

FORECAST

Monthly Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

JULY 2025

There's been a "bit going on" around our Club these last few weeks! Not all intended or welcomed.

If you have been to the Club recently, you will have noticed the barricades along the car park. The severe weather, high winds & resulting wave action have washed out/undercut the car park in several places along the South side, and to a lesser extent along the North side, including some damage around the Hardstand crane. The damage was not limited to the car park, with some damage to the Marina with a couple of damaged piles.

Also, we have had a couple of power outages. One planned & one un-planned. Our Marquee was removed completely & replaced with a new one. The new Marquee will be much better in poor weather.

Tony Mowbray spoke to a full house at this month's Cruising Division General Meeting. Tony gave an enthralling account of his 1998 Hobart race where they were dismasted, some crew injured & air lifted off.

Many of our Members head North during the winter months and this year is no different. There are around eight LMYC yachts either already in Far North Queensland, or well on the way. There are also a couple more heading off soon.

The "Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race 2025" starts this coming Saturday, LMYC will be represented by 'SHE'S THE CULPRIT' & 'INNER CIRCLE'. There are several other NCYC yachts entered as well. Let me know if we have Members crewing on any of the other yachts, or if anyone is doing the race weeks this year. We love to follow our Members racing away from home.

The latest round of dredging in Swansea channel has been completed. I understand there is plenty of depth in the channel, however the dogleg is not well marked & reports of a couple of boats running aground.

We are now only six weeks away from the start of the Spring/Summer racing season. Time to start preparing your yacht & checking all your safety equipment as you will require a new Cat 7 Safety Inspection prior to racing.

SEE YOU 'ROUND THE CLUB
GEOFF EDMAN, COMMODORE
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - JULY 2025

LMYC's Sailing Committee has decided to run Offshore Racing Congress, club (ORC) as an additional handicapping method this coming season. ORC uses a fixed rating obtained from Australian Sailing based on your submitted data. LMYC has established a Technical Committee to help with the application for this rating, if required (sm@lmyc.com.au).



ORC is used by many Clubs, like NCYC, RSY, RPAYC, SYC, and more. Our Sailing Manager Simon Turpin, fortunately has had experience with this system at Southport Yacht Club (SYC) and speaks highly of ORC.

Australian Sailing describes it as follows: "ORC uses self-declared data from the owner. Note that it is in your interest to provide the most accurate data possible - measured data is preferable to data that is owner declared or assumptions from the designer, builder, or other source". More information can be found at www.sailingresources.org.au/ratings-hub/

AUSTRALIAN SAILING INCIDENT REPORTS

The following link goes to the inquiry into a Friday Twilight race collision between boats rounding a mark resulting in a fatality.

<https://www.sailing.org.au/news/report-from-the-sydney-harbour-friday-twilight-inquiry-published>

This link is into the lost of life in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart last year

<https://www.sailing.org.au/news/cyca-publishes-report-reviewing-three-incidents-in-2024-rshyr>

WINTER SERIES 2025

The brave and hardy managed to get another race in this weekend while I was having lunch in the warmth of the Belmont 16s - voting weekend. Being race 9 of 11, there is only 2 to go.

Current standings

- 'NEFERTITI', Richard (Shipmate) Martin - **21 POINTS**
- 'DULCI BELLA', Tim Litchfield - **28 POINTS**
- 'ANARCHIE', Paul Hannan - **36 POINTS**

Don't breathe easy yet Richard, 'me hearty'. If 2 more are completed, then a drop kicks in and so the current standings would look like this

- 'DULCI BELLA' - **28-16 = 12 POINTS**
- 'NEFERTITI' - **21-6 = 15 POINTS**
- 'ANARCHIE' - **36-17 = 19 POINTS**

(Richard, you need a really bad race so you can drop more points!!!! NEVER, EVER GIVE IN!)

A quick look at Sunday's weather forecast shows a strong nor-wester, so the chances of getting 2 more races in, is looking slim!

