



FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



LMYC Open Day October 19 1935. Printed with permission from Greg and Sylvia Ray's Time Tunnel collection.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

2023-2024 SEASON OPENING DAY

We will be celebrating the start of the summer sailing season on Saturday 2 September. In line with tradition, we will be holding a sail past prior to the racing.

The theme for the day is Party fun. Get your crew organised, don your best party shirts and dress your boat for the sail past.

4 Pines brewing are sponsoring the day with great prizes for best dressed boat and best dressed crew.

Following the race there will be \$5 beers and free food.

CREW WANTED

Are you interested in getting into Sailing?
Used to sail but life got in the way for a while and would like to race again?

Recently retired and looking for something new to do?

Yachts are always looking for crew, we have boats that have stopped racing because of lack of crew.

We also have a supportive She Sails programme.
Visit www.lmyc.com.au/crew-wanted/ to register your interest.

SAIL PAST

SAT 2ND SEP 2023
12-12:30PM

PRIZES TO BE WON!
Best Dressed Boat
Best Hawaiian/Party Shirt
Prizes donated by 4Pines Brewery

Delicious Roast Rolls available from Crusoe's on the Lake post-race, plus \$5 beers from our sponsor 4Pines Brewery!

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LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB

LMYC UP NORTH

Many of our yachts have migrated north again this winter. Several of our cruising yachts are making the usual trip north with the nautical 'grey migration'. There are also two LMYC yachts entered in Hamilton Island Race Week. HIRW is underway as I write and I wish Paul Heyes and crew on *Roadrunner* and Scott McGufficke and crew of *Aroostacat* luck. **** Late news...Congratulations to Paul Heyes and crew of Roadrunner on winning their division.**

I am sure there are many LMYC sailors racing in the northern regattas. If you, or you know someone else, who is racing away, please let us know as we want to support and follow you away from home.

SWANSEA CHANNEL UPDATE

It is pleasing to hear that the dredging project has started. At time of writing, the dredge has been assembled and in the water near Rathmines. Environmental controls are being setup as is other infrastructure for the dredging. It is expected that actual sand dredging will start prior to this forecast being released.

MARINA SECURITY AND SAFETY

Marina safety and security concern was raised at the AGM. I committed at that meeting that the board will review the risk assessment in response to the concerns raised.

A committee consisting of experienced and qualified members reviewed the Marina risk assessment to ensure it covered the risks both safety and security.

Hazards, risks and controls were compared with other club marinas on the lake, Newcastle, Sydney and the Pittwater. We also checked against other similar structures around the lake, ie public jetties and open swimming baths such as Belmont and Toronto. We also checked against Australian standards.

The review found that we are meeting the standards required for the hazards and risks present.

Since the last risk assessment we have;

- rebuilt the southern walkway, widening it and replacing the deck, hence removing inherent trip hazards.
- Instigated a maintenance programme to ensure we are keeping the marina in good condition.
- Installed additional security cameras in strategic locations on the marina.

We have also engaged a professional third party to review our risk assessment and controls to ensure there is no unacceptable risk to our members and visitors. However, we do not want to 'just meet the standard' and there is always room for improvement. As such there are a number of improvements already made or soon to be implemented.

1. Daily inspections of the marina are in place to ensure that housekeeping is up to standard, and all trip hazards are removed.
2. Additional signage will be installed identifying the hazards.
3. Additional ladders will be installed on the outside of the marina.
4. A fence will be installed to separate the deck area from the marina. This will clearly delineate the marina from the deck entertainment area.

It is clear that the greatest risk to sailors is getting onto or off the boats in the marina, particularly in adverse weather conditions. This is an inherent risk to all marinas and boating. We need to rely on our members to minimise that risk.

Take care when getting on or off your boat. Reconsider getting on during adverse weather especially strong wind out of the west as this creates greater waves. If you must get on or off during poor conditions, please ensure that there is someone else around so if you do slip, there is someone to assist.

Geoff Edman
Commodore

Take care when getting on or off your boat





Hello from 'Aroostercat', Scott McGufficke and crew. Hamilton Island Race Week 2023.
Photo supplied by Eleanor Cunningham.

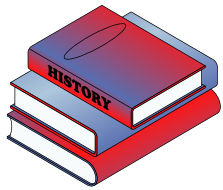
SETTING SAIL

By Steven Ford

Every month we will provide an update from the Sailing Committee Meetings.

