



FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

It is time to get my contribution together for the April Forecast and while thinking about what to write, I received an email from our CEO to advise that the Annual Reports are required for the AGM which reminds me of the importance of the reports. Communication! In all organisations I have been involved with, being for work or pleasure, there is one thing or issue common to all. Communication. Either too much or not enough. It is very difficult to get it right. And these days it must be in the right medium.

We are quickly closing in on the end of my second term as Commodore and as I also need to write the Annual Report I thought it a good time to communicate what we have achieved over the last year. LMYC has had a very successful year. In sailing, LMYC won the RK Robertson Memorial inter-club Shield, a LMYC yacht won the best overall performance and LMYC yachts came first in all but one division. LMYC yachts also won the Lakefest best overall trophy and the She-Sails Tri-series.

Financially we had record takings across all income streams and total revenue.

The Board put together a Strategic Plan and although we still have some way to go with the youth sailing pathway we are working towards it. We are working with the NCYC using their Sailing Academy and trying boats, not just here on the Lake but in Newcastle as well.

Stage two of the wave wall refurbishment is underway with the expectation that it will be completed within a few weeks from now.

The kitchen refurbishment is planned for a May start. This is the only section of the club that hasn't had the floor replaced. We will have limited kitchen facilities available from the café.

We are currently developing the plan and cost estimate for a new mast crane and work area capable of lifting masts from bigger yachts including Multihulls.

The She-Sails program for promoting sailing to women is working and gaining support with 8 new female sailing members joining our club during the last year, along with 56 new male sailing members. Those numbers do not include social members who have started their sailing journey.

Swansea Channel

Although the channel has still not been dredged, I have had many meetings with State and Local government representatives regarding this issue. I must admit it is very frustrating, but the current status is that the State Government has committed to dredging. It is the Federal government department that is holding the process up. They have made many claims as to when it will be dredged and excuses as to why it is delayed. The Federal Government promised \$10m to LMCC to purchase a dredge, not to operate the dredge only but to purchase the dredge. It is State responsibility to carry out the dredging. In discussions with LMCC they are putting a plan together with the aim of using those funds to install a sand pumping system to transfer the dredged sand to Blacksmiths beach. As the sand is the biggest problem of the dredging project I am hopeful they can achieve this plan.

Club courtesy mooring

LMYC has recently installed a courtesy mooring for the use of boats on the LMYC register. It is located on the south side of Wangi peninsula. See below extract of chart for approximate position. It is a red commercial mooring.

Election time

As I mentioned earlier, it is time for the election of Directors. All our current Board are standing again for their current positions. The Board are all working well together achieving the best outcomes for the club overall.

I endorse all the current Board members for Re-election .

