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MYALL LAKES New Years Eve 2023

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General Meeting Notice

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

Tuesday 20th February 2024 at

Club Macquarie and via ZOOM

If you have information for the next
newsletter please email by 5th March to
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General Meeting 21st November 2023 please see Dec – Jan 24 Newsletter

Myall lakes – NEW YEARS EVE BASH

They came from Walcha, Thornton, Jilliby, Newcastle, Blue Mountains and regions near and far.

Experienced sailors - skippers and their trusty deck hands - Myall Lakes once again luring the NHTYA tragics with newbies; this time closing out 2023 and starting 2024 in style.

For me, sailing and cruising at Myall Lakes gives a feeling of freedom. After a bustling 2023 where else could you feel more freedom than at the pristine Myall Lakes.

2023 Friday 29 December, Sharon & I collected Scallywag from its land mooring and took home to prepare for the much-anticipated NHTYA annual flagship NYE cruise. Reverse parking Scally at our new home was a challenge ... after much unwanted major tree trimming Scally spent a lonely night on the bushland footpath down a side road from our house. Next morning, after a clean and polish, battery recharge and engine check, Scally was ready and on the cusp for a sail away. With a long list of shopping requirements completed we played Tetris repacking Scally.

North to Myall Lakes finally; the long road to Violet Hill stretching ahead to launch our yacht. Violet Hill being a popular destination, the windy boat ramp saturated with jet-skis, swimmers, well-worn tinnies and never-ending 4WD vehicles all vying for attention. Scally's turn. What could possibly go wrong? Still holding the stern rope as Scally launched gracefully and purposefully into the deep, not so graceful Sharon had her mermaid moment in the still waters ... almost walking on water, Sharon dropped the rope, deftly swimming to shore ready for the promised relaxing cruise! A Dawn Fraser protégé for sure.

All aboard ... onwards and upstream we putt-putted, leaving a busy Violet Hill in our wake, Scally with skipper (me) and my faithful wing woman Sharon.

A natural beauty, Shelly Beach proved to be the pristine, clear, sandy intimate beach that we remembered from Easter 2023. What a place! NHTYA welcoming crew directing as we reversed to our platinum parking position topped off the beginning of a magical stay.

With Scally set up, time now to enjoy our NHTYA buddies, some relaxing in the 26° temperature soft fresh waters, others meandering nature walkways, more lounging on their craft, and a few stalwarts setting up the sailing village camping area, NHTYA flags wistfully blowing in the wind. As happy hour approached our water course promptly changed as we ventured to an early sampling of the fine foods and liquor on land. Gotta love happy hour!



As the sun prepared to set, the horizon faintly showing more fleet cruising to our NHTYA shoreline set up. Welcome.

A gentle breeze, great company, dinner and drinks, mozzies-in-hiding, with a sprinkling of raindrops teasing the firepit flames – Friday was complete as we readied ourselves to repeat today tomorrow and the next day and the day after that ...

2023 Saturday 30 December, where relaxed fun continued from sunrise to beyond sunset.



With more arrivals expected to NHTYA Shelly Beach port today, cruise leader Phil suggested Scally move closer to the fleet, also making room for the annual influx day-trippers, Shelly Beach tragics, like us.

Saturday swimming and chatting, playful water toys being the order of the day or lazing on a boat reading a book –perfect.



For those on foot and on the lookout for flannel flowers and Christmas bells – it was the walking trails with sweet earthy air tickling the nose, and shimmering leaves showing the way that made their day. A lazy, hazy day.

Later on, back on land ... the aroma of freshly baked bread, sizzling meat, gourmet nibblies, fine wine ... magnetively pulling us in, tempting our senses. Happy hour again. Too, too good.

2023 Sunday 31 December, and just like that – New Years Eve arrives with the sun in tow, another day in paradise leading us into the future.

Water beckoning, excitement in the air and just when we thought it safe to unashamedly relax, the aqua summons from our industrial leader Phil fetched the entire crew in for an early afternoon briefing, pulling us out of our reverie and into his web ...

Let the games begin ...

Ball in one hand, bat in another's, rules of engagement clearly explained to the clueless and unsuspecting! Water-cricket as I've not seen before.



