



NHTYA Notice of
CRUISING
August 2023 to May 2024
Cruise Coordinator- Valerie Harrison



Cruising – it’s what we do.

Over the years of owning many trailer sailers and being members of many clubs, I have found that all in all, trailer sailors treasure the journey rather than the destination.

Some ask why we keep cruising on Lake Macquarie and I have to say it’s true, the destination is nowhere near as enticing as the journey. There is nothing more relaxing or serene than to sail around our great lake with friends, doesn’t get any better. This is why we keep coming back, coupled with the ease and security our lake provides. Just to go sailing.....

Of course, there is also the adventure of sailing on a new expanse of water, but the real reason we launch our boats is for the pure joy of sailing and then add friends.

So please don’t think of ‘where you haven’t been’ when deciding to cruise or not, but rather grab every opportunity to get that boat on the water and join us making sailing memories.

This year’s cruising program is filled with new experiences and the comfort of familiarity. As you flick through the Notice of Cruises for this year, please make a note of when you can join us. Better still why not do it all !

Our aim is to provide a balance of Home (Lake Macquarie) and Away cruises, alternating each month. We have x9 cruise weekends plus x2 Myall Lakes events and the 3&6-hour regatta/ get together.

The goal this year for a home cruise is to stay overnight on Pulbah, the first chance we get when the weather gods are in our favour!

For each cruise you intend to join, please add your name to the attendance sheet on the web site or let me know via phone 0435242274 or email mumbo1962@hotmail.com . This gives us an idea of how many and who to expect in case we need to wait for you 😊.

Cruises commence on a Saturday morning and end on the Sunday afternoon- unless it's a long weekend. Of course, those who are retired (half your luck) or have days off, please feel free to launch earlier or stay longer.

When you arrive at a cruise, we will require everyone to log their entry and exit of the cruise via a logbook, together with emergency contact details.

See you on the water-

Valerie Harrison

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Cruising safety checklist

1/ Even though you may not be racing there is a **maritime requirement** you must adhere to for safety reasons or risk being fined.

For more information visit [Essential safety equipment | NSW Government](#)

All safety equipment must be:

- in good condition and meet appropriate standards or specifications
- maintained or serviced according to the manufacturer's specifications.
- replaced before the manufacturer's expiry date (if applicable)
- easy to find and access.

On powerboats and **sailing boats of any size** (except tenders and off-the-beach sailing boats) **you must carry**:

- Lifejacket for each person on board
- Anchor and chain/line for boats 6m and above in length.
- Bailer or bucket with lanyard
- Bilge pump for vessels with covered bilge
- Fire extinguisher for vessels with batteries and or gas or fuel stoves and electric start/electric engines and sleeping accommodation.
- Sound signal
- Waterproof torch

Recommended to carry.

- First-Aid kit
- Toolkit

Jetty Crawl Home Cruise –

August Sat 26- Sun 27

Cruise Leaders- John and Lisa Pateman.

Contact – 0425 361 849 or johnlisa@outlook.com

This time of year can be cool so the challenge is to keep our feet dry ALL weekend!

Launching at F-jetty either Friday or Saturday ready to kick off 10am Saturday morning.

Lunch somewhere- possible Toronto Fish n Chips is always popular but any suggestions are on offer.

Afternoon and Morning tea- a jetty of course.

Sat night- something new and special. Who has been to the new marina down south – “Trinity Point” ????

Hot showers- dry feet- restaurant is available. If the weekend is wet it won't matter !!!!

How much? -We have a special rate of \$70

Will need current insurance etc (form to be filled out)

Please note your attendance asap by 12 July 2023. John and Lisa need to know asap if you are coming so they can book your berth.



