

April Cruise & Race – Sail Port Stephen Invitation

Friday 23 April to Sunday ANZAC Day 25 April

Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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Introduction

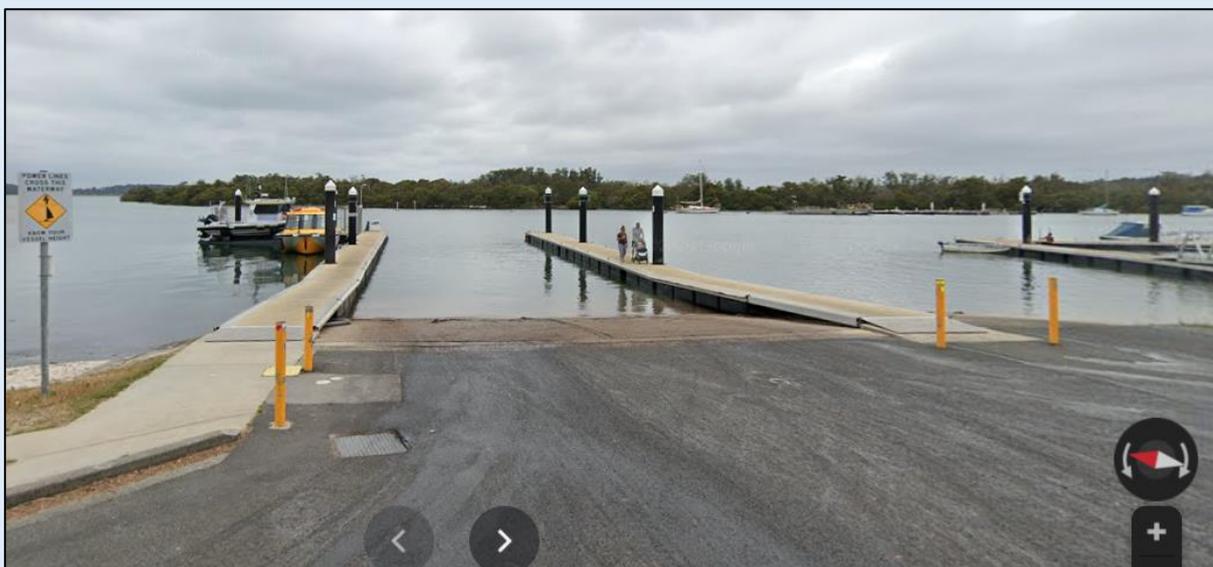
NHTYA has been invited by the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club to participate in the Sail Port Stephens Regatta over the ANZAC weekend, with a special trailer sailer race/cruise on Saturday, in a different direction to the main regatta fleet. This is not the Sports Boat Race. On Sunday we will join in ANZAC Day Commemoration, and have a NHTYA promotional display followed by a cruise to Lemon Tree Passage. Normal cost to enter Sail Port Stephens Regatta is \$350, we have a subsidised rate of \$25, which includes entrance to social events, & beach access for a number of boats!

We will be advised of the course on the day, depending on the wind etc. it will be up the harbour, turning around and finishing with the tide and coming in around the time of the fleet. The course will be about 2+ hours.

When is high tide and how will this affect the course? On Saturday, 24th of April of 2021, sunrise is at 6:19 am and sunset is at 5:19 pm. High tide is at 5:45 am and at 6:30 pm. Low tide is at 12:13 pm, lunch time. Finishing race/cruise against an incoming tide to the last mark then with the tide to the finish line.

Where can we rig and put in?

Lemon Tree Passage has a lot of room for rigging and 3 jetties and would make a nice sail / motor to d'Albora Marina. Little Beach has a lot of sand on the ramp currently and is very busy with impatient fishos and has limited parking.