Howzat! Of special note is the strangely charming water entry of Carol as she elegantly tumbled in pursuit of the almighty cricket catch – all caught on camera. Not to be outdone, and as expected in a bunch

of competitive sailors, the NHTYA'ers did not fail to impress. Showing their cricket prowess, the water tumbles kept a'comin as



we all straddled ropes and eels and an unfair drag of the water. But no one quite matched Carol's and John's aqua flair!

In my case, it must be the water slowing me up, certainly not my age! What a hoot! A great afternoon of water sport was had by all.





The magic kept on. And with celebrations just beginning, Sharon and I tentatively arrived on shore wondering how we got to be so lucky to celebrate NYE on a sandy beach in paradise with soul sisters and brothers. Feeling blessed, feeling grateful.

The annual News Year Eve dress up was a great night with nearly 30 revelers - many thanks again to Kim and Phil for organizing. The theme this year - dressing up as something starting with the first letter of your boats name. Gypsy hosts extraordinaire Kim and Phil greeted guests to the revelries. Two enormous tigers, a beautiful butterfly, one banshee accompanied by a deathly pale ghoul (scary souls) being among the invited celebrities. Bob the Builder, the Long Liquid Lunchers, **Alice in Wonderland and Warnie** and also gracing the circled table of un-usuals. Beasts, humans, spirits – all welcomed into the fold.

Settling in for the evening, Gypsy Queen Kim started proceedings when she meticulously sang forth our futures, hands wrapped securely around the crystal ball. Her gypsy partner Phil, continued the prophesizing, weaving spells and telling tales. As only Phil can do! His Book of Answers was lively, fun and entertaining. It was great listening to Phil's stories of Myall Lakes; his abundant knowledge of the local region and its history amazing.

Under the stars, hoola-hoop land games and further story telling continued until countdown to 2024. A warm relaxed fun-filled night had by all – huge round of thanks to our diligent tale telling Gypsy hosts Kim and Phil.

Faint whisperings on the wind carried our 2023 worries away. ... with the fire pit slowly crackling, it was only a short time before the new year rolled cautiously in gently nudging the old year out. **Welcome 2024 ... farewell 2023.**

Time for bed, dodging hanging tree branches with waiting eels to tickle our toes, we returned to our craft with our promising new year futures as foretold by the gypsies.



2024 Monday 1 January, new beginnings

An early roll call by the cruise leader and when Phil calls, we follow. The order of today – the Neville and Judy Heap Boules Boucce Commemorative Championship. Who would take the trophy from Champions John and Lisa?

With measuring tape on the table and silver balls flying in the air – the competition was hot and serious from the outset. All contenders throwing their hat in the ring competing passionately for the championship title.

After serious and intense playing of the balls ... taking the Trophy Phil and Kim for 2024 – worthy Champions indeed. John and Lisa graciously relinquishing their hard fought 2023 championship title.

Well done to all competitors, a battle to the end. Congratulations to the outgoing champs John and Lisa and the incoming champs Phil and Kim.

A grand time was had by all but with life on the outside again beckoning, dragging my feet, the inevitable time to farewell our friends has come. Until next time.

Special thanks

Thank you so much Phil and Kim, Peter and Jacqui, John and Lisa, and all who contributed to making this event a great time. You are legends.

Thank you also to all friends who share their passion and boating expertise with those of us who always want to learn more. It is much appreciated.

- ♥ This story telling by Rob and Sharon Rimington on Scallywag B&B (bites and bruises)
- ♥ Hi-Viz Site Safety Supervisor & Site Safety Supervisors Superior Sidekick.

Tuggerah Lakes Cruise

March Sat 16th - Sun 17th

Cruise Leader- Val and Brian Harrison

Ph- 0435242274 MAST DOWN

Come join us
for an adventure. The club hasn't cruised this water way for some
time- there might be a reason but let's find out- together 😊

We launch at **San Remo boat ramp** ready for a 10am kick off-
Channel 72– the one on **Canal street**... Keep this in mind as there are 3
boat ramps of sorts in 'San Remo'

This ramp has a floating small jetty to aid launching and a suitable
car park. We intend to arrive Friday night but not launch until the Sat.
This is a mast down cruise to get under the bridge and possible
centreboard up as well !!

