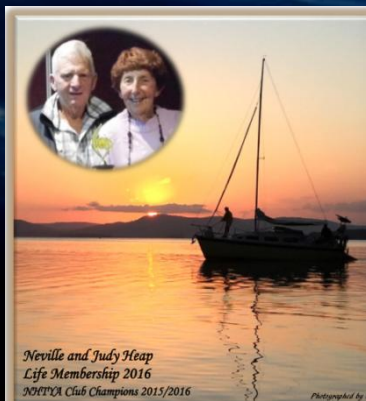




Newcastle and Hunter Trailer
Yacht Association Inc.

NHTYA 37TH ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

NHTYA held the 2015 NSW state Trailable Yacht Championships over the October long weekend. Entrants came from all over NSW to compete and enjoy watching the NRL grand final on an outdoor wide screen together with dinner.



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Newcastle Hunter Trailer Yacht Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 17th May 2016 at 2009hrs in

The West Room, Club Macquarie

MINUTES

1. **OPENING:** The meeting opened at 2009hrs
Commodore Phillip Sparkes welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book (17 attendees)

Observers: Nil

Apologies: John & Lisa Pateman, Graham & Charmaine Shubert, Robert & Sybil Potter, Kevin & Gaylene Newman, Arnold & Jo Broekman

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous AGM dated 19th May 2015 were presented and printed in the newsletter for acceptance.

- 2.1 **Resolved:** That the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be accepted

Moved: Hart Peters

Seconded: Val Harrison

CARRIED

2.2 Matters arising from the minutes

Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 Commodore's Report 2016 (Presented by Phillip Sparkes)

3.2 Racing Report 2015-16 (Presented for Arnold Broekman by Phillip Sparkes)

3.3 Cruising Report 2016 (Presented by Hart Peters)

3.4 Treasurer's Report & Statement (Presented by Tom Howell)

Resolved: The Treasurer's Report is accepted.

Moved: Tom Howell Seconded: Brian Harrison CARRIED

4. ELECTIONS

4.1 Returning Officer; *Nomination-* Anita Heck

Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes; Seconded: Hans Heck.

Anita Heck was elected unopposed as Returning Officer. The Returning Officer took the chair and declared all committee positions vacant..

4.2 Commodore

Nomination- Val Harrison

Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes; Seconded: Tom Howell.

Anita Heck declared Val Harrison to the position of Commodore.

4.3 Vice Commodore

Nomination- Tom Howell

Nominated by: Valerie Harrison; Seconded: Brian Harrison.

Anita Heck declared Tom Howell to the position of Vice Commodore.

4.4 Treasurer

Nomination- Phillip Sparkes

Nominated by: Valerie Harrison; Seconded: Tom Howell

Anita Heck declared Phillip Sparkes to the position of Treasurer.

4.5 Secretary

Nomination-Cathy Chalmers

Nominated by: Valerie Harrison; Seconded: Lisa Pateman.

Anita Heck declared Cathy Chalmers to the position of Secretary.

4.6 Ordinary Committee Members

Nomination-Brian Harrison. Nominated by: Tom Howell; Seconded: Warren Parrott.

Anita Heck declared Brian Harrison to the position of Ordinary Committee Member.

Nomination-Warren Parrott. Nominated by: Valerie Harrison; Seconded: Tom Howell.

Anita Heck declared Warren Parrott to the position of Ordinary Committee Member.

Nomination-John Pateman. Nominated by: Valerie Harrison; Seconded: Catherine Chalmers.

Anita Heck declared John Pateman to the position of Ordinary Committee Member.

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

Phillip Sparkes thanked Anita Heck.

4.7 Re-confirm the following positions
Public Officer: Phillip Sparkes - No objections from the members

All other positions will be filled with the new Committee's nominations at a later date.

All successful nominees were congratulated.

5. OTHER BUSINESS (presented by outgoing Commodore Phillip Sparkes)

5.1 Gary Chalmers, Stan Steele & Kim Sparkes spoke positively about Neville's and Judy's contribution to the NHTYA. The decision to support life membership was unanimous.

