



FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

We have had a busy few weeks both on and off the water. Now, in late March, we are very quickly coming to the end of our racing season.

All the **Lakefest** events have finished with LMYC yachts competing in all events and doing quite well. New additions to Lakefest this year was the radio controlled yachts regatta racing out of LMYC and WASC. Although different designs are raced at each venue, they are similar in speed to allow close competition. Also, for the first time our Cruising Division held a Lakefest Cruise following the Heaven Can Wait fleet then stayed overnight at Rathmines, prior to attending the 'Bit for Boats' bonanza run by The Classic Boat Association.

The Commodore's **Lakefest Charity ball** is hosted by RMYCT this year and is being held on 1st April. The trophy for the Lakefest best performed yacht will be presented at the Ball. Get your friends together for a great night of fun and fundraising for Cancer NSW and Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie.

While on the subject of **Presentation nights**, gather your crew for our presentation night in May. Always a great night of celebration. Tickets will be available shortly.

Swansea Channel.

I am unable to provide any good news relating to when the channel will be dredged. The TfNSW project website is not giving any indication as to when dredging will commence. MIDO, the TfNSW office responsible for the dredging are not responding to my emails asking for updates. Our current State MP Yasmin Catley has made the promise that if Labour becomes the next Government, they will get the emergency dredging done as a matter of urgency.

Currently the main channel is only navigable by shallow draft vessels less than 0.9m. The alternative, Airforce, channel is around 1.8 m up to around 2.1m when the lake is at its fullest.

Marina

Work will start in the next few weeks on the next stage of the wave fence. Starting at the end of the new fence down the H/J jetty, there will be additional piles driven and new fence constructed. Our plan is for access along the jetty to be maintained although there will be some restrictions.

Election of Board

We are coming to the end of our current term. Shortly there will be a call for nominations. I am pleased that all current board members have indicated to me that they will run again for another term.

Geoff Edman
Commodore LMYC



Commodore's Masquerade Ball

\$120 per person Includes: Canapes and Bubbles on arrival
2 Course Sit Down Meal Live Entertainment...

 Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto

BOAT OWNERS MEETING AND SURVEY

The boat owners survey will be sent out in early April after the last Saturday race.

A boat owners meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm** at LMYC.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to local Belmont sailor, Jake Liddell who has made the Australian Sailing Nacra 17 team.

Jake Liddell with other team members and coach. Pic off AS Facebook page.



RKR SERIES RESULTS - 2022/2023

LMYC wins the RKR Interclub Series this season.

RKR Shield (first finish)

1. Fathom - David Berryman
2. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
3. Liquid Force - Jason Jordan

Division 1 (second finish)

1. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
2. Fathom - David Berryman
3. Wallop - Peter Hewson

Division 2

1. Liquid Force - Jason Jordan
2. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton
3. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins

Division 3

1. Even Keel - Peter Shaddock
2. Dreamweaver - Graham Haire
3. Wild Cherry - Alan Lavick

**WELL
DONE**

ANNUAL POINTSCORE 22-23

SATURDAY RACING 2022-23

Division 1 - as at 18 March 2023

1. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
2. Fathom - David Berryman
3. Mojo - Mark Benson

Division 2

1. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton
2. Tenacity - David Young
3. Anarchie - Paul Hannan

Division 3

1. Pugsley - Len Lavers
2. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
3. Excessive - David Nicols

Division 4

1. Even Keel - Peter Shaddock
2. The Apple - Warren Hodgkins
3. The Shed - Roger Parker

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES POINTSCORE

Division 1 - as at 15 March 2023

1. Squid4Woodsy - Steve Liddell
2. Dreadnaught - Ed Hillier
3. 2xcess - Steve McLoy

Division 2

1. Another Promise - Jeff Quirk
2. Earl Grey - David Denahy
3. Tereshenko - Frank Cordingley



Photos by Peter Mayo - RKR 11 March 2023



FRIDAY TWILIGHT SWEEPSTAKE

As at 17 March 2023

1. Spellcaster 111 - Scott Ferguson
2. Solly - Len Solman
3. Tenacity - David Young

LADY SKIPPER SERIES RESULTS

1. Menace - Penny Meakins
2. Pentangle - Melissa Pollard
3. Sheer Pleasure - Mandy Maddock



NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB SAILING ACADEMY IS COMING TO THE LAKE.

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club is pleased to host the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) Sailing Academy from 3rd to 14th April.

Over 2 weeks the Academy Instructors will conduct a number of sail training opportunities on the beautiful waters of Belmont Bay. These Australian Sailing accredited courses and experiences are delivered by fully qualified keelboat instructors.

Participants will sail onboard one of the NCYC Force 24 keelboats with an instructor and up to three other participants (total crew of 5).

Opportunities on offer include:

Women's Sailing – 4 sessions (3-6 April)

This is similar to the Start Crewing course, however does not set out to complete the entire Start Crewing syllabus. Instead, there is a greater emphasis on mastering each item of the syllabus rather than rushing to complete the whole list. The other major difference is that it is only eligible to females to participate – which creates a supportive and social environment for women.

