00C]	14.50U
19	7265	Farrthers Toy	D Cooper	41.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	[16.00C]	12.00	[16.00]
20	752	Farr n Beyond	H Peters	43.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	14.00	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
20	502	Wanderer 2	N Heap	43.00	11.00	ABN	16.00C	16.00C	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
22	0	Penultimate	R Penn	44.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	[16.00C]	[17.00F]	15.00
23	8006	Crosswind	H Heck	45.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	16.00C	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
23	36	Adamant	G Tinkler	45.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	16.00C	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
23	202	Aroo	R Parker	45.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	16.00C	[16.00C]	[19.00C]
23	215	Slippery When wet	R Wilcox	45.00	13.00C	ABN	16.00C	16.00C	[16.00C]	[19.00C]

Spring Series Race 6: 17 Oct 2010

"EVERY SECOND COUNTS"

Well you should never give up in "no wind" conditions. After vacillating about what headsail to use we started out with the little one. Before the start a wise fellow club member said get a bigger one out. I convinced my crew to fly the Genoa; we got the sail change done with a minute to spare and slid across the line right on start time. We had a great wind corridor and took off nicely. The "good feel" of the great start soon went to frustration; our good friend the wind changed camps and jumped across to favour Impulse. Hobbsy took off like a Bondi tram, much to the awe of all of us. Soon the big boys caught up with us. The first trimaran, Its All Good, slid by to starboard like a stealth bomber never to be seen again (except in the distance. The second tri, Oranje, had another plan and sneaked past to port. X-Rated with skilfully set sails kept moving in the non-existing wind (I couldn't see any bubbles or smell any fuel).

Our frustration at having the handbrake on was soon softened as everyone started bobbing around like corks. It was a bit of a giggle looking at the fleet all on the same leg with just about everyone facing a different direction. Eventually we got to Coon Island, heartened by the fact of seeing the corks making way to Fishing Point. Neville also gave us a cheer in making the milestone of rounding Coon; thanks Neville.

We also did the gentlemanly thing of slowing down and letting Graham through to round Coon; you know how those Ross things need all the help they can get. We played with Graham for a while before he got his act together and released his grip on handbrake or something and let Viva la Vida dance on the wind.

After rounding Fishing Point and watching everyone else ahead we plotted a course to where the little bit of wind was, tweaked the sails, and it paid off as we caught up a lot of lost time. This little bit of success soon dissipated as we again fell in a hole at The Slip. After heading towards Cardiff Point and another little period of frustration for my crew, I said "Hang in there it will come good"; it did!!

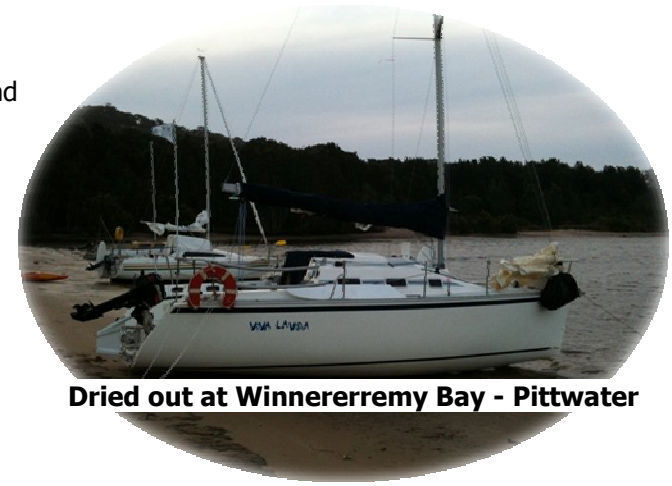
After suffering a period of short sightedness we spotted Coal Point mark, tickled the sails and set out after the big boys. We took a wide berth past Coal Point and purposely took the broad reach paths to the finish line.
Thank you Jim for being on the ball with starting and finishing times; I was sure that Impulse deservedly had it the bag again, and little Blue Moon would be just one of the triers.

What a great Club we have. We had fun. Thanks Oranje.

