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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 March 2026 at
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

If you have information for the next
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Commodores Muse

Greetings to you all.

It's great to see all the different club and individual sailing that is posted on the Facebook group page. It's a great way to share with all our members what you have been up to! And it makes the rest of us determined to get out on the water! Well done to those who attended the 'Crabbing Cruise' on Lake Macquarie, it looks like it was a successful harvest from the sea, and everyone had a great time, and there is a great write up later in the newsletter.

As you'll read later in the newsletter, the weather played it's part in the last race weekend. I couldn't make the races, however Tania and I joined the fleet down at the Catalina Club for the after race NHTYA dinner and catch up of the stories from the 2 races. It sound like a great day racing.

Brian and Val had a great time at the Marley Point Overnight Race on the Gippsland Lakes last weekend! And came away with the 2-handed trouphy – fantastic effort Team Tri-Hard!! Team Webster had a good race as well, and I can't wait to hear the Marley Magic stories. At one stage I saw Tri-Hard was at 0 knots in the infamous channel. The OTB's are on the water today in a lot calmer conditions than yesterday let me tell you! My phone kept issuing 'Marine Wind Warnings', and woke up today and its peace and quite with a nice little breeze – I'm looking forward to seeing the results.

Please note that a Special General Meeting will be held on 17 March 2026 before our normal monthly meeting, 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. Please have another look at last months newsletter.

There was discussion last month on having topics or guest speakers at the monthly meetings regardless of how the meetings are held, as Peter Melbourne organised during Covid. This is a great idea, however it needs someone to take ownership of it and coordinate it. Does this sound like something you would like to coordinate? – you don't have to arrange it all, just get other members to arrange something at each meeting. Fair winds to you all, and see you at the ramp soon!

Ken. Your Commodore

Minutes for General Meeting 17 February 2026

Welcome by Meeting Ken Hill

Meeting Opened: 7.05pm

ATTENDANCE

Apologies: Hart Peters, Robert Rimington, John & Dot Haig, Kathy & Barry White Simon Gregson

Attendance: Via Zoom Peter & Karen Armitage, Jennifer Gregson, Peter Melbourne, Brian & Val Harrison, Jennina Boer, Wayne Bacon, Jodee

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Ken Hill, Greg Cross, Phillip & Kim Sparkes, Derek & Leanne Tracey

Visitor/s: Nil

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 18 November 2025 as printed in the December 2025 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved: Ken Hill

Seconded: Greg Cross

Any matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

Any items to be discussed in General Business: Nil.

Mailbox: Nil.

Correspondence In: Received the second Water Proof Case for Defib.

Email: Nil.

Action Taken –

Outwards: Nil

Treasurers Report was presented by Jennifer Gregson and shared on the screen.

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

Thank you.

Jennifer Gregson.

Treasurer.

Treasurers Report Moved: Jennifer Gregson **Seconded:** Kim Sparkes

Approval sought for reimbursement of dumping fees of barbecue \$36.96 to Jennina Boer.

Moved Jennifer

Seconded: Ken Hill

Racing Report

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- Had to cancel the racing on the race weekend in January due to heavy winds & rain.
- We had our first race of the season the weekend before last. 1 race on the Saturday. 2 races on the Sunday. Race on the Saturday we went around Pulbah Island. Very pleasant day. We had 12 boats.
- On the Sunday we did 2 shorter races. The first course was to go around Fishing Point, then Coal Point and home. The 2nd race was to go from Rathmines across to Lakes Macquarie Marker & back. 1st race was a brisk breeze coming in from the south east and increasing. We wondered if there was going to be a squall. This race proved to be quite eventful.
- We had 2 boats collide. That was Tri Hard (Brian & Valerie Harrison) and Cross Wind (Graeme Schubert). Unfortunately Tri Hard sustained a reasonable amount of damage to their starboard hull. Up near the front they lost about 500mm of bow section. Fortunately no one was injured. A Report came over radio not that long after the event, indicating there had been a collision. They confirmed that no assistance was required for them to get back to shore.
- A little bit later on Kerry and I had our own drama. We were coming down to Coal Point, I was up the front of the boat pulling in the pole when the jib decided to tightly wrap itself around the forestay. Took probably over 20 mins to untangle it. I ended up taking the shackle out on the bottom and unwinding it from the bottom. That was the end of our race and the second race as well on that day because the jib pocket was quite torn.
- Only about 5 boats racing on the second race. Conditions were moderating so they had a more pleasant race out to Lake Macquarie Yacht Marker and return.
- In relation to the collision we decided to get some statements from different people, mainly because this was a bigger incident than what we had experienced in the past

