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Wooden Boat Festival-Hobart



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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of the
General Meeting of the
Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht
Association.

**Tuesday 7pm on 19th March
2025 at
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

If you have information for the next
newsletter, please email by 7th April to
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Commodores Muse

The Rathmines Boat Shed's 'Boats Bits Bonanza' was great fun, even though it was advertised for the Saturday and took place on the Sunday! There were quite a few members wandering around looking for a bargain and just looking at different boats and having a chat.

Mother nature was in a playful mood for the last race weekend! The forecast said not much rain, so of course it was raining most of the day and the weekend was called off. What do trailer sailors do when the racing is called off? Why, 10 of us still went to the Bowlo for a great night, and then a few of us had a few more laughs around the fire pit at home! Hard to believe that the Cyclone was battering Queensland and Northern NSW.

Brian and Val were off at the Marley Point Overnight Race so I'll let them tell the tales, however I've seen many photos which shows it was light winds in the morning again and drift speed through the channel, I can't wait to hear what their piece of Marley Magic was this year.

The last OTB race I popped down to see had a MS14 mixing it up with the regulars – Lasers and Maricats etc for another great day.

We would love to hear your ideas on cruising. With everyone having such busy lives it is understandable that conflicting activities arise and you can't go on cruises. What do people prefer? Travel and launch on a Friday afterwork/evening, or just on Lake Macquarie? Don't forget that Val is coming to the end of being the clubs Cruise Coordinator, so we are looking for someone to fill those big shoes, it could be you!

Hart is starting to get planning underway for the 2025 Presentation Night, and one of the items is asking for all trophies to be returned. So, give them an extra polish and get ready to hand them back in!

Fair winds to you all and see you at the ramp soon!

Ken

Your Commodore

Minutes for General Meeting 18 February 2025

Welcome by Meeting Ken Hill

Meeting Opened: 7.04 pm.

ATTENDENCE

Apologies: John & Carol Parker, John Haig, Barry White, Linda & David Younger

Attendance: Via Zoom - Brian & Val Harrison, Peter Melbourne, Jacquie & Peter Armstrong, Peter & Karen Armitage, Christopher Keevers & Robert Rimington. Janina Boer, Hart Peters, Warren Parrott, & John Pateman.

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Ken Hill, Greg Cross, Stan Steele & his daughter Jennifer, Phil & Kim Sparkes and Jodee Davey.

Visitor/s: Acknowledgement of Stan Steele's ongoing contribution to NHTYA. He has a Farr 6000 called "Blue Moon". His wife passed away 7 years ago and hasn't used his boat for some time due to nursing his wife and since her passing. He would like to get his boat back on the water.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 19 November 2024 as printed in the December 2024 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved Phil Sparkes **Seconded:** John Pateman

Any matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

Any items to be discussed in General Business: Nil.

Mailbox: Nil.

Correspondence In: The Hon Steve Kamper MP – Grant Approved - Local Sport Defibrillator Program 2024/25

Email: Nil

Action Taken –

Outwards: Nil

Treasurers Report was presented by Jacquie Armstrong and shared on the screen.

Amended Treasurers Report DATED 19/11/2024 noting "Up to \$2000 approved for defibrillator additional \$40 provided from donated funds"

Moved: Jacquie Armstrong **Seconded:** Phillip Sparkes

The full Treasurers Report is available to Members in the "Members Only" section of the website.

Reminder Membership & Racing fees are currently due.

Thank you.
Jacquie Armstrong.
Treasurer.

Treasurers Report Moved: Jacquie Armstrong **Seconded:** Ken Hill

➤ **Jacquie Armstrong**

- Term Deposit of \$10,000.00 invested for 12 months which is due to mature on 27th February 2025.

➤ **Ken Hill**

- The idea is that the interest from the Term Deposit would pay for camping sites at Myall Lakes New Year's Cruise.

➤ **Phillip Sparkes** – Decided not to book as no-one camping.

- Recommend that we invest for a further year together with the Interest of \$446.22 which is to be rolled over with the Term Deposit.

Moved: Ken Hill

Seconded: Phillip Sparkes

Unanimously agreed.

➤ **Peter Melbourne** bought a crate for all the race gear & made a tube for the flags to go in and would like to be reimbursed the sum of \$23.05. Peter to send it through to Jacquie for reimbursement.

Unanimously agreed.

