

# FORECAST

Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



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## WELCOME

### CHARITY BALL A SUCCESS, CAR PARK RENOVATIONS

LMYC held the Commodore's Charity Ball on 13 May. The Charity Ball is hosted by a different Club each year with proceeds to Charity. The Ball was well attended with representatives from WASC, RMYCT, Belmont 16s and NCYC and all LMYC Flag officers. All up we had 156 people attend this year. Thanks to all our members who came along to support this great Charity event.

It is the host club's decision on which Charity to support. LMYC continued to support Cancer Council NSW and Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie on an even split basis. A table full of great raffle prizes and two Silent Auction prizes were on offer for all. We raised \$7,000 on the night. A great result.

#### *What's happening in the car park?*

Recent visitors will notice some construction work going on at the entrance to the car park. We are replacing the old block garden wall with a new solid display wall where we can better display our weekly sponsors. The old garden had been bumped a few times requiring minor but constant repair. The new wall will be much more visible and solid. Members are advised to not use touch parking techniques with this wall



LMYC are looking to employ a Sailing Manager to focus on sailing development for members including training and attracting more participants. The advertisement is below.

All is ready for the installation of the new mast crane with the foundation complete and now waiting for the large construction barge for installation of the crane itself. The crane is designed to have the reach to lift masts off and onto multihulls.

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We are **HIRING**  **Sailing Manager**  
(Full-time) 

Link to job application ↓

[www.seek.com.au/job/75416200](http://www.seek.com.au/job/75416200)



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### SETTING SAIL

## AN UPDATE FROM SAILING COMMITTEE

With the 2023/24 season closing, the Sailing Committee is working hard on the upcoming 2024/25 season.

The Boat Owners, Skippers and Crew Survey was recently sent out and we had 65 responses, which is consistent with last year's survey. We have had a good cross-section of the club with responses from Skippers, Boat Owners and Crew from all Saturday Divisions, Wednesday and Friday Twilight.

The results of the survey will be shared more formally at a meeting planned for **6:00 pm on Tuesday 14 May at the club.**

Please come along to hear what your fellow sailors have said and to provide your input in person. Some of the key issues canvassed in the survey are detailed below.

Overall, there was continued strong support from the sailors at LMYC and there were some particularly pleasing comments about the professional way racing is managed day to day at LMYC. There are also some great ideas and suggestions on how we can improve racing.

In the survey we explored some areas that we wanted to understand better including –

- **How many people would recommend LMYC to a sailing friend or colleague (Net Promoter Score)?** This year's score was again very supportive of LMYC and came out higher at 57 versus 52 and 53 in previous years. Scores over 50 on the Net Promoter score are considered to be very good. Importantly, we have increased promoters (score 9 or 10) to 65% of the respondents and reduced the number of detractors (0-6) to 8%. The respondents who scored 7-8 also reduced slightly. While 8% of respondents who would not recommend LMYC to a colleague is still too high and ideally we would like this to be zero, we will continue to work hard to address the issues in a proactive and positive way.
- **Why we have seen a drop off in fleets in the last few months?** The major reason seems to be competing interests (other sports, families etc) and lack of suitable crew.
- **With the Swansea Channel now dredged, what interest in there in offshore racing?** There was sufficient interest to warrant further work on this, but several comments about the channel beginning to lose depth need to be investigated further to determine if offshore racing will be viable in 2024/25.
- **What support is there for moving from four Divisions to two Divisions on Saturdays?** The vote was split with just under 30% wanting to stay with four divisions, 28% supporting two divisions, 28% who didn't have a preference and 14% supporting three divisions. It is clear that there are different opinions and no clear majority support for either two or four divisions. However, there were several comments that Division 1 was too small and the spread of boat speed in Division 3 was too wide. Sailing Committee will consider all of the comments and make a decision that they feel is in the club's best interests overall.
- **What is the support for the current mix of Interclub and club races?** Similarly to previous years, there is strong support for sticking with the current mix of club and Interclub races.
- **How are the initiatives to attract women to sailing going?** We are slightly better than last year but there is still plenty to do. There were many great suggestions to follow up on.
- **How are the initiatives to transition people from small boat to yacht racing going?** We are about the same as last year but the clear message is we need to do better in this area. The club has recently advertised for a sailing manager, and this new role will be integral in developing pathways into yacht racing. There were many great suggestions to follow up on.

Thanks very much to everyone who has responded to the survey. We value your input and be assured the Sailing Committee does listen and wants to improve yacht racing at LMYC year on year.

