

# FORECAST

Monthly Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

### **Car park repairs**

Weather hindered the repairs to the car park for over a week. By the time this newsletter comes out the car park should be completely finished.

### **Aquatic Services Committee:**

Tony Austin is LMYC's representative on the Aquatic Services Committee and has passed the following information onto me.

#### Channel dredging

There is about two weeks to go to finish this round of dredging. I also understand that they are concentrating on straightening out the dogleg area.

The 'Permanent' dredging program is on track. REF approval has been granted for 10 years but the funding will only cover 5 years. The equipment is being transported to the lake, and they hope to commission the dredge and sand distribution system in late July/early August. Once they have commissioned the system, they will commence dredging the channel with a goal of 60m wide and -3.5m AHD (equivalent to 3m depth).

The pipe from the dredge does not extend to the drop over so sand from there will be pumped onto Elizabeth Island. They plan to use a short-term supplementary sand pump so they can work on the shallow area off the Swansea boat ramp. The channel will be surveyed every 3 months. Once they have completed the main work the trigger point for renewed dredging will be a depth of less than 2.7m.

The dredge will be operated by MIDO and can be used elsewhere within NSW, but Swansea Channel will always have priority.

Belmont Jetty replacement is progressing well - official opening booked for 18 Jun 26. The sewage pumpout is a low maintenance peristaltic design similar to Trinity & Empire marinas

See you around the Club

Geoff Edman

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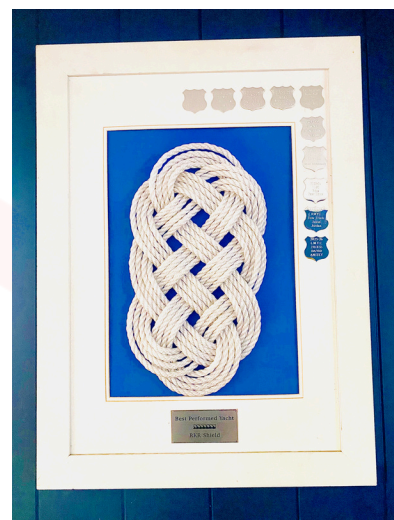
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# REAR COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

## 2025-26 SEASON

Presentation Night went off really well with much celebration. '2xcess', David Anstey, the winners of the prestigious RKR Over All Shield, a lump of rope that gravity has affected on timber, kept on the wall outside the toilets behind the ATM. You can't even drink out of the thing! '2xcess' also won RKR Division 1. Team '2xcess' celebrated like they had just won the Americas Cup. Good job Dave and gang.

The actual season winners 'Mirage', David Kelty and 'Fathom', Noel Jenkins were much more dignified as you would expect from these gentlemen.



### 'Mirage', David Kelty:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2 Wednesday #2 Summer Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2 Pulbah Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2 RK Robinson Inter-Club Series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 2 Spring Pointscore
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2 Summer Pointscore
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2 Annual Pointscore

### 'Fathom', Noel Jenkins :

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1 Bay Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 1 Spring Pointscore
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 1 Summer Pointscore
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 1 Annual Pointscore



### The impressive score card of 'Squid', Steve Liddell:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 1 Wednesday Winter series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1 Wednesday #1 Summer Pointscore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 1 Wednesday #2 Summer Series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Div1 Pursuit Series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1 Combined Windward-Leeward
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1 Bay Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 1 Pulbah Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 1 LMYC Lakefest regatta
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 1 Spring Pointscore

# LADY SAILOR OF THE YEAR

The actual name of the award is 'Champion Lady Sailor – Ian Thorold Toll Memorial Trophy'.

There are rumblings as to whether this is the appropriate title. Some not liking "Champion" as it is awarded not won in a regatta or series.

There are others saying "Lady" is old fashioned and refers to the English Lords and Ladies.

This is how the trophy was engraved when donated and how it stands at present.



Photo: Jo Gomboso  
LMYC Champion Lady Sailor, 2025/26

The 'Champion Lady Sailor – Ian Thorold Toll Memorial Trophy' was again hotly contested this year.

We had 11 nominations for candidates, 2 were nominated twice. Eleanor and I were apologies at the Sailing Committee Meeting (down Sydney cruising on 'Equinox') when it was decided, so I don't know how they ever sorted the list of terrific candidates.

The Sailing Committee eventually decided on Joanne (Jo) Gomboso who owns and skippers 'Konan The Bavarian'.

1st Lake Macquarie SheSails Series

3rd Sail Port Stephens Commodore Cup Non-spinnaker (Green Division)

This trophy was first awarded in 2008 to Helen Henderson. Helen and John Henderson (crew) still race, their current boat is a Catalina 275 Sports 'Sapphire' raced on Wednesdays. Check out the Wednesday Division 2 Winter pointscore entrants and you will find Helen Henderson ('Sapphire'), Jo Gomboso ('Konan The Bavarian') and Eleonora Leenaars ('Summer Wine') female owners and skippers.

