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Australia Day Cruise
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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of an General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held on

Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7pm –Club Macquarie

Deadline for content for the next Newsletter: 26th March 2017

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Commodore's Report-

Hi everyone,

It seems ages since we got together and the second half of the NHTYA program is as jam packed as the first half.

Just need you to get your boat wet .....

Firstly no you didn't miss an edition. This Feb edition is a little later however includes February meeting minutes. Therefore March newsletter will have March minutes included. This makes sure those away members are informed of any decision made in a timely manner.... well that's the plan anyways and we'll see how it goes.

January2017 saw three NHTYA members enter the Manning Marathon, Brian and I (Only Time), Andrew and Norma (RnR) and Dougie (Roller Coaster). What a wonderful event- story next newsletter- and I recommend NHTYA make it a cruise/race event next year.

Please note there has been an amendment to the sailing instructions re single handed boats not being allowed to run a spinnaker and the inclusion of SMS messaging for advice of cancellation or important news. Copy is on the web site.

Welcome back Gary and Cathy from their exhilarating world sailing adventurer. We look forward hearing more and reading instalments of your journey, in future newsletters.

We have seen some extreme weather already this year with public warnings and I suspect it won't be the last. It is great our club is flexible enough to meet these weather challenges.

We have an away cruise programmed for May. So where to is the question? Suggestions please!

Brian and I are heading off again this year to compete in the Marlay Point Overnight Race next weekend. The organisers have been concerned next year may be the last year the event is run if they can't get a major sponsor. So if anyone wants to tick it off their bucket list keep it in mind for next year.

Cheers,

Valerie Harrison
Commodore NHTYA

NHTYA
Minutes of the General Meeting
Held at Club Macquarie
Tuesday 21st February, 2017

Meeting opened at: 19:10hrs

Chairman: Valerie Harrison

Attendance: As per Attendance Sheet (21 attendees)

Apologies: Cathy White, Pam and Hart Peters, Pam and Jacob Ridley, John Haig

Minutes of the previous General Meeting (15th November, 2017)

- Resolved: Accepted as printed in the Newsletter
- Proposed: Val Harrison Seconded: John Ferguson

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- Missing finances which will be updated in these minutes.

Correspondence

In

1. Application for membership from Stephen and Christine Vercoe – Boat name: "Looking"
2. Newcastle Permanent Building Society Statement – October 2016
3. Newcastle Permanent Building Society Statement – November 2016
4. Newcastle Permanent Building Society Statement – December 2016
5. Newcastle Permanent Building Society Statement – January 2017
6. First notice of overdue premium payable to Arthur J. Gallagher – Insurance Broker, dated 12 December 2016. (Amount outstanding $933.10)
7. Second notice of overdue premium payable to Arthur J. Gallagher – Insurance Broker, dated 27 December 2016. (Amount outstanding $933.10)
8. Third notice of overdue premium payable to Arthur J. Gallagher – Insurance Broker, dated 11 January 2017. (Amount outstanding $933.10)
9. Fourth notice of overdue premium payable to Arthur J. Gallagher – Insurance Broker, dated 26 January 2017. (Amount outstanding $933.10)

Out

1. Letter to LMCC requesting use of F-Jetty for race weekends in 2017.

Reports Presented

Treasurer's Report: Phill Sparkes

- Proposed: Phill Sparkes Seconded: Brian Harrison

NHYTA Monthly Financial Report month 2017

	NPBS Account	***ING Account***
Opening balance	$6433.54	$5552.35
Closing balance	$6203.88	$5574.78
Cash in	$ 585.00	$ 22.43
Cash out	$ 814.66	$ 0.00
Total cash on hand	**$11778.66**	

Racing & Regatta: Brian

- Race 1 and 2 postponed due to extreme weather to be rerun on next consecutive two Saturdays.
- Audits should be done to receive points for races.
- If you intend to race and haven't paid race fees, just advise Ralph in advance.