Stan Steele
Blue Moon

Just Cruising

A great trip to the Hawkesbury & Pittwater by Robin and Terry (Cloud Walking) this past weekend showed yet again strong support for our varied destination cruising calendar. Thanks Robin & Terry - well done ! Members are enjoying seeing new places, faces and having fun along the way. No matter what the locality, weather or conditions we seem to come home with fond memories and hearty smiles.



Dried out at Winnererremy Bay - Pittwater

So What's Coming Up?

Dates	Location	Cruise Leaders	Boat
November 27 to 28	Lake Macquarie	Graeme & Heidi	Viva La Vida
December 31 to Jan 02	Myall Lakes	Hart & Pam	Farr & Beyond
Jan 8-9	Manning Marathon, Manning River	Doug Stanfield	Roller Coaster

Jan 22 to 23	Port Stephens	Steve Armour	Cape Kara
Feb 26 to 27	Wallis Lakes	Phil & Kim	Sail Away
March 26to 27	Brisbane Water	Hart & Pam	Farr & Beyond
April 22 to 26	Myall Lakes	Graeme & Heidi	Viva La Vida
May 28 to 29	Hunter \Williams \ Paterson Rivers	Phil & Kim	Sail Away
June 11to 13	QBB Lake Macquarie	Graeme & Heidi	Viva La Vida

The Next One - "The Fine Dining Cruise":

We will be hosting the next cruise over the weekend of the 27th to 28th of November back on our home turf of Lake Macquarie. So what does Singo and the lovely Heidi have in store for you? PLENTY !! Commodore Greggles has given us the thumbs up to hold the Christmas gathering as part of this cruise weekend due to the Social position remaining vacant, so please adjust your calendars.

I'll be kicking the weekend off on the Friday afternoon at Styles Point. If a westerly isn't blowing we will put on a BBQ "sausage sizzle" and camp fire in the park. BYO your chairs and bring me a drink and I'll bring the snags and some stuff to burn. I just need to add Neville into the mix and we should have a roaring fire to set the stage for a clever joke \ story competition - no expletives please.

Saturday we are off to the sand flats for a swim before sailing south to Murray's Beach in the afternoon for the "Fine Dining" \ "Christmas Party" part of the weekend.

Venue: The Lakehouse Cafe - 11 Shoreside Row, Murrays Beach, New South Wales 2281 (250 mtrs South East from the jetty). Access is available via road for those just wishing to attend the dinner \ Christmas festivities.

Cost: $40 to $50 per head (includes champers on arrival) - negotiating a deal as we go to press. There will also be a children's menu and pricing as well, so bring the kids and grand kids.
Time: 18:30

RSVP: 17th November. We will ring around and \ or e-mail details and the menu and pester you to come, so accept the inevitable - you are coming!

What to bring?: Bring a gift for the "Secret Santa" and a little cash for drinkies and the NHTYA raffle girls.
Sunday morning, the plan is to go for a sail and have a relax (recover) \ swim weather permitting.

Cheers for now,

Singo

Cruise Dictator

New Year's Eve Cruise : MYALL LAKES

Hi Ya all!

This year's theme for New Year will be *"Convicts"* and we'll be gathering at *Convict Cove* (Neranie Sands) to celebrate our escape from the various prisons around the new settlements.

Costumes and accessories are a must with prizes being awarded for:-

- Best Convict Outfit
- Best Escape Yarn
- Best Excuse for Capture and deportation to the New South Land.

We will also be having some *Convict* activities through the evening, so *come ye all* to the *Cove* to celebrate our freedom! Because we won't know how many of you will be able to escape and reach the Cove, dinner will be a catch/bring your own and feed onboard your boats. We ask that you all bring a *"feast"* and "*refreshments*" for supper and the evening to celebrate our life in the new land. Bring some *"Firewood"* in case the evening gets cool!

Looking forward to meeting all convicts and celebrating our freedom!

Hart and Pam *Farr & Beyond*

Pittwater Cruise October 30-31, 2010.