Jetty Home Cruise

Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th AUGUST

**Contact John Pateman Ph 0425361849
johnlisa@outlook.com**

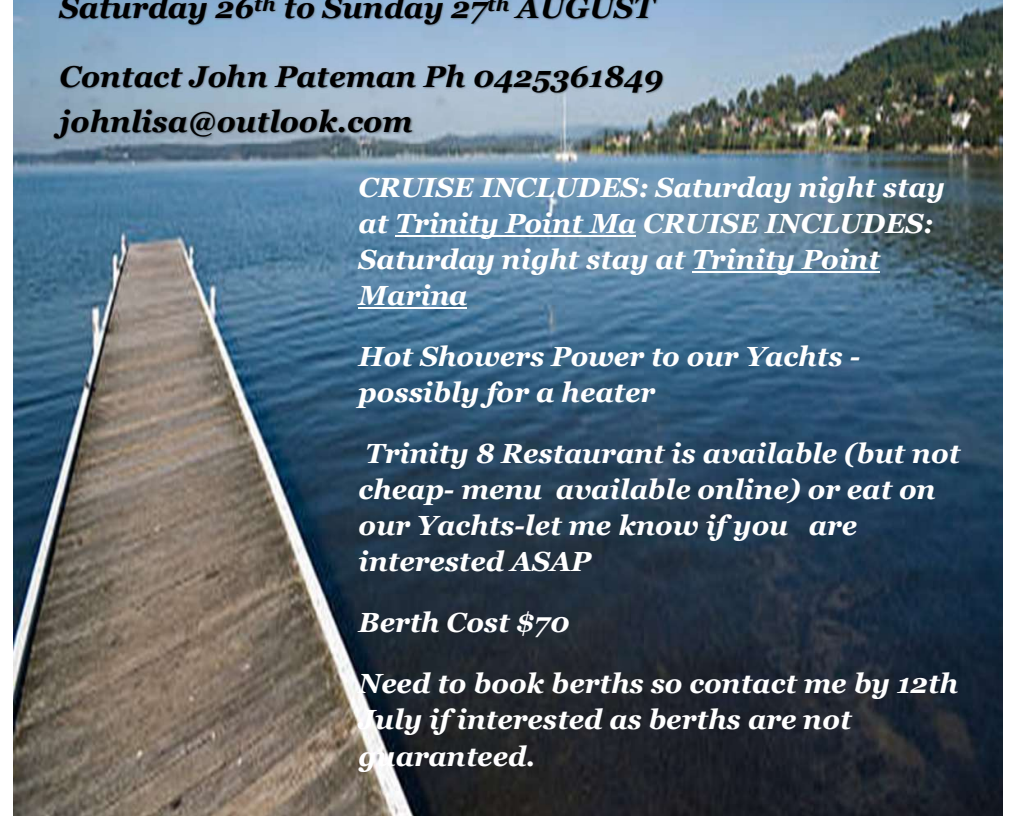
CRUISE INCLUDES: Saturday night stay at Trinity Point Ma CRUISE INCLUDES: Saturday night stay at Trinity Point Marina

Hot Showers Power to our Yachts - possibly for a heater

Trinity 8 Restaurant is available (but not cheap- menu available online) or eat on our Yachts-let me know if you are interested ASAP

Berth Cost \$70

Need to book berths so contact me by 12th July if interested as berths are not guaranteed.





River Cruise Karuah

Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th September 2023

Cruise Leaders- Val and Brian Harrison

Contact – 0435242274

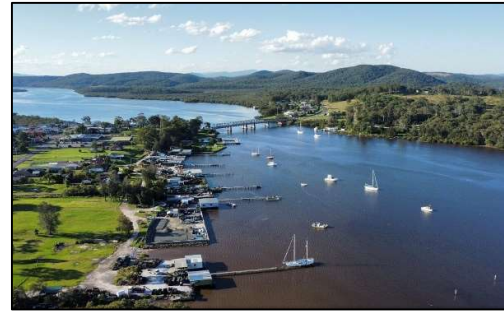
Launching at Lemon Tree passage boat ramp we intend to kick off at 10am on Sat 16th. Brian and I will be there late Friday night and stay overnight in the marina next to the ramp.



The ramp is now two lane, brand new and pretty fancy.

We'll be motoring some 30kms so make sure you have enough fuel.

Think of this as a 'River Cruise' where you have lunch whilst cruising- or if time permits, we tie up at Karuah jetty.



The intention of this cruise is to enjoy a relaxing cruise down a river we don't normally venture on. So, brush up on your navigation marker skills.



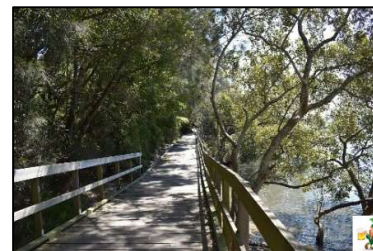
*We will be exploring Karuah River so **MAST DOWN** or you won't fit under the bridges.*

Overnight will be in a berth back at Lemon Tree passage.

*With **a special rate of \$25.***

Happy hour hopefully on the beach. Dinner; walking distance to the Bowling Club or?

Sunday- explore the Koala and Mangrove board walk- 5km return.



Please note your attendance on the web site or let me know directly if you are coming so I can arrange a berth for Friday and /or Saturday night.

3&6 Hour Regatta



September Sat 30th to October Mon 2nd

Racing- Peter Melbourne

Cruising- Valerie Harrison

Social- Tanya Kelland

Yes- it's the long weekend and the start of daylight saving.