Aquatic Services: John

- Valentine being sent out to tender
- Croudace Bay should have tender should be finished by September
- Sand and gravel on ramp at Styles Point to be raised next meeting
- Warners Bay deciding whether to leave or extend
- Proposal to request more cleats on Warners Bay jetty
- Council is keeping an eye on the white ants on F-jetty

Cruising: John

- Myall Lakes for New Years was enjoyed by 11 boats
- Australia Day regatta was excellent watching fireworks, good sail, great company. Thank you to Hart
- This weekend, launching Parsley Bay on Friday evening, going to Refuge Bay Friday night, sailing up Cohen Creek on Saturday
- Following cruise on Lake Macquarie run by Charmaine and Graeme
- Easter cruise at Myall Lakes

Membership: Phil

- Request from Stephen and Christine Vercoe, membership paid, currently looking for a boat.

  Proposed: Phill Sparkes Seconded: Leanne Parrott

General Business:

Val

- At executive meeting, last Wednesday, it was decided that incomplete pages on website will be hidden from view until ready to be seen by the public.
- Newsletter: Content has been a bit slow to get out and minutes are nearly a month old. Suggested to start putting newsletter out the week after the general meeting, rather than the week prior to the general meeting, to start this month, February newsletter.
- No meeting occurred before race and sailing instructions had to be done by committee alone.
- Starting to look at venues for presentation night.

Phill

- Issues with latest sailing instructions put out.
- The omission of the limitations for club racing with spinnaker presents an opportunity to allow racing with spinnakers on a single-handed boat, contravening clubs original consent.
- Notification of cancellation of races on Facebook and website needs to be changed to include sms messages.
- Instructions to be amended to include the original spinnaker limitation for club racing.

Garry

- Glad to be back, will do a report in parts for newsletter later and will share some photos next meeting.

Brian

- Manning marathon: R&R, Roller Coaster and Only Time attended and it was a really good weekend, next year to be run as cruise for the club.

Chris

- Great cruise with Hart, great time, good company.

Cathy

- Lots of stories about the trip to tell around the campfire.

Date of next General Meeting:

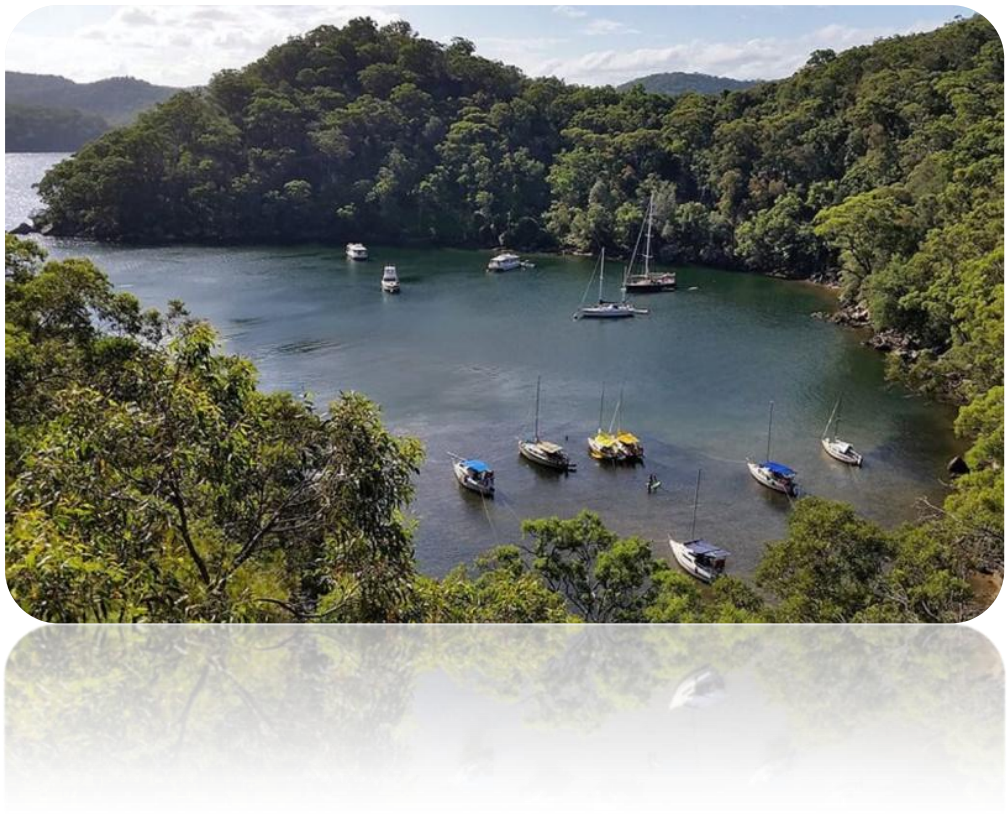
- March 21st (2017)