Cloud Walking arrived at Parsley Bay about 0900 hrs to find everyone else had slept in and we were the first there. By the time we had rigged the boat Viva la Vida and Guns Blazing had joined us at the ramp and Wanderer II and Spindrift came out of hiding from Dangar Island where they had spent the night.

We were shortly joined by Cape Kara and after a quick check at Dead Horse Bay and a couple of phone calls we realized the last two boats, Coconut Duck and Lady Guinevere, both of whom had threatened to arrive on Friday night, were both running late and would join us down in Bayview.

Lady Guinevere is a Boomaroo22 owned by Lance Sanderson and it was a pleasure to welcome him and his dog Aurthur on their first cruise with the club.

The sun was out, the forecast showers were nowhere to be seen and a decent 10-15knot freshening noreaster was beckoning as we made some vague plan to sail around Lion Island (as you do) and meet up for a late lunch on the inland side of Palm Beach. True to form, the race officer Walko and the Vice Commodore Singo did not follow instructions and went directly to Palm Beach. Jim on spindrift, Steve on Cape Kara and Terry and myself on Cloud Walking went around the island and, after avoiding a fleet of racing Lasers and numerous pods of dolphin, had a little poke out the heads. Viva and Guns Blazing waited patiently inside Pittwater but we were enjoying some terrific surges down the waves coming through the heads and a swift reach into Pittwater so we weren't waiting for anyone.

After a brisk reach down Pittwater we detoured in toward Towlers Bay in the hope of meeting up with Matt and Libby on their Sonata26, Form II. If you ever need to find them on Pittwater Towlers Bay is as good a place to look as any. Sure enough we rendezvoused just North of Scotland Island were we exchanged greetings. However, they had their own plans and the fleet continued all the way down to Winererremy Bay, south of the Bayview Ramps.

The fleet anchored stern too off the beach and after securing the boats some of us were too tempted by the lure of the nearby coffee shop and set off to taste its wares. After a few coffees the crowd of young families who were enjoying the play areas, as indeed did young Ben Walko, set off home and relinquished their strangle-hold of the public barbeques. By now Lady Guinevere and Coconut Duck had arrived, shortly after Wanderer II had turned up after taking a wrong turn and having to reverse out of a very congested neighbouring bay.

The barbeques struggled in the fresh noreaster but eventually we all sat down to a good feed and tall story session. The noreaster had set in for the night with gusts frequently exceeding 20-25 knots. The temperature dropped with the breeze but still no rain, nonetheless most people retired fairly early, looking forward to being up at 0300 hrs to get the boats afloat on the next high tide.

Unfortunately the morning high was some 400mm lower than the afternoon high and some boats never refloated. 0400 hrs saw a fine example of NHTYA teamwork with Singo, Walko, Jim and myself struggling to get Cloud Walking and Spindrift through the last couple of meters of sand into the water. The team was hoping to set off by 0930 to represent the club in some local races.

Dawn saw a clear and calm sunny day with the forecast showers still graciously absent. We set off shortly after breakfast back toward the Hawkesbury. The intrepid few, Wanderer II, Guns Blazing and Spindrift opted to beat up Pittwater but the gentlemen in the club, Singo and myself, decided to motor up to Broken Bay. I had a bit of an 'event' with a submerged mooring line and a local canoe collided with the back of Cloud Walking when she stopped rather suddenly. They didn't see that one coming ! Luckily no damage and we soon caught up with the others.

Gentlemen don't sail to windward…..

Wanderer II

We all set sail once in the mouth of the Hawkesbury and beached at Dead Horse Bay (Sandy Bay) where Mark form Ssora had kindly arranged for us to join in the Hawkesbury River Sailing Clubs' race. Unfortunately Mark was fighting off a bad cold and couldn't join us for the cruise but valiantly dragged himself off his death-bed for the race. The HRSC welcomed us at the briefing and were pleased to receive a gift of the NHTYA burgee from Vice Commodore Singo.

