

# ***Father's day Lake Macquarie Cruise***



***1st and 2nd September, 2018***

***Hosts Graeme and Charmain. "Crosswinds"***

*The Potters arrive with "Scallywag" on Friday and set up for the night at Styles Point. A rain shower and wind accompanied us for the night but Saturday morning was sunny.*

*We waited for everyone to arrive but the only eager sailors to come were, David and Sandra on "Ice Dancer" and Phil and Kim on "Sail Away". Graeme and Charmain arrived without "Crosswinds" but with Rosie the dog in tow.*

*Graeme offered to crew for us on "Scallywag" which we were pleased about and Charmain agreed to join up with us at the destination point of Wyee for happy hour tonight.*

*Sail Away and Ice Dancer sailed ahead and we followed out into the bay but when we turned the point the winds were gusty and the water very choppy.*

*Then disaster struck. Our back stay snapped and the main sail flew across and the topping lift hit Robert on the head. The Jib Sheet flew into the water and tangled around the motor propeller and the boat was turning around and around. We were in a drama, so first of all we had to disentangle the Jib Sheet from around the propeller. That was done with Graeme reaching out over the motor and Robert hanging on to him. The motor is put down and started and the sheets for the jib are retrieved, the sails are taken down and secured, "Whew"!.*

*We radioed ahead to Sail Away. They were approaching Valentine and with Ice Dancer they are still sailing nicely. We inform them they we will turn around and motor south towards Wyee and find a sheltered spot, perhaps in Sunshine Bay and wait for them there.*

*We arrive to find the jetty at Sunshine Bay beautifully secluded but quite busy with boats*

*and fishermen so we anchored off and sat peacefully in the sunshine to repair our damaged back stay.*

*Sail Away and Ice Dancer arrived later and rafted up on either side of us and we had an enjoyable lunch break.*

*We then proceeded to Wyee Point Marina but as it is a private jetty we had to back into the shore. We secured our anchors. The knee deep water was oozy mud and quite cold.*

*Charmain drove down to see us for happy hour and to hear about the day's events. We sat until dark and met some of the local residents who were quite surprised to see three lovely yachts resting in the calm waters and looking quite Impressive in the late afternoon sunshine.*

*Sunday- The day started peacefully but wind increased even as we were pulling ourselves out of the sticky mud and it was all hands on deck to get each other out from the shore. We enjoyed a good southerly wind for the journey home. We sailed back up the lake passing by Trinity Point's new marina.*

*Sail Away had an appointment with a Farr 6 owner at Valentine and Ice Dancer was sailing into Wangi to have a look at the jetty and surrounds. Scallywag wanted to say hello to Crosswinds on its mooring and to wave to Charmain at their home overlooking Secret Bay.*

*After a quick look it was back to Styles with a brisk southerly wind and with just the headsail we were scooting along at 6 knots and enjoying the sail.*

*We all pulled in to Styles Point, retrieved our boats and thanked Graeme and Charmain for hosting a great weekend.*

*Sybil Potter  
Scallywag.*