Item –

Racing Report

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- Had a disruptive start to the Season this year. 1st weekend blown out. Cancelled that weekend racing. Proved to be a good decision in the end. Gusts of 40 knots.

- The next weekend we were able to do a couple of races on Saturday. Tried to catch up on missed races. The Sunday race was abandoned when the wind dropped away completely. We are hoping that in March we will get an average of the two weekends.
- Would like to thank Brian for standing in as Race Organiser while a few of us were down at the Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart.
- Val & I have put together a draft program for 2025. To be published in March Newsletter.
- **PROPOSED CASTLE NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- The Australian Castle Association was formed last October. This covers Castle 650s and also 550s. The aim of the Association is to encourage class participation, manage the class rules and organise National & State Championships. Also to establish of supply line for damaged boat parts, such as dagger boards, rudders etc. Some of our Castle Owners in the Club are a part of that Australian Castle Association. In fact our Club has the highest number of Castles racing in NSW.
- The NSW Rep of the Australian Castle Association has approached me about the possibility of us supporting, initially simple, a NSW Championship. The proposal is that we would conduct this Championship as part of this year's 3 & 6 hour Race Weekend. That's the October Long Weekend. Probably only about 7 or 8 Boats, of which our Club already has 4. Maybe some boats will come from Qld and Canberra. We feel that this will add a real carnival and regatta atmosphere to the October event. The Castles would be in their own division on the Saturday and Sunday. Probably send them off first. Hoping to still make our Castles eligible for the 3 hr & 6 hr trophy.
- The Castle Association will have their own Sailing Instructions & Notice of Race. They will charge an entry fee. Mainly to cover the cost of the initial Perpetual Trophies. We will probably run a separate race brief. In the Castle Division there will be a Spinnaker and non-Spinnaker event.
- Current members of the Castle Association will be eligible for their championship. The current membership is \$30.00 for the year. We would still require Cat 7 Safety Equipment Audit and the sighting of the boat's Insurance details. It would be nice to invite the Castle Owners to the Sunday night Grand Final BBQ. This may be a suitable venue for them to do their Trophy presentation. The cost of the meal can be included in their race entry fees and transferred to us as required.

- The Race Committee, which consists of Brian and myself would like to have the Club's authorisation to work out the details with the Australian Castle Association and we may have other people to help as required.
 - Normally we don't charge visiting boats for the 3hr & 6hr event. We can discuss any fees required from the Castle Association at Management Level.
 - Would like to hear any feedback or any questions that people may have.
- **Ken Hill**
- I think it is a great initiative to entice other boats along. Some items will still need some further discussion.
- **Phillip Sparkes**
- We are running a separate Race for them? We are running a race for them so there should be charge. If we have Castles doing both things it doesn't work. This may need more thought.
- **Peter Melbourne**
- They will be a separate division but will be doing the same course. There would only be a 15/20 min difference in start times. We are only looking at making our own Castle's eligible for the 3 & 6hr Trophy. No different from how we are running the divisions now.

To be discussed further in Management Meeting.

- In regards to Insurance Australian Castle Association is affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- **Brian Harrison OTB**
- We had 5 boats. Valerie was working. Brian ran start Boat. One of the boats was a visitor Greg Roach and his mate. They are absolutely legends. They proved that they continue to be legends by whooping everyone's butt in all 3 races. Greg has indicated that he should be coming back next meet so hopefully we can turn him into a member.

- There were 3 Races. Champagne conditions. Winds were between 9 & 11 knots with all 3 races. It was sunny and beautiful. Loved it.

Cruising Report and upcoming cruises

➤ **Valerie Harrison**

- The last cruise was the Australia Day Long Weekend. There was 7 boats. 3 days 2 nights.
- Next cruise is this weekend on the Manning River. At this stage no-one attending. Message to be sent out to everyone asking if they will be attending the cruise the Manning River Cruise they will need to let Valerie know by Thursday. Otherwise will be cancelled.
- March Cruise was in Botany Bay. Ken has informed they can't do it now. At this point the March Cruise will be on the Lake to be run by Kimba & Brian. Valerie is away visiting her mother.
- April Cruise - Need a Cruise Leader. Val & Brian will be in Bathurst. Can we get Cruise Leader for April.
- Anzac Long Weekend be on the Hawkesbury. John & Lisa Pateman hosting.
- May is the last cruise & campfire at Wangi.
- July Onshore Cruise July - Cruise Leader needed.
- Something we feel the Club should ponder.
- Over the last 2 years we have done everything from advertising & enticements to go cruising. However, we have noted that 3 day 2 night cruises are popular. Is it because people don't want to rig a boat for one night? Weekend Cruises for 2 days 1 night just aren't getting any attendances. Maybe it might be that cruises are only done on long weekend and the occasional extended cruise.