The wind had dropped completely off and the girls decided they didn't want to spend another couple of hours wallowing around in the river so Walko jumped ship and he and I put Cloud Walking through its paces. The breeze picked up for the start and we enjoyed an interesting race in the current, large changes in wind pressure and some radical wind shifts. Unfortunately we were no match for the locals but had fun playing with the 'naughty' multi-coloured sail up the front. Walko complained that I worked him too hard and decided that maybe Debbie was an easier task-master after all !

We all retrieved back at Parsley Bay and were on our way home just in time for the long awaited rains to

come, only some 24 hrs late. For once we were home before anyone else so I must do that race again some time. Terry exclaimed on Saturday night that that days' sailing was the best sail she had ever had, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.

Pittwater Cruise

Aground Parsley Bay

Saturday Parsley Bay

Guns & Viva
Guns Blazing
Cape Kara

Viva
Moody
Guns Blazing

Returning From Trip Outside

Robin thought it would be safer if we where High & Dry. No Fenders Required.

SSora Off & Racing

Sunday Race Day With HRYC

Summary:

All up, a great week end.
Spindrift

Murray River Cruise

Mildura to Renmark (or Waikerie)
27th August 2011 – 11th September 2011
Saturday - Sunday

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.

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.

River Facts

- The Murray is the third longest navigable river in the world, after the Amazon and Nile
- Total length - 2756 kilometres from its source in the Upper Murray and the Kosciusko National Park
- The Murray is continuously navigable for 1986 kilometres from Goolwa to Yarrawonga
- It spans three states - Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia
- The river has 4 major dams, 16 storage weirs and 15 navigable locks
- Is the major domestic water supply for over 1.5 million households
- Along with its tributaries, the Murray is part of the third largest water catchment on earth
- Aboriginal occupation goes back 40,000 years at Mungo National Park close by
- For half a century from 1853, the Murray was a virtual water highway
- The worlds largest canoe race is held each year on the Murray
- Murray Cod can easily grow up to 1.8m in size
- The Murray has the worlds largest redgum forest and ibis rookery on its banks
- The Murray is a mecca for golfers with 37 golf courses along its banks

Phillip and Kim
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NEWCASTLE HARBOUR CRUISE

September 4th and 5th

This cruise was to incorporate the Founders Day activities on Sunday including the maritime parade and the blessing of the fleet and a harbour race.

We arrived on Friday afternoon and on our way there we drove through considerable rain and the sky was completely overcast. Nita did not have a happy look on her face. The rain stopped when we approached the boat ramp. When we got to the ramp we got a surprise as the ramp was on the inland side of bridge even though our road map showed that it was on the harbour side. We didn't bring any gear to raise the mast on the boat so for us it was going to be a motor only cruise. Phil (Sailaway) had already launched and not long after Hart arrived. There was little wind and launching went without incident. On arriving at the marina we went into a northern berth right at the entry of the arms as strong winds were predicted and I did not fancy trying to get into a berth at the far end as our motor is an a well and we cannot steer it thus making slow manoeuvring quite difficult. Others to arrive on Friday were Singo (Viva La Vida- I think the boat name actually means long live eating out), Derek (Calysta with Andrew and Dee as crew) and Robin and Terry (Cloud Walking). Cloud Walking also has the motor in a well and missed the first berth aimed for but the next one was free so that had to do. Derek sailed up and it was a rough trip with 2m chop on 2m swell. Getting to the toilet while out there was a real effort and if

there for too long greeness ensued. On Friday night Nita and I went to the Albion Pub across the road for a drink and meal and we met up with Derek and Leanne and Andrew and Dee.