Geoff Edman
Commodore LMYC



FRIENDLY REMINDER

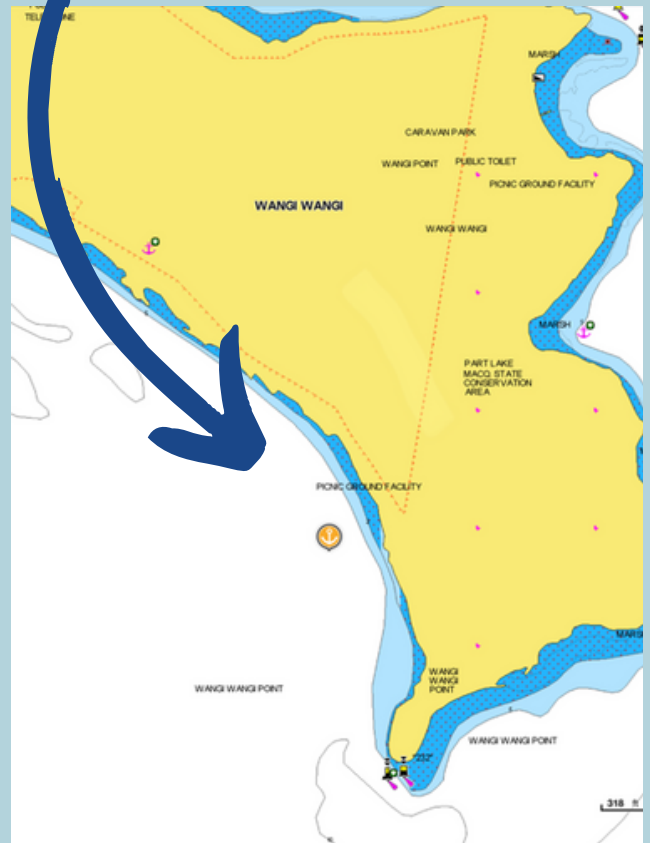
BOAT OWNERS MEETING

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

BOAT OWNERS SURVEY

The boat owners survey has been distributed and will close on 28 April. If you haven't already completed the survey please do so via the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZS2GDN>





NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB SAILING ACADEMY CAME TO THE LAKE

Over 2 weeks in April, the NCYC Sailing Instructors conducted a number of sailing courses from LMYC. Approximately 40 people took advantage of this training opportunity which was conducted in the NCYC's fleet of Force 24's. All thoroughly enjoyed their experience and a number of participants said they are keen to come back.

We look forward to welcoming the NCYC Sailing Academy boats and instructors back to LMYC in the near future.



BURGEE SWAP - FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

By Steven Ford

In February this year, Roger Wetherall, a member of the Fayerweather Yacht Club in Bridgeport, Connecticut in the USA travelled home to Australia to spend time with family.

While he was there, he decided to catch up with some old school friends that he had not seen in about 40 years. One such friend, Steven Ford (Rear Commodore of LMYC) invited him out to lunch at the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. After discussing old times and sailing, Steven presented Roger with the club Burgee to take back to the Fayerweather Club.

This was passed on to Vice Commodore, Mike Mears in an informal ceremony and a Fayerweather club burgee was presented to Roger to send back to the Lake Macquarie Club.

Completing the exchange, Steven Ford, presented the Fayerweather burgee to the Club Commodore, Geoff Edman in Australia on March 28 in an informal ceremony. In this way the fellowship of sailors has been extended further around the world.

If you are ever in Connecticut, don't forget to drop your anchor at Fayerweather Yacht Club. You will be warmly welcomed!

Roger receiving burgee from Steve Ford in front of the LMYC (L) and Steven Ford presenting the burgee to Geoff Edman (R).



ANNUAL POINTSCORE 22-23

SERIES RESULTS

Division 1

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

Division 2

1. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton
2. Excess - Bruce Dobinson
3. Anarchi - Paul Hannan

Division 3

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

Division 4

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

*Congratulations
to all!*

PURSUIT SERIES

Division 1

1. Mojo - Mark Benson
2. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
3. Ignition - Ian Bower

Division 2

1. So Farr - Dale Sharp
2. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton
3. Tenacity - David Young

Division 3

1. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
2. Squid4Woodsy - Steve Liddell
3. Morticia - Geoff Gardner

Division 4

1. Bindaroo - Simon Zinader
2. The Shed - Roger Parker
3. Even Keel - Peter Shaddock

BAY SERIES

Division 1

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

Division 2

1. Excess - Bruce Dobinson
2. Stampede - Jon Lattimore/Michael McDonald
3. Anarchie - Paul Hannan

Division 3

1. Menace - Niven James
2. Pugsley - Len Lavers
3. Willpower - Simon Fendo

Division 4

1. The Apple - Warren Hodgkins
2. Even Keel - Peter Shaddock
3. Mirage - David Kelty

COMBINED WINDWARD/LEEWARDS

LMYC podium winners

Division 1

1. Roadrunner - Paul Heyes

Division 2

2. Beat to Quarters - Eddie O'Donnell
3. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton

Division 3

1. Menace - Niven James
2. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
3. Puglsey - Len Lavers

Division 4

1. Bindaroo - Simon Zinader

COMBINED PULBAH

1. One Eyed Bandit - Bill Young
2. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
3. Three Stooges - Liddell/Cook/Gardner

<https://lmyc.com.au/race-results/>



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ANNUAL POINTSCORE 22-23

SUMMER POINTSCORE SERIES RESULTS

Division 1

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

Division 2

1. Tenacity - David Young
2. Pogue Mahone - Scott Hamilton
3. Echo Beach - Philip Matthews

Division 3

1. Pugsley - Len Lavers
2. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
3. Willpower - Simon Fendo

Division 4

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

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RKR SERIES RESULTS

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

Photo credit: Peter Mayo



LMYC BOAT 'SO FARR' - SUCCESS AT SAILFEST (15/16 APR)

So Farr crew, representing LMYC in the offshore racing for Sailfest at the NCYC celebrate their wins with Tommy Michilis & Natalie Butterworth.