Membership update

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

- Jennifer & Simon Gregson. Hobie 14 named "Joelene". Membership \$90.00 Sailing Aust \$40.00 OTB \$10.00 = \$140.00. Has paid twice. The sum of \$280.00 received. \$140.00 to be reimbursed by Jacquie.
- Phillip will send acceptance letter to them and see if they wanted to both be members. Once that is sorted it will determine if there should be a refund.

Membership approved.

➤ **Ken Hill**

- Jennifer & Simon have been to a couple of days. Looked at the Trailer Sailors. Are interested in buying a Trailer Sailor. They also come to Saturday night's meal.

Update for Facebook & Website

➤ Valerie Harrison

- **Facebook –**
- Nearly 900 members (Lake Macquarie Trailer Sailers page). One of the members is going to be at Styles this weekend.
- Chris Keevers puts up his tips on every Tuesday great work Chris. Helps with publicity.

- **Website –**
- **Greg Cross –**
- Have added Race Results.
- Manning Cruise added to the event page.
- Brian to send to Greg OTB Results and these will be added to Website also.

General business

➤ Greg Cross

- Correspondence from the Minister for Sport, advising the Grant had been successful for the purchase of St John Ambulance St John G5 Fully Auto AED with ICPR - \$2,450.00.

- There was 19 pages in that submission. Then another 16 pages after submission to get the money.

- In accepting this grant we are required to do the following:
 - Write up a medical emergency procedure within 6 months.
 - Undertake AED familiarisation instruction.
 - Be responsible for management and maintenance.
 - Make the Defibrillator available to the public.

- Greg will talk to St John Ambulance and enquire about getting instructed and whether this is done at their facility or they come onsite.

- Should receive an email some time down the track. We should have that money in maybe month. Once the money is received Greg will organise the purchase.

➤ Ken Hill

- I would like to thank Greg for his hard work and success in getting it. This is the 3rd year of applying. Well done Greg.

- **Phillip Sparkes**
 - Top Lock Code. We have just paid that again. Haven't received a new code. As soon as it comes through Phillip to send to Brian.
 - PO Box – It has been raised do we need to have it. The Club needs a physical address. To be discussed at the Management Meeting.

- **Warren Parrott**
 - I have done the race medals up to Race 8. Been working so when I have a moment I will get the medals done for the rest of the year.

- **John Pateman**
 - Has fainted and hit his head. He sustained concussion, bruised brain and bleeding on the brain. Hopes to be back sailing in about a month's time.

- **Peter Melbourne.**
 - A number of us went to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart. That was the weekend before last. There was Hart & Pam, Will & Sue and Kerrie and myself. We all met up with John and Jenny Avery. They moved down there about 4 years ago. They were members of our Club. They had a Castle as well called "Windsor Castle". They are living on a yacht on the Huon River at present. John has been doing boat building work on a number of the timber boats that go through the Wooden Boat Centre. He was able to give us inside information on a number of the boats. Also on the Derwent Boats as well. It was huge in terms of the number of boats. Everything from the Tall Ships which you could go out sailing on, right down to models. Big range of classic dinghies as well. Mostly historic ones. Had a great time. Great to be there with other members.

- **Brian Harrison**
 - Have finished OTB results. Will be at Marlay Point next race weekend. Requesting duty points for that. Andrew Hill was to be a crew member for Marlay Point but Norma has had a series of strokes. So Andrew is probably an unknown for crewing at this stage.

- **Jacquie Armstrong**
 - We won't be out on the boat for a while with building shed and out on bike trips.

- **Ken Hill**
 - Some sad news regarding Doug Wilson and Robyn who had "Blew By You". Robyn passed away suddenly last month.

No other business.

Meeting Closed: 8.14 pm.

Karen Armitage

NHTYA Secretary

RACING UPDATE – March 2025

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



Autumn Series

It's been a disrupted start to the Autumn Series with January's races being blown out and postponed. Also in February, the Sunday race was abandoned due to the wind dropping out to nothing. We'll get there!

As I write this, Cyclone Alfred is coming into northern NSW, the first cyclone this far south in 50 years but hopefully we will get the March races in the bag without difficulty.