On Saturday the following people arrived: Mark and Helen (SSora); Jim (Spindrift); Greg with Hugh and Tom (Kate will arrive later) (Zorro); Shane and Kirsty and family (Kinross); Graham and Debie and Ben (little Ben growing to be big Ben soon) (Guns Blazing) which made eleven boats in all. The weather on Saturday was mixed with winds to 20 kts and some rain showers. Zorro and went out for a motor around the harbour to show some friends/relatives? around. There were predictions of high winds which put everyone off to go for a sail as they were not sure when it would arrive. There was much socialising going on and people seemed to be having a good time despite no sailing. At this stage the wind was predicted to come and go before Sunday. I had a Loos tension gauge which was put to good use by people wanting to check shroud tension. Jim took the opportunity to visit the Model Show at Broadmeadow and a group of lads took a car to visit the new Whitworths shop at Lambton. In the evening a group of us went to the Yacht Club for a meal. Afterwards people returned to the boats to party on. Apparently there was a search for Margaritas . Graham and Debbie brought the ice and Robin and Terry had a stainless steel bucket (Robin said it had been peed into and Terry said it wasn't so take your pick). Nita and I went for a pleasant walk in the evening (warm and balmy) along the walkway under the bridge North past the unit complex and found there was a cafe halfway up (with water views open 7 days a week). When we got back to the marina the margaritas must have taken effect as there was a lot of noise emanating from our boats. Fortunately we were on the other arm at the end so it didn't affect us. We were quite happy having a quiet night.

During the night the strong wind came in. It sounded like a jet plane coming in to land. We were well protected from other large boats nearby and had a reasonable night. We had to put in ear plugs as it was pretty noisy. The wind stayed up all Sunday (gust over 40 kts) and the Founders day activities were cancelled to be rescheduled for another time. The Club Captain indicated if we needed to stay another night because of the wind preventing us from retrieving we could do so free. Hart was also in the process of negotiating a weekly rate for people who lived in Sydney and couldn't come back the next day. The wind abated late in the afternoon (around 5pm) and there was a mad rush to retrieve. As we didn't have to go home to feed the animals we decided to stay the night. We could see the trailers drive past on their way home and we saw some still going past at 7pm. The next day was fine and sunny and we retrieved early in the morning. There was little wind and we retrieved with no hassle. Fortunately we didn't bring our mast raising gear as it save us putting the mast up and down for nothing. All in all we had a good time and I am sure others enjoyed themselves as well. Nita had to do no cooking which she was happy about and we were on the boat again.

Hans and Nita
Crosswind

For Sale

Eric has decided to start to scale down his inventory and is offering to Club members his SPINNAKERS as listed below, at a reduced price before they go elsewhere for sale. All are symmetric type and are second hand in various condition, we have a photo if needed. The patches most of the time are only small and would not affect the performance. I have them all at my place of easy inspection. Just ring and ask

	COLOUR		**Luff**	**Foot**	**INSIGNIA**	**$$$**
1	White/ yellow	Patched and white panel replaced	7500	4000	4718	300
2	Blue/Lilac	Patches	7300	4300	2385	Sold
3	Yellow/white/red	Patches on seams	8500	5500		200
4	Royal blue	2 patches	4600	3600	1122	250
5	White /blue-black	Patches and slight stain	6900	4000		300
6	Red/blue with white	Patches	9600	5900		400
7	Red/white/blue	Small patches	7300	5000	C76	350
8	White	Patches	8700	4800	Freight Mates	250

