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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held by ZOOM
Tuesday 21st April 2020 on your PC or Mobile Phone
Deadline for content for the next Newsletter: 7th May 2020

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Commodore's Bit



Hope everyone is well and "social distancing" who would have thought we would be living like we are now 😞

I would like to try and run a General Meeting next Tuesday the 21st

The meeting will be electronic meeting using "Zoom" so can participate from home

The meeting number ID is "987 740 2187"

Password is "NHTYA"

Time 7pm

If you are not sure how to do it just give me a ring before the meeting

Not much else going on just look after your selves

Phillip

NHTYA

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Club Macquarie

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Meeting opened 1904hrs

Chairperson : Phillip Sparkes

Attendance : As per Attendance Sheet (13 attendees)

Apologies : Barry & Kathy White , John & Carol Parker , Stan Steel , Hart Peters , Peter Melbourne ,

Andrew & Norma Hill , Graham Schubert , Brian Bath , Val Harrison , Robert & Cybil Potter

Minutes of previous General Meeting (18th November) ?

- Resolved Phil Sparkes Accepted as per November Newsletter
- Proposed Brain Harrison Seconded Charmain Mills

Matters Arising from previous minutes

- Nil

Outstanding Business

Rathmines Master Plan & Plan of Management on line at

<http://shape.lakemac.com.au/rathmines-park>

Hart has contacted council about over hanging trees and John Ferguson to meet with them on site .

Quotes for pop up club banners – Pam WIP

Correspondence

- Club Insurance
- F Jetty Permission
- Post box bill
- Top Yacht bill

Membership

- Tom Howell Paid
- Ken & Tania Hill accepted and paid
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• NHTYA Committee Meeting 8.2.2020

- Treasurers Report

• NPBS Account Opening Balance @ 19.11.19	General Meeting	\$ Nil
• CB Business Account Opening Balance @ 19.11.19		\$ 15,457.04
• Plus Receipts		
• On Shore Xmas	\$ 1,161.82	
• Membership (Tracey, Channon)	\$ 180.00	
• Merchandise	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,401.82
• Less Expenses		
• Belmont Meeting	\$ 80.00	
• On Shore Xmas	\$ 1,745.98	\$ 1,825.98
• Closing Balance @ 8.2.2020 as per bank statement		\$ 15,032.88
• CB Card Account Opening Balance @ 19.11.19		\$ 208.55
• Plus Receipts		
•	\$ Nil	
• Less Expenses		
• Xero Accounting Software	\$ 18.75	
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- Xero Accounting Software _____ \$ 18.75 _____ \$ 56.25
- Closing Balance @ 8.2.2020 as per bank statement
\$ 152.30

- **Total Accumulative Funds over all 2 accounts**
\$ 15,185.18

- Accounts to be ratified Nil
- Newcastle Permanent Building Society Account now closed.

- **NHTYA General Meeting 17.3.2020**

- Treasurers Report

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- **CB Business Account** Opening Balance @ 8.2.2020 \$ 15,032.88
 - **Plus Receipts**
 - Membership (Howell, Hill) \$ 290.00
 - Race Fees \$ 60.00 _____ \$ 350.00
 - **Less Expenses**
 - Nil
 - Closing Balance @ 17.3.2020 as per bank statement
\$ 15382.88

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- **CB Card Account** Opening Balance @ 19.11.19 \$ 152.30
 - **Plus Receipts**
 - \$ Nil
 - **Less Expenses**
 - Xero Accounting Software \$ 18.75 _____ \$ 18.75
 - Closing Balance @ 17.3.2020 as per bank statement
\$ 133.55

- **Total Accumulative Funds over all 2 accounts**
\$ 15,516.43

- Accounts to be ratified \$ 147.84 Top Yacht (Reimburse C Mills)
 - \$1,217.65 Gallaghers Insurance
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Cruising report 17/03/2020 [written report by Graeme Schubert]

Christmas ,new year at the Myall lakes was windy , a good time was had by all. It was a (beach) party at Shelly Beach.

The February cruise to be held by David Denahy on Port Stephens was cancelled due to lack of response.

The March cruise on the Hawkesbury led by Gypsea (after John Avery developed a health issues) went ahead with two hardy boats , despite very unpleasant weather on the Saturday . They took refuge at Refuge Bay and had a lovely Sunday . Report for newsletter to come.

April's club cruise is listed as Myall Lakes over Easter as is Traditional in recent years.

The cruise scheduled for the 9-10 May is not allocated and should probably be a lake cruise . any suggestions or takers ?

