

# CATALINA FLEET NEWS

## February 2026



### First Race

### Autumn Series



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## **General Meeting Notice**

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

**Tuesday 7pm on 17th  
February 2026 at  
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

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# Commodores Muse

Happy New Year to you all and its February already!

I've seen all the post from New Years Myall Lakes, and I know John and Lisa Pateman organised a fantastic New Years Eve party! As normal, lots of fun and frivolity, and a good time had by all.



Didn't Doug, Andrew and Warren do well in the weeklong RL24 Championships held at Toronto! And surprise, there's Robin up on the Podium as well. Where did he come from!!

Brian and Val had a busy time over the festive season at the Weka Champs coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> after a number of very tight and competitive races. Way to go!



Who is going to the Marley Point Overnight Race on the Gippsland Lakes in March? If there are 4 club boats going, they can enter as a team! Brian & Val, and Paul Webster are going, so if you are thinking about it let them know! It is great fun! A fantastic time was had by those on the Australia Day Weekend Cruise on Lake Macquarie led by Will and Sue as their 1<sup>st</sup> time as Cruise leaders, well done!!

What a great weekend of racing as you'll hear about later. And Sunday went from 25 kt gusts in the 1<sup>st</sup> race to nearly becalmed in race 2!



Please find attached a notice that a Special General Meeting will be held on 17 March 2026 to discuss holding our Monthly General Meetings on Zoom rather than at a physical location due to only 2-4 people present. The committee has discussed this in detail and would like the members to make a decision. Fair winds to you all, and see you at the ramp soon!

Ken. Your Commodore



# Newcastle Hunter Trailer Yacht Association

## Special General Meeting Paper

### Item: Review of Monthly Meeting Venue and Format

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## 1. Purpose of Motion

The purpose of this paper is to present options for the future format and venue of monthly Association meetings and to seek member direction on whether the current arrangement at Club Macquarie should continue or be modified.

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## 2. Background

The Association has held its monthly meetings at Club Macquarie for a number of years, following earlier periods where meetings were held at various locations.

Under the current arrangement:

- Meetings are conducted in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom).
- Typical in-person attendance has declined to approximately **2–4 members**, while Zoom attendance has increased.
- A formal understanding exists whereby **10–12 members attend pre-meeting dinner and drinks**, enabling use of the meeting room at no direct cost to the Association.

While this arrangement has served the Association well, changing attendance patterns and member engagement indicate that a review is appropriate to ensure meetings remain accessible, relevant, and sustainable.

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## 3. Key Considerations

In reviewing the current arrangement, the Committee has considered the following:

- Declining in-person attendance at monthly meetings
- Increased reliance on Zoom for member participation
- The ongoing expectation placed on a small group of members to support pre-meeting dinners
- Accessibility and travel considerations for members across the region
- The value of face-to-face interaction and social connection
- Cost and administrative implications

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## 4. Options for Member Consideration

### Option 1: Continue Monthly Hybrid Meetings at Club Macquarie (Status Quo)

**Description:**

Maintain the current arrangement of monthly meetings at Club Macquarie with hybrid access and continued pre-meeting dinners.

**Implications:**

- Provides continuity and familiarity
- Maintains strong relationship with Club Macquarie
- No direct meeting room cost
- Does not address declining in-person attendance
- Continues reliance on a small number of members to attend dinner

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**Option 2: Monthly Zoom Meetings with Quarterly In-Person Meetings at Club Macquarie****Description:**

Conduct routine monthly meetings via Zoom, with four in-person meetings per year at Club Macquarie (e.g. AGM plus three others), promoted as social and strategic gatherings.

**Implications:**

- Aligns meeting format with current attendance trends
- Reduces ongoing burden associated with monthly dinners
- Retains regular use of Club Macquarie and the Association's relationship with the Club
- Reduces frequency of face-to-face meetings

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**Option 3: Continue Monthly Meetings at CM Without Expectation of Pre-Meeting Dinners****Description:**

Maintain monthly meetings at CM but remove any implied expectation that members attend pre-meeting dinners. Meeting room hire costs, if applicable, would be met by the Association.

**Implications:**

- More equitable arrangement for members
- Retains physical meeting venue
- Potential increase in Association expenses
- Will require renegotiation with Club Macquarie

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## **Option 4: Fully Online Monthly Meetings; Club Macquarie Used for Social or Special Events Only**

### **Description:**

Conduct all monthly meetings via Zoom, with Club Macquarie used for occasional social events, information evenings, or special gatherings.

