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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 16th June 2020 on your PC or Mobile Phone

Deadline for content for the next Newsletter: 7th JULY 2020

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Commodore's Bit



Welcome to our coming season after an extended break due to Covet 19, hopefully plenty jobs were completed on our fleet of trailer yachts. The club has held the AGM with a couple of members standing for vacant positions with myself standing for Commodore and Gary Charmers for Vice Commodore , Lisa Pateman for Secretary thankyou , with the rest of the committee staying from last year a big thankyou to all.

Our presentation night is slowly coming together with trophies getting sorted but our venue

Valentine Bowling Club are unsure when they will be ready to hold a function , we are waiting for the restrictions to change to allow us safely hold the function

The on shore cruise for July is a go ahead at this stage with star gazing camping weekend at Camp On Allyn with telescope viewing please read the flyer and book in

Kev

NHTYA

Minutes of General Meeting Held via Zoom

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Meeting opened 7:48pm using Zoom application.

Minutes of previous general meeting 21/4/20 – printed in Newsletter which went out last weekend – accepted by Carol & John Parker.

Attendance – 44 members

Apologies – none

Visitor – Tai Teh

Ken Hill to be added to attendance list at the April meeting.

TREASURER

General \$13233.39 opening balance

Incoming membership – Nigel \$90.00

Credit/debit card – no receipts \$23.09

Zoom meeting \$41.84

Expenses \$472.96

Receivable \$150.00 invoice to Newcastle Yacht Rigging & Sales for 12 months advertising – accepted by Hart – is that half or full page – answer ½ page.

Has anyone checked PO Box. Kev “No”.

Application for membership – Nigel from Corrimal , he has bought Only Time (Kevin’s Noelex). Few words of introduction from Nigel who is looking forward to cruising with the Club and meeting everyone – likes Palm Islands.

RACING

Chris had an idea – as there was only 3 people on subcommittee last year – lets have more!

Andrew & Norma Hill are moving near Victoria border – will participate when they can.

Start racing again – Race 1 will be August '20 – hopefully.

Audits to be extended by 6 months.

More information re docs submitted to NSW Health re commencing Sailing.

No competitions – can't race until Stage 3.

Stage 1 can start cruising.

Peter "depends when you can stay overnight".

Derek "you can't stay on boat overnight now".

Kevin "lets put a date to work towards" Chris agrees.

Kevin "we need more auditors".

Brian "all members all board need to be YA members".

Chris "Belmont 16's meeting trying to introduce Sail Pass – one day only".

John A "what is the position NHHTYA cruise under the new system" – same as old. Some members husband & wife – it's up to you".

John A raised that Race 2 medallions are missing from the last series, make sure new ones are organised.

CRUSING

Graham "stopped at the moment, we should start again with distancing after August hopefully".

Kevin "Onshore cruise is normally in July; we will pencil in even with COVID for the end of July '20. 25/7/20 looking at going to Ferndale Park, stargazing with telescopes hopefully".

AQUATIC SERVICES

- 1) Lake Macquarie could be getting more courtesy moorings.
- 2) Damaged Toronto Baths Jetty has been repaired with some non-urgent work being considered
- 3) Belmont Street Jetty Swansea tender possibly in July
- 4) Hoping speerspoint Jetty will be finished by 5/6/2020.Has been some minor delays.



GENERAL BUSINESS

Kevin "Presentation Night was to be 27/6 at Valentine Bowling Club. At the moment we are not sure what is happening. All the trophy's have nearly been collected".

Leanne read out a notification where you can stay out overnight from LMYC, commented a lot of boats are going out and only know of one boat (The Burns) that got sent home.

Notice on Soldiers Point Ramp – stating you can go out but must come home the same day.

Warren "we need to put in place 'procedure' to education people around COVID and implement a tracking system to comply with regulations. This will need to be done before any activities commence".

Kim "I'm so happy".

Garry "Beachcomber is for sale – ex members Fi & Scott's Farr 7500".

