



# FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



Photo credit: Peter Mayo

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

### SWANSEA CHANNEL UPDATE

Unfortunately, at time of writing I have no news on when dredging will start. I have requested an update, but I have not yet received one.

As there is only one week left in July and with no indication that they are ready to start, I feel a July start is unlikely.

### NEW KITCHEN

The kitchen renovation is now complete and reopened last week. Congratulations to all involved in the project as it was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The kitchen area was the last remaining section of the clubhouse in need of repairs being the original floor as somewhat dated layout.

Congratulations and gratitude to the staff and management of Crusoe's on the lake for serving us all well out of the café. Along with the new kitchen, is a new menu, which looks, fantastic.

### LAKE MACQUARIE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to all our staff and management being a finalist in the Lake Macquarie Business Awards in the hospitality and tourism category.

Geoff Edman - Commodore



## WINTER SAILING

By Antonia Patterson

With the winter sailing season coming rapidly to an end, it is a good time to reflect on the participation of our She Sails women.

We had 18 women register their interest in sailing in the winter series. Unlike previous years where we had a dedicated boat, this year a number of skippers kindly agreed to take on extra crew each week.

The winter winds provided many challenges with conditions ranging from next to no wind to strong 25 knots, mostly from the north west. This provided us with a good opportunity to enhance our skills in a variety of conditions.

Our sincere thanks must go to the following skippers:

- \* Scott Ferguson on Spellcaster III
- \* Tim Litchfield on Dulci Bella
- \* Eleanor & Phil Cunningham on Equinox
- \* Antonia & Alan Patterson on Alibi



Photos by Jillian Nelson on Alibi

**Lake Mac SheSails**

January 14th - LMYC  
February 18th - RMYC  
March 3rd - WASC

**TRI-SERIES  
REGATTA 2024**

Enter the series or individual races  
(NoR & SI's coming soon to club websites)

Jointly hosted by LMYC-Belmont, RMYC-Toronto & WASC-Wangi Wangi

# SAVE THE DATES

**JAN 14 - LMYC**  
**FEB 18 - RMYC**  
**MAR 03 - WASC**



## SETTING SAIL

By Steven Ford

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

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

- Agreement reached with RMYC Toronto for a Combined Division 1 Series to be known as The Lake Mac Open Series, consisting of ten races with five over the LMYC Bay Courses and five over the RMYC Courses. Division 1 will not be doing a Pursuit Series and on these days, will race out of Toronto. The RMYC Division 1 boats will also compete in a combined Pulbah Series as well as the RKR and the Windward/Leeward Series. This means that Division 1 boats will be racing in a combined fleet for all races. Both RMYC and LMYC will continue to run Club Division 1 Point scores.
- The RMYC Toronto Adams 10's will race with our Division 2 for the RKR, Pulban and Windward/Leeward Series.
- LMYC has developed a ten-race series for Super 30 Boats to be run in conjunction with the Lake Mac Open Series. The Super 30s class has been around for several years and they have raced in some Sydney and Melbourne Clubs. We are currently working through the class rules and we are hopeful that this series will attract some new boats to the club and create some exciting racing.
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for all 2023/34 series are being finalised and will be available on the website shortly.
- 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
- The Invitation to Race in the 2023/24 Season will be sent out shortly. Early Bird registrations at a discounted fee due Sunday 20 August.

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## HISTORY LOCKER: A Galley of Cooks ...behind the scenes LMYC Ladie's Committee

By Janis Cummings



Front row l-r Lorna Coulter, Una Raisbeck, Nell Burgin white dress using tongs, ( ?) Thora Wellings and Phil Phillips.  
Back row l-r ( ?), Stella Morgan, ( ?), Nell Swan in spot dress.  
If anyone knows the names of other ladies in this photo the History Committee would like hear from you email: [history@lmyc.com.au](mailto:history@lmyc.com.au)

This delightful photo from club archives features a group of LMYC Ladies' Committee members pitching in to feed an influx of visiting sailors at Easter 1960. They appear to be cooking fish and chips. They also appear to be having a great deal of fun.

Since the founding fathers of LMYC launched a yacht club in 1929, sailing and hospitality was the focal point for building club membership. The Club's reputation for hospitality, particularly at Easter was much appreciated by visiting yachtsmen. Long before event organisers and contract restaurateurs became the norm at LMYC our Ladies Committee played a pivotal role in the success of club events.