### **Implications:**

- Maximises accessibility for members
- Lowest ongoing cost
- Reflects current participation behaviour
- Reduces regular face-to-face engagement
- Changes the nature of the Association's relationship with Club Macquarie

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## **5. Committee Recommendation**

The Committee recommends that members consider **Options 2, 3, or 4** as viable alternatives to the current arrangement, noting the clear shift toward online participation.

The Committee further recommends that, should a change be supported:

- The preferred option be **trialed for a period of 6–12 months**, and
- The arrangement be formally reviewed at the conclusion of the trial period.

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## **6. Proposed Resolution**

**That the Newcastle Hunter Trailer Yacht Association adopts a revised format and/or venue for monthly meetings, as determined by the preference of members at this Special General Meeting, with the new arrangement to be reviewed after a trial period of up to 12 months.**

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## **7. Supporting Information**

A member survey has been prepared to inform discussion and voting at the SGM and to guide implementation following the meeting.

### **Minutes for General Meeting** **18 November 2025**

In Dec – Jan Newsletter

# RACING UPDATE – February 2026

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



## AUTUMN SERIES 2026

Unfortunately, in January, the Autumn Series started in the same way as the last race weekend in the Spring Series. That was with cancelled races due to bad weather. This time, a near east coast low brought heavy rains and strong winds.

So it was a great relief when 12 boats showed up to race on Saturday 7 February to almost ideal sailing conditions. It was lovely out on the water as we sailed around Pulbah Island in a moderate easterly, but hot and humid on land. There was quite a big Happy Hour circle at Styles Pt after the race and then many joined the Catalina Bowling Club “long table” to catch up with everyone’s over Christmas news.

On Sunday, 8 Feb, we started the briefing early with a rules update from Brian with his improvised bathtime boats. We can see where he’s been practicing!

The first of two races had 10 boats racing in a freshening south easterly. There were a couple of incidents in this race including us on *True North* hopelessly twisting our jib around the forestay! After 20 minutes of struggle on a pitching foredeck, we were able to drop the now torn sail. The second race was in a calming breeze with a smaller fleet.

The race results are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to the next race weekend on 7&8 March.

The OOD Roster for the 2026 Autumn Series is listed below and is based on frequency of races attended. If you are unable to do your roster, please make a swap with others who are rostered later in the series and let the Race Officer know what swap has been made.

<b>7 March 2026 – Race 5</b> <b>OOD Second One</b>	<b>8 March 2026 – Race 6</b> <b>OOD Scallywag</b>
<b>11 April 2026 – Race 7</b> <b>OOD Gundaroo 2</b>	<b>12 April 2026 – Race 8</b> <b>OOD Zam</b>
<b>16 May 2026 – Race 9</b> <b>OOD Deja Vu</b>	<b>17 May 2026 – Race 10</b> <b>OOD The Cubby</b>

## WHY YOU NEED THE CLUB

By Peter Melbourne, *True North*

I was recently recommended a book by a good friend after I had been discussing some of life's recent difficulties. The book is called "The Resilience Shield" written by Dr Dan Pronk and a few others. Dr Pronk was a medical doctor with the Australian SAS. I've been able to recommend this book to other friends and family who have also found it extremely helpful.

There are two benefits of having strong personal resilience. It makes you more tolerant to emotional damage when you are suddenly confronted with difficult circumstances and it also helps you recover more quickly from a big hit. The book explains why some problems are just so complex and defy logical solutions. But what got me hooked was when the author said that those who feel overwhelmed are a third less effective. I could certainly do with that extra 33%!

The book explains that there are five layers in building our resilience. The Innate (personality and upbringing), Physical, Mental, Social and Professional layers and the chapters explore each of these.

Of importance to us as a club, was the role of the Social Layer to each of us individually. We each belong to number of social groups. Our own family units, sporting and special interest clubs and other groups. Each social group has its own formal and informal rules, identity and practices. Your social groups provide friends, a safe environment for conversations and the building of supportive relationships. The book uses the example of a Veterans soccer team where one member expressed that the team had saved his life as he struggled with re-integration and post trauma issues. It's the depth of friendships that is more important than the number of friends.