WINTER TIME WINDS BLOW COLD... (The Doors - 'Wintertime Love')

Our winter winds also blow boats ashore, and being somewhere between southwest and northwest the boats come ashore in Belmont Bay.

A visitor arrived, possibly from outer space, 'GALACTICA', a Space Sailor (time for eerie music out of '**E.T.**'), landed in the corner in front of the marquee "take me to your leader!". The marquee isn't there in this photo. The old marquee has been removed and the new marquee will be well and truly in place by the time you read this (if in fact anybody does read this). 'GALACTICA' jettisoned its mast while there.



This Top Hat didn't give up without a fight "Never, ever give in". Sitting plumb upright on her keel (until the next winter storm came). I wonder how it was able to get like that in the first place, maybe aliens from 'GALACTICA'?



Now living on the South side of our car park is my old mate's former boat 'TREKA'. This is about as far as it's moved since it was sold years ago. 'TREKA', an Endeavour, once raced in Division 4, then owned by Roger Moyston. When we had our Northshore 340, Roger and I bumped gunwales many a time on a Saturday afternoon, just "love" bumps, back in the good old days. There were a few Endeavours around at that time. Jim Orrel 'HARBRINGER' was one I can remember.



There are two more boats that didn't make it ashore. One near Belmont Jetty, just a mast poking out of the water. The other is a power boat over towards Marks Point Marina, still on its mooring in shallow water.

Marks Point Marina is reported as having some serious damage, along with the LMYC car park being under mined on the Southern side.

LMYC CRUISING DIVISION



Recently Tony Mowbray was a guest speaker at the LMYC Cruising Division general meeting. Tony is promoting his book, 'Never Ever Give In'. Reading from the back of the book, "... a journey across many oceans, over a lot of water but very much a journey of the human spirit".

Tony, in his inimitable fashion, had us packed in up in the Bridgedeck and enthralled us for an hour or so.

The LMYC CD gets many good guest speakers and has done so for many years.

You should do yourself a favour and become a member of the LMYC CD. All you need to qualify is to own a yacht and be a Sailing Member of LMYC, as all Sailors who compete at LMYC should be. LMYC CD Membership is then only \$22 per vessel per year or \$60 for 3 years.

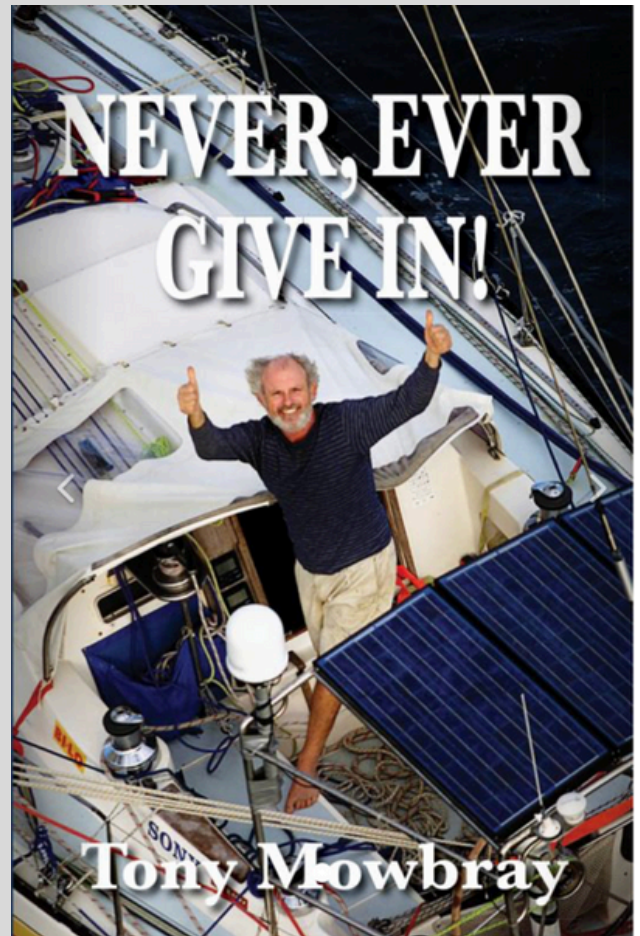
<https://www.lmyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/CD-Membership-Form-2025.pdf>