The date of the Next Annual General Meeting is May 16th 2017.

The incoming Commodore Val Harrison thanked the outgoing committee for their contribution and thanked the incoming committee for their support.

The Rear Commodore Phillip Sparkes and Commodore Val Harrison thanked all for attending.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 2043hrs.



NHTYA Commodore's Annual report 2016

Thank you for letting me have this opportunity to give a report on behalf of your committee.

As I have said before, in every year, there are ups and downs, with this one being no different.

Membership is down! At the start of this financial year, we had 37 members and at the time of writing this, we had 35 members, an overall decrease of 2. We have had 4 new members join throughout the year.

Racing numbers are up! The last 2 race series have not had a race cancelled but yes there were some shortened. Spring racing had 24 up from 15 boats competing last year and we had a maximum of 13 on the biggest day. Where the Autumn series had 20 up from 17 boats competing last year, with the maximum of 14 boats on the biggest day. So I am sure you can see that whether it's around Pulbah and back, or a modified NE course or just around the buoys in the bay Arnold has proven that it's not just about sheep stations, You all would have to agree that in using the Top Yacht software it has helped keep the fleet at times very close, and the handicaps fluctuating up and down. Thanks Arnold and Ralph. You possibly don't realise how much you have contributed.



Cruising was up and down. Up the Hunter River to Paterson and down freeway to Sydney for one of our best cruises ever. Over to the Myalls twice, down the coast to the Hawkesbury and just around the corner to Port Stephens. With the ever faithful Lake Macquarie hosting 4 more. There were 11 cruises planned with only 1 cancelled. Our biggest cruise had as many as 7 boats floating on the water in the true spirit of NHTYA. With an average of 6 boats on a cruise throughout this period it shows that we are all friends and enjoy each other's company. Tom and Hart our cruises organisers over this period have also put a lot of time and effort into achieving this program and we thank them and all that contributed.



This year we had a couple of away cruise. One was to the South Australia where 3 members spent close to a month sailing up, down and around the 4 different bits of water, and another 1 was 2 members cruising the Gippsland Lakes and then competing in the Marlay Point Race.





Social activities have been cruising along! with the ladies organising many club BBQ type functions. Presentation night was at the Belmont 16'. Thank you to all that arrange these events each year. Over the October long weekend we hosted the New South Wales Trailable Yacht Championships with our own 3 and 6hr races run in conjunction. We are hosting the event again this year and hope it grows in

popularity, with dinner and the big game being shown again (look forward to what's happening this year)

Promotion is up again. We now have club Shirts, Hats and Burgees in stock adding to our merchandise, again it allows us all to fly the flag in our own way.

There have been 10 editions of the Catalina Fleet Newsletters produced this year and I still believe that it is our biggest way we communicate with each other thanks.

Doug was up on a high. With the onshore cruise again being held at his spread. He opened his house, his sheds and put his life on hold to host it. He still comments, we are among the best behaved people, that he has had the pleasure to entertain. Another job was done, thanks Doug

Christmas happened 32 people rocked up to our place, play games, swapping stories, some found treasure's[thanks Han's], traded presents, drank together and again enjoyed a banquet fit for a king.

Face Book 29 members have now joined our private group, sharing photos and stories about club events as they are happening.

The bank account is up and up showing a profit for the year of \$1435.10 the income may be up and our expenditure down. We had several one off expenses this year that need to be taken into account and the Club has purchased quite a lot of items to cater for our growing needs. The 2 biggest expenses as usual are Insurance and the Trophy's. The books have been balanced, and will be presented to you soon.

All these activities could not have happened, if it were not for everyone doing their little bit, from bringing the bread for the BBQ's to giving a Stainless Steel bolt to someone in need, it has taken all of you to make it happen. I thank you.

Finally, as I approach the end of my 5th year as commodore/president of this great club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Management Committee members, Brian our Vic Commodore, Penny our secretary, Tom our treasurer, Hart our past Commodore, and all committee members for again making this year a very memorable one.