I reflected on the role of the NHTYA and how it adds to my social layer resilience. Kerry and I have been members now for 12 years (excluding a 3-year period in the mid 1980's) and like most in the club have expressed, it's the other members that makes the club great. It also explains why the club's social events and practices are currently so popular. The more formal Presentation Nights, October Long weekends, the Xmas and Myalls New Years Eve parties. But the informal social events are also popular such as after race happy hours, the group table at the Catalina Club for race weekend Saturday dinner and the Sunday morning breakfast in the park. We also value the monthly newsletter, the banter on the club Facebook page and inclusive information on the website.

## **But can we do more now that we realise just how important the social aspect of the club really is?**

I proudly wear my club T shirt to many non-club venues but we currently don't have stock for new members. Volunteers to redress (pun always intended) this would be eagerly supported!

Like most sporting clubs, the physical challenges of the sport make it increasingly difficult to participate as we age. Our club is no different and it's such a shame to see members drift away as they age when they probably need us the most. In a recent club meeting discussion, there was a suggestion made about a discount membership fee for non-boat owners. Carol (and John) Parker stated that they happily pay the annual membership fee as the club is still important to them even though they needed to recently sell their much loved boat. There are practical reasons why a non boat discount is not possible, but the better question could be "How do we add value for now non boat members and how do we still keep them involved?"

We currently don't have anyone filling the Social Coordinator role. The role is far more important than just catering logistics. It facilitates social connections and we need to value and support it as such.

Our monthly club meetings are declining in attendance. This year we will be discussing whether we still need to be meeting at a live venue or just running as a Zoom. In my opinion, our meetings have drifted into being more administrative and reporting. During the Covid lockdown, when connection became so important, I had organised presentations at each meeting on various topics such as boat insurance through to vacuum packing of food (thanks Kim). It took a bit of work and I wasn't Race Officer at the time. But is it worth considering enhancing the social aspect of the monthly meetings that would work both in a live and Zoom setting?

So what do you think? We are a diverse bunch with different backgrounds, preferences and needs. However, your contribution to the club, in whatever way you can make it, is just so valuable to us all and we all benefit.

# 2026 Autumn Series Trailerable Race Results

## 07/08 Feb 2026

### Race 1

#### Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	5314	Second One	02:01:09	0.511	01:01:54	0.533	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:51:09
2	233	Tri Hard	02:02:07	0.539	01:05:49	0.545	B Harrison	OstacTramp	14:52:07
3	40	Inspiration	02:28:39	0.447	01:06:27	0.450	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	14:58:39
4	154	Biddy Too	02:09:06	0.517	01:06:45	0.519	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:59:06
5	100	True North	02:05:37	0.536	01:07:20	0.536	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:55:37
6	8006	Crosswind	02:06:49	0.533	01:07:36	0.532	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:56:49
7	88	Scallywag	02:32:47	0.448	01:08:27	0.444	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	15:02:47
8	327	Araluen II	02:02:11	0.564	01:08:55	0.558	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:52:11
9	502	Wanderer	02:28:26	0.467	01:09:19	0.460	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:58:26
10	M193	Cygnets	02:25:01	0.482	01:09:54	0.473	D Bradburn	Cygnets 20 No SpClass	14:55:01
11	M112	Amerthyst	02:22:03	0.504	01:11:36	0.489	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20 No SpClass	14:52:03
12	65	Moonlighting	02:41:38	0.475	01:16:46	0.451	R York	Austral 20	15:11:38
DUT	840	Aye Sea Red		0.517			K Hill	Noelex 25	



#### Class Basic Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	327	Araluen II	02:02:11	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:52:11	0.728	01:28:57
2	M112	Amerthyst	02:22:03	W Hardcastle	Cygnets 20 No SpClass	14:52:03	0.629	01:29:21
3	5314	Second One	02:01:09	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:51:09	0.741	01:29:46
4	M193	Cygnets	02:25:01	D Bradburn	Cygnets 20 No SpClass	14:55:01	0.629	01:31:13
5	100	True North	02:05:37	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:55:37	0.728	01:31:27
6	154	Biddy Too	02:09:06	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:59:06	0.728	01:33:59
7	40	Inspiration	02:28:39	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	14:58:39	0.634	01:34:15
8	233	Tri Hard	02:02:07	B Harrison	OstacTramp	14:52:07	0.775	01:34:38
9	8006	Crosswind	02:06:49	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:56:49	0.753	01:35:30
10	88	Scallywag	02:32:47	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	15:02:47	0.634	01:36:52
11	502	Wanderer	02:28:26	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:58:26	0.689	01:42:16
12	65	Moonlighting	02:41:38	R York	Austral 20	15:11:38	0.679	01:49:45
DUT	840	Aye Sea Red		K Hill	Noelex 25		0.752	