and to see if there are any lessons to be learnt from this as a Club. Ken and I have put together that Report and have circulated that to the Committee. There wasn't a lot that we could pull from it except "**Right of Way Boat**" not being observed early enough. Even though **avoidance of accident** was taken it still turned into a glancing blow. There will be some educating that will need to be done through the Newsletter and the Pre-brief at Racing. Particularly around the need to make sure there are **good observations** particularly when boats are heeled over as there are lots of blind spots on a yacht. Importantly, **situational awareness**, which is, know what boats are where and be aware that situation changes when you tack. You need to do that **situational awareness** again after you have tacked.

- Next race weekend is in March. Brian & Val will be doing the Marlay Point Race so our results will be a little delayed. We have to wait for them to do their racing before Brian can do his calculations. But we will let people know via the Facebook site as soon as we have got them.

OTB

➤ Brian Harrison

- It was a beautiful day. Last Saturday we had 6 boats racing, we got 3 races in. Winds were 5 - 10 knots generally. Just before the last race there was a good little push where one of the boats decided that was enough and that person retired. Great Racing.
- **Ken Hill**
Good to see 6 boats out there. 4 Maricats, 1 Wetta & 1 Windrush

Cruising Report and Upcoming Cruises

➤ Jodee Davey

- Have received notice that 1 Member, John Pateman is coming along. If you want Pots in it is best to get a Fishing License, which you get them from 3 days to 14 days & 1 year as well. We have found that the best bait we use is Mullet which you can buy from any tackle shop. Have checked around Summerland Point. In the past there have been trees overgrowing the channel which comes out. Looks clear may be 1 tree that we may need to navigate around. There is space to set up 3 boats if you feel that branch might impede. We are hoping to reach Gwandalan by 2pm for lunch at the pub on the foreshore. I am a little worried that we may not meet it so best to have a backup for lunch. Plan to drop in the pots on Friday night off Point Wolstoncroft to give plenty of time.

I have a pot to cook up crabs so don't need to bring that. I will be steaming them.

Membership update

➤ Phillip Sparkes

- No new Members

Update for Facebook & Website

➤ Greg Cross

- Added Race Co-Ordinator & Equipment Officers.
- Added Notice of Racing
- Added Race Result for Races 1- 3
- Have added Race Results for Races 10-12.
- Committees page where extra responsibilities have added myself & Jennina.
- New page for the 2026 Newsletter. Also added a new page for 2026 Newsletters.

➤ Hart Peters

- **Who has the Husband and Wife Trophy.** Brian & Val have it.
- **Who has the Steel City Trophy. Please look for these trophies. Are they hiding on the top shelf of your cupboards or in the shed?** Ken Hill has it.
- Also, we are now waiting on 2 venues to reply with their pricings for Presentation Night.
- Swansea RSL – need some extra details.

GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ Ken Hill

- The future location of NHTYA Meeting

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. These numbers will fall over the winter months as these are the Club's quietest months.

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

Option 3: Hybrid 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

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

This will be in the Newsletter and we will ask people to reply to this by the next meeting. Survey will be emailed out to everybody.

I have had a number of people contact me with their views on each of those 4 options.

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

First Aid Course has been set for 28.3.2026 which is a Saturday morning. The weekend before Easter.

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Text messaging costs

➤ **Kim Sparkes**

- I have a few things to say about the Meetings. There are fore's and against in all the options. I think the Club is continually losing its friendship and camaraderie. Those days are gone. It is disappointing. People could come to the meeting they don't have to have dinner. There is getting less and less participation by Club Members, other than at Race Weekends & Cruises. Not just the attendances at the Club that are less, even those attending on zoom. How do we get around that? There are lots of different options but people prefer to sit at home. I do that all day so that doesn't interest me. We need to talk about it as a group and come up with a solution. The Club Meeting use to be a lot of fun and not just at Club Macquarie. It use to be at different venues and we had guest speakers. It was done at Maritime and different points of interest for everybody. I think it's loosing what the Club Meetings are all about, it's not just about reading financial statements.

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

- Has it been spoken openly enough in a general forum? We are going to put it to the Meeting next month and make a decision one way or another. There has been no, prior to that time, open discussion about options. Should that happen at that point?

