

# CATALINA FLEET NEWS

## August



Onshore Cruise July 2023

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## General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting of the  
Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at  
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

**If you have information for the next  
newsletter please email by 5<sup>th</sup> September to  
[yarrandoo990@yahoo.com.au](mailto:yarrandoo990@yahoo.com.au)**

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# General Meeting 18 July 2023

Welcome by Acting Chair Phil Sparkes

➤ Meeting Opened: 7.15. pm.

## ATTENDANCE

**Apologies:** Tania Kelland, Garry Chalmers Cathy White, Dot Haig, Brian & Heather Bath, Cathy Chalmers, Doug & Robyn. Lisa & John Pateman, Doug Dyuce

**Attendance: Via Zoom** - See recording. Chris Keevers, Brian & Val Harrison, Wayne Crispy Bacon, Gary & Kirsty Channon, John & Carol Parker, Warren Parrot, RPeter & Kerry Melbourne, Hart Peters, Robert Remmington.

**Attendance at Club Macquarie:** Ken Hill, Kevin & Gaylene Newman, Phil & Kim Sparkes, Jaquie & Peter Armstrong, John Haig. Barry White, Greg Cross, Robyn Parker.

**Visitor/s:** Nil

## Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting dated 17 June 2023 as printed in the July 2023 Newsletter be accepted.

**Moved** Gaylene                    **Seconded:** Peter A

**Any matters arising from the previous minutes:** Nil.

**Any items to be discussed in General Business:** Nil.

**Correspondence: In:** Nil.

**Action Taken** – Nil.

**Outwards:** Nil.

## Treasurers Report as presented by Jacquie Armstrong

<b>CB Business Account</b> Opening Balance @ 19.06.23				<b>\$ 18,969.55</b>
<b>Plus Receipts</b>				
Valentine Bowling Club (bond)	\$	250.00		
Club shirt orders	\$	938.00	\$1188.00	
<b>Less Expenses</b>				
Valentine Bowling Club (Presentation Night)	\$	2665.00		
Presentation Night (chocolates)	\$	32.00	\$ 2697.00	
<b>Closing Balance</b> @ 17.07.23 as per bank statement				<b>\$ 17,460.55</b>
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<b>CB Card Account</b> Opening Balance @ 19.06.23				<b>\$ 555.28</b>
<b>Plus Receipts</b>			\$ Nil	
<b>Less Expenses</b>				
Xero Accounting Software	\$29.00		\$ 29.00	
<b>Closing Balance</b> @ 17.07.23 as per bank statement				<b>\$ 526.28</b>
<b>Total Accumulative Funds over all 2 accounts @ 17.07.23</b>				<b>\$ 17,986.83</b>

Thank you.

Jacquie Armstrong. Treasurer.

**Treasurers Report Moved:** Jacque Armstrong **Seconded:** Hart Peters

## **Racing Report**

### ***Trailer Sailor Racing Report Peter Melbourne***

- No racing currently due to the winter months. Getting boats ready for the Spring Series.
- Audit day is on Saturday 19 August 2023 at the Rathmines hardtop by boat ramp. Volunteers needed for the BBQ etc.
- Doing something different over the October Long Weekend 3 & 6 hour races. The 6-hour race is a circumnavigation of the lake with all marks to starboard around the lake and Pulbah Island. Cruising boats can cruise along and take short cuts.
- The 3 hr race might do a handicap start so all boats finish about the same time.
- Could non racing boats volunteer please to start and finish from shore, so all racers can go and come back for the finish.
- On Sundays before the race there will be a 20 minute clinic on a different subject each Sunday.

### ***OTB Report Brian Harrison.***

- No report as no winter racing.

### **Cruising Report and upcoming cruises by Val Harrison**

- 22 & 23 July – 10-12 boats/caravans indicating attending the onshore cruise at John & Carol's sons 10 acres at Coolah, which is 3.5 hours travel away. Caravans, boats, tents etc. Plenty of power, outside toilet & shower, pets welcome, firepit etc with wood provided on site. Can stay for a few days, not just the weekend. Lots of trips to do, i.e. Mudgee wine tours, Coolah Tops tour by John, there is the Zoo, etc. Would like to know numbers and who to expect. Club gazebos would be good.
- August Jetty Cruise on Lake Macquarie is to be hosted by John and Lisa Pateman.
- September cruise is on the website.
- It would be good for people to comment attending or not on the website, so organisers can know numbers attending.