BY STEVEN FORD, REAR COMMODORE  
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The Gosford SheSAILS Regatta is on again for the 3rd year  
**Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.**

Teams of 4 will sail on the clubs Magic 25 Sports Boats.  
Entry fee is \$280 per team including use of the boat, refreshments and BBQ lunch.  
Notice of Race will be on Gosford Sailing Club webpage soon. Interested?  
Enquiries to Minkang, SheSAILS rep for Gosford. Email: shesailspsc@gmail.com



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## SAILING RESULTS

### SUMMER 2 SERIES POINTSCORE - WEDNESDAY RESULTS

#### Division 1

1. Dee One - Chris Wilson
2. Excess - Bruce Dobinson
3. Pugsley - Len Lavers/David Brown

#### Division 2

1. Mirage - David Kelty
2. Wedgewood - Roger Geary
3. Carpe Diem - Jeffrey Payne

[Race results link here](#)

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### DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 1 May - start of Wednesday Winter Series

**Tuesday 14 May, 6pm - Skipper, Boat Owners and crew meeting**

Sunday 19 May - start of Sunday Winter Series.

Sunday 4 August - end of Sunday Winter Series.

Wednesday 28 August - end of Wednesday Winter Series.

### QUICK QUIZ

1. What word refers to the minimum depth of water a boat needs to float?
2. The term kayak comes from the word 'qayaq' meaning 'small boat of skins' from the language of the Inuit who live on which extremely large island?
3. A line that runs down the back edge of a modern mainsail shares what name with a parasitic animal?
4. These boats become more stable the further apart the twin hulls are. Derived from Tamil, what is the name of these vessels that are first known to have appeared in 1662?
5. What's the term for the person who sells & supplies boating accessories & spare parts?

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## FROM THE CEO DESK

### CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

At the club AGM to be held on Tuesday May 28th the Board will ask all voting members in attendance to pass 2 Special resolutions. Special resolutions require 75% of eligible members to vote YES to pass.

### Notes to Members on First Special Resolution

The First Special Resolution proposes a series of amendments to the Club's Constitution to bring it into line with best practice and the requirements of the Corporations Act, Gaming Machines Act, Liquor Act and Registered Clubs Act.

### Notes to members on Second Special Resolution

1. The Second Special Resolution proposes to amend the manner in which the election of the Board is conducted, with effect from and for the purposes of the election of the Board and Annual General Meeting to be held in 2025.
2. Currently, the election of the Board is conducted by way of postal ballot.
3. Conducting postal ballots is a very time consuming and expensive process for the Club.
4. Accordingly, the Second Special Resolution proposes to provide the Board with flexibility to determine the manner in which members will vote in board elections. In this regard, the Board can determine that members wishing to vote in the election of the Board must do so in person at the Club's premises or electronically.

A detailed overview will be sent to all eligible members along with the Club Financials and Flag Officers reports in the first week of May.

BY MARK NORDEN, CEO



## HISTORY LOCKER

'Forecast' September, 1967

### COARSE SAILING *beaufort scale*

Beaufort No.	Knots	Description	OBSERVATIONS	
			From Competitors	From Club House
0	0 - 1	Calm	North, South all the same "How much beer have we?"	Too much smoke Start the Fans
1	1 - 3	Light Air	Start the race. Wind then drops. "Let's have another."	Poker Machine rattle Beer Warm Curse the Stewards
2	4 - 6	Light Breeze Skipper	Lovely Skipper starts abusing crew	Too Cold Close weather windows Curse the Stewards
3	7 - 10	Gentle	2 hours to go - only 6 left Crew Curses	Close all windows Curse the Stewards
4	11-16	Moderate	Over ride on winch Curse the crew	If outside, froth blows off glasses Curse the Stewards
5	17-21	Fresh	Haliard Parts Skipper and Crew Curse	Customers outside come inside Curse the Stewards
6	22-27	Strong	Pass the rum	Elderly members start to talk of their young days Curse the Stewards
7	28-33	Moderate Gale	Skipper starting to say "Please" to remaining crew on deck	Front door can't be opened Curse the Commodore as well
8	34-40	Fresh Gale	Club Tender flat out Driver curses	L.M.Y.C. sign blows down Curse the Commodore, the Committee and the Stewards
9	41-47	No Place Like Home	No Place Like Home	Stewards say "No Place Like Home" Moma says "Had a nice day Dear?"

# SOCIAL EVENT



## COMMODORES BALL

A great night was had by all at the Commodore's Ball on 13 April.

\$7000 was raised for the Cancer Council NSW and Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie.

Thank you to all for your support of these charities.

Well done to the functions team at LMYC. The room looked fantastic.



### Quiz Answers

1. Draft
2. Greenland
3. Leech line
4. Catamaran
5. Boat chandler

## WE THANK OUR SPONSORS