➤ **Jennifer Gregson**

- The only people who attend the meetings are Committee Members.

➤ **Jennina Boer**

- The Committee have discussed it. How many Non-Committee Members are attending. Jodee it's wonderful to see you. Wayne it's wonderful to see you.

➤ **Leanne Tracey**

- I find it very difficult to hear people on Zoom. They cut in and out.

➤ **Derek Tracey**

- Is it the format of the meetings that are making Members reluctant to come to Meetings? I remember that it use to be every second Meeting we would have it at Maritime or some other venue of interest. We use to have the Safety Officer give a report on something.

➤ **Ken Hill**

- Someone needs to put their hand up to organise different venues & guest speakers and co-ordinate this as well.

➤ **Jennina Boer**

- Would there be a cost to Members to go to different venues. Geographically we have Members living in all directions. If we say, you can come to our place, how do we set up the IT stuff to accommodate people who can't come.

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Anyone can be host of a Zoom Meeting.

➤ **Kim Sparkes**

- I think that is a great idea. We use to do Xmas parties at peoples' houses. That was the normal thing. We had a great time.

➤ **Greg Cross**

- We can send out the Survey and compile the results and send that out to everyone before Meeting when it is up for discussion.

➤ **Derek Tracey**

- Be aware of angle grinders. Healing from accident with angle grinder.

➤ **Wayne Bacon**

- Just going back to item's that Kim has raised. I do recall during covid there was some very good discussions. Like your favourite anchorage. I have only been to one, so I could only mention one. Someone mentioned Coongul Creek so that's on my bucket list to go there now. Conversations about anything. I don't mind the Meetings as they are. I enjoy Peter's contribution in the Newsletter. It's really interest. I enjoy reading that contribution.

➤ **Karen Armitage**

- We are in Queensland at the moment.

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- I wrote an article for the Newsletter saying the need for us to have a social cohesion with each other. It's a bit along the lines of what Kim has been saying.

➤ **Jodee Davey**

- In relation to the comments about the social events and Meetings they are all about business. Maybe the Guest Speakers don't need to be from the Maritime Museum. We have a world of experience in our Club Members and they may bring that to those of us, who are not so good at it and are new to it, information that is crucial to sailing, like "Knots". We have a lot of people that have a lot of knowledge.

➤ **Jennina Boer**

- Anybody who has Trophies or Equipment please let me know. I want an up to date of who has equipment & who doesn't.
- Jon & I don't have a key to the bunker. New key is being cut.

No other business.

Meeting Closed: 9.05 pm

Karen Armitage

NHTYA Secretary

RACING UPDATE – March 2026

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



AUTUMN SERIES 2026

We only have two more race weekends to go this series with the next race weekend being the 11 & 12 April, the weekend after Easter. The weather has continued to be challenging but we are making the best of it and enjoying each other's company.

Brian and Val had a successful Marley Point Race posting a second in their class. Well done! This also meant Brian was unable to calculate handicaps for our March race weekend until they got home so these may have already been posted on the Facebook site and will be in the next newsletter.

The Events Calendar has now been extended to the end of 2026 and is printed at the end of this newsletter so put them in your diary now to reserve the date!

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.

11 April 2026 – Race 7 OOD Scallywag	12 April 2026 – Race 8 OOD Zam
16 May 2026 – Race 9 OOD Deja Vu	17 May 2026 – Race 10 OOD The Cubby

RACE REPORT SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026 – RACES 4 AND 5

On Saturday morning there was hardly a breath of wind early but by race time it had filled in nicely. Between 5 to 10 knots from the south east later veering to the east. Whether was very humid but not too hot with sunny periods. Nine boats faced the starter who was Tom in *Second One*, who did an excellent job on his own.

The course was described as a triangle and a sausage. From the Rathmines start to the Wangi Mark at the end of Coal Point, then across to Fishing Point, back around the pin mark, out to Fishing Point again and home. We did the same course for the second race of the day as well. The one start was competitive for both races and Karen has put up a great video on our Facebook page showing this. In each race the fleet split with the three Castles and Clubman in the first group and the others fighting in out amongst themselves.

Everyone agreed that it was a great course for the short races and it was fun for all. Plenty to talk about at happy hour.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 – RACE 6 – ABANDONED

Sunday dawned with the overnight southerly still blowing reasonably strong and much more than forecast. However, by the race briefing time at 10:30, the wind appeared to be easing and six boats prepared for the start with wet weather gear handy.