### **Membership update by Phil Sparkes**

- Robyn Parker, crews on Eirene. Show of hands, accepted as a member.
- Simon and Samantha Parr's form has been received, however the deposit is not showing. Farr 7500 from Brooklyn. Show of hands, accepted subject to fee payment.

### **Social update by Tania Kelland.**

- Have fun at the On Shore Cruise.

## **General business**

- Proposed by Jacquie Armstrong the Treasurer that Membership fees remain at \$90, SA \$40, Spring Race fees \$35, Autumn Race fees \$35, OTB \$10 as maintained a neutral balance over the last financial year. Seconded by John Haig & Gaylene Newman. Passed.
- Advertising in the newsletter will cost \$15 per edition for a half page. Passed by all in attendance.
- Formalise the position of Commodore - Robyn Parker.
- Formalise the position of Vice Commodore – Greg Cross.

## **Website update by Val Harrison**

- To attract new members, we need to look at 40-55yr olds. How do we get them to connect to the club? Racing is organised. Cruises has a lot of work behind the scenes, and a Cruising Booklet has been organised ,and will be released at the Onshore Cruise and then put on the website.
- How do we promote the club out to the general public – and our target group, how to direct them to the website? The Trailer Sailer title is great and comes up in searches.
- Facebook page referrals are coming from the OTB Facebook page, and from trailers sailers. Only Admin can post.
- 27 Sydney “Raiders” came to Lake Macquarie, camping on their sailing dinghy’s over the June long weekend. Produced a Youtube clip. Warren has been contacting some of them one at a time. From this we have received a membership form already.
- Lake Macquarie Trailer Sailer Facebook page, need to answer a couple of question to join ie what kind of trailer sailer do they have etc? Will have a forum to get people to engage with us. Open cruises October to March – come for a free cruise so you can have a looksee to what is happening.
- Will be able to “Push” our website out to these people about 1,000 people at a time, it will cost about \$200 for 6 months. - All members agreed to the spend.
- Pinning posts to the top of the page, 4 items at a page, Cruise, Race, notice of race etc. Members Like and Follow the page. We can then invite others to look at our Lake Macquarie Trailer Sailer Facebook page, and then get them to be members. It’s the next progression in our marketing journey.
- Leanne could display a banner and flyers when she sets up at markets. Develop our flyer and business cards, as had previously used to had out.
- Robert has seen a YouTube of a trailer sailer sailing on Lake Macquarie, which has had 27,000 views.
- Val can help develop a Cruise Flyer for any event to help the Cruise leader.

## **General business continued.**

- Peter Armstrong as Editor of the newsletter would like items for the newsletter 7 days before, and is going to add in a Buy, Swop & Sell section. Contributions as a Word Document not a PDF please.



- Hart Peters on the Audit Day. - will spend longer with the newbies so that they understand the requirements. There will be a sausage sizzle. Fill out your Category 7 form before you come. Looking at going over situations at happy hours etc.
- Robyn Parker introduced himself as the new Commodore, and is looking forward to the racing, and thanked Val for all her work on the website and Facebook. Robyn will have his boat ready for next year. Thanks for voting.
- Barry identified that the boat lift is certified, but the 800mm extensions and top braces aren't certified and need to be taken off.
- Gaylene re new shirts order in by tomorrow.
- John Parker confirmed that meeting at 11am for the sightseeing trip. If running late, phone up John & let him know. 13 boats/caravans/RV's so far. Can car pool to get up.
- OTBs to have their forms filled out and be early as racing on Audit Day.

**Meeting Closed: 8.40 pm**

Ken Hill

[NHTYA Secretary](#)

## NHTYA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

[Via the NHTYA Website](#)

**NHTYA** Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.  
www.trailersailer.org

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### NHTYA Membership

*Come and join us, you're most welcome. It doesn't matter what boat you have or how much experience you have. Whether you're a family, couple or a single handed sailor as long as you share our love of trailer sailers.*

*You will see on comparison that our fees are kept to a minimum and entitle members to regular newsletters and inclusion in events, the members only section and our secret facebook group. Fees for the current year are \$90.00 per family and \$35 for each Trailer Sailer race series (Spring or Autumn), plus \$40 a season (full year) Sailing Australia fee. If you're participating in the Off the Beach that is \$10 for the season.*

*Prospective members are welcome to join with us for*

[NHTYA New Membership FORM](#)

[NHTYA renewal FORM](#)

[Members Only Section](#)

Or print form on next page and complete

Payment by direct deposit please use your name and codes of payment as per form



# Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023/2024

I hereby apply to renew my membership of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc. In the event of my admission as a member I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association in force at the time including the constitution and all adopted Club Documents.