LMYC's CD June 2025 Cruiseletter has an article by Dr Chris Cahill - LMYC CD Safety Officer, "MOB RECOVERY" in which a lady fell overboard during a race off Cowes, Isle of Wight, England and was unable to be recovered by the 3 remaining crew of the Sonar class keelboat 'Limbltless' owned by the Andrew Cassell Foundation. The Andrew Cassell Foundation's aim is to enable disabled sailors to race with and against non-disabled crews in an inclusive and equal environment hence the name 'Limbltless'.

The outcome of the investigation highlighted that MOB recovery had not been practised. Read Chris's article via the following link and the full report via the subsequent link.

<https://www.lmyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Cruiseletter-June-2025.pdf>

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67fd0ed0694d57c6b1cf8cdd/2025-7-Limbltless-ReportAndAnnexes.pdf>



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SIRIUS BUSINESS

LMYC DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE - UPDATE



Even though we've had some wild weather this month, it hasn't stopped us running our 'Let's Go Sailing' courses on Sunday & Wednesday afternoons, as well as Belmont High School's 'Sailing for Sport' on Thursday's.

Sophie (the star fish lady in the above photo) is a Year 7 student from Belmont High School who completed last terms 'Sailing for Sport'. Last week she also brought her father along to join in our 'Let's Go Sailing' Wednesday afternoon racing & had such a wonderful time racing that they actually secured 2nd place! Other students & parents have also now booked to come along together to experience our wonderful sport of Sailing.

We are continuing our Private Lesson's with some of our new boat owner's, showing them 'their ropes' & getting them out on the water. It is so rewarding seeing them so excited & I have no doubt it won't be long before they have enough confidence to join in our Racing.

Our next Australian Sailing 'Start Crewing' course is filling up fast so if you're interested, please book ASAP as spots are limited (www.revolutionise.com.au/lmyc/events/list).

We launched our Discover Sailing Centre Foundation on Wednesday 23rd July, with some generous donations from Members helping us to start strong, raising \$6,000 of our \$150,000 target! We thank these Members for their support & look forward to putting the donations towards bringing our wonderful sport of Sailing to our community. Every dollar counts, so please give generously.



**DONATE
TODAY!**



SEE YOU ON THE WATER
SIMON TURPIN
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HISTORY LOCKER

A COVERT OPERATION

The below images of the Clubhouse, taken around 1935, shows the narrow 'Rock Causeway' that provided the only access to the Clubhouse, prior to the very covert overnight dumping of rocks to form the current carparking area.

The History Committee would welcome any Members who may have other photos from these early days to contact LMYC Reception (admin@lmyc.com.au).





Lake Macquarie Yacht Club's Wedding Open Day

Sunday 24th August
11am - 2pm
Waterfront Marquee

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FREE ENTRY

 Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
Ada Street, Belmont



Photo by Shani Wegner Photography



Come & see why
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Wedding Venue
three years in a row!

BELMONT 16s COMMODORE'S BALL



COMMODORE'S BALL

Join the Sailing Community *under the sea* for a night of fun in support of Marine Rescue.

DATE. Saturday, 30 August 2025

FROM. 5:30pm for sunset pre-dinner drinks

WHERE. South East View, Level One, Belmont 16s Sailing Club

ENTERTAINMENT. Live pop rock band Loko

DRESS CODE. Blue Tie (think black tie but make it blue)

TICKETS. 120^{pp}

Includes canapes, two-course dinner, arrival drink and donation to Marine Rescue.

Tickets available via TryBooking.
Scan the QR code to secure your seat.



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AUGUST COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

WHITE RUSSIAN

VODKA | KAHLUA | HEAVY CREAM



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LIVE @ LMYC

AUGUST 2025 Sundays 12:30-4:00pm

SUN 3RD	SUN 10TH	SUN 17TH	SUN 24TH	SUN 31ST
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