Doug and Warren set up the start line using Warren's MacGregor 26.

I was surprised that even motoring out to the start line opposite F Jetty, our boat was ponding through a significant chop. We set up a reefed main and continued past the start line to test conditions. *Déjà vu* was doing the same and seemed to be struggling. The wind was up and the waves were substantial after a night of strong southerlies. I checked the live weather station at Marks Point and it was saying 20 knots gusting to 29 knots. It certainly looked like that where we were.

Kerry asked "Are we really going out in this? You don't want to break your boat or your wife!"

We radioed the start boat on got them to delay the start by five minutes so we could assess what the other skippers wanted to do. We indicated we would be retiring. In the end, five of the six boats indicated they wouldn't be starting so the race was abandoned.

Later reports on Facebook showed that there were other races abandoned and plenty of damage and some crews overboard on Sydney Harbour and Newcastle Yacht Club.

Off The Beach Racing Results

14 Feb 26

Yardstick

Race 10		Race Start		12:37:00					
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ	842	13:04:47	0:27:47	95.0	0:29:15	1	
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1659	13:06:53	0:29:53	96.0	0:31:08	2	
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	0009	13:09:30	0:32:30	96.0	0:33:51	3	
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	13:10:42	0:33:42	98.0	0:34:23	4	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush	3193	13:12:47	0:35:47	97.0	0:36:53	5	
Doug Dyce	This side up	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	13:16:31	0:39:31	98.0	0:40:19	6	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 10		Race Start		12:37:00					
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	1659	13:06:53	0:29:53	0.9987	1.0876	1.0283	0:30:44	1
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	13:04:47	0:27:47	1.0985	1.1698	1.1223	0:31:11	2
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	650	13:10:42	0:33:42	0.9383	0.9644	0.9470	0:31:55	3
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	0009	13:09:30	0:32:30	1.0113	1.0000	1.0075	0:32:45	4
Doug Dyce	This side up	650	13:16:31	0:39:31	0.8617	0.8224	0.8486	0:33:32	5
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	13:12:47	0:35:47	1.0000	0.9082	0.9694	0:34:41	6
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

Yardstick

Race 11		Race Start		13:21:00					
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ	842	13:48:08	0:27:08	95.0	0:28:34	1	
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1659	13:49:10	0:28:10	96.0	0:29:20	2	
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	0009	13:50:22	0:29:22	96.0	0:30:35	3	
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	13:52:52	0:31:52	98.0	0:32:31	4	
Doug Dyce	This side up	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	13:55:37	0:34:37	98.0	0:35:19	5	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush	3193	13:57:49	0:36:49	97.0	0:37:57	6	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 11		Race Start		13:21:00					
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	1659	13:49:10	0:28:10	1.0283	1.0426	1.0331	0:29:06	1
Doug Dyce	This side up	650	13:55:37	0:34:37	0.8486	0.8483	0.8485	0:29:22	2
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	0009	13:50:22	0:29:22	1.0075	1.0000	1.0050	0:29:31	3
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	650	13:52:52	0:31:52	0.9470	0.9215	0.9385	0:29:54	4
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	13:48:08	0:27:08	1.1223	1.0823	1.1089	0:30:05	5
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	13:57:49	0:36:49	0.9694	0.7976	0.9122	0:33:35	6
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

Yardstick

Race 12		Race Start		14:03:00					
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ	842	14:25:17	0:22:17	95.0	0:23:27	1	
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	0009	14:26:15	0:23:15	96.0	0:24:13	2	
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1659	14:26:19	0:23:19	96.0	0:24:17	3	
Doug Dyce	This side up	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	14:33:26	0:30:26	98.0	0:31:03	4	
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	650	14:33:53	0:30:53	98.0	0:31:31	5	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush	3193	DNS				6	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 12		Race Start		14:03:00					
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Andrew Dyce	Lifted	0009	14:26:15	0:23:15	1.0050	1.0029	1.0043	0:23:21	1
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	1659	14:26:19	0:23:19	1.0331	1.0000	1.0221	0:23:50	2
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	14:25:17	0:22:17	1.1089	1.0464	1.0881	0:24:15	3
Doug Dyce	This side up	650	14:33:26	0:30:26	0.8485	0.7662	0.8211	0:24:59	4
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	650	14:33:53	0:30:53	0.9385	0.7550	0.8773	0:27:06	5
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	DNS		0.9122				6
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