Meeting Closed: 20:20hrs

Chalmers

Cathy Chalmers (Secretary)

Hawkesbury River Cruise (Postponed)



Update - The 25th 26th February Cruise now Postponed to 4th - 5th March

I am aiming to launch Friday 24th at Parsley Bay if possible but will be back at Parsley Bay Saturday 10am if you have contacted me.

February is usually the best month for swimming as the water is warm and it can be hot.
We will be exploring Cowan creek, Smith creek area similar to last year that I think everyone enjoyed. We will be able to sail or motor and find a sheltered spot to swim.

If rain is forecast for the weekend 25th February the cruise will be cancelled and reset to 4th 5th March which is not a race weekend.

The decision will be made 0n Thursday 23rd February.

Everyone going on this Cruise must ring Thursday 23rd February after 4pm to confirm.

Contact John (Lisa) ph 0425361850

Straya Day Cruise Report – Jan 2017

The cruise set off from Styles point for the fireworks a Spears Point with Hart leading the way. Unfortunately we had motor issues so were left behind to catch up later in the day. Yes, yes, I know, when you have 50hp…blar..blar.

So heading off without us were;

- Hart Peters cruise leader (Pam was to catch up with us later in the cruise) on Far and Beyond
- Peter and Jacquie Armstrong on Enchantress
- Chris and Glennis Keevers on Déjà Vu
- Graeme and Charmaine Schubert on Crosswind
- Neville Jeanneret on Norma Jean

We finally got under way, running flat out the entire distance up the lake, and caught up with the others just as they were arriving at Teralba sailing club. Light rain was about but it didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits.

Happy hour ensued on shore just in front of the sailing sheds. Very relaxed atmosphere a few story's told before settling down for the night and right out the front, the fireworks display. Not a bad way to finish off the day.

The next day, after a very late breakfast, we made the long journey across to the other side of the lake to anchor at Warners Bay for lunch. Tough work as you can see below.

Unfortunately the wind came up and the anchor wasn't holding the Mac along with three others rafting up alongside.

It was then we decided to make to use the small jetty and get comfortable before the Friday afternoon music beside the lake and also get from fish and chips. We made the best of the limited space and were soon joined by John Pateman, arriving on pushbike to catch up for a chat.

Life was tough as we sat back to listen to a few covers from the band. I highly recommended getting yourself down there while it lasts. The music in the podium continues every Friday night until the end of March.

Saturday morning the weather was fabulous, with a motor from Warners Bay down to Swansea for lunch. From there most of us managed to sail back to Styles for yes, in true Aussie tradition another happy hour followed by dinner at the club, Saturday night.

I big thank you to Hart for leader the way and all those who participated, as this was one of the most relaxed and enjoyable cruise I've attended.

Cheers
Warren & Leanne

Macnifique

Snap…Crackle…Pop by Warren Parrott

A while back now a friend stay overnight on our boat. He is a newbie to trailer sailers and boats in general.