After launching you'll secure your trailer and motor away a bit (as directed) and wait for
everyone to launch before we head off.



We will explore the top lake and end up beached
stern in at a park- Fish n Chips on offer a short
walk across the road...





After an afternoon of exploring the lakes, we end up at the '2 shore caravan park' where we've booked sites that will allow us to beach stern in...

They'll be a small cost for the camp site depending on how many boats.



Sat night dinner is a club BBQ.

We'll take advantage of the camp kitchen- very close by. Bring your own meat to BBQ and a salad/desert to share.



The beach is walking distance and you're welcome to explore.

The evening sunset is glorious.



Preliminary notice of

Murray River extended cruise.

We (Brian and Val) are heading down the Murray River 31 August to 15 Sept 2024 and are opening up our trip to interested club members. We have limited the number of boats to 10 and two spots are already taken.

- 2 weeks (10 days on the water) Mildura to Cobdogla ~440kms down river + 7 locks.
- There is a 5-day section with NO resupply of fuel, food, 'drinking' water or rubbish removal.
- Your boat MUST be able to easily sustain 5knots running all day (~5hours each day)

LOTS and LOTS of info to follow. This notice is to provide plenty of time, for anyone intending to come, to get things/boat prepared. And to get an idea of what's required to help make up your mind.

Please let us know if you're interested... ASAP... Brian 0421979452 Val 0435242274

There will be a meeting before the trip for those interested in joining us.

Preparation- You will need the following.

- Do NOT bring your mast. Make up a stumpy one for your boom tent of sorts.
- Boom tent or means of protection from Sun and Showers/Rain. A removable side wall is also handy.
- If possible, a short rudder that can be easily lifted to clear weed.
- Stern ropes on BOTH sides twice the length of your boat minimum. These are tied to your stern, walked forward, and tied off at the bow to easily grab. These ropes are in addition to your bow rope.
- Pegs and mallet for when there are no trees to tie off.
- Princess plank (~3metres) for the bow of the boat to the bank and means to stow for easy use.
*The bank is mostly same height as your bow.
- Strong rubbish bags, as the first 5 days no rubbish dumps.
- Shovel to dig hole to empty porta pot in those first 5 days.
- Reliable radio communication as phone service will be intermittent.
- Means of battery charging if required.
- Tape, to tape up your rollers when transporting your empty trailer to the end point.
- Make sure your trailer has own lights for towing with no boat.
- Still bring your Anchor for bow tie off as a 'just in'.
- Enough fuel for 350kms. Refuel at the Custom's house. If you have 2 stroke don't forget the oil!
- Grey water storage (wash up etc) as grey water can't be dumped in river due to chemicals. But pee can! Cows pee in the river so can we!! *can dump grey water some XX metres from bank.
- A means to shower either on boat or on shore 🚿 *Solar shower hung from ??

** you'll be provided a set of strip maps for the River Trip.

Costs

- Obviously, fuel and food etc.
- ~\$50 storage of trailers.
- ~\$50 hire car contribution – trailer shuffle to retrieval point so there is no car shuffle at trip end 🚗
- Some Shower fees
- Taxi fare split (or walk back) from hire car drop off point to where boats are.
- Caravan Park fees - launching and retrieval points.
- A couple of pub meals. One is a condition of cheap trailer storage 🍷 and a nice way to end the trip.

CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2023/2024						
up to January Cruise						
SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT all activities	SOCIAL cruises only	OTB Racing
HILL	Ken & Tania	Noelex 25	<i>Eye Sea Red</i>	20	9	0
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Macgregor 26	<i>Waterbago II / Plastique</i>	18	7	4
HARDCASTLE	Will & Sue	Cygnet	<i>Amethyst</i>	13	5	0
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer</i>	12	9	0
HAIG	John & Dorothy	Noelex 25	<i>Jocimo</i>	12	3	0
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	12	3	0
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Noelex 25	<i>Free Spirit</i>	11	3	0
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Clubman 8	<i>Gypsea</i>	10	10	0
NEWMAN	Kevin & Gaylene	Ross 780 mk3	<i>Only Time</i>	9	8	0
PARROTT	Warren & Leanne	Macgregor 26	<i>Macnifique</i>	8	8	4
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	8	3	4
SCHURBERT	Graeme & Charmain	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	8	3	0
ARMSTRONG	Peter & Jacque	Sabre 25	<i>Sailaway</i>	7	5	0
CROSS	Greg	Cole 19	<i>Eirene</i>	7	1	0
PARKER	John & Carol	Noelex 25	<i>Liquid Lunch</i>	6	6	0
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby</i>	6	2	0
RIMINGTON	Rob & Sharon	Sonata 7	<i>Sallywag</i>	4	3	0
BACON	Wayne	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	4	3	0
WEBSTER	Paul & Jennifer	Farr 7500	<i>Gilt Edge</i>	4	2	0
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	4	2	0
ARMITAGE	Karen & Peter	Noelex 25	<i>Black Magic</i>	4	2	0
DYCE	Doug	RL24	<i>Gunundaroo II</i>	4	1	4
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	3	2	0
YORK	Roger & Ann	Austral 20	<i>Moonlighting</i>	3	1	1
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr n Beyond</i>	3	1	0
HART	Chris & Candee	Spider 24 mk2	<i>Heart Beat</i>	3	0	0
TAYLOR		Castle 650	<i>Seas the Moment</i>	3	0	0
PARKER	Robin	RL24	<i>Rrootoo</i>	2	0	0
WATSON	Peter	Impulse	<i>Rafaki</i>	0	0	4
DYCE	Andrew	Maricat 4.3	<i>Ninja</i>	0	0	4
BOWERMAN	David	Windrush OTB	<i>Rush Hour</i>	0	0	1

RACING UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2024

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



The Autumn Series has started strongly. It's good to see some new boats competing and competition has been tight but very friendly. It's been a great chance for people to learn and develop their skills.

A recent innovation is the Sunday morning bacon and egg roll breakfast which has been a great opportunity to mix with each other and share conversations prior to the day's racing. Thanks Tania and Ken for your organization.

The racing on Saturday 10 Feb 2024 was blown out with 30 plus knot gusts recorded at Marks Point. But Sunday was much more pleasant with us completing two shorter races so we are back on track. There was a good roll up of boats on the Sunday (9 boats) considering the weather the day before.

COMFORT LEVEL POSTPONEMENTS

Australian Sailing has introduced a policy of cancelling or postponing races when the air temperature is 38 degrees or above. We intend to do the same but will also use information from the comfort reading temperature from the Marks Point weather station. This will keep racing safer in heat wave conditions in future.

Officer of the Day Roster for Autumn Series

Sat 13/1/24	Aye Sea Red	Sun 14/1/24	Jocomo
Sat 10/2/24	Cross Wind	Sun 11/2/24	Biddy
Sat 2/3/24	Eirene	Sun 3/3/24	True North
Sat 13/4/24	Gundaroo 11	Sun 14/4/24	Free Spirit
Sat 18/5/24	Amethyst	Sun 19/5/24	Plastique

If you are unable to attend on the day you are rostered, please arrange a swap with another future rostered boat. If you have any troubles, contact Peter Melbourne.

2024 Autumn Series Tailable Races 1 & 2

13 & 14 Jan 24

For the astute amongst you, you might notice that in race 1 of the series the software magically put my boat in Division 1 and no matter how I tried, it would not let me put it in Division 3. To correct the result, I needed to take ten minutes off my time. Before starting my entry of times for Race 2, I did extensive battles with the software, eventually winning the battle and my boat now shows up in Div 3 to start with.

Also, my boat (Hunter 216, Plastique) now has an official Australian Sailing Handicap. For those who want to know more, please come and have a chat.