At the meeting in August the key matters agreed or noted were –

- The invitation to race for the 2023-24 season was sent out in early August and we had 34 boats enter by 20 August. However, **entries are still being accepted.**
- The Divisional allocation of boats is currently being finalised and the allocations will be very similar to last year.
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for all 2023/24 series have been finalised and are available on the website. The White Book is available on the website and hard copies are currently being printed.
- All boats participating in the summer season will require a **Cat 7 Audit**. Ross has distributed the availability of the Auditors and all boats are encouraged to get their audits done in the next week and not to leave it to the last minute.
- There are several regattas scheduled over the summer –
 - **11/12 November – International Wind Warriors**
 - **11/12 November – Melges 24 (note: the Melges will work with the Wind Warriors and use the crane when the Wind Warriors are not racing)**
 - **7 January 2024 - Flying 15s Nationals**
 - **She Sails – LMYC 14 January, RMYC 18 February, WASC 3 March**
- For the combined races (RKR, W/L) there will be four Divisions as per the LMYC Divisions.
- Opening day is **Saturday, 2 September** and we will kick off with a sail past, then a Bay race followed by function back at the club. It would be great to see all crews at the post-race function.
- The Rules seminar scheduled for **Saturday 2 September**, will be rescheduled to a later date due to a clash of commitments for Damien Boldyrew.



HISTORY LOCKER By Janis Cummings

Looking back on the LMYC Sailing Program - The Lake Marathon

The recent publication of the 2023-24 Sailing Program prompted me to look at sailing programs of the past. It was interesting to observe and reflect upon how sailing programs have changed over time mainly in response to social changes and boat design.

In LMYC's 42nd year of racing and cruising (1970-71), Club membership numbered 918, including junior members and associates. The yacht register recorded 153 sailing craft and 16 motor boats. Yacht racing was divided into 1st and 2nd Divisions, Bluebirds, Endeavours, Stars, Offshore Div, Catermarans, Junior and Senior Herons and Minus 11's.

The LMYC Annual Report published for that year 1970-71 boasted "Our biggest ever season of racing and social sailing." Yacht racing encompassed not only Seasonal and Offshore Point Scores, State and National class titles, Lake Championship for Diamonds as well as the Mattara Ocean Race, Bolton Point Regatta, Novice Skipper and Lady Skipper events, Single Handed Race, and the Icebergers Race. Larger events such as, Lake Marathon held over the Anniversary long weekend in January, Easter Regatta, Anzac Weekend Cruise, Club Picnic, Squadron Cruise in May drew much interest and participation.

Rear Commodore G.R. Conry summed up the year with the following comment in the Annual Report 1970-71. "LMYC played host to numerous visiting yachts and crews, and the goodwill that has been generated will light up the future public relations for some time to come. Major National and State Titles have gained for our club the reputation of good organisation, fair and competent racing and general hospitality which has been carried by visitors to all parts of our country."

Lake Marathon.

For decades, one of the highlights of the LMYC sailing program was the very popular 3 Day Lake Marathon – for men only. Held over the Anniversary (Australia Day) long weekend, it was originally set up to provide competitive racing in one spinnaker division over three days with an overnight stay at Rathmines then Morrisset. Competitors vied for Lake Macquarie Shire Council Shield and the Rundle Memorial Trophy. One can only imagine the camaraderie that occurred, with serious competitive racing during the day followed by much singing, joking and stories being told over a BBQ and keg at night. Memoirs of Marathon weekend best kept out of this publication.

Changes afoot in 1978, due to popular demand the Lake Marathon, for the first time would include a non-spinnaker division making provision for smaller, family oriented cruising type boats, and making way for brave women sailors to participate. The dynamics of the event quickly changed. Thirty nine entries were received, seventeen of which were non spinnaker entries. Ray Kiely was Rear Commodore at the time. Ray, with wife June onboard "Legend" acted as Committee Boat for the event. The event was successful as far as racing and sailing was concerned. However some expressed dissatisfaction regarding social arrangements – re catering and shore facilities for females and family groups.

By 1987 Marathon numbers were down. How to encourage interest in the Marathon was of concern to the Sailing Committee. After the January long weekend holiday was abandoned in favour of celebrating Australia Day on the day it fell on the calendar, the Marathon event gradually was removed from the sailing program.