But I can't end it yet, without again publicly mentioning my biggest critic and supporter on the water and off the water. Kim – love – dear- sweetheart - cook [get me another Coke please] all those things, I say

Thank You

Phillip Sparkes

Commodore NHTYA, 16/5/2016





Racing Report 2015-2016

Spring Series 2015 to Autumn Series 2016

Average attendance about 12 boats per race. Results printed monthly in Catalina Fleet News.

All races completed in allotted times, some races were shortened due to lack of wind. No races needed to be cancelled due to breezes over 20 knots of breeze. Some Saturday passage races were difficult because 'other' clubs racing or regatta.

There were no accidents, which is great to see or protests during the season, which is even better!



As in all jobs, I did need some help and advice. A thanks goes to Philip, Ralph and Brian.

(You know me; I'd rather have an angle grinder in my hands than a pen!) Not to mention a computer!

During the season we did start a race committee, members were Brian, Ralph and myself. We did have a couple of meetings during the year.

Thank you to NHTYA for allowing me to fill the position of Race Organiser for the last three years. It has been a learning experience and one which I have enjoyed.

Yours in Sailing,

Arnoldus Wilhelmus Antonius Broekman :

Aka Arnold

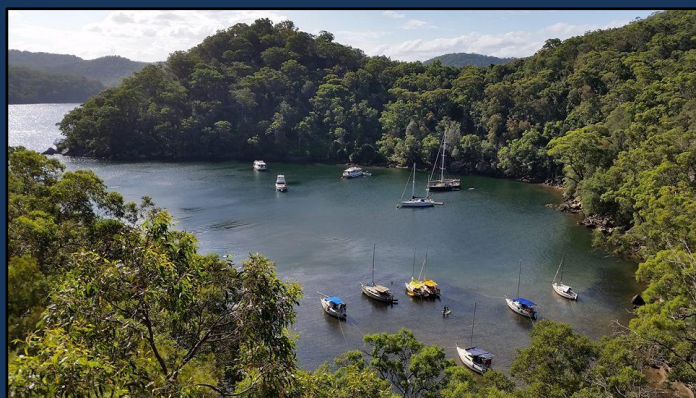




Cruise Co-ordinator's Report for 2015-2016

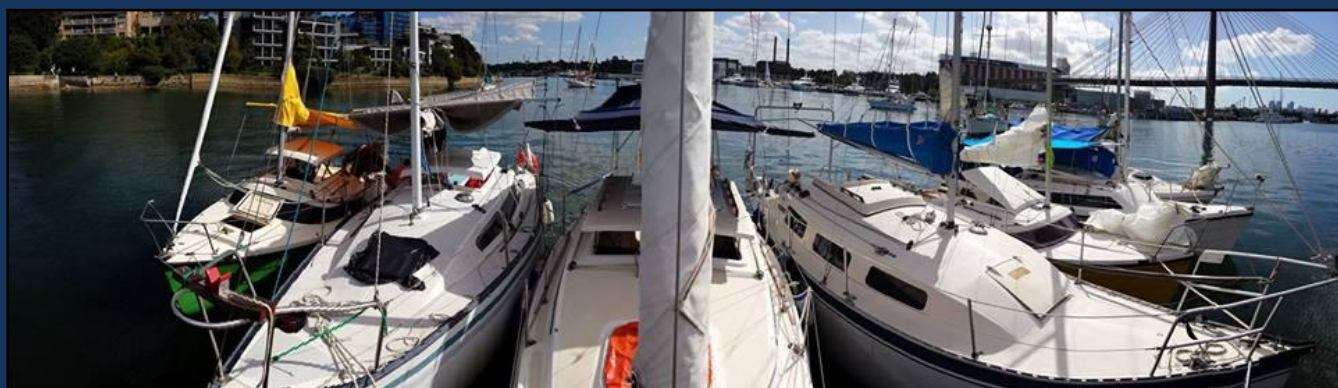
2015 – 2016 yet again proved successful for cruising in the club. Numbers to cruises had been quite low for a period and continued to be so before picking up last year.