Regards

Brian Harrison
Club Handicapper

Race 1

PHC

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	T3728	Jocimo	02:06:58	0.535	01:07:56	0.547	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:47:58
3	2	154	Biddy	02:09:10	0.535	01:09:06	0.543	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:50:10
1	3	15	PLastique	02:02:22	0.567	01:09:23	0.574	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:33:22
3	4	100	True North	02:10:15	0.542	01:10:36	0.544	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:51:15
1	5	2830	Deja vu	02:23:17	0.496	01:11:04	0.496	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:54:17
1	6	M112	Amerthyst	02:23:09	0.504	01:12:09	0.500	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20	14:54:09
3	7	8006	Crosswind	02:14:39	0.557	01:15:00	0.542	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:55:39
2	8	502	Wanderer	02:32:37	0.497	01:15:51	0.481	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	15:13:37
1	9	65	Moonlighting	02:33:00	0.496	01:15:53	0.480	R York	Austral 20	15:04:00
3	10	M73	Heart Beat	02:16:04	0.567	01:17:09	0.545	C Hart	Spider24mk2NoSpin	14:57:04
3	11	984	Black Magic	02:27:36	0.555	01:21:55	0.527	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:08:36
3	DNF	A750	RR00T00		0.555			R Parker	Sonata8Ns	
3	DUT	840	Aye Sea Red		0.533			K Hill	Noelex 25	

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Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	1	15	PLastique	02:02:22	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:33:22	0.711	01:27:00
1	2	2830	Deja vu	02:23:17	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:54:17	0.632	01:30:33
3	3	T3728	Jocimo	02:06:58	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:47:58	0.714	01:30:39
3	4	154	Biddy	02:09:10	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:50:10	0.712	01:31:58
3	5	100	True North	02:10:15	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:51:15	0.712	01:32:44
1	6	M112	Amerthyst	02:23:09	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20	14:54:09	0.663	01:34:54
3	7	8006	Crosswind	02:14:39	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:55:39	0.716	01:36:25
3	8	M73	Heart Beat	02:16:04	C Hart	Spider24mk2NoSpin	14:57:04	0.717	01:37:34
1	9	65	Moonlighting	02:33:00	R York	Austral 20	15:04:00	0.650	01:39:27
3	10	984	Black Magic	02:27:36	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:08:36	0.714	01:45:23
2	11	502	Wanderer	02:32:37	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	15:13:37	0.704	01:47:26
3	DNF	A750	RR00T00		R Parker	Sonata8Ns		0.712	
3	DUT	840	Aye Sea Red		K Hill	Noelex 25		0.752	

Race 2

PHC

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	8006	Crosswind	03:08:19	0.542	01:42:04	0.551	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:38:19
3	2	15	PLastique	02:59:51	0.574	01:43:14	0.580	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:29:51
3	3	840	Aye Sea Red	03:13:54	0.533	01:43:21	0.538	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:43:54
3	4	154	Biddy	03:13:57	0.543	01:45:19	0.543	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:43:57
3	5	100	True North	03:21:17	0.544	01:49:30	0.534	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:51:17
1	6	2830	Deja vu	03:55:47	0.496	01:56:57	0.471	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	15:25:47
3	7	984	Black Magic	03:53:43	0.527	02:03:10	0.501	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:23:43
3	8	A750	RR00T00	03:49:40	0.555	02:07:28	0.527	R Parker	Sonata8Ns	15:19:40
2	DNF	502	Wanderer		0.481			J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	
3	DUT	T3728	Jocimo		0.547			J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	

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Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
3	1	15	PLastique	02:59:51	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:29:51	0.711	02:07:52
3	2	8006	Crosswind	03:08:19	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:38:19	0.716	02:14:50
3	3	154	Biddy	03:13:57	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:43:57	0.712	02:18:06
3	4	100	True North	03:21:17	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:51:17	0.712	02:23:19
3	5	840	Aye Sea Red	03:13:54	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:43:54	0.752	02:25:49
1	6	2830	Deja vu	03:55:47	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	15:25:47	0.632	02:29:01
3	7	A750	RR00T00	03:49:40	R Parker	Sonata8Ns	15:19:40	0.712	02:43:31
3	8	984	Black Magic	03:53:43	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:23:43	0.714	02:46:52
2	DNF	502	Wanderer		J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin		0.704	
3	DUT	T3728	Jocimo		J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin		0.714	