For his first night I didn't want to expose him too much to the elements, so decided to nestle in at Styles Point for the night, nice and calm.

After putting my head down for the night, I did the usual when staying on-board and preceded to pass out until morning. But as I found out the next day, things were a bit different for old mate.

He confessed to having a very restless night to say the least, although the water couldn't have been any calmer all night.

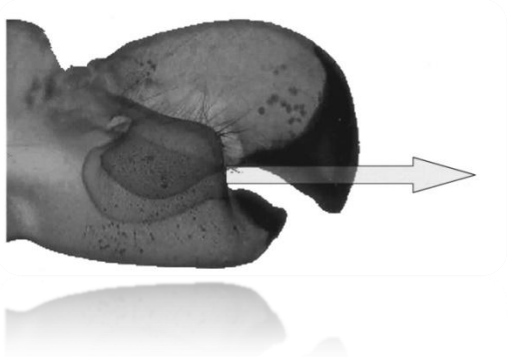
"How did you sleep I asked? Did you hear the snap, crackle and pop"? "Yeh." He said. "What was that? Do you have an electrical fault? I was trying to work out where is was coming from and was too afraid to fall asleep in case we caught fire"

In the past I've been told the noise was common barnacles, tiny sea creates trying to attach themselves to the Hull of your pride and joy. This seemed feasible, however apart from the brown mark on the hull; I never found any evidence of this.

Since then, on the Australia day cruise, the noises again came up in conversation, but this time among our club members. Again I gave the standard answer I'd been told. But it did get me thinking, "Is this right?"

We'll after some extensive research it seems you can all relax. From what I can find, it's nothing to do with your hull. It seems the biggest culprit is a tiny shrimp.

What type of shrimp makes a sound like that you may ask? Well that's where it gets interesting. This stunning (no pun intended) little creature is called a Snapping shrimp, also known as Pistol shrimp or Alpheidae to the boffins.
And this tiny crustacean is really packing. It's claw has two parts, a flat anvil on one side and a concave scoop on the other. These are snapped together with enough force to send a sonic shockwave in the direction of its prey and stun it.
The snapping action produces a sound of up to 218 decibels.



This action is also used as a warning sign to scare off predators.

There around 600 species of these little critters worldwide with their offspring regularly hitching a ride in ships ballast.

So next time you hear snap..crackle..pop in the middle of the night, don't worry. It's not an electrical problem and not even you've rice bubbles, it's just these guys!

You can check out the links below if you'd like to know more.

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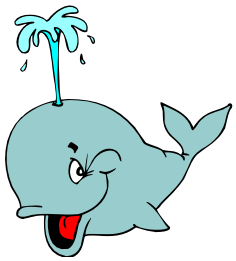
http://barclay2014.blog.anat.org.au/tag/pistol-shrimp/



FRASER ISLAND

Tin Can Bay to Burrum Heads
Sat 26th August 2017 – Sun 10th September 2017

The Trip of the Year

Every year Kim wants to go somewhere and again I have let her talk me into going NORTH to Fraser Island and spend the extended stay to make sure we see as many WHALES as possible (yes we will keep 100m from them ;)

We intend sailing from the Mon 28th to Fri 8th and travelling over the rest.

It is still open to anyone that would like to join us.

Where are we going - THE GREAT SANDY STRAITS, Tin Can Bay, Garry's Anchorage, Burrum Heads, Kingfisher Resort, Awinya Creek, Hervey Bay, Moon Point, Coongul Creek, Inskip Point, Ungowa, Big Woody Island, Wathumba Creek

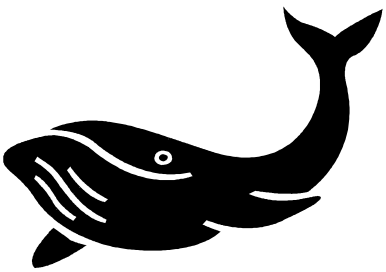
Fraser Island stretches over 123 kilometres in length and 22 kilometres at its widest point. With an area of 184 000 hectares it is the largest sand island in the world.