Kevin raised that a committee meeting will need to be organised prior to the next General Meeting. If anyone would like to fill any vacant positions to let him know.

Kevin thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Held on 19th May 2020 at 7:11.pm
in private residences due to COVID19
meeting held using electronic means "Zoom"

MINUTES

1. **OPENING** Phillip *welcomed all here*
Attendance will be logged by the attendees

Attendance: 44 as per the photos
Observers: Tie Teh
Apologies: Nil

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous AGM dated 21st May 2019 having been presented and printed in the June 2019 Catalina Fleet newsletter for acceptance.

2.1 Resolved - That the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted'

Moved: Deric Tracey

Seconded: Brian Harrison

CARRIED

2.2 Matters arising from the minutes

Nil

3. **REPORTS**

3.1 Commodore Report (Phillip)

Appendix One

3.2 Race Organiser (Chris/John)

Appendix 2

3.3 Cruise Organiser (Graeme)

Appendix 3

3.4 Social Organiser (Charmain)

Appendix 4

3.5 Treasurer's Report (Charmain)

Resolved - That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

For 2019/2020, a total income of \$, total expenditure of \$ giving a profit of \$ and a closing balance of \$ See June 2020 magazine for details.

Resolved - That the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Valerie Harrison Second: Barry White

CARRIED

4. **ELECTIONS**

4.1 Proxy Form received from

- Ralph Penn appointing Phillip Sparkes

4.2 Returning Officer

Nomination

Derek Tracey

Nominated by: Phillip Sparkes Seconded: John Avery

Derek was elected unopposed as Returning Officer

The Returning Officer took the chair/control and declared all positions vacant.

(Nominations do not come from the floor – only nominations received by the secretary prior to the start of the meeting are allowed)

4.3 Commodore

Nomination

Kevin Newman

Nominated by: Charmain Mills Seconded: Graeme Schubert

I declare Kevin Newman to the position of Commodore

4.4 Vice Commodore

Nomination

Garry Chalmers

Nominated by: Kevin Newman Seconded: Gaylene Newman

I declare Garry Chalmers to the position of Vice President

4.5 Treasurer

Nomination

Charmain Mills

Nominated by: Graeme Schubert Seconded: Kevin Newman

I declare Charmain Mills to the position of Treasurer

4.6 Secretary

Nomination

Lisa Pateman

Nominated by: Gaylene Newman Seconded: Kevin Newman

I declare Lisa Pateman to the position of Secretary

4.7 Ordinary Committee Members

Nomination 1

Graeme Schubert

Nominated by: Charmain Mills Seconded: Gaylene Newman

4.8 Racing Committee Members

Nomination 1

Chris Keevers

Nominated by: Glennis Keevers Seconded: Phillip Sparkes

Nomination 2

John Avery

Nominated by: Jennifer Avery Seconded: Phillip Sparkes

The returning Officer invited the existing Commodore to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Derek was thanked for his assistance again

4.9 Re-confirm the following positions

Public Officer: - Phillip Sparkes

All other positions will be filled with the new Committee's nominations later.

All successful nominees were congratulated

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There being on other business

Date of the Next AGM will be 18th May 2021

Closed at 7:47pm

Commodore
2019-2020

AGM Reports 2020
Commodore's Report 2020
Phillip Sparkes

As I stand down from this year as Commodore, I would again like pass on my feelings.

Membership is sitting at 43 the same as last year. Hopefully this shows that our program is still varied enough and active enough to keep the existing members and the newer members interested.

Throughout the year we had 30 club sanction events down from 39 last year. We had 10 cruising weekends [down due to COVID19], 4 racing weekends [down due to environmental issues and COVID19], 13 meetings, 2 social events and 1 camping weekend. All that takes your team time and effort to make happen.