Races 3 & 4

10&11 Feb 24

Race 3

PHC

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	100	True North	01:13:30	0.534	39:15	0.550	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:48:30
3	2	15	PLastique	01:09:30	0.580	40:19	0.590	B Harrison	Hunter216	12:44:30
3	3	8006	Crosswind	01:13:50	0.551	40:41	0.558	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	12:48:50
3	4	984	Black Magic	01:23:10	0.501	41:40	0.501	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	12:58:10
3	5	840	Aye Sea Red	01:19:05	0.538	42:33	0.532	K Hill	Noelex 25	12:54:05
3	6	T3728	Jocimo	01:20:20	0.547	43:56	0.533	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	12:55:20
3	7	154	Biddy	01:21:10	0.543	44:04	0.528	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:56:10
1	8	6998	Farr Haven	01:26:10	0.534	46:01	0.509	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	13:01:10
1	DUT	M112	Amerthyst		0.500			W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20	

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3	1	15	PLastique	01:09:30	B Harrison	Hunter216	12:44:30	0.711	49:25
3	2	100	True North	01:13:30	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:48:30	0.712	52:20
3	3	8006	Crosswind	01:13:50	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	12:48:50	0.716	52:52
1	4	6998	Farr Haven	01:26:10	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	13:01:10	0.632	54:28
3	5	T3728	Jocimo	01:20:20	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	12:55:20	0.714	57:22
3	6	154	Biddy	01:21:10	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:56:10	0.712	57:48
3	7	984	Black Magic	01:23:10	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	12:58:10	0.714	59:23
3	8	840	Aye Sea Red	01:19:05	K Hill	Noelex 25	12:54:05	0.752	59:28
1	DUT	M112	Amerthyst		W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20		0.663	

Race 4

PHC

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	1	M112	Amerthyst	01:13:59	0.500	37:00	0.509	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20	14:33:59
3	2	840	Aye Sea Red	01:10:10	0.532	37:20	0.539	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:30:10
3	3	100	True North	01:09:40	0.550	38:19	0.550	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:29:40
3	4	8006	Crosswind	01:10:00	0.558	39:04	0.553	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:30:00
3	5	15	PLastique	01:07:15	0.590	39:41	0.580	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:27:15
3	6	984	Black Magic	01:23:10	0.501	41:40	0.481	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:43:10
3	7	T3728	Jocimo	01:26:00	0.533	45:50	0.506	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:46:00
1	DNF	6998	Farr Haven		0.509			R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	
3	DUT	154	Biddy		0.528			J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	

CBH

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
3	1	15	PLastique	01:07:15	B Harrison	Hunter216	14:27:15	0.711	47:49
1	2	M112	Amerthyst	01:13:59	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20	14:33:59	0.663	49:03
3	3	100	True North	01:09:40	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:29:40	0.712	49:36
3	4	8006	Crosswind	01:10:00	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:30:00	0.716	50:07
3	5	840	Aye Sea Red	01:10:10	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:30:10	0.752	52:46
3	6	984	Black Magic	01:23:10	P Armitage	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:43:10	0.714	59:23
3	7	T3728	Jocimo	01:26:00	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:46:00	0.714	01:01:24
1	DNF	6998	Farr Haven		R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin		0.632	
3	DUT	154	Biddy		J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin		0.712	

Race Reports

Race 1 2024

Wind : ENE 8 to 10 kts strengthening to 15 to 18 kts +

Start : Division 2. 12:30pm

Division 3. 12:40pm

The Division 3 Fleet started well, Jocimo and Plastique in close company at the northern end of the start line, from memory about 12 boats in the race with 2 divisions

Jocimo leading Plastique most of the way to Wangi Pt. until Plastique tacked out of our dirty air and took the lead around to Pulbah Is.

The breeze came in earlier than expected, we considered Reefing once we got around Wangi Pt. but the next mark being a Run decided to persevere until the next Work and make the decision then.

Again our Main Sail not fully up the mast, so we used the full Cunningham adjustment to assist shaping the Main Sail. The untidy sail can be seen in one of Warrens photo shots.

