



# FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



Photo credit: Salty Dingo - SPS Facebook. Winners IRC Division 3 winner, Sail Port Stephens

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The 2022-2023 season Presentation night was well patronised with two hundred and twenty people in attendance. I believe that is the largest group we have had in a single function within the clubhouse. It was a wonderful evening with a real sense of celebration. And, I had many people in attendance come up to me to say that it was a wonderful night. All went well, the club looked wonderful, Crusoe's served up a wonderful meal, the band was great playing great music, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. My congratulations again to all recipients of awards and trophies. My congratulations and thanks go to all involved in planning and preparing for our highlight event of the racing season.

The LMYC Annual General Meeting was held this week. Congratulations to Roger Parker becoming a Life Member. Congratulations also to all successful candidates in the Bi-Annual elections for the board of directors. LMYC are very fortunate to have such excellent members willing to give their time freely to manage the club. Unfortunately, there were more candidates than positions and I hope those unsuccessful will be just as keen to nominate in two years at the next election. Congratulations to previous board who were all successful in retaining their positions. Your board for the next two-year term is Commodore Geoff Edman, Vice Commodore Peter Shaddock, Hon Treasurer Ed Hillier, Rear Commodore Steven Ford, Club Captain Eleanor Cunningham, directors Mark Holmes, Garry Van Dijk, David Nichols and David Young.

Our Cruising Division had its AGM last week and elected a new committee. Three of the previous committee, including the skipper and secretary, retired from the committee. I thank outgoing Skipper Gordon Butler, Secretary Trudi Butler and committee member Greg Barnicoat for their service to the Cruising Division. I congratulate Ralph Asquith moving

from Treasurer to Skipper, Nikki Carhill taking on the treasurer's role again, Richard Masson taking on the Secretary role and welcome Tony Austin, Fred Seysener and Maureen Seysener back onto the committee after a short break. Chris Carhill remains on the committee for another term.

It was pleasing to hear the latest announcement from Yasmin Catley MP for Swansea regarding the dredging of Swansea channel. There is a new announcement on the dredging project webpage. You can find it by clicking on this link.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/swansea-channel-dredging>

Yasmin is being true to her word as the new government is putting more energy into getting the channel dredged. I have had more communication coming from Transport for NSW in the last few weeks than I was able to get in the last three years. I will keep you all informed as I get more information.

Geoff Edman  
Commodore

## THE CURRENT BOARD WAS RE-ELECTED FOR ANOTHER 2 YEAR TERM



### Directors - left to right

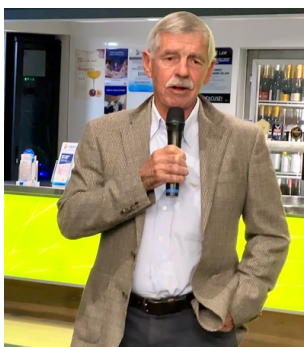
Geoff Edman (Commodore)  
Peter Shaddock (Vice Commodore)  
Eleanor Cunningham (Club Captain)  
Steven Ford (Rear Commodore)  
Ed Hillier (Hon Treasurer)



### Directors

Top row - David Nichols, Mark Holmes

Bottom row - David Young, Garry Van Dijk



**Newest Life Member**  
Roger Parker

# CONGRATULATIONS

## THE R K (KEL) ROBERTSON MEMORIAL SHIELD By Janis Cummings

The R K (Kel) Robertson Memorial Shield (right) has returned to Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

After 10 years we finally won the shield back this season. Previously the Shield was won by Royal Motor Yacht Club, Wangi Amateur Sailing Club, and South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.