I am going to suggest here that the 6-8th June long weekend should perhaps be on Port Stephens to allow David Denahy a second chance at leading and perhaps to allow a day to safely have a look at some islands for those who wish to

The 4/5 July is on shore and we'll take up the second of the year in the second half of the year

Racing Report

Racing up to date – race 1 and 2 completed
Changes to sign on form adjusted and now in use.

General Business

Newcastle Yacht Rigging & Sails have opened at Argenton Hall he is wanting to advertise in our newsletter.

Off the beach group are going to look at third party insurance to cover themselves so they can be covered in line with our club insurance

Presentation Night has been booked and a deposit paid, Valentine Bowling Club for the 27th June ?

Corona Virus [COVID 19] outbreak was discussed at length

The meeting discussed about whether to keep holding our racing programme or whether to cancel all racing until further notice ,it was taken to a vote ,12 to 1 in favour off cancelling to further notice.

Cruising was also cancelled until further notice, the vote 13 in favour to cancel

It was also voted on to cancel all general and committee meetings until further notice and the Executive committee to attend to all ongoing club business using electronic means.

The management committee was given the authority by members present to decide how and when we will continue our regular meeting, racing and cruising

Motion from Phil Sparkes Seconded Charmain Mills

Next Meeting ?

Meeting Closed 2014hrs



NHTYA General Meeting

21/4/2020

7pm

Location ?

This meeting will be run using electronic media

“ZOOM”

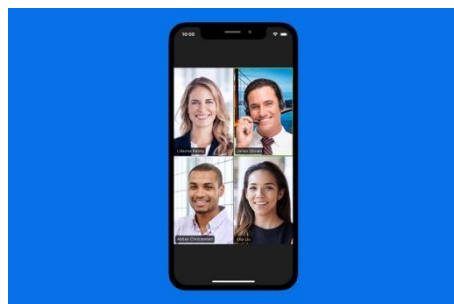
Zoom is one of the latest ways of having meeting it is free and can be used on your phone, iPad or computer

You will need to download the app before the meeting
We have found the your phone works best.

Meeting ID - 987 740 2187
Password - NHTYA

If you need help setting it up give me a ring

Phillip Sparkes
Commodore



Information Update

Lake Macquarie Aquatic Services Committee

Bennett Park Pontoon Valentine

- On shore pathway at Valentine Boat Ramp was completed 16 March 2020;
- All outstanding works now completed.



Wangi Jetty

- Completed
- Official opening on Tuesday 7 April 2020.
- New Jetty is much larger than the old one.



Speers Point Jetty

- Majority of headstocks installed, with just one more near shore and lower deck structure to be completed.
- Waiting on aluminium decking from manufacturer to start installing on completed headstocks.
- Estimated completion date late April or early May 2020, will depend on potential impacts from COVID -19.



1. Asset Maintenance - Toronto Baths Jetty Whaling

Several sections of whaling recently failed at the Toronto Baths Jetty. Council arranged repairs to the affected sections. Contractors removed the failed fenders and their connections and it was identified that the failure mechanism was likely due to dissimilar metals between the headstocks and the angle brackets that the fenders were attached too. Repairs have been undertaken with alternative fixing system, utilising different material. Only the lower landing had failed, however council staff are arranging an assessment of the structure including the below water components.



Balcolyn Boat Ramp

Located at the southern end of Lake Macquarie within Balcolyn Hall Reserve, Balcolyn Street, Balcolyn, the project involves the supply and installation of a prefabricated floating pontoon with fixed gangway so that boats can be launched from the ramp and tied to the pontoon, whilst vehicles are removed from the ramp area, and in reverse when boats are returning.

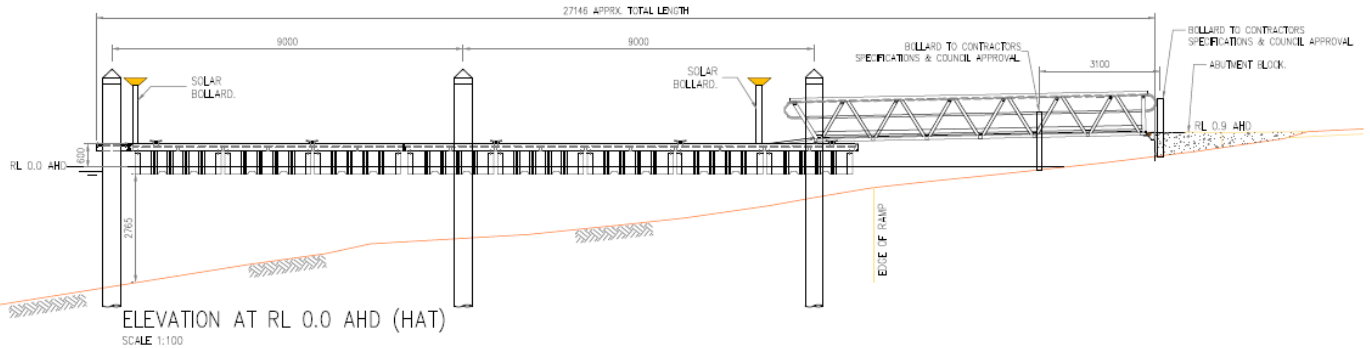
The pontoon is to be long enough to accommodate three boats (nominally 4.0 meters long each) floating on each side. The width is to be a minimum of 2.0m. The pontoon is also to be accessible and to be capable of use by groups accessing boats in the water.