Yes- it's a race weekend but that doesn't preclude those who want to join in or cruise.

There is a notice of Race for the racing on the web site.



Saturday night- dinner at Rathmines Bowls Club or on your boat.

We will have the traditional BBQ and big screen viewing of the NRL Grand Final on the Sunday night.

\$TBA BBQ Sunday night dinner (bring a salad/desert to share) and Bacon and Eggs Breakfast Sun morning.



So, to Cruise?

If you're not keen to try the racing (it's not sheep stations) then why not follow behind the fleet out the bay and head to Toronto for a fish n chip lunch.

Or perhaps Sunday, go for a leisurely sail around Pulbah- wherever the wind takes you—ending up onshore for the festivities.

And then there's Monday – a full day to sail around our grand lake.

Don't miss out on 3 days of sailing and great company.



Octoberfest Lake Macquarie

Cruise – October Sat 28th - Sun 29th

Cruise Leaders- Val and Brian Harrison

Contact – 0435242274 VISITORS WELCOME

Also, Official “World Chocolate and Cat days”

Launching at Styles Point (Lake Macquarie) on Saturday ready for kick off at 10am.

Cruising our wonderful lake wherever the wind takes us. Just where will our overnight stop be this time;

Pulbah or Shingle Splitters,

The Bird Cage or

Gwandalan or



*... perhaps the
mystery spot????*



Rest assured it will be relaxing and comfortable with its familiarity... but you'll need to be self-sufficient!

*This is October and of course happy hour must have that
OKTOBERFEST vibe....*

Please note your attendance on the web site or let me know directly if you are coming.



November Sat 25th - Sun 26th

Manning River Cruise

Cruise Leaders- Val and Brian Harrison

Contact – 0435242274

Launching at Taree boat ramp we intend to kick off at 10am on Sat 25th. Brian and I will be there late Friday night and stay overnight either on our boat or at a jetty close by.

Yes, we are sailing all the way to Manning Point. Yes, we fit under the bridge.

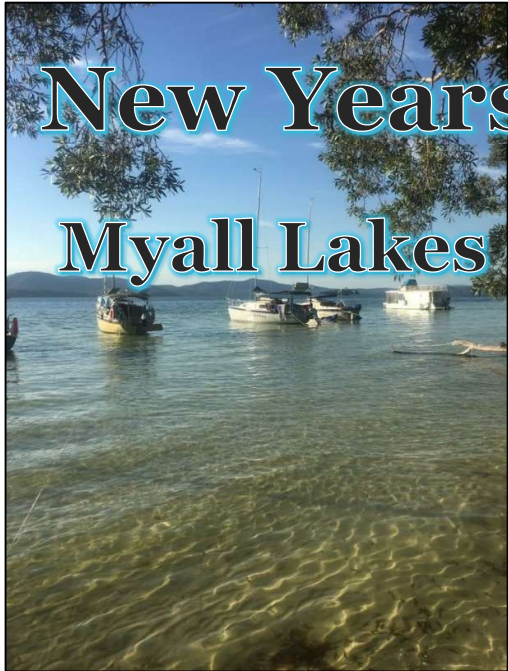


Berthing stern into the beach you can venture over the sandhill to the ocean- Can hear the waves while in bed!



Happy hour in the beautiful gardens (with toilets) followed by a short walk to the Club for dinner.

Then we 'SAIL' back on the Sunday. I've been told the café across the road has great coffee and bacon and egg rolls to start the day.



New Years Eve – Myall Lakes

December ?? to ??

Cruise leader – TBA

Over the past few years, we have enjoyed a “THEME” for the festivities.

Past themes included; Vikings, Ancient Greece, Aussie classics, Pirates and Princesses etc..

Some future possibilities.

- *Treasure Island*
- *Master and Commander,*
- *Gilligan’s’ Island,*
- *Mermaids and Mermen*
- *Captain Hook and the lost boys/girls*
- *60s Beach Party, movie inspired.*
- *Hawaiian Luau*



*Come on be brave the list is endless- Jump in and pick one to lead. *We don’t have to have a theme for New Years!!*



Generally launching at Violet hill and heading to Shelley Beach- from there it’s your choice..



Everyone has a great time either sailing, swimming, relaxing, doing nothing, meeting friends....

Just a great way to spend a few days after the Christmas crazies....

Or what will the Bungwalll Bucket entail this year? And of course, who can forget the traditional Bouche’ tournament.



**January Fri 26th to Sun 28th
(long weekend)**

Cruise Leader- TBA

Australia Day Cruise

Cruising Lake Macquarie

Launching at Styles Point on the Friday morning ready to set sail by 10am. We'll sail up to Marmong- where there's a little protected bay just right for trailer sailers to have prime viewing of the fireworks.