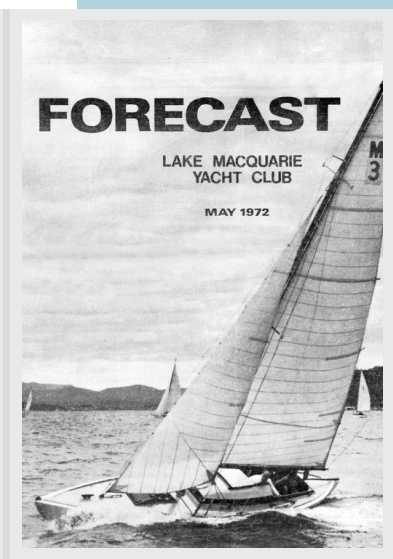
On the last day of the sailing season, Commodore Geoff Edman briefed sailors of the shields significance to inter club sailing. The inter club series was introduced into the sailing program in 1977. Initially the series began between LMYC and RMYC Toronto, however over time Croudace Bay Sailing Club, Wangi Amateur Sailing Club and South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club joined the competition and a Perpetual Trophy was struck for the winning team. Based on a six race inter club series held throughout the season and calculated on a point score system, the winning club would keep the trophy for one year.



Following the death in 1977 of Kel Robertson a sailing member of 45 years, former Club Captain at the time Ralph Cummings suggested the trophy should be named in honour of Kel. The Sailing Committee of the time agreed this would be a fitting tribute to a club stalwart for his long time involvement at all levels of club affairs, thus what we have today is the R K (Kel) Robertson Memorial Shield for competition between the yacht clubs of Lake Macquarie. The RMYC Toronto won the 1977-1978 series, and Kel's widow Jean presented the shield to the winning team at the LMYC 1978 Presentation Night.

### Who was Robert Kelvin (Kel) Robertson?

People of my era and older would remember Kel as the owner skipper of the yacht 'Kyuma', a Knud Remiers designed 'Tumlaren Class' yacht, the first of its kind in NSW and commissioned from Les and Barry Steel of Speers Point in 1938. He named the boat 'KYUMA', Japanese meaning 'respect' combined with 'true reality'. Kyuma is featured in the Forecast in 1972.



Front Cover  
Forecast May 1972 Kyuma M3

The inside story of Kyuma.  
Her dimensions specified are 27 ft, draft 4ft 3in, 6ft. Keel of lead 18cwts.  
Built of 3 quarter in Oregon. The yacht cost 350 pounds to build with sails,  
main, jib, genoa and spinnaker costing 36 pounds.

For more information on the Tumlaren Class Classic Yacht visit  
<https://classic-yacht.asn> tumlaren Yvonne

Kel also described in the Forecast, 'Kyumas' first years achievements 'on 12 Feb 1939 in conjunction with lake championships. Later we came 5th in the Sydney to Lake Macquarie ocean race at Easter, 1st in Pointscore Lake Macquarie to Sydney, Sydney to Lake Macquarie for LMYC boats – so we were very pleased with 'Kyuma's performance in our first year."

Kel and his wife Jean lived in Rowland St Merewether, one street away from the Cummings family. I remember Kel, as a delightful older gentleman, quietly spoken, passionate about boats and sailing. He sailed Kyuma in 2nd Division against 'Moonmist', the Cummings yacht so there was always plenty of rivalry and banter. As Kel neither owned nor drove a car, Ralph Cummings picked Kel up every sailing day on his way to the yacht club. Of course, the topic of conversation along the way revolved around the upcoming race, while the trip home was a re run of the day's racing good, bad and should haves.

Long before I knew him, Kel's involvement in sailing and club life at LMYC was significant. Kel began in the early 1930's as a regular crew member of the Commodore's yacht 'Olga' and became a member of the club in 1934. Kel was a "city" boy, born in Wickham in 1897 and grew up around the harbour and Newcastle city beaches. He was a member of Newcastle Surf Lifesaving Club.

Kel continued to race 'Kyuma' from LMYC until his mid seventies. The yacht was sold in 1973 and was last seen by us in 2019, lovingly presented in pristine condition at the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival.

Apart from his sailing interests, Kel was a dedicated club member serving the club for many years in the following roles: Committee member, Race Secretary, Rear Commodore, Trustee, Commodore, Hon. Handicapper, Sailing and Protest Committee member.

Owner of Yacht 'Kyuma' M3 1938-1973 (35 years).

Kel was honoured with Life Membership in 1958.