2026 Autumn Series Trailerable Race Results 07/08 Mar 2026 – Revision One



Race 4

Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed	AHC	Cor'd T	DHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	242	Gundaroo II	01:11:14	0.433	30:51	0.454	D Dyce	RL 24 SK	13:41:14
2	154	Biddy Too	01:04:38	0.513	33:09	0.518	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:34:38
3	8006	Crosswind	01:02:24	0.532	33:12	0.537	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	13:32:24
4	40	Inspiration	01:10:56	0.421	33:47	0.421	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	13:40:56
5	327	Araluen II	01:01:26	0.559	34:20	0.554	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:31:26
6	100	True North	01:04:20	0.536	34:29	0.531	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:34:20
7	2830	Deja vu	01:15:41	0.472	35:43	0.459	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	13:45:41
8	T4440	ZAM	01:13:43	0.515	37:50	0.489	J Gregson	Noelx 25-No-Spin	13:43:43
9	65	Moonlighting	01:24:57	0.451	38:19	0.428	R York	Austral 20	13:54:57
DUT	233	Tri Hard		0.545			B Harrison	OstacTramp	
DUT	5314	Second One		0.550			T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	

Class Basic Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor'd T
1	327	Araluen II	01:01:26	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:31:26	0.728	44.43
2	100	True North	01:04:20	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:34:20	0.728	46.50
3	8006	Crosswind	01:02:24	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	13:32:24	0.753	46.59
4	154	Biddy Too	01:04:38	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:34:38	0.728	47.03
5	2830	Deja vu	01:15:41	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	13:45:41	0.632	47.50
6	40	Inspiration	01:10:56	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	13:48:56	0.634	50.03
7	T4440	ZAM	01:13:43	J Gregson	Noelx 25-No-Spin	13:43:43	0.714	52.38
8	242	Gundaroo II	01:11:14	D Dyce	RL 24 SK	13:41:14	0.755	54.30
9	65	Moonlighting	01:24:57	R York	Austral 20	13:54:57	0.679	57.41
DUT	233	Tri Hard		B Harrison	OstacTramp		0.775	
DUT	5314	Second One		T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin		0.741	

Race 5

Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed	AHC	Cor'd T	DHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	242	Gundaroo II	01:05:40	0.455	29:53	0.465	D Dyce	RL 24 SK	15:10:40
2	40	Inspiration	01:09:51	0.431	30:06	0.439	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	15:14:51
3	154	Biddy Too	58:58	0.522	30:47	0.526	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:03:58
4	8006	Crosswind	58:38	0.532	31:12	0.532	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	15:03:38
5	327	Araluen II	56:40	0.559	31:41	0.555	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:01:40
6	100	True North	59:29	0.535	31:49	0.530	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:04:29
7	2830	Deja vu	01:09:30	0.463	32:11	0.456	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	15:14:30
8	T4440	ZAM	01:08:23	0.490	33:30	0.473	J Gregson	Noelx 25-No-Spin	15:13:23
9	65	Moonlighting	01:19:00	0.428	33:49	0.411	R York	Austral 20	15:24:00



Class Basic Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsed	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor'd T
1	327	Araluen II	56:40	R Tikoff	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:01:40	0.728	41:15
2	154	Biddy Too	58:58	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:03:58	0.720	42:56
3	100	True North	59:29	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:04:29	0.728	43:18
4	2830	Deja vu	01:09:30	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	15:14:30	0.632	43:55
5	8006	Crosswind	58:38	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	15:03:38	0.753	44:09
6	40	Inspiration	01:09:51	P Armitage	Ultimate23NoSpin	15:14:51	0.634	44:17
7	T4440	ZAM	01:08:23	J Gregson	Noelx 25-No-Spin	15:13:23	0.714	48:50
8	242	Gundaroo II	01:05:40	D Dyce	RL 24 SK	15:10:40	0.765	50:14
9	65	Moonlighting	01:19:00	R York	Austral 20	15:24:00	0.679	53:38
DUT	233	Tri Hard		B Harrison	CstacTramp		0.775	
DUT	5314	Second One		T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin		0.741	