# Race 2

## Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	5314	Second One	58:52	0.533	31:23	0.550	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	12:28:52
2	88	Scallywag	01:11:16	0.444	31:38	0.456	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	12:41:16
3	502	Wanderer	01:11:53	0.460	33:04	0.462	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	12:41:53
4	M112	Amerthyst	01:08:09	0.489	33:20	0.489	W Hardcastle	Cygnet 20 No SpClass	12:38:09
5	327	Araluen II	01:00:59	0.558	34:02	0.552	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:30:59
6	154	Biddy Too	01:05:37	0.519	34:03	0.513	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:35:37
7	840	Aye Sea Red	01:05:53	0.517	34:04	0.511	K Hill	Nolex 25	12:35:53
8	40	Inspiration	01:26:07	0.450	38:45	0.428	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	12:56:07
DGM	8006	Crosswind		0.532			G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	
DUT	6998	Farr Haven		0.478			R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	
RET	100	True North		0.536			P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	
RET	233	Tri Hard		0.545			B Harrison	OstacTramp	



## Class Basic Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	M112	Amerthyst	01:08:09	W Hardcastle	Cygnet 20 No SpClass	12:38:09	0.629	42:52
2	5314	Second One	58:52	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	12:28:52	0.741	43:37
3	327	Araluen II	01:00:59	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:30:59	0.728	44:24
4	88	Scallywag	01:11:16	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	12:41:16	0.634	45:11
5	154	Biddy Too	01:05:37	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	12:35:37	0.728	47:46
6	502	Wanderer	01:11:53	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	12:41:53	0.689	49:32
7	840	Aye Sea Red	01:05:53	K Hill	Nolex 25	12:35:53	0.752	49:33
8	40	Inspiration	01:26:07	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	12:56:07	0.634	54:36
DGM	8006	Crosswind		G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin		0.753	
DUT	6998	Farr Haven		R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin		0.632	
RET	100	True North		P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin		0.728	
RET	233	Tri Hard		B Harrison	OstacTramp		0.775	

# Race 3

## Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	327	Araluen II	01:27:02	0.552	48:02	0.559	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:27:02
2	5314	Second One	01:29:35	0.550	49:16	0.550	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:29:35
3	840	Aye Sea Red	01:38:40	0.511	50:25	0.505	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:38:40
4	M112	Amerthyst	01:47:52	0.489	52:45	0.473	W Hardcastle	Cygnet 20 No SpClass	14:47:52
5	502	Wanderer	02:22:32	0.462	01:05:51	0.439	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	15:22:32
DNS	40	Inspiration		0.428			P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	
DNS	88	Scallywag		0.456			R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	
DNS	100	True North		0.536			P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	
DNS	154	Biddy Too		0.513			J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	
DNS	233	Tri Hard		0.545			B Harrison	OstacTramp	
DNS	8006	Crosswind		0.532			G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	
DUT	6998	Farr Haven		0.478			R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	

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2	5314	Second One	01:29:35	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:29:35	0.741	01:06:23
3	M112	Amerthyst	01:47:52	W Hardcastle	Cygnet 20 No SpClass	14:47:52	0.629	01:07:51
4	840	Aye Sea Red	01:38:40	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:38:40	0.752	01:14:12
5	502	Wanderer	02:22:32	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	15:22:32	0.689	01:38:12
DNS	40	Inspiration		P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin		0.634	
DNS	88	Scallywag		R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin		0.634	
DNS	100	True North		P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin		0.728	
DNS	154	Biddy Too		J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin		0.728	
DNS	233	Tri Hard		B Harrison	OstacTramp		0.775	
DNS	8006	Crosswind		G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin		0.753	
DUT	6998	Farr Haven		R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin		0.632	

# New Years Cruise



The NHTYA New Years Eve Party was celebrated at Shelly Beach this year in Hawaiian style. Members came dressed in their “tropical” attire and we all enjoyed partying the night away playing Hawaiian themed games involving coconuts, leis and hula hoops! 😊 The festivities were washed down with tropical cocktails, a BYO BBQ dinner and beach-party music to bring in 2026 with a Luau vibe!