You'll need to be self-sufficient that night as any takeaway etc is a fair wander.

Lunch on the way – any suggestions??



Saturday – we sail wherever the wind takes us..

REACH..... RUN..... MOTOR- a cruisers mantra 😊

Sunday- more sailing. Perhaps a Bacon and egg breaky (on your own boat of course OR??)

Be prepared for swimming, sailing, dinner out somewhere, more sailing and a few beverages- happy hour.

We have 3 days to enjoy our wonderful lake in Summer..



Tuggerah Lakes Cruise

February Sat 17th - Sun 18th

Cruise Leader- Val and Brian Harrison

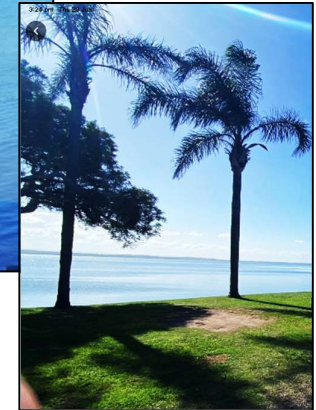
We've been in the club for over 10 years and we can't remember there ever being a cruise on this water way- First time might be the last time- who knows – But we're going on an adventure !!

We expect to launch North ramp (details to follow). This is a cruise where instead of mast down it's a matter of centreboards up- or halfway up at least. Off the Beach sail here...

Lunch will be beached into a park with Coffee Café etc on offer or enjoy a picnic in the park...



Pelicans are a feature of this waterway.



Saturday night we will beach -stern into grass !! Yes grass!

And, the plan is to have a club BBQ. Bring your own meat and salad to share..

Swimming Beach/Ocean is just a 600 metre walk – so bring your bathers- It's February after all !



And then there are the SUNSETS !!

Please add your intent to cruise to the attendance sheet on the web site or let me know directly on 0435242274





Ides of March Cruise

March Sat 16th - Sun 17th
Cruise Leader- TBA

Sailing on Lake Macquarie- **VISITORS WELCOME**

Launching at Styles Point to be underway by 10am.

Have we managed to stay on Pulbah yet or is this the weekend!!

Come join us sailing our beautiful lake- Who needs an excuse to go sailing said no one ever!!



It's bound to be warm so an ice cream stop over at Warners Bay might be an idea.. and or a swim at the sands.

Anyways, we have 2 whole days of sailing!!



*Happy hour- It's March so it has to have that **'Green'** theme- maybe a Leprechaun to be found..*

Did you find the 15 photo bombing Leprechauns??





March Fri 29th to April Mon 1st

Cruise Leader- TBA

We have 4 full days to explore and relax- some previous trips have seen us cruise down the Myall River... or perhaps just to stay at Shelly Beach and enjoy the serenity.

More details will be provided closer to the event...



4 days to spend sailing and enjoying the company of friends and like minded sailors.



Check out the Myall Lakes cruise reports of the web site.



Sailing

April Sat 27- Sun 28

Cruise Leader- Hart Peters

Brisbane Waters

Yes, this is a mast up and sail cruise on waters that are familiar to us but has been some time since we 'sailed' these waters.

Club members have sailed these waters for Off the Beach national titles- but cruising is a more gentle leisure activity not to be missed. The waters are extensive and many places to explore. We'll be launching at Lion Park boat ramp – pretty flash and sandy beach each side.

Kick-off is 10am to sail to our lunch destination.



We'll beach stern into sandy beach just up from where we launched. Dinner is a surprise!! And more info to follow.



If you're curious go take a read of the Brisbane Waters cruise report from 2015- also lead by Hart..



May Sat 25th - Sun 26th

Cruise Leader-

Val and Brian Harrison

Wangi Campfire Cruise



Cruising on Lake Macquarie the nights are now getting cool. We will be launching at F-Jetty ready for a Saturday kick off at 10am to sail wherever the breeze takes us- ending up at Wangi caravan park shoreline.

There are NO campfires allowed on the shoreline of our lake as most is a conservation reserve and the remainder is either privately owned or council parkland- NO campfires.

BUT there just so happens to be a Caravan park on the shoreline and when it's not daylight saving there are designated campfires !!!

We book campsite 35 and some members bring their caravan and book their own sites.. We will cruise our lake before beaching in to enjoy the campfire and company. The public BBQ facilities are fantastic or there is local takeaway or Thai or?

So that's it for the official cruise year. There is now of course, Presentation Night, June long weekend and the Onshore cruise !