If the grant application is successful the project will deliver a customised floating jetty designed and constructed to suit the specific space that will improve accessibility and use of the boat ramp for trailer-able boat owners. The proposed facility will increase safety for the launching and retrieval of vessels and improve access for persons with personal mobility concerns

It will also assist to alleviate some of the pressures that are currently experienced at the nearby Shingle Splitters Point boat ramp which due to site constraints, lacks supporting facilities such as a pontoon, sufficient manoeuvring and boat trailer parking area.

The project will be similar to other pontoon jetty projects constructed around the Lake in recent times, i.e. Valentine Boat Ramp.

Valentine Boat Ramp Pontoon Jetty



Styles point

I Have noticed Lake Macquarie council like formal parking at boat ramps.

I suggest sending these photos of Johnsonville Boat ramp as council are looking at Styles point .

Johnsonville have minimal tar for tow vehicles with boat trailers on grass and neat.

Can I get feedback at meeting?

John

Johnsonville Boat ramp Victoria



Race 1

Autumn series

Firstly apologies for the late report, old timers and quite a few health issues in the household to say the least.

Well what a great weekend of sailing was had by all, Sunday has been covered quite well by Neville, Judy, John & Jenny

For race 1 we had a course around Pulbah and return, the breeze was forecast as South East at 12 knots max, the start was off the F Jetty with John on Windsor Castle doing the honours as OOD, the start was a bit of a blur, I was the last boat away from Styles and as I soon found out, I had forgotten to do several jobs that were necessary for me as a single handed sailor, I do have a tiller pilot that I use occasionally when I need to leave the cockpit to make adjustments, well I had taken out the battery of the remote last year, after sorting that out with a new battery it was time to raise the sails, the main is no trouble at all as I have lazy jacks for the sail to lay in and it goes up easily when head to wind, I had fitted an improved or so I thought improved downhaul for the Genoa which in theory allows me to douse the sail without leaving the cockpit, up goes the Genoa and it stops two feet short on the hoist, what to do, after a frantic look around I discovered that the hoist sheet was too short and it was held by the clamcleat, what to do, this is when the sharp knife which we all should have in the cockpit finally gets used, rope cut, sail hoisted and I am finally sorted, I look up to the start and the start sequence is under way, I am off Styles Point and some way from the start line so I sheet on and I am thinking that I would be late for the start, as it eventuated I made the line with seconds to go and got a good start after all.



I started on Port and cleared the bowling club point with room to spare, Synchronicity and Cygnet had to tack to clear the point, about half of the fleet either started on Starboard or if on Port tacked soon after the start and made off towards the Kilaben Bay shore then tacking back over to port this gave them a better point of sail and had them tracking well with speed towards Wangi Point, I had the number two Genoa up front and I had good boat speed heading up to Wangi Point and managed to make it in one tack from the start, Again Synchronicity and Cygnet had to tack to clear the point, Wanderer II was down in the same area as well, by now the boats which were above me started to catch up some and I was passed close by True North with the faster boats easily ahead of me by the time I turned the point for Pulbah.

On the run down to Pulbah the breeze was almost coming from behind so we had Farr-to-Serious hoisting their brand new Spinnaker for the first time and it looked a treat as they passed me deep to the west, once around the Island the breeze was more square and I was having trouble try to keep the sails wing to wing, I wasn't confident to use the tiller pilot and set the pole up so I had to do the best I could with the Genoa going from side to side, RnR and Second One were neck and neck coming up to the Southlakes rounding mark and Farr-to-Serious who had sailed deep past the island had tacked back to get another kite run towards the turning mark, they rounded the mark ahead of me and took off on the work, at some time they blew the spinnaker halyard and had some fun retrieving it, lucky they had Warren on board to help.