The Issue: I use the Spinnaker Topping Lift to support the boom when not sailing. I have a habit when raising the Main Sail of neglecting to release it, thus the Topping Lift Halyard causes the Main Sail Bolt Rope to jam in the Track before reaching the top of the Mast. When underway in a breeze we cannot correct this easily, or for that matter, unaware of the cause.

Back to the Race, Division 3 boats were closing on Division 2 boats heading to the sand mark.

Déjà Vue and Amethyst were changing Tacks before locating the Sand Mark, much appreciated guys you found it before we arrived. Jocimo overtook Roger and David in the Austral just before we rounded, reasonable in touch with Plastique, but not for long as Brian and Val were slipping away in Plastique. On the work back to Wangi Pt. Division 3 boats were starting to overhaul the Division 2 boats, with some holding us out even longer.

Russell and I finally realised by taking out the Cunningham and putting it in the 1st Reef at the Mast we could tension the Main Sail thus putting in a Mini Reef which helped a little from Overpowering, as the breeze was quite firm on the return leg.

Plastique, Jocimo and Heart Beat were now leading the fleet rounding Wangi Pt.

On the Reach, sometimes 3 Quarter Run from Wangi Pt. to the Finish Line we were now experiencing heavy Weather Helm, it's now I believe we should of had a Full Reef in the Main before rounding Wangi Pt.

Plastique now under "Jenica"? cleared out on this leg and took Line Honours, with Jocimo putting some distance on Heart Beat, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively over the Finish Line.

Thanks to Peter Melbourne for putting some variety in our Saturday Passage Race, Brian Harrison our Race Handicapper and Ken and Tania our Duty Officers for the day, and not forgetting my crew Russell Martin. (The Westie from Weston, who insists on camping in his Swag, and not on Jocimo)

Also, my thoughts, Sunday morning BBQ appreciated by all, Many Thanks to all involved.

Regards to all participating Boaties John Haig

PS:

Great to see a good turnout of boats ! Great days sailing, breeze a bit firm. Good to have Division Starts. I guess we could expect more division starts with even more members participating and enjoying our club.

BLACK MAGIC'S INTRODUCTION TO RACING



Friday 12th January.

“Black Magic” is all packed up and we are on our way to Styles Point. NHYTA’s first race meeting of the year is this weekend and we have decided to join the group and follow them, observing their skills as they race on the Saturday and Sunday.

We are very new to Sailing having joined this Club only in October and having purchased our beautiful Noelex 25 a couple of months prior to that. Thanks to the wonderful members who are more than keen to share their wealth of knowledge and tricks they have to make the experience easier and so much fun, we have already learnt so much.

We are the first to arrive at Styles. We set up and plop Black Magic in the water and head out for a sail. The sun is shining, and there is good amount of wind so to enjoy a relatively gentle sail we only put up the Jib. Good decision it seems as other yachts are doing the same. It was an absolute blast and to say we had a huge smile on our face is an understatement.

By the time we get back to Styles Point a good number of the crew are already there. We back up to shore, anchor and tie off and we are ready to mingle.



Saturday 13th January

Before each race there is a meeting with the Club members where a discussion ensues as to where the race is to take place to, wind conditions and other bits of info as to hazards etc. It’s at this time that we are approached and encouraged to join the race officially. Yikes, no pressure guys. Hesitantly we agree, unsure as we know we still have so much more to learn, but are encouraged by the other members that it is a really good way to gain more skills. (Boy did we learn a lot on this day) So we head off, thinking we have got this and are ready to win the

Sheep Station. Lol. There is a good amount of wind so we make the decision to reef the main. Unfortunately we had never done this before and the main wasn’t properly set up for this, so this took some time. In hindsight we should have sorted this before we went anywhere, but Pete was full steam ahead on it and after motoring around for a while, he got it sorted, though a little stress was felt. So we are ready to race, watching everyone, and intently waiting for

the sounding of the horn that the race has begun. We are just about to head off but can’t work out why the Jib isn’t shaping nicely. Bloody hell we forgot to connect the clue. Pete’s off to the front of the boat to connect it and I’m in control of the tiller. More stress. Why did we fail to notice this before and now I’m stressed further because I’m steering this boat amongst everyone else. We get this sorted but have to say we feel a little on edge, but we are off. The sail that day we would describe as disappointing.

