



FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



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WELCOME TO 2023/2024 SAILING SEASON

Opening Day

Thanks to all who dressed up or dressed their boats up and participated in the Sail Past on opening day. It was the best sail past and opening day we have had in several years.

Congratulations to Mark Long and crew on Misha winning Best Dressed Boat, Steve Liddell and crew of Squid 4 Woodsy winning Best Dressed Crew. It was a difficult decision with so many putting in an effort. In fact, the judges decided an additional award was needed, and deserved. Congratulations to Simon Zablotsky and partner Lotte on Papalana on receiving a highly commended award.

Swansea Channel Update

Actual dredging has commenced in Swansea Channel with the dredged sand being placed in holes on Elizabeth Island. I spoke with the Marine Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) Project Manager recently about progress. He reported that although there had been a breakdown and the schedule has been delayed, he is still expecting to have the dredging completed in November.

Vale Doug Coulter

I was, as were many of us, quite saddened to hear of Doug's recent passing after a deterioration of his health. Doug became Commodore the year I joined the board. It was under Doug's time at the helm that we built the extension of the marina as well as other necessary service upgrades. Doug chaired the building committee right through to its completion.

Doug joined LMYC in 1958 and remained an active sailing member right up to recent years. His life long membership, sailing accomplishments and commitment to our club was rewarded with life membership. Doug Coulter's name certainly is written into our clubs history book as well as our trophies. I believe that his name is on the Gun Trophy more often than any other single member. Please see elsewhere notifications related to his funeral.

Geoff Edman
Commodore



Papalana - Highly Commended



Misha - Best dressed boat



Squid4Woodsy - Best dressed crew



Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
CRUISING DIVISION
Safe Social Sailing



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INVITATION TO LMYC RACING MEMBERS

The LMYC cruising division has arranged a "non-racing" weekend event for Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October (you will be home before the NRL grand final Start around 15:00 on Friday at Styles Point (Kilaben Bay) for drinks and an overnight stay.

We will sail down to the South of the Lake on Saturday and stay overnight. Leave Sunday morning so we have plenty of time to hopefully see the Knights win the NRL premiership.

We would especially like to invite any racing members of the LMYC to come along and experience a weekend of sailing, relaxation and fun with the CRUISING DIVISION.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards
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SETTING SAIL

An update from the sailing committee

The new season has commenced with light variable conditions for the first three races. We have 39 boats entered for the annual pointscore - 6 boats in Division 1, 10 in Division 2, 11 in Division 3 and 12 in Division 4, which is in line with last year's entries. Compared to the entrants, the number of boats sailing in each division are well down, with several boats yet to make an appearance this season.

The Wednesday summer series has commenced with 32 boats entered - 12 in Division 1 and 20 in Division 2.

The RKR series will start on Saturday 23 September with 73 boats entered, which is the highest for several years.

Just a reminder that for the combined races (RKR, W/L) there will be four Divisions as per the LMYC Divisions.

Opening day on Saturday, 2 September, saw a great turnout for the sail past and the roast meat rolls back at the club. It was great to see so many 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.

Congratulations to Damien for his recent win 'Official of the Year' at the Australian Sailing NSW & ACT Awards.

Steven Ford
Rear Commodore

REGATTAS COMING UP

November, 2023

11-12th - Melges

January, 2024

7th - Flying 15s Nationals

14th - LMYC She Sails

February, 2024

18th - RMYC Toronto She Sails

9-11th - Adams 10



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RACING RULES OF SAILING

As the sailing season commences, we thought it a good opportunity to once again provide links to a worthwhile series run by the RYA covering off on the racing rules of sailing. Even if you are a seasoned sailor, we encourage you to watch these short YouTube clips as a refresher.

Episode 1 - Introduction to Racing Rules <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFCuwTuW200>

Episode 2 - The Start <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KanGIVzhym0>

Episode 3 - The Windward Leg <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyOx5TAahw4>

Episode 4 - The Marks Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzmP5BMkVgE>

The full series can be watched by searching YouTube - RYA Racing Rules of Sailing

ANNUAL POINTSCORE 23 - 24 RESULTS

With only 3 races, annual pointscore as at 23 September 2023 is as follows

SATURDAY RACING

Division 1

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

Division 2

1. Echo Beach - Philip Matthews
2. The Cube - Morgan Frew
3. Excess - Bruce Dobinson

Division 3

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

Division 4

1. Wedgewood - Roger Geary
 2. Up Ship Creek - Mark Holmes
 3. The Apple - Warren Hodgkins
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WEDNESDAY SWEEPSTAKES

As at 20 September, results as follows:

Division 1

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

Division 2

1. Lucille - Stephen Manhood
2. Wedgewood - Roger Geary
3. Mirage - David Kelty

SUMMER 1 POINTSCORE

As at 20 September, series Pointscore is as follows:

Division 1

1. Dreadnaught - Ed Hillier
2. Excess - Bruce Dobinson
3. Ross Street - Noel Jenkins

Division 2

1. Lucille - Stephen Manhood
2. Spellcaster 111 - Scott Ferguson
3. Mirage - David Kelty

RKR

Results for 23 September 2023

Division 1

1. Roadrunner - Paul Heyes
2. Challenge - Greg Croak
3. Bling - Peter Horne

Division 2

1. Misguided - Warwick Fatches
2. The Raging Bull - Andrew Turner
3. Excess - Bruce Dobinson

Division 3

1. Anarchy - Malcolm May
2. Morticia - Geoff Gardner
3. Willpower - Simon Frendo

Division 4

1. Agent 88 - Rod Carter
2. Mantana - Mick O'Donnell
3. Young n Old - Glen Picasso

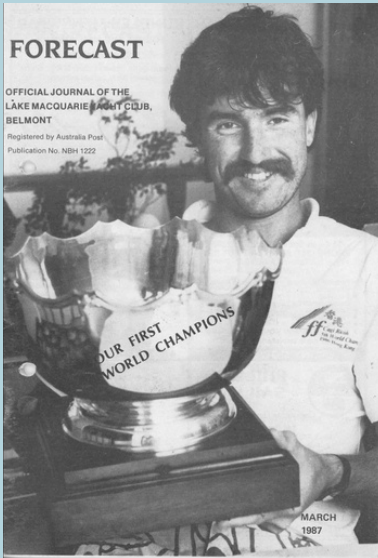
HISTORY LOCKER

The Flying Fifteens.

by Janis Cummings



Flying Fifteen International – Australia



Our Forecast History Locker feature this month comes from March 1987 with Glen Coulton on the front cover.

In January 2024 LMYC will again host the Flying Fifteen National Championships on Belmont Bay with the expectation of at least 25 entries competing from across Australia.

LMYC has in the past a unique history when it comes to this one design sailboat. This legendary keel boat continues to flourish around the world despite its design dating back to the 1940's. Designed by Uffa Fox in England, the original yacht concept was to be built at home by amateurs, from timber or marine plywood around stringers. As time passed the hulls were made from fibreglass using a mould. The one design class caught on in Australia in the 1960's, the first on the LMYC register in 1969 "Currawong" FF#583 owned by C. Wilson.

The "Fifteen" can be thrilling to sail, especially in heavy conditions when it can certainly plane. Manned by a crew of two, it has a simple two sail plus spinnaker rig. It can be easily transported to events on a trailer, and sailed by young and old alike. Originally a few Flying Fifteens began sailing in 3rd Division at LMYC. An enthusiastic group of about 20 sailors who wanted to race competitively without outlaying a lot of money and relying on a large crew to sail set about achieving their goal.

Club members Rolly Davies and Brian Allen purchased a Flying Fifteen mould from Dulmisons at Wyong. The boats proved easy to construct in fibreglass and inexpensive to make. Over two years, during the winter sailing recess of 1975 and 1976, the group of twenty built no less than 20 "Fifteens" in John Jarvie's boat yard at Warners Bay.

Out of such enthusiasm, LMYC's Flying Fifteens gained state "fleet status". Forecast of May 1978 reported in the Flying Fifteen News, "this fleet continues to grow with its register now numbering 25 boats. With the national titles being held here in January, it has been a full year of sailing, with a number of successful social events, and much good comradeship. We like to think we have a closely knit group within our old established club and we continue to enjoy our good course and racing facilities".

Over a period of 20 years, no less than 50 Flying Fifteens registered with LMYC. Many current club members will recall being part of the fleet during its hey day. The LMYC fleet had all but vanished by 1990 as newer, faster and more expensive Flying Fifteen models contributed to the demise of fleets of older boats. Only two Flying Fifteens now race regularly with the club. FF#4062 "Up Ships Creek" owned by Mark Holmes and Chris Villa was purchased in 2020, rekindling their teenage years interest in the class. They are now active participants in the class racing circuit nation wide. Paul Van Ruggie can be seen sailing his Fifteen on Wednesdays.

Right: Chris Villa & Mark Holmes - winners ACT State Title & ACT Dinghy Champion. November 2022



Following the Flying Fifteen National Titles held at LMYC in 1986, an international qualifying team consisting of Mark Holmes and Chris Villa, sailing "Hot 'Ta' Trot", Glen Coulton and Grant Schultz in "Instant Replay" and Noel Davies and Brian Allen, in "Saturday Matinee" accompanied by Team Manager Vicki Villa set off to compete in the 5th Flying Fifteen World Championship in Hong Kong in November /December the same year.

Much excitement erupted from the auditorium of LMYC when it was announced that Glen Coulton and Grant Schultz had come from behind in the last heat to win the 5th Flying Fifteen World Title. LMYC's first World Champions. An unbelievable and remarkable achievement considering their young ages and the adversity of sailing in foreign waters can impose. The stories told after the event about sailing conditions were incredible to believe. It makes one appreciate what amazing sailing grounds we have here with Lake Macquarie on our doorstep.

A full report of the preparation, lead up to the event and details of each race can be found in the March 1987 edition of Forecast which makes for interesting reading. The edition can be read on the LMYC History webpage. <https://lmyc.com.au/sailing-instructions/page-local-history/>

We welcome visiting sailors to LMYC in January for the Flying Fifteen Nations with the promise of our hospitality, excellent facilities and renowned sailing waters.



World Titles Hong Kong 1986.
Grant Schultz, Vicki Villa, Glen Coulton, Chris Villa, Mark Holmes, Noel Davies, Brown Allen.



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VALE DOUG COULTER Funeral Details

Members are notified that the Funeral for Doug Coulter will take place at Pettigrew's Funeral Home Belmont at 3:00pm Friday 29th September 2023.

Following the Funeral, the Club will host a celebration of Doug's life in the main area of the Club from 4:00pm onwards.

LMYC CEO
Mark Norden



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

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