At the Mark rounding I had Synchronicity, Cygnet, Spy-C and Wanderer II behind me, all of the faster boats, Second One, True North, RnR, and Farr-to-Serious were on the work and were very helpful in showing me the way to go, as you got closer to the Wangi shore you sailed into a knock and it was time to tack, some made it in one tack up to the Galgabba marker others put in several, the breeze had picked up a little by now and I was a overpowered upwind so I easily made it up the bay in one tack, time to tack and I mucked it up, by the time I got settled I had fallen down some ways and another tack was needed to clear the point, I rounded the point and headed for the finish, a nice reach down the bay, Spy - C was the closest boat behind me at the point and by the time we were almost to the finish he scooted past me finishing just ahead, with Cygnet, Synchronicity, and Wanderer II bringing up the rear.

Thanks to John on Windsor Castle as OOD and all of the other competitors who make it a race.

Chris Keevers
Deja Vu

PS I didn't use the tiller pilot after all the mucking around with batteries.

Wanting to do some baking during this Covid-19 “lockdown” and can’t find flour in the shops.....here is an easy 3 ingredient recipe that is flourless for Peanut Butter Cookies!!
.....Enjoy!!!

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES
(3 INGREDIENTS and FLOURLESS!)

200g peanut butter
110g caster sugar
¼ teaspoon fine salt (optional)
1 egg, beaten

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 180c and line baking tray with baking paper
2. Mix peanut butter, sugar and salt (if using) in a mixing bowl and mix until combined
3. Add egg and mix again until mixture comes together to form a dough
4. Drop teaspoonfuls of mixture, well spaced apart onto baking tray
5. Press down on the cookies with the back of a fork.
6. Bake for 10-12 minutes until they are golden at the edges and paler in the centre
7. Cool on tray for 10 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely
8. Store the cookies in an airtight container for up to 3 days

(Makes approx. 20-24)

Club Merchandise for Sale

Stocks of NHTYA Club shirts - contact Val 0435 242274

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

Caps \$25 each



Shirts \$25 each



Stubby Holders \$5 each



NHTYA 2020 PROGRAM

21	Apr	Tue	Meeting	ZOOM	Phil	0414223654		
9-10	May	Sat-Sun						
16-17	May	Sat-Sun						
19	May	Tue	AGM	?	Hart Peters	0417 674687		
23-24	May	Sat-Sun	Race 7-8	F-Jetty?	Chris Keevers	0437 181446		2
30-30	May	Sat-Sun						
6-8	Jun	Sat-Mon	Cruise				Queens B/D	2
13-14	Jun	Sat-Sun						
16	Jun	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
20-21	Jun	Sat-Sun						
27-28	Jun	Sat-Sun						
4-5	Jul	Sat-Sun	On-shore?	?				2
11-12	Jul	Sat-Sun						
18-19	Jul	Sat-Sun						
21	Jul	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
25-26	Jul	Sat-Sun						
1-2	Aug	Sat-Sun	Equip audit		Hart Peters	0417 674687		
		Sat	Night Event		Brian Harrison	0421 979452		1
8-9	Aug	Sat-Sun	Race 1-2	F-Jetty	Chris Keevers	0437 181446		2
15-16	Aug	Sat-Sun						
18	Aug	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
22-23	Aug	Sat-Sun	Cruise					2
29-30	Aug	Sat-Sun						
5-6	Sep	Sat-Sun	Race 3-4	F-Jetty	Chris Keevers	0437 181446		2
12-13	Sep	Sat-Sun						
15	Sep	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
19-20	Sep	Sat-Sun	Cruise					2
26-27	Sep	Sat-Sun						
3-5	Oct	Sat-Mon	Race/Cruise	Labour Day	3 -6hr		Labour Day	2
10-11	Oct	Sat-Sun						
17-18	Oct	Sat-Sun	Race 5-6	Styles Point	Chris Keevers	0437 181446		2
20	Oct	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
24-25	Oct	Sat-Sun						
31-1	O-N	Sat-Sun	Cruise					2
7-8	Nov	Sat-Sun						
14-15	Nov	Sat-Sun	Race 7-8	Styles Point	Chris Keevers	0437 181446		2
17	Nov	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
21-22	Nov	Sat-Sun						
28-29	Nov	Sat-Sun	Cruise					2
5-6	Dec	Sat-Sun						
12-13	Dec	Sat-Sun						
19-20	Dec	Sat-Sun						
26-27	Dec	Sat-Sun						
31-1	D-J	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Myall Lakes				2

These dates and information can change! So please check your newsletter closer to the activity.