Brian and Val are off racing in the Marley Point Race in Gippsland so we are hoping they will do well and I'm looking forward to a good report from them. It may even be true!

Keep safe everyone.

Dates for Races

08 Mar 25 Race 5 OOD <i>Deja Vu</i>	09 Mar 25 Race 6 OOD <i>Escapade</i>
05 Apr 25 Race 7 OOD <i>Farr Haven</i>	06 Apr 25 Race 8 OOD <i>Araluen</i>
17 May 25 Race 9 OOD <i>Busted Custard</i>	18 May 25 Race 10 OOD <i>True North</i>

CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2024/2025

up to Race 5-6 weekend

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT all activities	SOCIAL cruises only	OTB Racing	total
				172	68	11	183
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Macgregor 26	<i>Waterbago II</i>	14	6	2	16
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer</i>	12	6	0	12
ARMITAGE	Karen & Peter			11	6	0	11
HILL	Ken & Tania	Noelex 25	<i>Eye Sea Red</i>	11	0	0	11
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Clubman 8	<i>Gypsea</i>	10	9	0	10
YOUNGER	David & Linda	Castle 650	<i>Full Of Rascals</i>	10	4	0	10
HARDCASTLE	Will & Sue	Cygnets 20	<i>Amethyst</i>	10	2	0	10
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	10	0	0	10
HAIG	John & Dorothy	Noelex 25	<i>Jocimo</i>	9	0	0	9
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby</i>	7	4	0	7
RIMINGTON	Rob & Sharon	Sonata 7	<i>Sallywag</i>	6	4	0	6
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	6	0	0	6
BATH	Brian & Heather	Cygnets 20	<i>Escapade</i>	6	0	0	6
TICKOFT	Robert & Bevilee	Castle 650	<i>Araluen II</i>	5	0	0	5
ARMSTRONG	Peter & Jacque	Sabre 25	<i>Sailaway</i>	4	4	0	4
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr n Beyond</i>	4	4	0	4
GILLARD	Mat & Nina	Macgregor 26	<i>Merlot</i>	4	4	0	4
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Noelex 25	<i>Free Spirit</i>	4	0	0	4
O'BRIAN	Craig	Hunter 18	<i>Little Hunter</i>	3	0	2	5
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	3	0	2	5
SCHURBERT	Graeme & Charmain	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	3	0	0	3
PARROTT	Warren & Leanne	Macgregor 26	<i>Macnifique</i>	2	2	2	4
HOWELL	Tom	Boomerang 20	<i>Bustard Custard</i>	2	2	1	3
BACON	Wayne	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	2	2	0	2
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	2	2	0	2
PARKER	John & Carol	Noelex 25	<i>Liquid Lunch</i>	2	2	0	2
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby</i>	2	0	0	2
VANDERVOORT	Jonathan	Cygnets 20	<i>42</i>	2	0	0	2
DYCE	Andrew	Maricat 4.3	<i>Ninja</i>	0	0	2	2

It's on again. 18th to 21st April

Canoe: Boats with a draught of less than 1 metre can expect to touch bottom at any spot of the lake. With a draught of 1.5m going against a 1m rise or the tide should be normal. Boats with a draught of up to 2 metres will need to travel at optimum levels and will need some information to make it to Thero. The river bottom is mud and sand with weeds. There are plenty of snags, particularly near the banks of the river. Keep your wain to a minimum and watch out for other craft on the river.

Water: The water is muddy with variations of about 1.5m. The rise and fall of the lake will depend on amount of rain. Heavy rain will result in a fast rise and change direction in small creeks and rivers. Currents can be seen as far up the river as Bombah Broadwater.

POWER CABLES 12.2m ABOVE M.H.W.: No speed limits apply on this section of the Myall River. Caution, the river is narrow and winding, slight changes in flow on sharp bends. Vessels should travel at such a speed as to create minimum wash. Underwater snags are a hazard to anchoring. Vessels drawing less than 1.0m should be able to navigate to Bulahdelah.

ANNICCO: Motor boats and canoes may be used to visit the top camp.

FUEL: Is available at The Gardens and Bombah. A camper will have to be able to store at Myall. There are petrol pumps and diesel are available from the Bombah Service Store, but fuel will have to be carried in a container one litre per 100km along the road. The truck from Nelson Bay to Bombah and return will require fuel for about one hundred nautical miles.