The biggest challenge for me has been the decisions that I/we had to make and those imposed upon us due to Covid19. We like so many other organisations virtually over night just stop doing anything. But during this time there have been a lot of phone calls, emails and preparation behind the scenes. Our General meeting and this AGM have been conducted using ZOOM to keep the interest happening, hopefully it will not last much longer

Cruising

Over the last year we have cruised on Lake Macquarie, Hunter River, Myall Lakes, Hawkesbury River and the Gippsland Lakes

New Years at the Myall Lakes was again a never-ending love for the sun and sand where the Beach party theme had a lot of Balls being thrown back and forth.

The usual Easter trip to the Myall Lake did not happen due to Covid19

2 trips were made to the Hawkesbury River were as usual new places are discovered

The Gippsland Lakes trip had its ups and down with 6 boats attending

Over the last 12 months Graeme has been co-ordinating the cruising events and I would like to thank him for his efforts.

We also had our on-shore cruise weekend outing Swans Crossing camp site, with 5 caravans. With a visit to Comboyne Rock and the old timber railway and plenty of fires. Thank you to those put up with the dirt road and the cold.

Racing

Racing has had numbers from 10 up to 13 boats at a race. With an average of 11 boats per race over the 2 series. If you include the October Long weekend we had a total of 180 starts over 4 weekends.

Again, this year we have calculated the finish times with our usual PBH and the CBH which at times has showed some un-foreseen result. Presentation night will disclose these statistics

The 3 and 6 hour long weekend regatta had 15 boats at our shore line. It was well attended with the evening BBQ and the game on the big screen. Our ladies made it look so easy with Charmaine at the helm.

Chris has held this thankless job of Racing Co-ordinator for a couple of years now and during that time has dealt with computer glitches, protests, handicap issues strong winds and no wind. With a total of 12 races conducted last year he also needs to be commended for his effort.

Our finances are looking good. Charmaine has kept the numbers straight and paid up. The treasurer has a stressful job but is appreciated by all of us and especially me, thanks Boss.

The web site www.trailersailer.org We have had 14,945 visits up 3,180 from last year that's close to 9 lookers a day. We not only receive potential members making inquiries but also trailer sailers visiting the area looking for information and ideas. This site has all the information and dates open to all those interested in trailer sailers across the world. This would have to be our greatest asset for advertising and promoting our CLUB.

I have utilised the SMS messaging phone bit a bit this year with notifying members about club happening. It has proven to be very beneficial.

Our Vice Commodore, Kev has been my sounding board, backstop and at times pushing me. He has stepped in where needed and is becoming a great mentor for our club. Thanks Kev.

On my right-hand side for the last year, was our secretary Hart, what can I say but thanks Boss

Again the last person who possibly should have been the first is Kim. She has stood in front, behind, but mainly beside me, over this time, giving me her full support. Kim has done so much behind the scenes without a grumble and many times without any recognition. I could not have done it without her. Thanks dear.

Finally, I would like to thank each one of you and all members for attending our meetings, racing, cruising, social events to support me, the committee and the club in general. Without you, we wouldn't have such a strong club which we all benefit from.

I have been called Hitler and may have been called many other things, during this term but I have enjoyed my time and I wish the incoming committees all the best.

Phillip Sparkes

Treasurer's Report

My second year as Treasurer has seen Xero and I become pals with still a lot to learn about each other but enjoying the association!

There have been no financial repercussions due to the Coevit 19 and lack of club activity in the period to 31.3.2020. As at 31.3.20 the cash book balance shows consistency with the last three financial years. However, the Autumn 2020 Race Fees received by members in February 2020 will be transferred to the Spring 2021 Race Fees and next financial year will show the effects of this Coevit 19 club inactivity.

Attached is the NYTYA EOFY to 31.3.20.