## **The Friday Twilight Lady Skipper Series:**

1<sup>st</sup> 'Dulci Bella', skippered by Paulette van Vliet and Suzanne (Suz) Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> 'Pentangle', Sarah Petherbridge

3<sup>rd</sup> 'Flying Colours', Susan Taylor and Ingrid Soutor (Derek and Rusty's old boat)

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON BOATS

Recently while at anchor in Blackwattle Bay near the Sydney Fish Markets, Waterways officers paid us a visit as we had swung outside the buoys that delineate the very tight anchoring area from the rowing area. Russell Cummings tells me he was told that from the Transport for NSW offices next to Sydney City Marine the Boating Safety Officers (BSOs) there have a direct line of sight along these buoys. That's something to be aware of if you ever go there.

While hunting us into the proper anchoring area the BSO did a safety equipment check. He was particularly interested in our fire extinguishers of which we have three, 1A:10B(E). He asked how much fuel we could carry, 220 litres I told him. To that he said we had the wrong extinguishers and we needed 1A:20(E) as we have over 25 litres of fuel capacity and because we are a bigger boat, we may need even more than 3 and/or larger. He said he discovered this while doing a Fire Fighting Course. He told me the TfNSW Maritime Regulations refer to the Australian Standard but don't quote the standard. He told me it will cost me \$183 to read it. I can't believe there are regulations that aren't open to the everyday punter to read so they can comply. To cut a long story short, I eventually discovered you can get access to Australian Standards for free in their Reading Room (online). One can read 3 Standards per year for 24 hours, no copying, sharing or printing. On reading the standard I found the standard only applies to boats carrying more than 25 litres of PETROL not diesel and so the extinguishers on 'Equinox' comply.

The TfNSW Boating Handbook is very sketchy about fire extinguishers. The actual regulation reads "Fire extinguishers carried must be of a type suitable for the type of fuel carried on board the vessel as specified in Australian Standard AS 1799.1-2009, Small craft-Part 1: General for power boats (as in force from time to time)". The rules vary in other states.

There is no difference in cost and they are the same size  
Bunnings 2A:10B(E) \$19.00 AS 1799 recommends "2A" in each sleeping cabin  
Total Tools 1A:20B(E) \$19.00  
Sydney Tools 1A:20B(E) \$19.00

To bore you even more the numbering means:

1A equal to 1 gallon of water actually 1.25 US gallons for paper, wood etc fires (class A)  
10B if used correctly able to fight 10 square feet of fuel fires (class B)  
E suitable for electrical fires



## Jack Hitchcock Memorial Trophy 2026: Ralph & Angela Asquith (2Dream)

The Jack Hitchcock Memorial Trophy is awarded to members of the LMYC Cruising Division for one, or a number, of the following achievements:

- Outstanding cruising endurance and/or seamanship
- Providing of selfless assistance to others during a cruise
- Promotion and facilitation of cruising and/or inspiring the confidence, competence and enjoyment of fellow cruisers.

### Outstanding cruising seamanship and/or endurance.

Ralph has a unique background in so far as he comes from a family of professional fishermen. Growing up in Port Stephens he developed a passion for recreational sailing culminating in his purchase of a cruising catamaran (2Dream) in the Caribbean. Ralph then sailed that vessel back to Australia overcoming a wide range of challenges like being struck by lightning at Panama and a problem with a saildrive in Fiji. The saildrive was apparently the exit point of the lightning.

Since then, '2dream' has undertaken many long voyages circumnavigating Australia, trips to Lord Howe Island clearly demonstrating his excellent cruising seamanship. Angela and Ralph are very active members of the LMYC Cruising Division, Angela is a member of the CD Committee and Ralph is the current Treasurer. I thought I had better check with Ralph and Angela on the accuracy of this article. Seems they are in some place called Kyrgyzstan which is bordered by Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and China.



Photo: Ralph and Angela with Tony Austin, LMYC CD Skipper (right)

## Why aren't you wearing a life jacket

Tony, Ralph and Angela do when racing on Ross Shirtley's 'Osprey' on Wednesdays

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## JUNE 2026

FRIDAYS 5:30-8:30PM | SUNDAYS 12:30-4PM



FRI 5<sup>TH</sup>  
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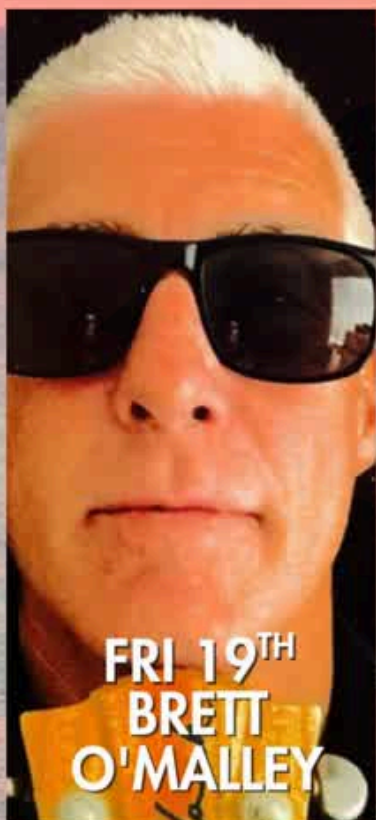
SUN 7<sup>TH</sup>  
TARA KIRBY-  
CAMPBELL