Discover Sailing Experience - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th 13th, 14th April

This is a one off 3hr experience catering to newcomers keen to try sailing.

Youth Emerging Talent Clinic – 4 sessions (3-6 April 2023)

This opportunity is for local youth sailors to give them an opportunity to have fun, take out our fleet of keelboats while Instructors work with them to develop greater boat handling skills, teamwork and communication.

Start Crewing – 4 sessions (11-14 April 2023)

This is an adult learn to sail course that follows Australian Sailing's syllabus. Participants will receive an Australian Sailing Start Crewing certificate that will be accessible on their Australian Sailing online profile. This is the first step of the National Keelboat Pathway.

Participants are required to wear comfortable active clothing, a pair of enclosed shoes (like sandshoes), and bring a hat and sunscreen. Lifejackets are supplied for all participants.

To register go to www.ncyc.net.au/sailing-academy or to find out course dates visit www.lmyc.com.au/public-events/



WANGI WANGI SHE SAILS RACE - SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

The final race in the She Sails Tri-series hosted by Wangi Wangi Amateur Sailing Club was held on Sunday 12 March 2023 with a total of 12 yachts on the start line.

LMYC boats were represented by Equinox, Sheer Pleasure, Flying Colours, Fathom (NCYC/LMYC crew) and Stampede (NCYC, LMYC, CYC crew). It was an interesting and challenging course with a southerly breeze that increased throughout the day to 20 knots, with some competitors seeing gusts up to 27knots.

Our boats had crews drawn from local, out of town, interstate and we even had an international flavour! Ladies came from LMYC, NCYC, Gosford, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Brisbane and a student from the UK jumped on board Fathom to participate in her first She Sails event. We think it won't be her last!

It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and support of women's sailing. A big thank you as always to boat owners who kindly lent their boats and to all the support crews.



Photos supplied by various photographers

Top row - L to R
Fathom
Equinox
Flying Colours

Bottom row - L to R
Stampede
Sheer Pleasure



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Gosford Sailing Club

By Jillian Nelson (L)

Ollie Fuller and I attended the Gosford Sailing Club's International Women's Day dinner on 2nd March.

What a special evening, where we met other female sailors, shared our stories, and enjoyed many laughs together while celebrating International Women's Day. We were lucky enough to hear two incredibly inspiring women speak. Claire Heenan and Liesl Tesch MP. Both women shared stories of endurance and courage. Inspiring us to keep honing our sailing (and life) skills.

Proud to represent our club and be a part of a special evening, celebrating International Women's Day and providing inspirational support for our @shesails sisters.



HISTORY LOCKER

'Rival' - The first LMYC to win a Hobart!

By Peter Shaddock

As our collection of photos, news articles and memorabilia expands, we are noting a multitude of yachts that have played significant roles in the history of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

One such yacht is "RIVAL", an Alan Buchanan designed 37 ft Sloop, constructed by S L. J. & B. P. Steel & Sons at Speers Point, Lake Macquarie in 1960.

The yacht was originally jointly owned by Alby Burgin and Nelson Rundle, and according to the LMYC Register had the sail number M2 from 1960 to 1973.

Rivals most notable achievement was winning the 1961 Sydney to Hobart Ocean Race, with her crew of; Alby Burgin, Nelson Rundle, Noel Felton, Hans Freimuth, Jack Morgan and Albert Mitchell.

In consultation with Albert Mitchel, the Board of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club officially retired the sail number M2 in honour of RIVAL and her crew for being the first LMYC yacht to win this prestigious race.



In the February 2023 edition of 'Afloat' a letter to the Editor highlighted 'Rival' was out of the water in Northern NSW and in need of some 'tender loving care.'

After some enquiries by the club, we have been advised that 'Rival' has now been sold to an unknown buyer and will be rebuilt.



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation Night - 2022/2023 Season

Early bird tickets will go on sale on the last day of sailing and will be open at the early bird ticket price for two weeks.



**2023
PRESENTATION EVENING**

Saturday 6th May 2023 | 5:30pm
*Club Auditorium
Lake Macquarie Yacht Club*

Two Course Meal by *Crusoe's on the Lake*
Wines by *Robert Oatley*
Entertainment by *24 Hours*

TICKETS \$80pp
Early Bird Tickets - \$75
Limited number available!
Dress: Semi Formal

Tickets available at LMYC Reception
(02) 4945 0022

LAKE MACQUARIE
YACHT CLUB

Presentation by Wade Morgan

Thanks to Wade Morgan for his informative and inspiring presentation on 13 March that covered his Pelican sailing on Belmont Bay as a 6 year old to an international professional sailing career.



Lake Mac Women in Sport Festival

Australian Sailing, Emma Humphries supported by volunteers from LMYC, Port Macquarie and other local clubs attended the 'Try a Sport Day' recently held at Speers Point Park. Antonia Paterson and Jillian Nelson attended from LMYC



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