Cruises were quite varied, although held in familiar places and as always, well received and enjoyed. It's been great to see newer members putting their hand up to lead cruises as well as seasoned members who create confidence in people's abilities to get up and have a go.



I noted that we actually had more away cruises throughout this year, than we have had before. That is a good thing, after all, we are trailer sailors.

The Sydney Harbour Cruise was well received and enjoyed, and I look forward to members putting up their hand to lead more cruises in the future on Sydney Harbour and its estuaries.





Brian and Valerie, Phillip and Kim had long distance away cruises as well, hopefully gaining more information and knowledge to use for the club's benefit in future planned cruises. Who knows, we might all take holidays soon to travel to distant shores. Oops, I mean waters!

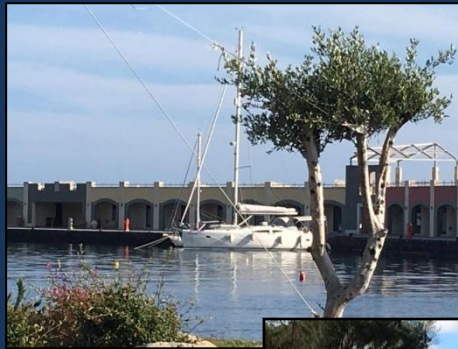
Lastly, one of our club members, Derek and Leanne, have taken club cruising to new heights after purchasing their next boat in Greece last year, and now setting off on a cruise of a lifetime. We wish them fair winds and happy days afloat!

Happy Sailing

Hart Peters

Farr & Beyond

Cruising Co-ordinator



Treasurers Summary Report for 2015-16;

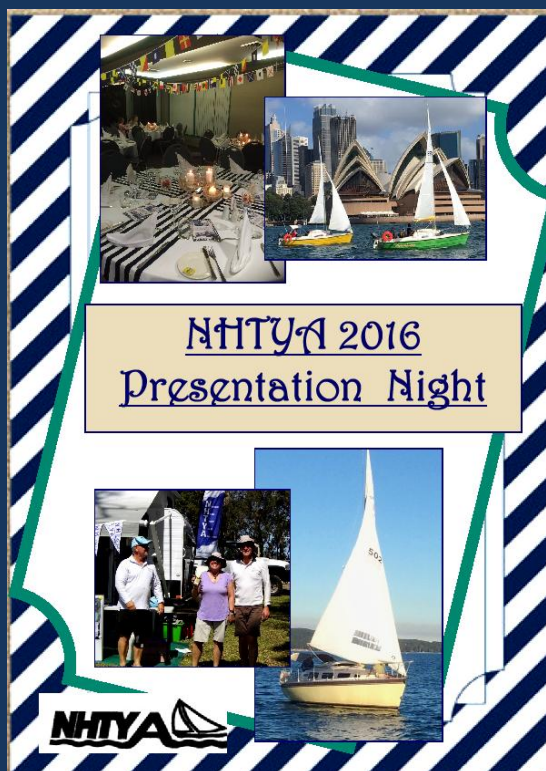
The year ended with NHTYA finances in good shape to meet the next year. Our income increased, mainly from new members, increase in racing fees and merchandise, whilst our expenditure stayed relatively constant.

Our total bank balance includes a component of monies in term deposit, enough to maintain the club's expenses if memberships fall, albeit this is not anticipated.

Consideration has been given for long term replacement and /or repair of equipment; eg racing buoys and club BBQ.

Our financial position moving into the 2016-2017 period is healthy and sustainable with no foreseeable risks.

A detailed report was presented to club members by Treasurer; Tom Howell.



NHTYA Presentation Night

2016 - *Held at Club Macquarie*

Another wonderful night was had by all as we celebrated members' achievements throughout the past year together with the outgoing Commodore Phil Sparkes and his committee.

The main highlight of the event was awarding Neville and Judy Heap Life Membership. It was as well kept secret and they were clearly surprised. It was an honour to share the night with all recipients.

Club Macquarie came to our rescue and did a wonderful job. They made the night easy for all of us.

I would like to thank everyone who helped set up and pack up.