Marlay Point Race

Congratulations Brian and Val- Tri Hard
First place 2 Handed



Division M

Start: 7 Mar 2026 19:15:00

Line place	HCP place	Boat No	Boat Name	Class	Crew	HCP	1st Elapsed Time	2nd Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Finishing Time
6	1	6409	221 - Sol Man	Ostac Tramp	Colin Andrew	0.661	7:16:16	9:27:02	6:14:48	8/4:42:02
7	2	3227	223 - Tri Hard	Ostac Tramp	Brian Harrison	0.640	7:27:28	9:58:00	6:22:43	8/5:13:00
1	3	7624	M3600 - The Stig	Farrier F9RX	Terry OBrien	0.867	5:46:40	7:27:46	6:28:12	8/2:42:46
2	4	6406	27059 - Triple Espresso	Corsair 28 centre cockpit	Andrew McColl	0.791	6:35:34	8:42:23	6:53:12	8/3:57:23
5	5	4791	Wingin It	Corsair F24 mk2 Tri	Steven Hayes	0.759	7:12:38	9:19:57	7:05:00	8/4:34:57
3	6	7618	031 - Transformer	Farrier F 22 R	Tim Armstrong	0.806	6:57:32	9:04:45	7:19:04	8/4:19:45
4	7	6410	367 - South Entrance	Hobie 21 SC	Lachlan Welch	0.838	6:56:48	9:17:27	7:47:08	8/4:32:27
8	8	5290	Kate	Seawind 24	Derek Cook	0.686	9:23:45	12:33:45	8:37:04	8/7:48:45
	DNS	6088	45 - Urippa	Corsair Sprint 750	Adrian Douglas	0.782				

Club Boat & Social Trophy 2025/2026

<i>up to Feb Cruise</i>							
SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT all activities	SOCIAL cruises only	OTB Racing	total
				173	38	75	248
HARDCASTLE	Wil & Sue	Cygnets 20	<i>Amethyst</i>	14	4	0	14
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer</i>	11	4	6	17
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Clubman 8	<i>Gypsea</i>	10	8	0	10
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	10	2	0	10
ARMITAGE	Karen & Peter	Ultimate 23	<i>Inspiration</i>	10	2	0	10
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Macgregor 26	<i>Waterbago II</i>	9	0	12	21
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby Too</i>	9	0	0	9
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	8	0	3	11
HILL	Ken & Tania	Noalex 25	<i>Eye Sea Red</i>	8	0	0	8
HAIG	John & Dorothy	Noalex 25	<i>Jocimo</i>	7	0	0	7
ARMSTRONG	Peter & Jacque	Sabre 25	<i>Sailaway</i>	6	4	0	6
WEBSTER	Paul & Jennifer	Gem 550	<i>The Cubby</i>	6	2	0	6
DYCE	Doug	RL24	<i>Gunundaroo II</i>	6	0	12	18
GREGSON	Simon & Jennifer	Noalex 25	<i>Zam</i>	6	0	0	6
TICKOFT	Robert & Bevillee	Castle 650	<i>Araluen II</i>	6	0	0	6
RIMINGTON	Rob & Sharon	Sonata 7	<i>Scallywag</i>	6	0	0	6
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	5	0	0	5
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr n Beyond</i>	4	4	0	4
DAVEY	Jeff & Jodee	Ross 780 mk3	<i>Eyelyn</i>	4	2	0	4
HOWELL	Tom	Boomerang 20	<i>Bustard Custard</i>	4	0	12	16
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Noalex 25	<i>Free Spirit</i>	4	0	0	4
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	3	2	0	3
YORK	Roger & Ann	Austral 20	<i>Moonlighting</i>	3	0	6	9
PARKER	John & Carol			2	2	0	2
BACON	Wayne	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	2	2	0	2
YOUNGER	David & Linda	Castle 650	<i>Full Of Rascals</i>	2	0	0	2
HART	Chris & Candee	Spider 24 mk2	<i>Heart Beat</i>	2	0	0	2
VANDERVOORT	Jonathan	Cygnets 20	<i>42</i>	2	0	0	2
WINESTOCK	Geoffery & Louise	Cygnets 20	<i>Missee Lee</i>	2	0	0	2
SCHURBERT	Graeme	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	2	0	0	2
DYCE	Andrew	Maricat 4.3	<i>Ninja</i>	0	0	12	12



NHTYA Crabby Yacht Trip Report



We were looking forward to joining the February cruise on the lake with Jodee and Jeff, as crabbing was going to be a new experience for us. John and I decided to head down to Summerland Point on Friday afternoon to launch and tie up in the small bay. We enjoyed the respite from the strong nor-easterly and take away Thai for dinner.



