



FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



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Farewell to 2023

SWANSEA CHANNEL UPDATE

And the good news is...

After several years campaigning to have the channel dredged and a few months watching closely as the dredge worked away, the channel is very close to being cleared.

On Friday 15 December LMYC yachts Santana, Beyond Cool and Equinox in company with two other yachts negotiated the main channel passing close by the dredge. Santana on its way out of the lake and the other four entering the lake. Santana is on its way to Melbourne to compete in the Melbourne to Hobart west coast race. Beyond Cool and Equinox returning following extended cruise north.

Congratulations to Mark Clement on his excellent planning and coordinating with the dredge operator to pass the dredge at peak high tide. I understand there may have been more organisation and preparation required for the last 200m of their trip than the rest of their five months cruising the east coast. And congratulations and thanks to the dredge operator for moving aside to give the yachts room to pass. Speaking to TfNSW, dredging will cease this week and the channel markers will be set out this week and the channel reopened.

I understand that the channel at the dogleg, is still quite narrow, more like 20m not 30m wide as planned. The project manager told me they will be returning in March to continue with the second stage of the dredging. News of the dredging is positive with RPYC Cruising fleet confirming this week that they will be coming to the Lake at the end of December.

LMYC sailors racing to Hobart.

We know of a few boats heading to Hobart this year, see elsewhere in the Forecast, and we would like to know who our sailors are that are racing on other boats. If you are racing to Hobart this year, or know a member who is, let us know so we can follow their progress and cheer them along.

Lakefest has expanded this year with many additional events added to the festival. Starting off with the first of the She Sails heats hosted by LMYC on Sunday 14 January. Next up is WASC Australia Day regatta on 26 January. See all the events click on the link.
<http://www.lakefest.com.au/>

I take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families all the best of the season. If travelling, stay safe and enjoy this great time of the year.

Hope to see you around the club or out on the water.

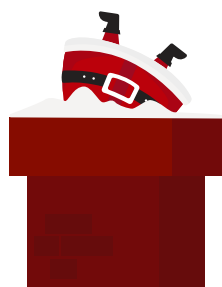
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Top left: Beyond Cool & Equinox
- returning to the Lake

Bottom left: Santana
- heading out of the lake

Photo supplied: Geoff Edman and Eleanor Cunningham



To all our members and families Merry
Christmas and best wishes for the New
Year.

from the CEO and Staff at LMYC.





SETTING SAIL

An update from the sailing committee
By Steven Ford, Rear Commodore

The Wednesday summer series has continued and as always racing is close. There has been a good turnout of 20 plus boats split evenly over two divisions.

Saturday racing is now in its Christmas Break with racing returning on Saturday 13 January. Congrats to all of the winners of the Spring Series that was recently completed.

After three races in the RKR interclub, LMYC is narrowly leading the Shield. LMYC boats are also doing well in both the Shield and Division 1.

- In the Shield, 1st is Agent 88 (Rod Carter), 2nd is Road Runner (Paul Heyes) and 3rd is Morticia (Geoff Gardner)
- In Division 1, Roadrunner (Paul Heyes) is leading.

Roadrunner (Paul Heyes) also leads the Combined Open Division 1 and the Combined Pulbah series.

Friday Twilight fleets have been strong as the weather has improved.

We are now entering regatta season, and there are several regattas scheduled over the summer –

- **7 January 2024 - Flying 15s Nationals. We will be looking for some volunteers for this event.**
- **She Sails – LMYC 14 January, RMYC 18 February, WASC 3 March (online entry is now available)**
- **9-11 February 2024 – Adams 10 Regatta**
- **8-12 April 2024 – Multihull Regatta**

Unfortunately, the last Saturday point score race (combined Windward Lewards) was abandoned due to the excessive heat. The Combined Race Committee adopted the [LMYC Guidelines for Racing Safety](#). These guidelines were introduced several years ago following a day very similar to last Saturday that saw multiple people showing symptoms of heat stroke. Given the guidelines, the weather on the day and racing being spread over three tracks at Toronto, Wangi and Belmont Bay, the Race Committee made the only sensible call they could and abandoned racing for the day.

With waterways becoming busier over summer, skippers are reminded that under the Aquatic Licence issued by Roads and Maritime Services to LMYC, competitors in LMYC events are not to sail within 30 metres of moored or anchored vessels. All accidents involving serious damage or personal injury are to be reported to RMS. Failure to do so may cause the Club's Aquatic Licence to be revoked.

*Good!
Luck!* ↗



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Good luck to all our LMYC/NCYC boats and members heading south this year

Sydney to Hobart

Hasta La Vista - Richard Grimes
Millenium Falcon - Rob Griffiths
She's the Culprit - Glen 'Cyril' Picasso
Frantic - Mick Martin
Mako - Paul O'Rourke
Verite - Paul Beath

Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster

Santana - Michael Graham

And crew from LMYC

Jon Lattimore, Mick McDonald, David Hill, Steve Chapman, David Leask, Tod Cherry - Santana (M2H)
Sarah Gamble - SilverFern (S2H)

Have we missed anyone?