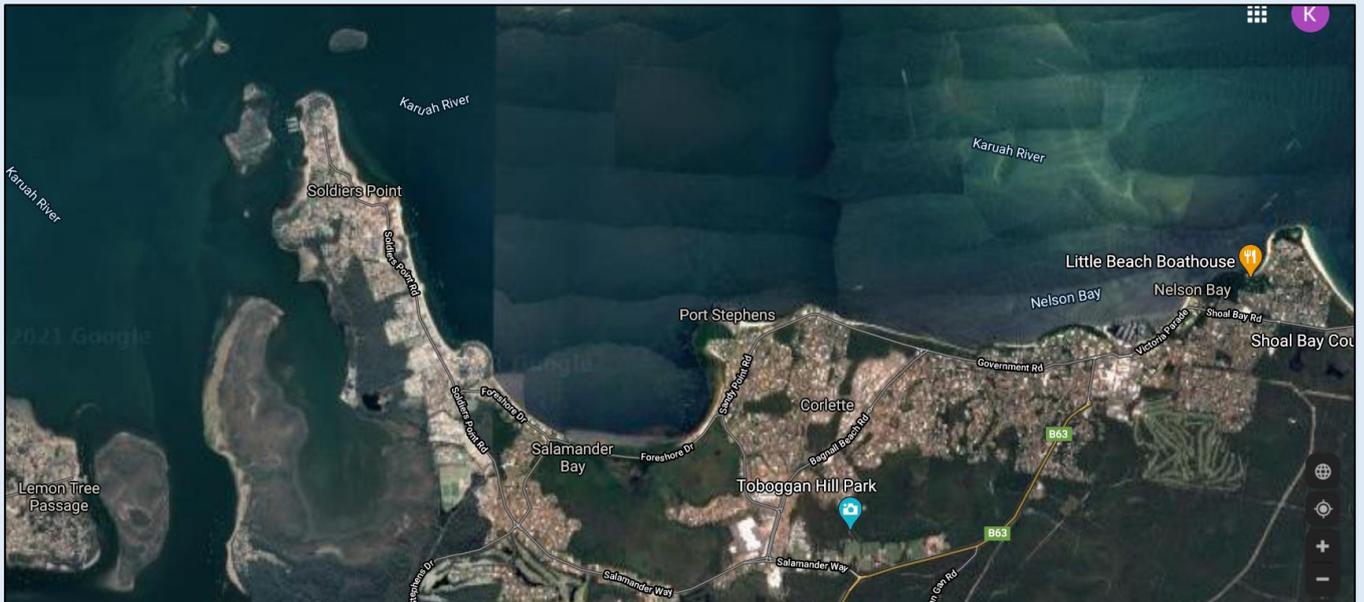
Lemon Tree Passage boat ramps & jetties



Lemon Tree Passage boat ramp parking.

Ken will be putting Lola in at Lemon Tree Passage Friday lunchtime and sailing around to Nelson Bay.