DEEPS and HEIGHTS ARE IN METRES: One Nautical Mile

MYALL LAKES BYSTEW: Facilities are minimal and primitive. Bombah Broadwater supports the most number of campers and boats. The water is cloudy with visibility of about 1.0m. The water level is governed by rainfall and there is no tide rise and fall. Bombah Broadwater is the best spot for collecting crocodiles. The Myall Lakes is best of Myall Broad for 3 days starting Boating Day. This area is then restricted and there is a considerable noise from boat traffic. The shore of the lakes is within the Myall Lakes National Park and the waterways are also controlled by the Victorian authority who codes such things as speed limits, licenses, regulations and safety equipment. The water flows through Bombah Lake and is perfectly clear in the Myall Lake. After floods the level of the lakes may rise 0.5m.

Vessels drawing less than 1.0m: Only go in to enter the creek for a clear anchorage.

BEWARE: No change is to be discharged into the lakes. All boats should have holding tanks which can be emptied into a moorage bay. The responsibility can be contacted on marine radio or radio. There is a moorage bay located just north of the lake near Myall. There are a number of short snags at Bulahdelah. There are a number of short snags at Bulahdelah.

COAST GUARD: Myall Lakes is a waterway with a large volume of traffic. Myall Lakes is a waterway with a large volume of traffic. Myall Lakes is a waterway with a large volume of traffic.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

- CHECK THE AREA: Clear any obvious substance which could be blocking the airway. Keep the head fully flexed back.
- CHECK FOR BREATHING: Look "Listen" Feel.
- BREATHING ABSENT: Quickly give 2 breaths mouth to mouth. Repeat 2 breaths and breathing still absent continue mouth to mouth rescue at a rate of 12 per minute.
- BREATHING STILL ABSENT: Quick give 2 breaths mouth to mouth. Repeat 2 breaths and breathing still absent continue mouth to mouth rescue at a rate of 12 per minute.
- ARRANGE HEAD-CHIN AND FORTHER CARE: Ring "001" for an ambulance.

MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION

The easter cruise this year will again be a bit of a "scrabble adventure"
 Launching from Narong on Friday morning leaving at 10am and heading Southeast [not shore of the location give us a ring] our destination is all part the adventure for the weekend. We will be doing some of the river system for those that have not done it,
 Kim and I have arranged for a meal to be delivered by drone again that we will all share? All you will need is a plate and drinks and a loud voice, so make sure you have enough provisions for the rest of your stay.
 As it is Easter don't forget there are a lot of people that like chocolate eggs, coming.
 If you want to bring a bag of firewood that would also help
 As we are catering for 1 evening meal it would be nice if everyone let us know if you are coming and how many you will have on board.
 Phillip and Kim
 Gypsea
 0414223654

It's all part of the adventure.

2025 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL – HOBART

by Peter Melbourne

The four day Australian Wooden Boat Festival operates every two years in the beautiful dock area of historic Hobart. It is the largest wooden boat gathering in the Southern Hemisphere. Attending the festival has been on my dream activity list for years but each time it comes around, there always seems to be another pressing need to prevent attendance.

Towards the end of last year, my wife and I decided “Let’s do it this time”. We booked flights and picked a motel (Travelodge) within 10 minutes walk to the festival location. It was reasonable in price and we didn’t have to share a bathroom (Kerry’s rule)! Not having to hire a car and pay for parking put more money in the kitty.

Two other couples from our club, Hart and Pam, Will and Sue also attended the festival. We were there semi independently but it was great to view some of the exhibits together and share some meals. We also met up with John and Jenny Avery who were members of our club until they moved to Tasmania four years ago.



The festival, which is free to visitors, started at lunchtime on the Friday 7 February with a Sail Past with boats docking afterwards. There was about 15 to 20 knots of breeze so the sailing was spectacular and the docking even more challenging as delicate boats with bowsprits, some without motors, were nudged into position by skilled volunteers with outboard equipped inflatable

dinghies. I was peering out to the river with binoculars but I could hear Kerry giving the occasional shriek as another docking near miss occurred.



here were about 400 boats on display including models, classic dinghies, yachts, motor cruisers, tall ships and very tall ships, such as the Endeavour Replica and the James Craig. Fibreglass boats (made with snot and bandages) were banished from the neighbourhood. The warmth, history and natural sympathy of wooden boats was dominant for a brief 4 day period.