Saturday morning saw Peter & Jacquie arrive to launch followed by Phil & Kim. Jodee and Jeff arrived in their cruiser having set out traps the night before around Point Wolstoncroft. Jodee gave us "novices" (John & myself) instructions on how to set up the crab trap which we had purchased for the trip and soon we were heading out for a leisurely motor

around the point to set our traps out and check the ones Jodee and Jeff had put out the night before. Although empty at this time, we had high hopes for later in the afternoon.

The plan for the day was to head around to Gwandalan Bowling Club for lunch, tying up at the jetty. This was a welcomed reprieve from the heat of the day, the aircon was beautiful and the meals and social company enjoyed by all.



Following lunch the decision was made to go for a swim to cool off, so we headed off to a little cove on the east side of Point Wolstoncroft, which was going to be protected from the predicted westerly winds that evening. We aptly named this cove "Sea Almond Cove", inspired by the Sea Almond tree we discovered on the banks and a beautiful tree to shelter under from the sun and heat. The water was beautiful and very clear, although a little wavy at that point until the wind settled down.

Later that afternoon, John went out with Jodee and Jeff in their cruiser to check the traps. Although no crabs this time, Jodee and Jeff had come prepared with a crab they had caught the night before. So, that night under the shelter of our Sea Almond Tree and with storms looming around us, Jodee worked a "miracle" in her cooking pot and just as Jesus fed a crowd of thousands with two fish, Jodee fed us a scrumptious Crab Mornay and pasta with one crab! It was amazing, the meal was finished off with shared Hot Cross buns.

First thing Sunday morning, John and Jacquie headed out on the kayaks to check the traps. He found two crabs, one was too small and returned and the other was kept. Another crab was found and discovered it was female with eggs, so John and Jacquie released it as well. Fortunately, Jodee & Jeff found three more edible crabs in other traps that morning, so altogether we had four crabs to share. So once again Jodee set up her pot for a crab cook-up for breakfast under our beautiful Sea Almond Tree.

The rest of the morning was spent swimming and relaxing and just enjoying the beautiful location on Lake Macquarie. By midday we decided to all make our way back to Summerland Point to retrieve our boats head home. This was not before Jodee and Jeff awarded Phil & Kim a "scratchie coupon" for catching the biggest crab! A special thanks to Jodee & Jeff for going above and beyond to organize this lovely weekend on our lake. We "novices" certainly learnt a lot about crabbing, but I am sure all who attended the cruise truly appreciated the effort you both went to ensure the weekend was organized and enjoyed by all.

I hope you still have that recipe Jodee for your crab & pasta!...I would like to add it to my recipe book! 😊



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2026			Activity	Location	Contact	Pts	Extra Info
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	Sat-Sun	NHTYA First Aid Course		Phil Sparkes 0414223654		
Apr	3-6	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myalls	Phil Sparkes	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				

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July	4 - 5	Sat - Sun					
July	11 - 12	Sat - Sun					
July	14	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
July	18-19	Sat - Sun					
July	25 - 26	Sat - Sun	Shore Cruise?	?	?	2	
Aug	1 - 2	Sat - Sun					
Aug	8 - 9	Sat - Sun					
Aug	15 - 16	Sat - Sun					
Aug	18	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Aug	22	Sat	Audit Day	Rathmines	Hart Peters 0417 674 687		Local race boats expected
Aug	29	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 9794 52		
Sept	5 - 6	Sat - Sun	Race 1 & 2	Styles Pt (F Jetty)	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Sept	12 - 13	Sat - Sun					
Sept	15	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Sept	19 - 20	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	
Sept	26	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Oct	3- 5	Sat - Mon	3/6hr Regatta	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	NRL Grand Final BBQ Sunday night
Oct	10 - 11	Sat - Sun					
Oct	17 - 18	Sat - Sun	Race 3 & 4	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Oct	20	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Oct	24	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Oct/Nov	31 - 1	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	
Nov	7 - 8	Sat - Sun	Race 5 & 6	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Nov	14 - 15	Sat - Sun	(Keep clear)				Castle Nationals Lake Illawarra
Nov	17	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Nov	21 - 22	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	

Nov	28	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Dec	5 - 6	Sat - Sun	Race 7 & 8	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	Xmas Party Saturday Night
Dec	12	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Dec/Jan	27 - 3	Sat - Sat	Myalls Cruise	Myall Lakes	?	2	New Year's Eve Party