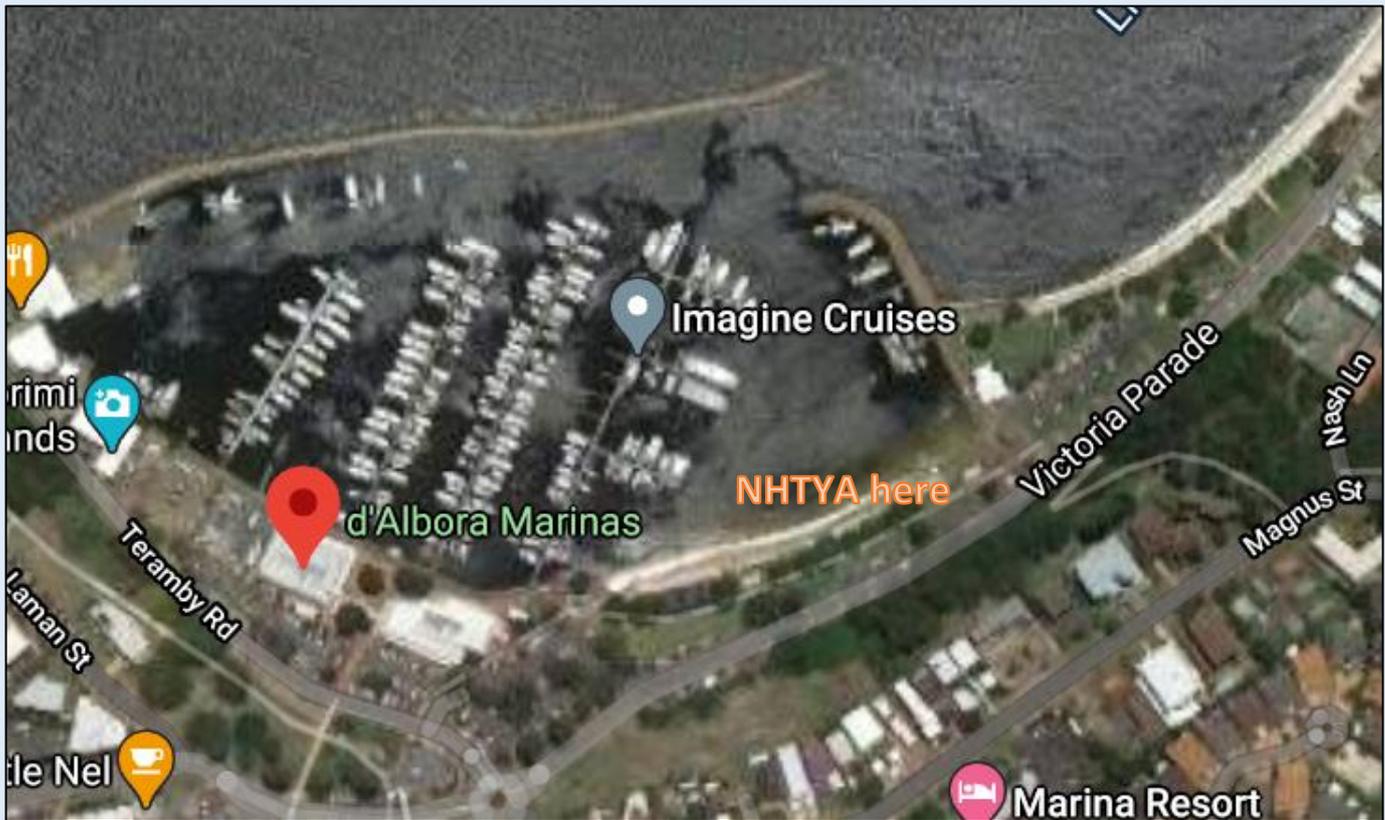
Please confirm where and the time you are rigging and putting in, as we may cruise to Nelson Bay together!



Lemon Tree Passage to Nelson Bay marina

NHTYA members will be beaching stern into the grass/beach between the sea wall and the mooring jetty inside the marina. Have a look at the photo below.

There is a Public berth at the little jetty on the seawall for 2-3 boats which will be used by the racing committee, so please do not go there, and the jetty is also used by Tea Gardens ferry.



NHTYA members are to fill out a paper registration form at d'Albora Marina with the Sail Port Stephen registration team on Saturday morning.

The registration desk is open from 8.30am. NHTYA will gather at 9.30 to complete registration and have a pre-race briefing by the Sail Port Stephen team.

At the NHTYA registration, skippers will need to complete the registration form, i.e. skipper and crew names, name of boat and sail number, and sign a stat dec stating that you have insurance for your boat, you are part of a club which is registered with Sailing Australia, you have Sail Australia membership, and you have completed a Cat 7 audit. We will need our handicaps to inform them.

Official Sail Port Stevens Social program, which NHTYA are invited to attend.

Friday 23rd April

- Day 1 Port Stephens Trophy including NSW IRC Championships and Flagstaff Marine Performance divisions.
- Complimentary Pantaenius sausage sizzle at Broughtons at the Bay
- NHTYA @ Lemon Tree Passage rigging & launching & cruise sail to d'Albora Marina.
- NHTYA boats stern into beach inside Marina.
- Cash Bar opens at 4pm at Broughtons, upstairs in the Marina.
- Daily results and Prizes from 5pm
- NHTYA are ok to attend.
- MC: Sailor Girl Nic Douglass as Entertainment 6-9pm, then you can attend the Seabreeze Hotel, or we can gather by the boats or go out for dinner – great fish n chips at the marina!