Very grateful this year the background sailing music was sorted thanks to Warren Parrott.

Next year it's over to our intrepid Vice Commodore, Tom Howell, who I know is looking forward to the experience.



Sailaway Summer (Autumn) and Winter (Spring) series winner.

Combined series winners

RnR; Andrew and Norma Hill



LIFE MEMBERS

CLUB CHAMPION –

***Sailaway Summer (Autumn) and Winter (Spring) series 2nd place .
Combined series 2nd place***

6 Hour Race- 3rd Place.

Wanderer II; Neville and Judy Heap



Most Improved Skipper

Rob Potter





President's Bell for 2015/16 Phillip Sparkes.

Sparkes Social Trophy winner;

3 Hour Race - 2nd Place.

Sailaway; Phillip and Kim Sparkes

The Myall Cup

Lake Macquarie Sonata Challenge

Macnifique;

Warren and Leanne Parrott



3 Hour Race – 1st Place

Humm Along;

John and Lisa Pateman



Sailaway Summer (Autumn) series 3rd Place

Binnaway;

Barry and Cathy White



6 Hour race – 1st place

3 Hour race – 3rd place

Coconut Duck;

Gary and Cathy Chalmers

NHTYA - 2015-2016 Award Recipients.

Trophy	Winner	Second	Third
Presidents Bell	Phillip Sparkes		
Bungwahl Bucket	Coconut Duck		
The Myall Cup	Macnifique		
Lake Macquarie Sonata Challenge	Doug Stanfield Hawkesbury River	Warren & Leanne Parrott Myalls	Hart & Pam Peters Sydney Harbour
Sparkes Social Trophy	Sailaway		
Club Champion	Wanderer II		
3 Hour Race	Humm Along	Sailaway	Coconut Duck
6 Hour Race	Coconut Duck	True North	Wanderer II
Sailaway Winter Race Series (Spring)	RnR	Wanderer II	The Vibe
Sailaway Summer Race Series (Autumn)	RnR	Wanderer II	Binnaway
Most Improved Skipper Trophy	Rob Potter		
Combined Summer-Winter Racing Series Ross Meincke Memorial Trophy	RnR	Wanderer II	Sand Castle / Oranje



CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2015/2016

End of Year

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	Club activities	Prizes only
				310	117
HEAP	Neville & Judy	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer II</i>	31	16
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Sabre 25	<i>Sail Away</i>	30	16
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Ross 780 mk3	<i>Only Time</i>	26	12
HOWELL	Tom & Alecia	Sonata 780	<i>Kadaicha man</i>	24	14
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	20	14
HILL	Andrew & Norma	Timpenny 670	<i>R & R</i>	18	0
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sonata 7	<i>Humm Along</i>	17	8
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	17	6
POTTER	Robert & Sybil	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	16	6
BROEKMAN	Arnold & Jo	Castle 650	<i>Sand Castle</i>	15	0
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr and beyond</i>	12	4
FERGUSON	John & Penny	Farr 6000	<i>Synchronicity</i>	11	0
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Noelex 25	<i>About Time</i>	10	4
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Clifton 7	<i>Binnaway</i>	9	0
SCHURBERT	Graeme & Charmain	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	8	2
STEELE	Stan & Wendy	Farr 6000	<i>Blue Moon</i>	8	0
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	7	0
PARROTT	Warren & Leanne	Macgregor 26	<i>Macnifique</i>	6	4
PARMETER	John & Robyn	Macgregor 26	<i>Sunseeker</i>	5	1
EARL	Mark & Corenne	Farr 6000	<i>Farrgo</i>	4	4
HART	Chris & Kevin	Skippie 650	<i>Indigo</i>	4	0
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	4	0
KRISHER	Paul & Katrina	Farr 6000	<i>Mozart</i>	2	2
STANFIELD	Doug	Adams 21	<i>Roller Coaster</i>	2	2
STRONG	Chris & Annie	Austral Clubman 8	<i>Recluse</i>	2	2
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Elan 385	<i>Melani</i>	2	0