The volunteer organising committee have refined the festival to run very slickly with adequate numbers of food outlets, tables and chairs and plenty of musical entertainment on strategically placed stages or performers circulating around the venue. The theme this time was Pacific Seafaring and a free comprehensive program booklet ensured you were aware of all that is happening and what is on display and where. Wharf warehouses and temporary buildings house displays, traditional woodworking and rope making demonstrations and boat show style marine product exhibitors.





On the many docks, proud owners of beautiful boats enthusiastically engaged with the public to tell the stories behind their craft. At the end of one dock, resting in silent majesty was the cold moulded "Love and War". Three times Sydney to Hobart winner and obviously delaying her return to Sydney after this year's race.



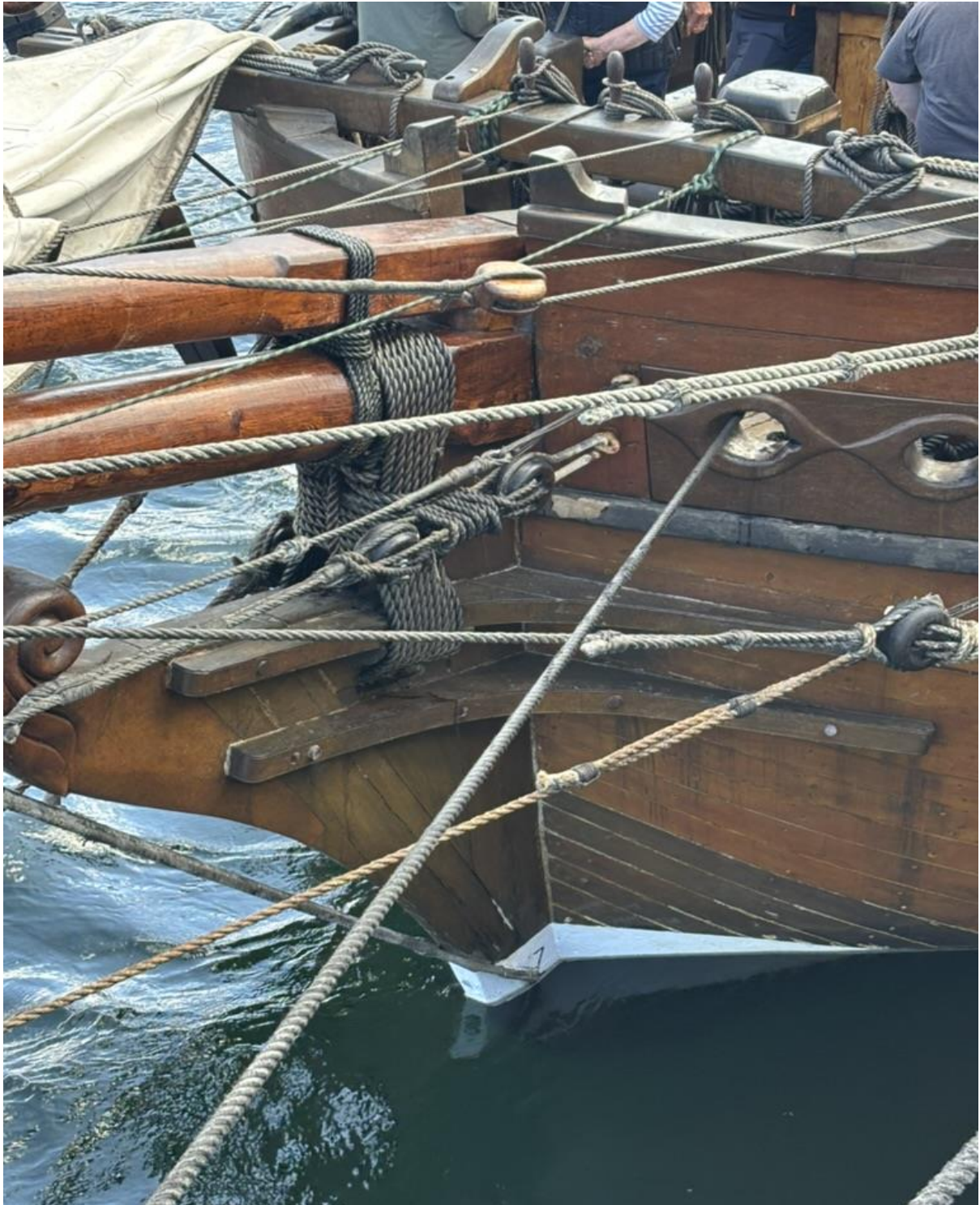
One dock area was reserved for small dinghies that had just participated in the tawe nunnugah raid organised by the Living Boat Trust. They arrived at the festival after a 10 day trek from Recherche Bay on the southern boundary of the D'entrecasteaux Channel. John and Jenny had re-rigged an old timber Flying Fifteen in preparation for the raid.