In summary the opening Bank Balance @ 1.4.19 is	\$ 13,385.86
Plus Income	\$ 10,074.32
Less Expenditure	<u>\$ 9,688.94</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 13,771.24</u>

Closing Bank Balance @ 31.3.20 in CB General Account	\$ 13,233.39
Closing Bank Balance @ 31.3.20 in CB Card Account	\$ 533.55
Closing Bank Balance @ 31.3.20 in Newcastle Permanent	\$ Nil
Closing Bank Balance @ 31.3.20 in ING Direct	<u>\$ Nil</u>
Cash Book Balance @ 31.3.20	<u>\$ 13,766.94</u>

The \$4.30 imbalance is due to Xero accounting not allowing for this balance until the ING account was closed in October 2019.

Social Activities Coordinator Report

With a strong team of willing helpers and enthusiastic supportive club members behind me, NYTYA experienced successful events such as:

- 3 & 6 Hour Race BBQ and breakfast on the October Long Weekend.
- Christmas On Shore with a difference this time. Celebrating at Jules Café on the Lake in Rathmines with a Rock n Roll theme. Not only was it a change to the normal BBQ at Styles Point, we were able to support a local business while still catering for those wanting to stay overnight on their boats ending in a Sunday sail. Judging by the attending numbers and the feedback, I would safely say this event was a success and thoroughly enjoyed.
- New Year's Eve Beach Party on the beach with games and lots of laughs at...you guessed it....Shelly Beach Myall Lakes. Well organised and hosted by Kim and Phil and supported by everyone there, it was another get together displaying the true NHTYA spirit of club cruising.

Special thanks to all of you for making and sharing the good times and I urge you to continue your support for the new Social Coordinator. It can't be done without you!

Charmain Mills

Cruising Report 2019/2020

The first cruise of the club year was a mast down Hunter River exploration, beginning at Stockton and ending at Morpeth three days later. Six or so boats attended and had a good time. See the report in the July 2019 newsletter.

The onshore cruise on 20/21 July had 5 boats worth of people present.

The August cruise on the Lake was led by Barry and Cathy on Free Spirit and attracted 7 boats including a new member (Wayne and son William) and an old boat (Aquila). Recycling at its best. See the report in the September newsletter.

September was an away cruise to the Hawkesbury, again mast down, and attracted seven boats to explore Spencer and Berowra Creeks. A good time was had by all.

Warren and Leanne joined the annual Macgregor cruise from Mackay north and reported it to be quite an adventure. See October newsletter for reports.

The Potters represented the club at the Clarence River Classic in October and reported it to be another good time had by all. Those who stayed home cruised the 3 and 6 hr races and had a good dinner and football at Styles Point. See report in November newsletter.

Five boats attended the November cruise on the lake which involved hiding in Frying Pan Bay at Summerland Point from the strong winds that provided a scintillating journey from F Jetty.

Christmas New Year at the Myall Lakes was windy. A good time was had by all. It was a (beach) party. Shelly Beach.

The February cruise to be led by David Denahy on Port Stephens was cancelled due to lack of response. It is likely that the lack of response had to do with the concurrent Gippsland Lakes mega cruise led by the Sparkes' on Gypsea. Six boats in all did the trip with various misadventures and an interesting time had by all. See report in March 2020 newsletter.

The March cruise on the Hawkebury led by Gypsea (after John Avery developed health issues) went ahead with 2 hardy boats, despite very unpleasant weather on the Saturday. They took refuge at Refuge Bay and had a lovely Sunday.

And at that point the world went into lockdown and there were no more cruises for the year. We wait for further relaxation of social gathering restrictions at which point we will again cruise.

Graeme Schubert
Cruise Co-ordinator.

ONSHORE CRUISE

25/26 th July

**COME ALONG WITH YOUR CAMPING
GEAR
AND STAR GAZE WITH US**



**CAMPING LOCATION CAMP ON ALLYN.
SITE HAS BEEN BOOKED IN UNDER NHTYA
SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG
PLEASE CONTACT ROBYN SO SHE WILL
HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBERS FOR THE
SITE : MUST RING ASAP 0407389420
BRING ALONG YOU SUPPLY OF FOOD .
CAMP FIRE WILL BE BURNING.**



**TELESCOPES WILL BE SUPPLIED. YOU CAN
CAMP WITH YOUR BOAT, TENT, CARAVAN
,SWAG, ECT.**



NHTYA AGM 16/6/2020 7pm

Location ?