FRI 12<sup>TH</sup>  
NIAHM  
WATSON



SUN 14<sup>TH</sup>  
KYLIE-JANE



FRI 19<sup>TH</sup>  
BRETT  
O'MALLEY



SUN 21<sup>ST</sup>  
JAMIE  
MARTENS



FRI 26<sup>TH</sup>  
HENDO



SUN 28<sup>TH</sup>  
KELLY  
HOPE

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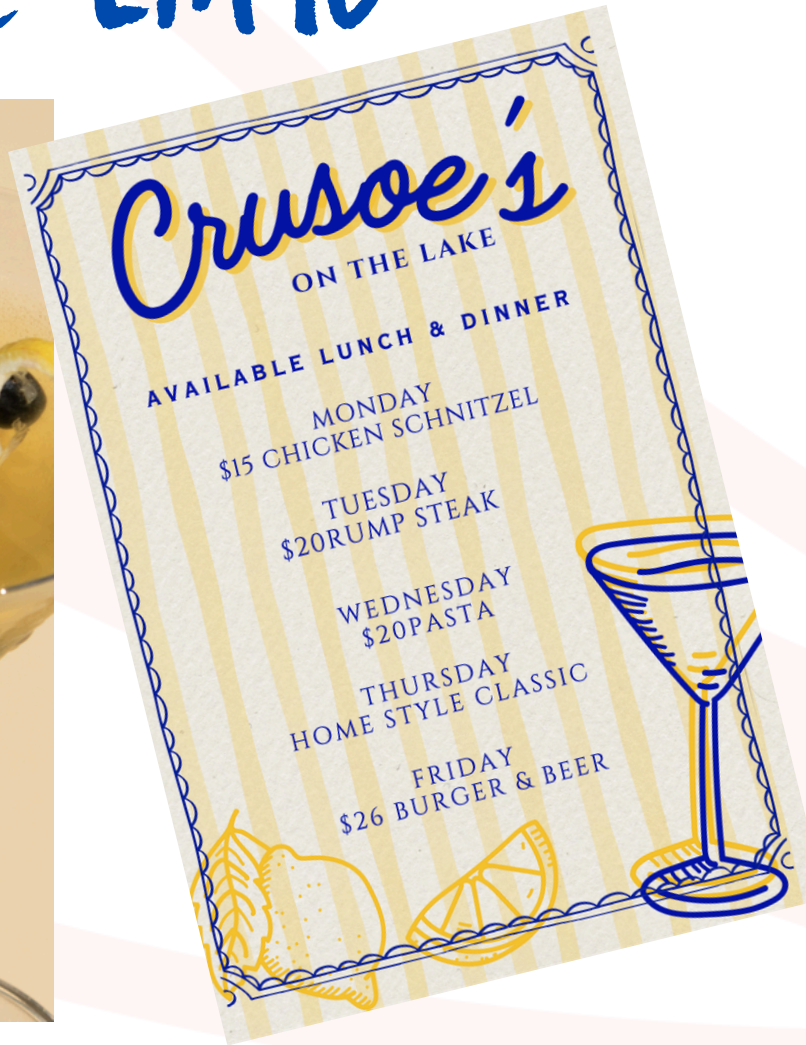
JUNE COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

## LEMON DROP MARTINI

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VODKA  
COINTREAU  
SUGAR SYRUP  
LEMON JUICE

 LAKE MACQUARIE  
YACHT CLUB



**Crusoe's**  
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AVAILABLE LUNCH & DINNER

MONDAY  
\$15 CHICKEN SCHNITZEL

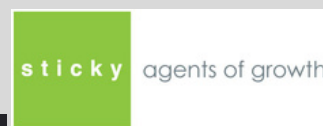
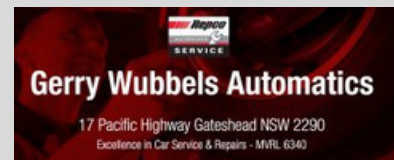
TUESDAY  
\$20 RUMP STEAK

WEDNESDAY  
\$20 PASTA

THURSDAY  
HOME STYLE CLASSIC

FRIDAY  
\$26 BURGER & BEER

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