A nearby UTAS lecture theatre was used as a symposium venue for various speakers. Will and I attended a talk by Leo Golden who many would know as the boatbuilder restoring Tally Ho on the YouTube channel "Sampson Boat Company". Will and I have been watching this excellent channel for years and it was a thrill to see Leo and a few of his assistants in person and hear from Leo some of the background information and future plans.



On Sunday afternoon we bought tickets to go out on the Derwent River aboard the topsail schooner "Enterprise", hailing from the Port Phillip Bay. She is very traditionally finished in oil and Stockholm tar. She looked like a pirate ship and an authentic brass cannon mounted on the cap rail added to the illusion. All sails were set as we tacked across the wide river while the five Roulette acrobatic planes carried out their precision display.





Both Kerry and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the festival and it exceeded my high expectations. Do I want to buy or build a wooden boat? Reality is that I struggle to maintain a fibreglass boat and wooden boat owners are a bit detached from reality. I'll just appreciate and value their many hours in their labour of love.

MERCHANDISE

Stocks of NHTYA Club caps, coolers and Burgees - contact Phillip 0414 223654

Caps \$25 each



Stubby Holders \$5 each



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2025 NHTYA EVENTS CALENDAR

			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
Mar	1-2	Sat-Sun					
Mar	8-9	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Mar	15-	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Mar	19	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Mar	22-23	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Sydney- Botany Bay	Ken Hill 0400208553	2	
Mar	29-30	Sat-Sun					
Apr	5-6	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Apr	12-	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Apr	15	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Apr	18-21	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myalls	TBA	2	Easter Cruise
Apr	25-27	Fri-Sun	Cruise	Hawkesbury River		2	Anzac long Weekend
May	3-4	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	10	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
May	11	Sun					Mothers Day
May	17-18	Sat-Sun	Race 9 &10	F Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	20	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	24-25	Sat-Sun	Campfire Cruise	Wangi Caravan Park	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
May/Jun	31-1	Sat-Sun					
Jun	7-9	Sat-Mon	Away Race	Keepit Dam	Brian Harrison 0421979452		King's Birthday
Jun	14-15	Sat-Sun					
Jun	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Jun	21-22	Sat-Sun					Float Your Boat?
Jun	28	Sat	Presentation Night	TBA			
July	5 6	Sat Sun					
July	12 13	Sat Sun					

2025			Activity	Location	Contact	Pts	Extra Info
July	15	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
July	19 - 20	Sat - Sun					
July	26 - 27	Sat - Sun	Shore Cruise			2	
Aug	2 - 3	Sat - Sun					
Aug	9 - 10	Sat - Sun					
Aug	16 - 17	Sat - Sun					
Aug	19	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Aug	23	Sat	Audit Day	Rathmines	Hart Peters 0417 674 687		Local race boats expected
Aug	30 - 31	Sat - Sun					
Sept	6 - 7	Sat - Sun	Race 1 & 2	Styles Pt (F Jetty?)	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Sept	13 - 14	Sat - Sun					
Sept	16	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Sept	20 - 21	Sat - Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Sept	27 - 28	Sat - Sun					
Oct	4 - 6	Sat - Mon	3/6hr Regatta	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	NRL Grand Final BBQ Sunday night
Oct	11 - 12	Sat - Sun					
Oct	18 - 19	Sat - Sun	Race 3 & 4	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Oct	21	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Oct	25 - 26	Sat - Sun					
Nov	1 - 2	Sat - Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Nov	8 - 9	Sat - Sun					
Nov	15 - 16	Sat - Sun	Race 5 & 6	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Nov	18	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Nov	22 - 23	Sat - Sun	Cruise			2	
Nov	29 - 30	Sat - Sun					
Dec	6 - 7	Sat - Sun	Race 7 & 8	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	Xmas Party Saturday Night
Dec/Jan	27 - 3	Sat - Sat	Myalls Cruise	Myall Lakes	?	2	New Year's Eve Party