Let us know so we can cheer you on.

23-24 RESULTS

SATURDAY RACING

SPRING SERIES FINISHED 2 DECEMBER 2023

Division 1

1. Roadrunner - Paul Heyes
2. Dirty Deeds - Ian Humphris
3. Squid4Woodsy - Steve Liddell

Division 2

1. Excess - Bruce Dobinson
2. Pogue Mohone - Scott Hamilton
3. Beat to Quarters - Eddie O'Donnell

Division 3

1. Pugsley - Len Lavers
2. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
3. Morticia - Geoff Gardner

Division 4

1. Wedgewood - Roger Geary
2. The Shed - Roger Parker
3. Young 'n' Old - Glen Picasso



SUMMER SERIES 1

AS AT 13 DECEMBER, 20 DECEMBER LAST RACE

Division 1

1. Dreadnaught - Ed Hillier
2. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins
3. Give&Take - Russell Williams

Division 2

1. Spellcaster 111 - Scott Fergusson
2. Terenshenko - Frank Cordingley
3. Mirage - David Kelty

FRIDAY LADY SKIPPER SERIES RESULTS AFTER 3 RACES

1. Pentangle - Sarah Petherbridge
2. Ignition - Lateisha Bower
3. Flying Colours - Ingrid Souter

Friday Racing - 22 December last race,
resumes 12 January.

Saturday racing - resumes 13 January, 2024

www.lmyc.com.au/race-results/





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Article from the LMYC Forecast December 1972

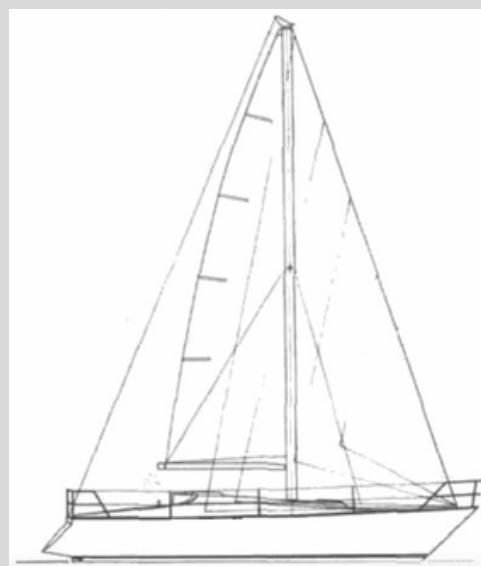
By Jim Lees

Notes on Bringing an Endeavour 30 (10'1" beam) From Hurstville to Teralba – towing vehicle, flat truck 1965 model.

The trip down was uneventful, with a stop-off at the Tollway gates to get permission for the return trip.

We arrived at the Police Traffic Office in Rosebery and received our set of rules, sailing instructions and course, then next door to the Registration Office to pay starting fees (tax). From here we motored out to the yacht at Hurstville. It took quite a while to rig the boat on the trailer but, finally we weighed anchor.

The course was as follows: King George Rd. (P), Punchbowl Rd. (S), Coronation Pde. The Boulevard, Concorde Rd. (P), Lane Cove Rd. (S), Ryde Rd. (P), Pacific Highway (P), Tollway (with blessing of D.M.R), Peat's Ridge Road, Pacific Highway (S), Doyalson (P), Wyee, Toronto, Teralba. To the navigator with Sydney experience to first part is known as Ring Road 3.



Trying to steer a course between a couple of converging buses and a stream of traffic makes one thankful for the open sailing of our local roads. Apart from a few close calls – buses, red lights and steep inclines, port and starboard infringements (not to mention overtaking and steering a straight course) all was fair sailing to the Tollway.

We proceeded to pay our toll charge and have the gates lift and were pounced on by a local inspector of the plimsoll lines ...'You can't sail that outfit on the roads; take it and get it weighed'... After much ado, with the Keeper of the Gates saying 'You can't go back' – we reversed to the weighbridge and were weighed. Sure enough, the truck weighed less than the trailer ...'You've got to leave it here' was all we could get from our friend.

After a conference among officials and our crew, someone noticed that the truck was not a private car, which changed things considerably and we were off again.

Crossing of open spaces on the Tollway can be considerably hazardous; what with fluky, increasing and changing winds the boat yawed. Keeping in the lane became very difficult but soon we noticed that the motion was not as severe as it felt. The only rough passage was from the short chop of the pot-holes, and the camber made a true course difficult to hold. The most dangerous part was the descent from the Southern Tollway to the lights at the bridge, the road being closed because of an accident; not much, but try to steer down that hill with a dirty big boat up your stern.

Reflection on the trip: Land sailors apparently haven't heard of the right-of-way of sail. Do not abuse slow or wide loads if you get caught behind, nor overtake on the inside as some land-lubbers do. Boats should definitely sail in water: never think the land is their element.



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The Clipper boats are coming to Newcastle arriving from 1-5 January with the Leg 4 commencing in Newcastle Harbour on 10 January 2024. Check out the guide



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