The race is over and we back at Styles Point feeling rather frazzled. We start to gently back up to shore. We throw out the anchor. All the other boats are already there and we are trying to nuzzle in between a couple of them. Brian who is always ready to assist, comes down to help us secure a line to shore. But for some reason we are not moving. What the hell is going on. Then it dawns on Pete. We forgot to pull up the keel. OMG are you serious. We sort that out in a hurry. We are in and secured. Now let’s enjoy a drink and relax!



Sunday 14th January

We get up on the Sunday determine to not let this get the better of us. We had been assured by other members that they all have had moments like that in the beginning.

So here we are on the Sunday, the sun is shining and we have a new attitude and are ready to race. Though realising we won't be winning any Sheep Stations. We set off and everything goes according to plans, we even manage, with a few good manoeuvres to overtake a couple of other

members. Now that's more like it!

We have an amazing day and thoroughly enjoyed the race, without mishap. Even had a moment as the wind died down to make a cuppa and enjoy the scenery. We have a smile on our face again! Never lose faith, always be willing to learn. Sailing is so much fun!!!

MERCHANDISE

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

Caps \$25 each



Stubby Holders \$5 each



THE BOATYARD

Buy, find, swap, sell, give away.

Other club members may be able to use the boat gear that is cluttering your shed. Send us a word document and we can post it here.

			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
2024							
Jan	6-7	Sat-Sun					
Jan	13-14	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Jan	20-21	Sat-Sun					
Jan	26-28	Sat-Mon	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	Australia Day
Feb	3-4	Sat-Sun					
Feb	10-11	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Feb	17-18	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Feb	20	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Feb	24	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
March	2-3	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
March	9-10	Sat-Sun					Marlay Point
March	16-17	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	Tuggerah Lakes
March	19	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
March	23	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
March/April	29-1	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myall Lakes	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	EASTER
April	6-7	Sat-Sun					
April	13-14	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	F-Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
April	16	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
April	20	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
April	27-28	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Hart Peters 0417674687	2	Brisbane Waters
May	4-5	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	11	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		Mother's Day
May	18-19	Sat-Sun	Race 9 &10	F-Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	21	Tuesday	AGM	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	25-26	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	Wangi Camp Fire
June	1-2	Sat-Sun					
June	8-10	Sat-Mon	Cruise/Regatta	TBA /Lake Keepit			Keepit Cool regatta
June	15-16	Sat-Sun					
June	18	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	TBA		
June	22-23	Sat-Sun					FLOAT YOUR BOAT
June	29	Sat	Presentation Night	TBA			
July	6-7	Sat-Sun					

			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
July	13-14	Sat-Sun					
July	20-21	Sat-Sun	Onshore Cruise			2	
July	27-28	Sat-Sun					
Aug	3-4	Sat-Sun					
Aug	10-11	Sat-Sun					
Aug	17	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Aug	20	Tues	Meeting				
Aug	24	Sat	Audit Day	Rathmines			
Aug/Sept	31-1	Sat-Sun					Father's day
Sept	7-8	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	F-Jetty		2	
Sept	14-15	Sat-Sun					
Sept	17	Tues	Meeting	Club Macquarie			
Sept	21-22	Sat-Sun	Cruise			2	
Sept	28	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Oct	5-7	Sat-Mon	3/6 hour regatta			2	NRL Grand Final BBQ
Oct	12-13	Sat-Sun					
Oct	15	Tues	Meeting	Club Macquarie			
Oct	19-20	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles		2	Fast and Loud Festival
Oct	26	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Nov	2-3	Sat-Sun	Cruise			2	
Nov	9-10	Sat-Sun					
Nov	16-17	St-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles		2	
Nov	19	Tues	Meeting	Club Macquarie			
Nov	23-24	Sat-Sun	Cruise			2	
Nov/Dec	30-1	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Dec	7	Sat	Xmas party	Styles			
Dec	7-8	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	Styles		2	
Dec	14	Sat	OTB	Rathmines			
Dec/Jan	27-3		Myall lakes cruise			2	New Years Eve