The Butchulla people are the indigenous people of Fraser Island. There were six clans in the Butchulla Nation and the territory extended through Fraser Island, Double Island Point, Tin Can Bay, Bauple Mountain and north to a point at Burrum Heads in Queensland.

The Butchulla people's traditional name for Fraser Island was K'gari which means paradise. According to Butchulla legend, Fraser Island was named K'gari after the beautiful spirit who helped Yindingie, messenger of the great god Beeral, create the land. As a reward to K'gari for her help Beeral changed her into an idyllic island with trees, flowers and lakes. He put birds, animals and people on the island to keep her company.

Generally humpback whales are off the Queensland coast between late Autumn and late Spring. They turn south in July and August with about a quarter of the population entering Hervey Bay where they create a unique whale watching opportunity between August and October. An added feature of watching whales on their southern migration is the chance of seeing mothers with their newborn calves.

We are going and several other club members have indicated that they will be joining us, IT IS OPEN TO ALL just let us know if you would like to attend and we will keep you in the loop, it's never too late to say count us in.



Phillip and Kim
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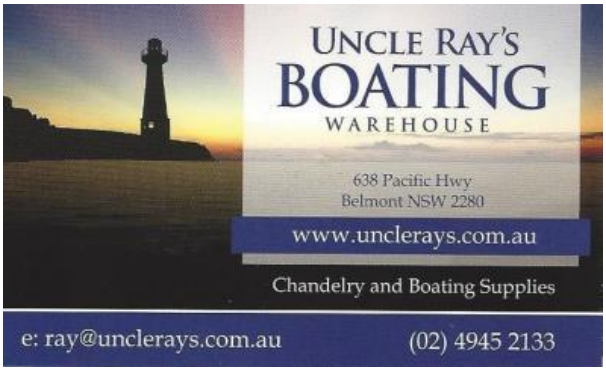
Shirts & caps for Sale

Stocks of NHTYA Club shirts - contact Val 0435 242274
Stocks of NHTYA Club caps - contact Phillip 0414 223654

Caps $25 each

Shirts $25 each



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NHTYA Program 2017

Date			Activity		Location	Contact and Phone	Pts	Extra Activity Info
Sat-Sun	4-5	March						)
Sat-Sun	11-12	March	Race 3&4		Styles Point	Brian Harrison 0421979452	2	Marley Point Overnight Race
Sat-Sun	18-19	March						
Tues	21	March	Meeting		Club Macquarie	Cathy Chalmers 0425352362		
Sat-Sun	25-26	March	Cruise		Lake Macquarie		2	
Sat-Sun	1-2	April						
Sat-Sun	8-9	April						
Fri-Mon	14-17	April	Cruise	EASTER	Myall Lakes		2	
Tues	18	April	Meeting		Club Macquarie	Cathy Chalmers 0425352362		
Sat-Sun	22-23	April		Anzac day 25th Tuesday				
Sat-Sun	29-30	April	Race 5&6		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452	2	
Wed	3	May	Meeting	Management Committee		Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	6-7	May	Cruise		Away		2	Bay to Bay Regatta
Sat-Sun	13-14	May		Mum's day (14th)				
Tues	16	May	Meeting	AGM	Club Macquarie	Cathy Chalmers 0425352362		
Sat-Sun	20-21	May	Race 7&8		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452	2	
Sat-Sun	27-28	May						Maitland Caravan Camping Show?
Sat-Sun	3-4	June						
Sat-Mon	10-12	June	Regatta or Cruise	Queens B/Day (12th)	Lake Keepit or Lake Macquarie		2 2	
Sat-Sun	17-18	June						
Tues	20	June	Meeting		Club Macquarie	Cathy Chalmers 0425352362		
Sat	24	June	Presentation Night			Tom Howell 0409649130		