The fun continued New Years Day with the Annual Neville and Judy Heap Bocce Championship...and as usual the competition was fierce and challenging!...with lots of fun and laughter of course.



And as per requirements for a cruise to Myall Lakes, and in particular Shelly Beach, the rest of our time up there was spent relaxing, swimming, kayaking, enjoying happy hours or just generally doing as little as possible to recharge our “drained batteries” after a busy year, in this beautiful environment we are so fortunate to have.



Thanks everyone for getting into the spirit and celebrating New Year with us.

John & Lisa Pateman



# The NHTYA Australia Day Cruise

The Australia day Long weekend cruise was allegedly conducted by Will and Sue of Amethyst. With a few pointers from the very experienced tour director Phil The good looking one. Aided and abetted by the even better looking one.

We had a few boats in already on Friday afternoon, with Phil & Kim joining us on Saturday morning.

The forecast was for a nice northeasterly on Saturday and Sunday, with a very hot day predicted for Sunday. Early hours of Monday had a southerly forecast.



So after a bit of a conflagration it was decided to head to the Sand Island for a swim and lunch. We headed off about 11:30 from Styles Point and anchored at the Sand Island. As it was a bit crowded at our favoured position, we ended up in a spot that was not as sheltered from the wind and the tide that was roaring in as we would have liked. Consequently, just before Paul and Jennifer arrived to anchor we upped anchor to head to Pirrita island, all of half a mile away, for a little more shelter. Still had plenty of wind and tide but at least you could swim against it without a quick trip to Wangi!

After a lovely swim and lunch we headed for Sandy Beach, on the western side of Summerland Point. Had a lovely sail down past Wangi point and Pulbah island. We anchored at Sandy beach, where there are toilets, bbq etc.

for the night. I was a little surprised at the amount of light there was down that way. Probably because of the power station was lit up like it was trying to use all the electricity that it was making. A very nice spot though, and it was pretty quiet during the night. And this was the first of the birthdays: A very nice carrot cake emerged to celebrate Phil the good looking one's birthday. A pleasant evening on the shore for a few drinks etc, with the odd bicycle, and motorbike providing the serenity.

Sunday dawned fine and sunny again. Not very much wind till later in the morning. A bit of a slow start therefore. There was mention of a possible ice cream run to Dora creek, but given the slowish start it was decided to head straight to the Sand island and or Pirrita for another swim. And besides, just as this was mentioned an ice cream van pulled into the car park a hundred yards up the beach. So that took care of the ice cream run, although I didn't see anyone sprinting for the van.



We headed off and decided to have a look at Bird Cage, on the opposite side to Sandy beach. It has apparently been returned to the original inhabitants, who like to see nature at work on its own. As opposed to being interfered with. Looks like a lovely spot. Should be good for a future cruise, which Phil tells us has been done in the past.



We all started the beat towards the sand island. Peter & Karen clearly found some serious inspiration as they quietly followed us all out of Bird Cage bay, then proceeded to pass us all at about Warp 6 to disappear practically over the horizon. Well done!

The late great Lowell North would probably suggest you remember the settings you had so you can repeat it. Either that or he was on a promise as it was his Birthday the next day.



As the day and our progress proceeded the breeze increased to a nice sea breeze. Sue and I headed to "Coonie" and met up with Sue's daughter and two of the grandkids: Sophie and Max. The remaining boats continued on towards Styles point. (Should this be called the Mutiny Cruise!) There was some discussion re the impending southerly due in around 2 am on Australia day, which influenced the plan to head back to Styles point so as to be tucked up nicely given the forecast.

It was very hot back at Styles! We have a fan over the veeberth, and had it not been for that I think we might have retired to the car and some ac. Peter found more inspiration and spent half the night in the cockpit. After suitable lubrication he found this satisfactory.

The predicted southerly arrived pretty much on time, caused a few moments as the other Pete had to adjust mooring lines to avoid contact with Gypsea, Peter of the birthday had to take down their awning, and I slept through it all apart from hearing a few gusts.