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Phillip and Kim

CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2010/2011

Up to and including Hawkesbury/Pittwater Cruise

SURNAME	**KNOWN AS**	**BOAT TYPE**	**BOAT NAME**	**CLUB BOAT** all activities	**SOCIAL** Cruises only
VIVIAN	Graeme & Heidi	Ross 780	*Vila La Vida*	16	11
WALKERDEN	Graham & Debbie	Blazer 740	*Guns Blazing*	16	11
GILLAN	Jim & Lisa	Farr 6000	*Spindrift*	15	10
QUIRK	Robin & Terry	Lingard 26	*Cloud Walking*	13	8
SEARLES	Greg & Kate	Ross 780	*Zorro*	11	7
McINTOSH	Shane & Kirsti	Ross 780	*Kinross*	10	6
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	*Farr & Beyond*	9	7
BOOKER	Graham & Maria	Sonata 26	*X-Rated*	9	4
HEAP	Neville & Judy	Sabre 25	*Wanderer II*	8	7
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Sabre 25	*Sail Away*	8	6
WHITTLE	Mark & Helen	Ross 780	*Ssora*	8	4
HOBBS	Bill & Lynda	Castle 650	*Impulse*	7	2
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Delah 34	*Calista*	6	6
STANFIELD	Doug	Adams 21	*Roller Coaster*	6	2
STEELE	Stan & Wendy	Farr 6000	*Blue Moon*	6	1
BROEKMAN	Arnold & Jo	Haynes Tramp	*Oranje*	5	0
LONGWORTH	John & Denise	Haynes Tramp	*It's All Good*	5	0
ARMOUR	Steve	Corsair 24	*Kape Cara*	4	4
HECK	Hans & Anita	Austral Clubman	*Cross Wind*	4	4
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Sabre 22	*Keanu*	4	4
COOPER	David & Hazel	Farr 7500	*Farrther's Toy*	4	2
WALLIS	Simon & Vickie	Sonata 7	*Satisfaction*	3	3
HUTCHINGS	David & Joan	Blazer 31	*Ezy*	3	2
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Clifton 7	*Binnaway*	3	1
CHALMERS	Garry & Kathy	Sonata 7	*Coconut Duck*	2	2
HALL	Andy & Dee		*Isis*	2	2
JANKOWIAK	Bernd & Barbara	Gazelle	*Blew By U*	2	2
Mc Donald	Ian & Hanna	Nolex	*Savannah*	2	2
HORDER	Martin	Ross 780	*Angelique*	2	0
PARKER	Raymond & Bronwyn	Young 7.7	*Possum*	2	0
PENN	Ralph & Janice	Duncanson 26	*Penultimate*	2	0
SWAN	Peter & Brenda	Sabre 22	*Tamu N'doto*	1	1

Letter to Men's Helpline:-

Hey Mate, really need your advice for a serious problem:

I have suspected for some time now that the missus has been cheating. The usual signs; Phone rings, if I answer the caller hangs up, going out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the boat, when she came home she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on... It was at that moment crouched behind the boat I noticed...

A hairline crack in the outboard mounting bracket! Is that something I can weld myself or do I need to replace it?

Spindrift

Skinny little white Irishman goes into an elevator, looks up and sees this HUGE black guy standing next to him. The big guy sees the little Irishman staring at him, he looks down and says: '7 feet tall, 350 pounds, 20 inch penis, 3 pounds of testicles, Turner Brown.'

The little white Irishman faints and falls to the floor. The big guy kneels down and brings him to, shaking him. The big guy says, 'What's wrong with you?'

In a weak voice the little guy says, 'What EXACTLY did you say to me?'

The big dude says, 'I saw your curious look and figured I'd just give you the answers to the questions everyone always asks me..... I'm 7 feet tall, I weigh 350 pounds, I have a 20 inch penis, my testicles weigh 3 pounds each and my name is Turner Brown.'

The little white Irishman says: 'Turner Brown?!.... Sweet Jesus, I thought you said, 'Turn around!

Spindrift

Happy Birthday to

14 Nov Michael Cusiter
15 Nov Graeme Vivian
15 Nov John Longworth
22 Nov Joan Hutchings
24 Nov Liz Tinkler

More on Batteries

A tale that may be of interest. I bought a new Exide N70EX battery last week from Kmart Service Centre. I asked what the voltage was and how long it had been on the shelf and was assured that all was OK. When I got it home I concluded that I had bought a duffer.

1. The voltage of the battery was only 11.01V before going on charge. This is so low that the battery would already be suffering from sulphation where the acid eats the battery plates.
2. On charge, the battery reached charge voltage of 14.1V too quickly to actually have the 80Ah rated capacity.
3. At 14.1V the battery was bubbling and smelt of rotten eggs. The "gassing voltage" of lead acid batteries should be 14.4V. Although the difference in voltage appears small, the alternators on Ezy actually charge

up to 14.3V (which is correct) and therefore the batteries would be losing electrolyte at this voltage (and smelling too)

Exide confirmed that the above is not correct and urged me to replace the battery which I did at Kmart who were very cooperative. The shelf voltage of the new one was 12.49V which is fine.

The lesson is simple. When you buy a battery, take a multimeter and make sure it's shelf voltage is correct. Do not believe statements like "They ship them uncharged, or partially charged".