LMYC Flag Officers' Ball 1954 - left to right  
Doug McDougall, Les Steel (Club Captain), Os Alexander, Eric Graham, Kel Robertson, Harry Bond,  
Ben Morgan (Commodore)

## PRESENTATION NIGHT 2023 - A SNAPSHOT



RMYCT Commodore Graham Parr (right) 'loaning' the R K Robertson Shield Trophy to LMYC Commodore Geoff Edman



Left to Right - Barry Kelly (Commodore NCYC), Peter Shaddock (Vice Commodore), Steven Ford (Rear Commodore), Eleanor Cunningham (Club Captain), Geoff Edman (Commodore), Greg Searles (Commodore WASC) Graham Parr (Commodore RMYCT)



LMYC Friday Twilight lady Skipper Series Winner Penny Meakins, Menace



Sydney to Hobart Wal Russell Memorial Trophy & Bosun's Trophy - The Grimes Family



LMYC Lady Sailor of the Year Melissa Frankiewicz

More Photos on Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Facebook page



LakeFest Best Performed Boat 'Roadrunner'

## FROM THE CEO DESK By Mark Norden

### Kitchen Renovations

As we head in to winter the club will begin much needed repair work and refurbishment to the club Kitchen. This area of the club is the only part of the club that has yet to be renovated and we are excited to undertake this much needed work.

Work will commence next week with the main kitchen closing after service on Sunday 28th May. We are hopeful of the works being completed in about 8 weeks and the new kitchen will be open to coincide with the launch of a Brand-new Menu. Whilst the works are undertaken we will be offering lunch and dinner 7 days a week through our Café. As the space is significantly smaller we will be operating on a limited but exciting and tasty new menu.

### Marina Rectification

Boating and Marina Members will be happy to know that stage 2 of the marina rectification is underway with all new piles having been driven. The contractor will be back onsite from mid-June to complete the attachment of the new wave attenuator to the southern wave wall.

The design will replace the failed wave wall and provide an improved experience for all Marina occupants. Lake Macquarie Moorings in conjunction with Club staff have begun a 12-month maintenance program on the marina and will be replacing mooring rings etc. in the old marina over the quieter months. If you have any issues please email Dave at [boating@lmyc.com.au](mailto:boating@lmyc.com.au).

Mark Norden  
CEO

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## GREAT RESULTS FOR LAKE MAC BOATS AT SAIL PORT STEPHENS!

Huge congratulations to

Dale Sharp, Natalie Butterworth and crew of So Farr (right)  
1st in IRC State Championships (Division 3)  
1st In ORC in Windward/Leeward series.

Brett Davis and crew - 3rd in Sportsboat Division on  
'The Cube' (Below Left)

Craig Phillips and crew - 2nd in the International  
Canoe National Championships on 'Black Pearl' (below right)



Photo's taken from  
SPS Facebook  
page  
- photographer Salty Dingo



## SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB**

# 2 BIRDS 2 HOBART

An inspiring presentation by  
**Kathy Veel & Bridget Canham**

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club  
Waterfront Marquee

Tuesday 4th July 2023

7pm | \$20 Entry Fee



### Float Your Boat

Watch us light up the lake with Float Your Boat, a spectacular parade of illuminated boats taking place on beautiful Lake Macquarie over two nights this...

## POINTScores AS AT 24 MAY 2023

### WEDNESDAY WINTER POINTSCORE

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#### Division 1

1. Pugsley - Len Lavers/David Brown
2. 2xess - Steve McCloy
3. Morticia - Geoff Gardner/John Cairns

#### Division 2

1. Scaramouche - John Skillicorn
2. Osperay - Ross Shirtley
3. Young & Old - Glen Picasso

### WEDNESDAY SWEEPSTAKES

SPONSORED BY MARMONG POINT MARINA

#### Division 1

1. Optimum - Hines, Laybut, McLeod
2. Smitten - Anthony Patterson
3. 2xces - Steve McCloy

#### Division 2

1. Scaramouche - John Skillicorn
2. Young & Old - Glen Picasso
3. The Apple - Warren Hodgkins

### SUNDAY WINTER SERIES

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1. Jam - Brett Lewis
2. Spellcaster 111 - Scott Fergusson
3. Another Promise - Ross Wonderley

## FLOAT YOUR BOAT IS BACK!

Friday 23, Saturday 24 June 2023

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