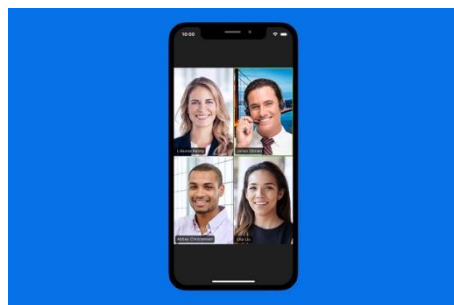
This meeting will be run using electronic media

“ZOOM”

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

Meeting ID – (will be emailed to members)
Password -

Guests to contact Kevin Newman for login details PH0411 157137



REPLACING THE MAIN HALYARD

In the first race of the Spring Series last year, I broke the main halyard, just as we were gaining ground on a good wind shift after an ordinary start. After dropping the main, we started the outboard and headed for shore to quickly rig up an external halyard in time for the second catch-up race of the day. Unfortunately, the temporary pulley block jammed on the end of the mast sail track and it too failed when hauling up the mainsail.

Next morning, with help from my club friends Andrew Hill and John Avery, we again set up an external halyard this time with a smaller block lashed to the mast using thin spectra cord. This worked well for the remaining two races that day.

Once home, it was head scratching time to try and work out the best way to re-thread the halyard down the internals of the mast. Where the halyard broke, it fell back down inside the mast. If you can, it's prudent to tie a stopper knot near where you attach the halyard to the mainsail so that if there is a failure, you don't lose the halyard down the inside of the mast. You can then use the old halyard to pull through the new one.

YouTube was not much help as most references to replacing a halyard involved dropping down a "mouse line" such as a fishing line with sinker attached on a vertical mast. Trailer sailers' have their masts stowed horizontally.

Hopefully you will never have to do this but this is what I did and it worked.

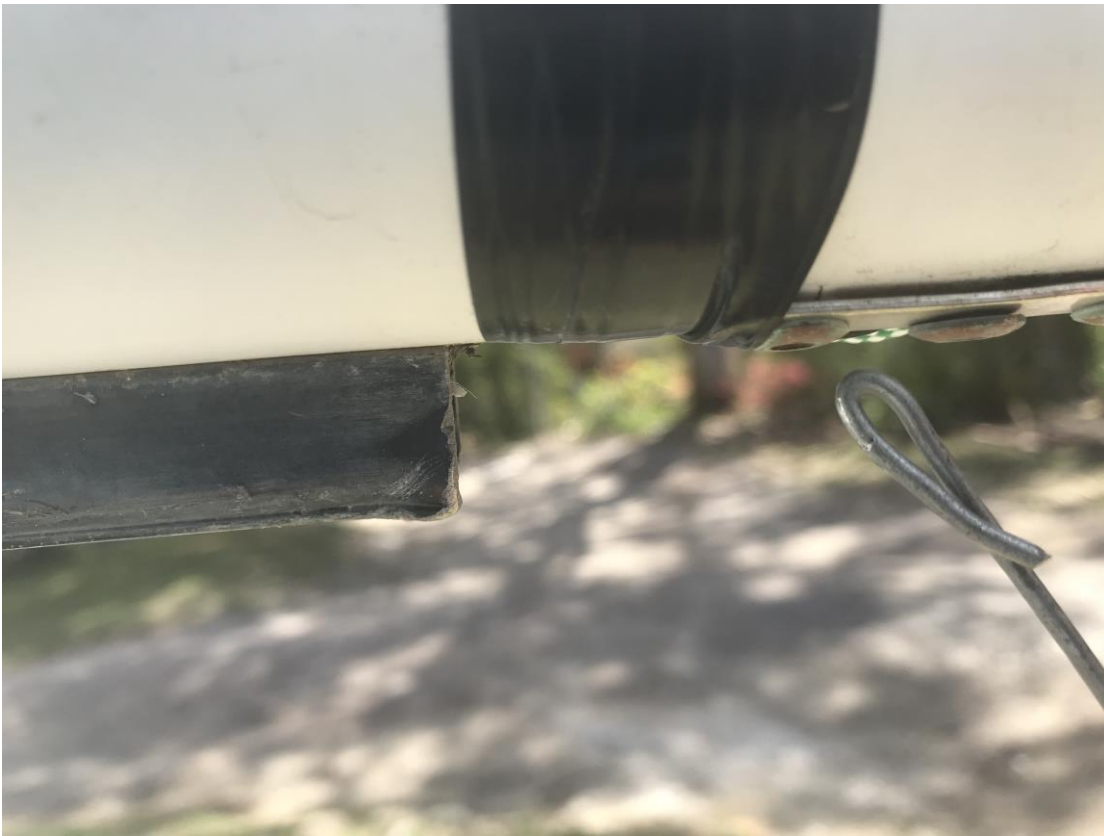
My first attempt was to try and thread some thicker fencing wire down from the top of the mast. I had marked off on the wire when it theoretically should reach the bottom. It was going well until I was about half a metre to go and then it blocked. No matter how many times I jiggled and slid back and forth, it would not get below this point.