The Ladies' Committee, usually headed by the Commodore's wife actively made events a success despite the sparse, simple kitchen fit-out in the new club house. Interestingly, in 1935 the club purchased a stove on Hire Purchase over 5 years with a total purchase price of £14/17/6, hire purchase was used again some months later to buy a heavy duty double oven range. A positive step up from the kerosene camp stove.

Much has been written about the flag officers and committees that strived to build and maintain a successful club, but little is written of or acknowledged, the force of wives, partners, and family who stood by their "man" and stood by the club.

A Ladies' Committee was founded in the early days to help raise funds for a proposed club house. In addition they were there to lend a hand with catering for club picnics.

"Arrangements for catering were carried out very efficiently by members of the ladies committee. The LMYC members were more than pleased with their initial effort of organising a club picnic, which is expected to become an annual event." reported the Newcastle Morning Herald 17th February 1931.

Functions were also held at various Newcastle city venues as most members came from that area. Large events such as themed Charity Balls were held at The Palais Royale. LMYC Balls became popular well attended events attracting up to 500 people. A nominated charity, such as Legacy, benefited by some of the proceeds as well as helping to swell club funds.

Ladies' Committee members were responsible for selling tickets and decorating the premises. The catering in those times were not acknowledged. However, once the club house was built in 1934, local events became popular. It was an exciting time and the dedication of the Flag Officers and the various committees of this period, without the assistance and relief of paid management staff, set a high standard which continued for many years.

For many years the club formed one of the social centres, not only for lake dwellers and sailors but for all of the Newcastle area. The club relied upon these events especially during the winter recess as they were a "fruitful source of revenue". (Annual Report 1934-35). The Ladies Committee organised the first Children's Christmas Party in 1936, inviting children of the local unemployed to attend. They were also responsible for organising the annual presentation of trophies, complete with buffet tea and dance.

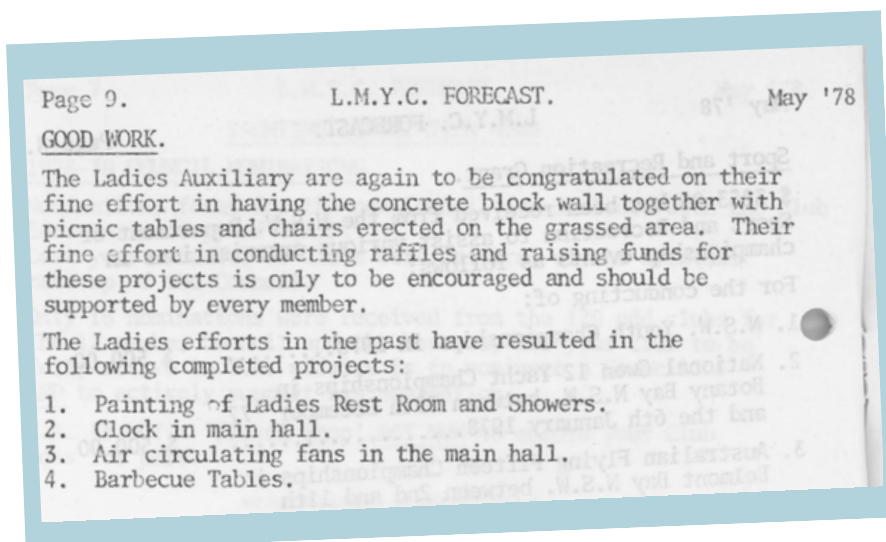
Speaking from experience as a new bride, full time student, and wife of a Flag Officer in 1972, club activities and involvement filled the remainder of one's time. It was the expectation that wives became involved in what was going on at the club. As the treasurer set a tight budget, the Ladies' Committee would at times have to beg, borrow or "steal" to make events memorable. By "steal" I mean, raiding neighbours gardens for foliage, flowers and props to decorate the affectionately known "boat shed" walls and tables.

Extracts from Forecast magazines published in 1972 "From the Bosun's Chair" column listed the following events. Crew's night \$6/head, Neptune's Poolside Smorgasbord, Wine Tasting Evening, Easter Regatta and Cruise, 4 Balls, and Open Day, all held at the club. A hectic year indeed. All these events required the input from the dedicated and willing work done by the Ladies' Committee volunteering their time to help keep costs to a minimum.