The table below is a rough indication of healthy voltages for a 6 cell lead-acid battery at 20C.

Open Circuit Voltage (12 V)	**Approximate charge**	**Relative acid density**
12.65 V	100%	1.265 g/cm^3
12.45 V	75%	1.225 g/cm^3
12.24 V	50%	1.190 g/cm^3
12.06 V	25%	1.155 g/cm^3
11.89 V	0%	1.120 g/cm^3

Also most batteries have the date of manufacture either as a easy to read label, or stamped into the lip of the case using a code. Unfortunately each manufacturer has a different coding scheme, but the codes are easy to find on the web. My battery was manufactured in Feb this year so I'm happy.

David
Ezy

A lifejacket only saves your life if you're wearing it

NSW Treasurer and Minister for Ports and Waterways Eric Roozendaal reminded boaters across the state that new lifejacket laws for recreational boaters come into effect from 1st November 2010.

'Lifejackets are the most important piece of safety equipment on any vessel,' Mr Roozendaal said.

'Lifejackets save lives, but they can't save your life if you're not wearing one. I remind all boaters to familiarise themselves with the safety requirements, especially those who have smaller boats or children under 12.'

Under the new laws, all boaters on vessels less than 4.8m must wear lifejackets:
• At night;
• On open (ocean) waters;
• On alpine waters; and
• When boating alone.

Stronger protections apply to children under 12 who must wear lifejackets on boats less than 4.8m or when they are in open areas of vessels less than 8 metres that are underway, which means all deck areas including fly bridges and anything attached to the stern.

'The new laws also give skippers the legal authority to require passengers put on a lifejacket in risky situations such as in rough water or after a break-down,' Mr Roozendaal said.

The new lifejacket rules follow extensive community consultation by NSW Maritime, with more than 86 per cent of respondents supporting the majority of the proposed changes.

While boaters get used to the new rules there will be a 12-month advisory period where warnings will be issued for first offences.

More information is available at: www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

Program of Events

Program 2010							
Date			**Activity**		**Location**	**Cruise Leader**	**Points**
Sat-Sun	13-14	November	Race 7-8		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden 4959 1552	2
Tuesday	16	November		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
	20-21	November	Cruise	Lake Illawara Cruise \ Regatta			
Sat-Sun	27-28	November	Cruise	Fine Dining Experience & Xmas get-together	Lake Macquarie	Graeme & Heidi 0410 329 950	2
Sat-Sun	31-1	Dec 2010 Jan 2011	Cruise	New Years Eve	Myall Lakes	Hart and Pam Peters 0417 674687	2
Program 2011							
Sat-Sun	8-9	January 2011	Cruise	Manning Marathon	Manning River	Doug Stanfield 4997 4792	2
Sat-Sun	22-23 + 26	January	Cruise	Australia Day	Port Stephens	Steve Armour	2
Sat-Sun	12-13	February	Race 1-2		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden 4959 1552	2
Tuesday	15	February		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	26-27	February	Cruise		Wallis Lakes	Phillip Sparkes0414 223654	2
Sat-Sun	12-13	March 2011	Race 3-4		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden 4959 1552	2
Tuesday	15	March		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	26-27	March	Cruise		Brisbane Water	Hart and Pam Peters 0417 674687	2
Sat-Sun	9-10	April 2011	Race 5-6		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden 4959 1552	2
Tuesday	19	April		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	22-26	April	Cruise		Myall Lakes	Graeme & Heidi 0410 329 950	2
Sat-Sun	14-15	May 2011	Race 7-8		Styles Point	Graham Walkerden 4959 1552	2
Tuesday	17	May		Annual General Meeting	Club Macquarie		
Sat-Sun	28-29	May	Cruise		Hunter-Williams-Paterson Rivers	Phillip Sparkes0414 223654	2
Sat-Sun	11-13	June	Cruise	Queen's Birthday Bash	Lake Macquarie	Graeme & Heidi 0410 329 950	2
Tuesday	14	June		General Meeting	Club Macquarie		