1st ORC

2nd on a count back IRC

Nat, Mark Holmes & Chris Villa came fourth in the Elliot 6's windward/leewards & are eligible to enter the next series of races at RPAYC in May.

Congratulations to all!





HISTORY LOCKER - The Easter Regatta

By Janis Cummings

Our History Locker article this month features a photograph of the skipper and crew of LMYC yacht "Simba" M4, after winning the ocean race from Sydney to Swansea that kicked off the start of the LMYC Easter Regatta 1960.

What an exciting place LMYC was for a teenager hanging about the yacht club in the 60's. Families looked forward to the influx of craft and crew from Sydney. To wander the jetty, admire the craft, chat with the visiting crew, or just to enjoy the food, the fun and entertainment that was laid on made the wind up to the sailing season a memorable occasion. To some it was the "highlight" of the season.

What became an Easter tradition began back around 1930 when the newly formed club forwarded an invitation to the members of Sydney Amateur Sailing Club to participate in a regatta on Lake Macquarie at Easter. Seven boats responded to the invitation. The race started from Double Bay at 7.30pm on the eve of Good Friday 1931, expecting to arrive off Swansea Heads the following morning around 8.30am. Yachts were offered pilotage and towing into the lake as most yachts did not have engines, to their mooring off the yacht club. Visitors were welcomed by members of the club when the ladies auxiliary greeted sailors with lunch boxes and refreshments. A programme of racing followed on the Saturday in conjunction with Toronto Sailing Club and the Royal Motor Yacht Club's carnival. What became known as "The Easter Regatta" over time put yacht racing on Lake Macquarie on a solid footing which the officials of the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club worked hard to attain.

The Easter Regatta attracted 27 yachts into the lake, as reported in the April edition of Forecast 1960. The highest number of visiting yachts to attend the series in its 50 year history. On Good Friday morning locals lined the banks of Swansea Channel to watch the parade of yachts being towed up the channel into the lake.

Sadly, due to a variety of reasons, one of which we still experience today, difficulty with accessibility into the lake, the Easter Regatta's popularity began to fade. This was reported in the 1977 April edition of Forecast. Despite the lack of numbers the following was reported of that 1977 race.

"What a race up from Sydney and Pittwater! 20-30 knots of westerly breeze all night brought the two fleets up by early morn. The Lake Macquarie fleet won the re-dedicated "Founder's Bowl" in the inaugural event from Pittwater". Author unknown.

To view a series of photographs taken by the Newcastle Morning Herald of the 1960 Easter Regatta, Greg and Sylvia Ray have uploaded a stunning selection of photographs at the following link.

These photographs are also available to purchase if you spot someone in your family as I did, perched upon the open Swansea Bridge landing. Also, woman mending sail is my mother in law.

<https://www.phototimetunnel.com/product-category/photographic-images>

Search: Easter Regatta Lake Macquarie

Photograph:

Crew of M4 "Simba", winners of the Sydney to Swansea Race 1960.

Right to left

Charles Dorman -owner/skipper. Crew -Bill Abbott, Peter Rundle, Alan Duncan and David Braidwood.

A picture tells a thousand words, the craft, the sailing attire, the sails - 63 years ago.

Photograph supplied with thanks by Alan Dorman.



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation Night - 2022/2023 Season

Tickets are on sale now but selling quickly!!



**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

LMYC will be open from 11:30am - 4:30pm on ANZAC Day.
Ada Street will be CLOSED until the ANZAC March finishes.

LAKE MACQUARIE
YACHT CLUB

**ANZAC
DAY**

TRADING HOURS
11:30AM - 4:30PM

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