The weather for Australia day was not really conducive to venture out into the lake again so it was a casual pack up and head for home.



All in all a very nice weekend with good company and some nice sailing. Nothing too strenuous, apart from pushing a few boats off from Sandy Beach that had become a little stuck over night.



## **NHTYA Crabby Yacht Trip Announcement**

Join Us for a Fun Day on the Water!

Saturday, 21 February 2026 — Departing 10:00 AM from Summerland Point Boat Ramp

### **Trip Plan**

- Depart Summerland at 10:00 AM
- Cruise to Browns Point
- Drop crab pots
- Lunch at Gwandalan Bowling Club
- Return to check crab pots
- Continue to overnight stay location
- Cook up and Squid fishing comp Prize for largest catch.

### **What to Bring**

- Recreational Fishing License, you can obtain one online (NSW 3-day \$7 or 1-month \$14)  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-recreational-fishing-licence-3-day-or-1-month>
- Crab pot, bait (mullet), kayak/tender. Fishing rod, squid jigs.
- Dinner (sides) and backup protein
- Shoes to wear in water due to Rasor Clamps

### **Overnight Locations Options**

- Pulbah Island
- Cove near Browns Point
- Point Wolstoncroft
- Mangrove Gully





### Trip Co Ordinator

- Jodee Davey 0402245320 as trainee cruise Co Ordinator
- Phillip Sparkes 0414 223 654





## **NOTICE OF RACE – Autumn Series 2026 v1**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Category 7 and any amendments, each yacht's Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 All races will be "Mixed Class Races" and spinnakers may be flown.

1.3 Each race is required to have a minimum of 4 boats signed on to start the race (excluding the Officer of the Day). If less than 4, the race will not be part of the race series.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A as noted in Clause 80.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The races are open to all NHTYA members and visitors.

### **4 FEES**

4.1 Required fees are as follows: 10 Race Series \$40.00, or \$10 per race till \$40.00 has been accrued. Fees are to be paid prior to participating in any race or the yacht will be scored DSQ.

### **5 RACE SERIES**

5.1 The race series will consist of 10 races.

### **6 SCHEDULE**

6.1 Registration is on the day of the race prior to briefing time. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race briefing is Saturday 11.30am and Sunday 10.30am.

6.2 Dates of racing 2026, and designated OOD:

17 Jan 26 OOD Inspiration	Race 1	18 Jan 26 OOD Araluen II	Race 2
07 Feb 26 Race 3 OOD Aye Sea Red		08 Feb 26 OOD Farr Haven	Race 4
07 Mar 26 OOD Second One	Race 5	08 Mar 26 OOD Scallywag	Race 6
11 Apr 26 OOD Gundaroo II	Race 7	12 Apr 26 OOD ZAM	Race 8
16 May 26 OOD Deja vu	Race 9	17 May 26 OOD The Cubby	Race 10

6.3 Number of races:

Division Numbers	Races per day
Divisions 1 to 3	One race on Saturdays and one race on Sundays. Except re-run races conducted as a second race on the next Saturday race day, or Sunday race day if required.

## 7 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

7.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NHTYA web site [www.trailersailer.org](http://www.trailersailer.org)

## 9 VENUE

9.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.

9.2 The venue will be Styles Point for races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and F-Jetty for races 7, 8, 9 and 10. F Jetty races can be accessed by the ramp adjacent to F Jetty.

9.3 Directions for visitors: F-Jetty is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road or Stilling Street, with trailer yacht launching at Styles Point ramp. Styles Point is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road then Overhill Road. At the northern end of Overhill Road take the right turn into the park.

## 10 THE COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from the Club Courses or as determined at the race briefing. (see the Sailing Instructions Addendum B). The race organiser will use the B.O.M/Meteye site for weather assessments.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 (page 29) is changed so that the "Two Turn Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".

## 12 SCORING

12.1 The primary scoring system will be based on personal handicap (PHC) results utilising the "Top Yacht Club Score" software.

12.2 The secondary scoring system will be based on Class Basic Handicap (CBH) results utilising the "Top Yacht" software and is to be calculated by utilising each boat's elapsed time for each race conducted within the 2025 Spring Series and the 2026 Autumn Series and multiplied by the CBH for that class of boat. 80% of the best results for that boat to count towards the series. Class handicap ratings for the combined Spring and Autumn series will be those published on the NHTYA website at the date of the first Spring race.