An extract from Forecast May 1978 (Left) also highlights the work done by the Ladies' Auxiliary (renamed).

Sadly, the enthusiasm of club members to be actively involved in a Ladies' Auxiliary wained. LMYC has not been the beneficiary of a Ladies Auxiliary for a number of years.





## Caro with LMYC member Wade Morgan on board wins Rolex Fastnet Race



Photo courtesy of Wade.

The TP52 Caro wins the 2023 Rolex Fastnet race on handicap.

**Congratulations to LMYC Wade Morgan.**

Wade recently gave a talk at LMYC about his professional career including managing Caro.

Read the media statement [here](#)

Wade is the 7th from left directly behind the trophy

Congratulations once again to Wade and the crew of Caro.

*Congrats!*



### Seeking new members

#### Interested in joining the Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie team?

- Are you a willing and enthusiastic volunteer?
- Able to commit time to the busiest unit in Marine Rescue NSW?

*No experience required although any relevant skills you can bring will be very much appreciated*

We are looking for people to join our teams for **RADIO, UNIT SUPPORT** and **CREW**

We will provide the training and support to help you achieve the appropriate skills

- Our rescue vessel crews turn out in all weather and conditions to respond to emergencies and other incidents both inside the lake and offshore
- Our Radio Operators provide coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days a week
- Our Unit Support team provide all the functions and fundraising to help keep the unit operational

Please visit the **Become a Volunteer with Us** section of our website, complete and submit an Expression of Interest Form to get details of the next Information session

[www.marinerescuelakemacquarie.com.au](http://www.marinerescuelakemacquarie.com.au)



### LMYC POSITION VACANT CASUAL RACE OFFICER

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE BEING SORT FOR CASUAL RACE OFFICER POSITIONS AT LMYC.

POSITIONS WILL BE ACROSS SATURDAY RACE DAYS FROM SEPTEMBER TO MARCH AS WELL AS OCCASIONAL FRIDAY TWILIGHT SHIFTS.

AN INTEREST IN RACING AND SOME KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS BUT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWLEDGE USING TOPYACHT SOFTWARE WOULD BE HIGHLY REGARDED.

WAGES AWARD RATE FROM CLUBS NSW AWARD

PLEASE APPLY BY EMAILING ROSS AHRENS AT [racing@lmyc.com.au](mailto:racing@lmyc.com.au) .

## SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW DISCOUNT

**Australian Sailing members get 20% discount into Sydney International Boat show.**

The Sydney International Boat Show is highlighting sailing this year by creating a Discover Sailing & Paddle Hub where Nic Douglass will be hosting guest speakers and activities each day. Class associations will be displaying boats in the hub and on the water, and there will be more sailing boats in the marina than previous years.

**The BIA is offering sailing club members 20% off tickets to the show.**

Offer for Australian Sailing affiliated Club Members

**The BIA is pleased to offer Australian Sailing club members a 20% discount off tickets to the Sydney International Boat Show at Darling Harbour from 3-6 August.**

The promo code for the offer is : AUSSAIL20

Club members simply need to visit the [OzTix](#) website and enter the promo code.

### RACING RULES SEMINAR by Damien **SAVE THE DATE**

30 August after racing  
2 September in the morning.

More information coming

## POINTScores AS AT 28 JULY 2023

### WEDNESDAY WINTER POINTSCORE SPONSORED BY EMPIRE MARINA, LAKE MACQUARIE

#### Division 1

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

#### Division 2

1. Scaramouche - John Skillicorn
2. Lucille - Stephen Manhood
3. Mirage - David Kelty

### WEDNESDAY SWEEPSTAKES

SPONSORED BY EMPIRE MARINA, LAKE MACQUARIE

#### Division 1

1. Give&Take - Russell Williams
2. Dee One - Chris Wilson
3. Squid4woodsy - Steve Liddell

#### Division 2

1. Osprey - Ross Shirtley
2. Earl Grey - David Denahy
3. Wedgewood - Roger Geary

### SUNDAY WINTER SERIES

SPONSORED BY LAKE MACQUARIE MOORINGS

#### Up to Race 10

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

#### Sweepstake - 18 June

1. Midnight Special - Lachlan Hornsby
2. Alibi - Antonia Patteson
3. Wedgewood - Roger Geary

## WE THANK OUR SPONSORS