Now plan B that I had seen demonstrated on one video but was trying to avoid.

Step 1: I removed the spinnaker halyard sheave block from the top of the mast which sits about 1.5m below the main halyard sheave (fractional rig).



Step 2: I ran a wire from the main halyard sheave block inside the mast to the spinnaker halyard sheave block and after attaching the trailing end of the wire to the new Spectra main halyard, pulled it through to the spinnaker sheave opening.



Step 3: I then sewed the end of the new main halyard to the spinnaker halyard with a few stitches and taped them together. Make sure you have released and pulled the spinnaker halyard through to its maximum amount before attaching the main halyard to it to ensure you have enough scope.



Step 4: I was then able to pull in the spinnaker halyard (as if I was raising the spinnaker) using it as the mouse line to pull the main halyard towards the mast step.



Step 5: Once at the bottom of the mast, I released the main halyard from the spinnaker halyard and sewed the main halyard to a long improvised fencing wire needle. The needle was then threaded across to the bottom main halyard sheave on the opposite side of the mast. Time for a self-congratulatory coffee!

Step 6: The spinnaker halyard sheave block that I'd removed earlier was re-riveted with new monel rivets after covering the mating surfaces with Duralac jointing compound to prevent dissimilar metal corrosion.

Although it sounds involved, it only took me about an hour. I'd still try the fencing wire first (Clothes line wire would be better but it cost \$35 a roll!). However, my boat's mast is 9 metres long and smaller in section and there are plenty of internal rivet ends to snag the wire around the spinnaker pole ring and gooseneck areas.

Hopefully the pictures made the explanation easier to understand.

Happy Iso-maintenance!

Peter Melbourne
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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



Answers to "Where and When"

	<p>Frying pan(Summerland point) Lake Macquarie Nov 2019</p>
	<p>Gwandalan? Lake Mac Aug 2014</p>
	<p>Myall Lakes Easter 2015</p>
	<p>Opp Corrie Island Port Stephens Nov 2014</p>

NHTYA 2020 PROGRAM

13-14	Jun	Sat-Sun						
16	Jun	Tue	Meeting	ZOOM	Kev Newman			
20-21	Jun	Sat-Sun						
27-28	Jun	Sat-Sun						
4-5	Jul	Sat-Sun						2
11-12	Jul	Sat-Sun						
18-19	Jul	Sat-Sun						
21	Jul	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie				
25-26	Jul	Sat-Sun	On shore	CAMP ON ALLYN		0407389420		
		Sat						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	Wangi	Brian			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.