12.3 In consultation with the Sailing Committee, and upon review of previous season's CBH race results, some minor CBH rating adjustments may be made by the Club Handicapper in order to address rating anomalies.

12.4 Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.

12.5 The Officer of the Day (OOD) shall be scored as a DUTY boat. DUTY boat can only be awarded on one occasion each series. Occasion being meant as one day's racing activities.

12.6 Any NHTYA Club Member absent from an NHTYA race because they are participating in another club's race on the same day will be scored as a "DUTY" boat and receive an average of her 4 best scores. This can only be applied once per race series.

12.7 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.

## **13 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS**

13.1 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the start boat, unless otherwise notified at the briefing. Committee Boats will be used as support boats as required.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

14.1 All boats will monitor VHF Channel 72 while racing. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The club call sign is "Catalina Fleet".

## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Medal for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each race on PHC.

15.2 Trophies as follows:

- Winner of the Spring 2025 Series based on PHC.
- Winner of the combined Spring 2025 & Autumn 2026 Series based on PHC.
- Winner of the combined Spring 2025 and Autumn 2025 Series based on CBH.

15.3 The crew of a prize winning boat (not being a spouse/partner of the owner):

- Having paid club membership, and
- Having paid race fees, and
- Participated in a minimum of 80% of the races on that boat in that series shall be eligible for an individual award.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

16.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series races.

## **17 INSURANCE**

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurer with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

## **18 PERSON IN CHARGE**

18.1 All yacht skippers must have current:

- Sailing Australia membership.
- Race fees paid.
- Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership.
- Failing any of these, the yacht will be scored as DSQ (Disqualified).

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

19.1 For further information please contact:

• Commodore	Ken Hill	0400 208 553
• Race Officer	Peter Melbourne	0412 278 567
• Race Handicapper	Brian Harrison	0421 979 452

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**ENTRY FORM**

**AUTUMN SERIES RACES 2026**

Helmsman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail No: \_\_\_\_\_

Spinnaker      Do you intend to use a spinnaker during any race in the  
Spring 2025 and Autumn 2026 race series?

YES

NO

YA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

On shore contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**RACE FEES due before the start of race 1 in each series**

Autumn race series fee	2026 year	\$40.00
		Total

Please make cheque payable to "Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc." Or Direct deposit to Commonwealth Bank, Account name NHTYA, BSB 062822, Account No 17418617 (use your name as reference ID)  
Or post to NHTYA, PO Box 210, Boolaroo, 2284

Entry Fee      \$10 per race or \$40.00 for the Series

**Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy of not less than AUD\$10,000,000. All owners/competitors who sign this Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

**Category 7 Safety Audit**      Audits must be completed before entering your first race in this series. Failure to comply will be scored as Disqualified (DSQ) until the audit has been completed.

**Declaration:** I agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Special Regulations, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and all other Rules that govern this Series. I acknowledge that Rule 4, Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility on each crew for deciding to participate in a race or continue racing, and accept the organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MERCHANDISE

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

Caps \$25 each



Stubby Holders \$5 each



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<b>2026</b>			<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Extra Info</b>
Feb	14-15	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Feb	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Feb	21-22	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Summerland point Boat ramp	Jodee Davey 042245320	2	See flyer
Feb/Mar	28-1	Sat-Sun					
Mar	7-8	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	Marlay Point Overnight Race
Mar	14-15	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Mar	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Mar	21-22	Sat-Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Mar	28-29	Sat-Sun					
Apr	3-6	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myalls?	?	2	Easter Cruise
Apr	11-12	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Apr	14	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Apr	18-19	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452	2	
Apr	25-27	Sat-Mon	Cruise	?	?	2	Anzac long Weekend
May	3-4	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	9-10	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		Mothers Day
May	16-17	Sat-Sun	Race 9&10	F Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	19	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	23-24	Sat-Sun	Cruise ?	?	?	2	
May	30-31	Sat-Sun					
Jun	6-8	Sat-Mon	Away Race	Keepit Dam	Brian Harrison 0421979452		King's Birthday
Jun	13-14	Sat-Sun					
Jun	16	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Jun	20-21	Sat-Sun					
Jun	27	Sat	Presentation Night				