Saturday 24th April

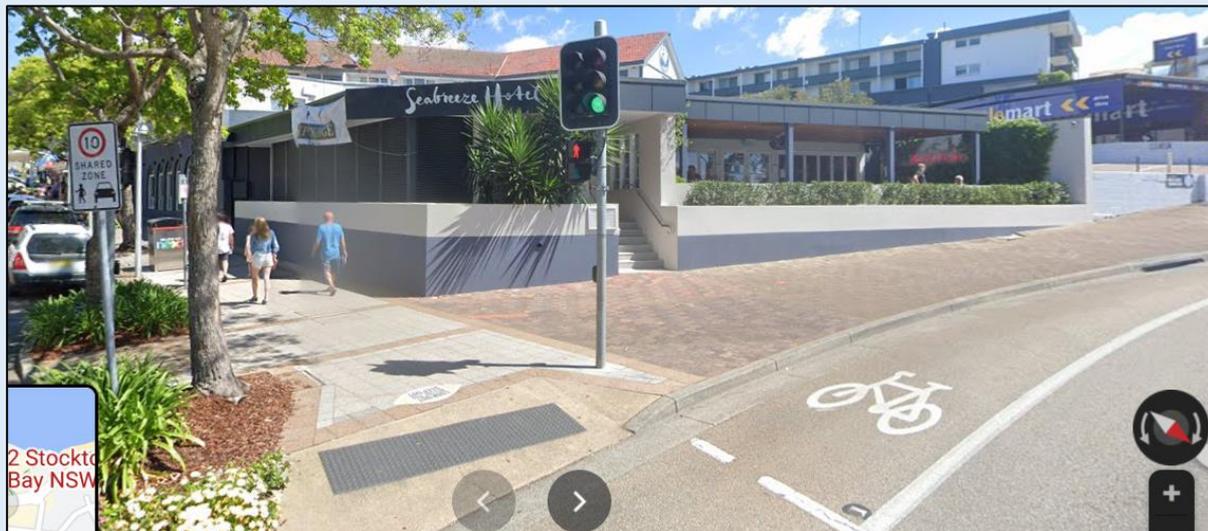
- NHTYA @ Lemon Tree Passage rigging & launching & cruise sail to d'Albora Marina.
- Flagstaff Marine 'Sailebration' Day Regatta
- Day 2 Port Stephens Trophy series (all divisions) starts at 11-11.30 ish TBC
- NHTYA Trailer Sailer starts at 11-11.30 ish TBC after the main race starts.
- Broughtons at the Bay when back in the marina from 5 pm for daily results and prizes from 6pm. Cash bar operating. NHTYA are ok to attend.
- Hicco's Happy Hour from 6pm at Broughtons. Most crews head off for their own boat's dinner. We have options of using a beach BBQ TBC. There is a band at Seabreeze Hotel in the pub from 9pm, or gathering by the boats, or both!

Sunday 25th April

- **ANZAC Day.** Dawn Service: 5.25am: Assemble at Apex Park by Marina. Commemoration at 5.30am
Main service: 10.30am march assembles at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. 10.40am march moves off down Stockton Street. 10.50am: Main Commemoration Service begins at Apex Park.
- After breakfast we will put on a NHTYA Trailer Sailers display & promotion, wearing club Polos.
- We can watch Day 3 Port Stephens Trophy start at 11-11.30 ish TBC
- We can watch Day 2 Bay Sailing Centre Off-the-beach start at 11-11.30 ish TBC
- NHTYA cruise around Port Stephens to Soldiers Point, up the harbour, then back to Lemon Tree Passage to derig and head home.
- Is anyone staying longer?
- Trophy presentations for all divisions at Broughtons at completion of racing if anyone staying.



Broughtons at the Bay on the 1st floor in the Marina 1



Seabreeze Hotel across from the Marina 1

FAQ's

The regatta boat crews normally have matching uniforms, from polos to Hawaiian shirts. So, let's get into the spirit of things on each boat!

Yes, you can go for a cruise sail on Saturday if you don't want to race. You can even cruise the same course as our racing boats.

No, you don't have to bring your insurance documents for registration, however you will need to sign a stat dec that you are insured.

There are toilets at the marina.

There are cafes on the marina or in the village 10 minutes walk away.

There is a Woolworths, and BWS 10 minutes walk into town.

A tender isn't needed.

We will be beached just off a public walkway, so yes, lock up your boat if going ashore. Suggest locking outboard to pushpit.

On Sunday morning, yes, it would be nice if you could let people have a look inside your boat when we have the NHTYA Trailer Sailors display & promotion, on the walkway beside our boats, with our club Polos on! No problem if you don't want to have people on board.

Yes, Day Crew are more than welcome to visit and sail for the day, especially if Rear Admirals are going shopping and cafeing on Saturday.