L.M.Y.C. YACHT CLUB.
LAKE MARATHON RACE - 1957.

LAKE MACQUARIE SHIRE COUNCIL SHIELD & R.T. RUNDIE MEMORIAL TROPHY:

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- DATES OF RACE. Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 26th, 27th and 28th January, 1957.
- COURSES. As per attached charts.
- STARTING TIMES & DISTANCES.
1st Day - Saturday : 19 miles
1.30 p.m.
2nd Day - Sunday : 32½ miles
10 a.m.
3rd Day - Monday : 20½ miles
10 a.m.
- STARTING. As laid down in the Sailing Programme.
- FINISHING LINES. Will be indicated by the Judge's Boat.
- BUOYS. L.M.Y.C. Buoys will be used. These are painted YELLOW, with RED & YELLOW flags.
- POSTPONEMENT OF START. As laid down in the Sailing Programme.
- RACE OFFICIALS Starting and Finishing will be in the hands of L.M.Y.C. Officials.
- CREWS. Alteration of Crews permitted after each days race.
- HANDICAPS. As per attached sheet.
- TROPHIES.
1st - £28.
2nd - £12
3rd - £6
4th - £4
- ENTRY FEE. £1. 0. 0. per Yacht.
- RENDEZVOUS. At Rathmines on Saturday night, and at Morisse on Sunday night. Barbecues both nights. Barbecue Fee - 7/6d. per head per night.
- SUPPLIES & ICE. Skippers requiring Ice may obtain same at the Club House on the Saturday at 11.30 a.m. off the Ice Trunk. Thereafter, orders for ice should be given to Messrs. Tracey, Hindley or Delves. Supplies of refreshments will be sent to the Rendezvous each night. Any special requirements should be ordered off either of the abovementioned Members.
- GLASSES & BOTTLES. All Members are asked to take every care of the glasses supplied. In particular, broken glasses and bottles must not be left laying about or thrown into the Lake. This practice has resulted in staff at Rathmines & Morisset suffering cuts to the feet in past years. Glasses are an expensive item to-day. Please be careful of the Club's Property.

From LMYC Archives - Sailing Instructions for Lake Marathon 1957.

1. Note entry fee of one pound per yacht and barbecue fee 7/6d (75c) per head per night.
2. Note item 15. Glasses and Bottles.

In Forecast February 1968, terse comments regarding the loss of 163 glasses on "Marathon" prompted a General Meeting. The event was a financial "flop".

Pic below is at the 1937 Open Day



Photo credit: Peter Mayo - Wednesday racing



KEY SAILING DATES

Saturday 2 September

- 12noon Open Day & Sail Past
- 1320 Start Race 1
 - Bay Course
 - Annual Pointscore no. 1
 - Lake Mac Open LMYC Race 1

Start of Annual & Spring Pointscore

Wednesday 6 September

- 1400 RCV Scratch Start

Start of Wednesday Summer Series 1

23/24 Program available on the website & hardcopies are being printed.



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Volunteers saving lives on the water

Let's hear from you

Our radio operators are the voice of the marine radio airwaves. They monitor the radio 24/7 to listen out for boaters in trouble to ensure they get help fast. Thousands of boaters talk to our team every day as they Log On, check their radios or get a weather update.

Join us at Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie

Marine Rescue are on the lookout for more radio operators to crew their Radio Operations Centre at Swansea Heads.

Click on the link to register for our next information night - <https://www.marinerescuelakemacquarie.com.au/.../membership>

POINTScores AS AT 28 AUGUST 2023

WEDNESDAY WINTER POINTSCORE

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Division 1 - SERIES RESULTS

1. Pugsley - Lavers/Brown
2. Squid4Woodsy - Steve Liddell
3. 2xcess - Steve McCloy

Division 2

1. Scaramouche - John Skillicorn
2. Lucille - Stephen Manhood
3. The Apple - Warren Hodgkins

WEDNESDAY SWEEPSTAKES

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Division 1

1. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
2. Give&Take - Russell Williams
3. Squid4Woodsy - Steve Liddell

Division 2

1. Sojourne - Bruce Graham
2. Tereshenko - Frank Cordingley
3. Osprey - Ross Shirtley

SUNDAY WINTER SERIES

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Series Results

1. Wedgewood - Roger Geary
2. Midnight Special - Lachlan Hornsby
3. Jam - Brett Lewis

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