Annual subscriptions are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The subscription for the 2023-2024 year is \$90

If your subscription is not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, your membership will cease.

In the unlikely event that you are not renewing your membership, we would appreciate your advice on this form, alternatively, a telephone call to the Membership Officer, Phillip Sparkes on 0414 223654 or an email to info@nhtya.com would be appreciated.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name [party 1]:		Mob-No:		DOB	--/--/--
Name [party 2]:		Mob-No:		DOB	--/--/--
Address:					
Suburb:		P/Code:			
Email [party 1]:	@	Home No:			
Email [party 2]:	@				
Waterways Lic. No:					

Please cross this box if you do **NOT** want your address/phone number on the club Social List

Please cross this box if you do **NOT** want your Photo on the Web Site

### YACHT DETAILS

Vessel Name:					
Vessel Type:		Sail No:			
Hull Colour:		Hull Stripes:			
Waterways Rego. No:		Expiry Date:			
Vessel Insurer:					
Policy No:		Expiry Date:			

### FEES

			Code	
NHTYA membership	2022-2023 year	\$90	M	
Sailing Australia	2022-2023 year	\$40	SA	
Race fees	Spring 2022	\$35	SR	
Race fees	Autumn 2023	\$35	AR	
Race fees	OTB [off the beach]	\$10	OTB	
TOTAL				\$

You are required to notify the secretary of any changes to the above information

Please make cheque payable to "Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Ass." Or  
 Direct deposit to BSB 062822, Account No 17418617 (use your name and code as ID)  
 post to NHTYA, PO Box 210, Boolaroo, 2284  
 or email to info@nhtya.com

<b>Member Signature:</b>		<b>Member Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
Treasurer receipt:		Membership officer:		Public Officer:	
				Secretary:	

# NHTYA 3 & 6 hr Regatta Oct Long weekend.



***This year the race committee have come up with a cracker of a weekend.***

***Full details are on the web site – e.g. Notice of race etc.***

***SATURDAY - The 3 hour race will be in the form of a "STERN CHASER". This means a handicap start and you'll be given your own personal start time. Basically, he who crosses the line first wins. You either chase the 'Stern' of the next boat or they are chasing your 'Stern'! Loads of fun!!***

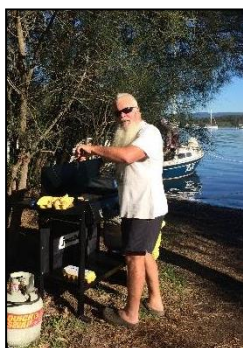


***Saturday night- there is a plethora of choices. However, many of us end up at Rathmines bowling club which is walking distance away from Styles Point.***

***SUNDAY- The 6 hour race will be in the form of a part circumnavigation of our great lake. Make sure you pack your lunch and plenty of water and sunscreen.***



***Sunday night - as per tradition, A BBQ dinner whilst watching the NRL grand final on a large outdoor screen. Bring your chairs, nibbles, beverages and eating gear.***



***\$ 20.00 a head - includes Sunday night BBQ (bring a salad /dessert to share) plus Monday bacon & eggs breakfast. Payment online with code OLW.***

***\*Please add your name to the attendance sheet on the web site together with what salad/dessert you're bringing (so we don't end up with 10 potato salads 😊)***

***Not a racer ?***

***You can still put your boat in and join us. Cruisers are most welcome to join in with either day. The racing is not sheep stations!***

***OR You can follow the racers out the bay and head to Toronto for lunch or ? Although, the 6 hour looks enticing ! You can follow the circumnavigation on Sunday ..... ending up back at Styles for dinner and catch the NRL grand Final.***



***VISITORS- Are welcome to join in with the sailing/racing. However, if you just want to come along and say hello that's great too- bring your chairs etc. check us out 😊***



## A Note From Ralph & Jan

Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association  
PO Box 210  
Boolaroo N.S.W. 2284

A short note for members who were in the club way back in 2012 when Jan and I, of the good yacht “Penultimate”, were also in the club.

We had the most pleasant encounter with another past member of the NHTYA today, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

We were at the Toronto Lyon’s Club Sunday Markets and we had the good fortune to be stopped by Bronwyn Parker of the good yacht “Possum” which last listed in the race data in 2013.

Our yacht “Penultimate” last listed in 2011, sold in 2012.

I remember many encounters out on Lake Macquarie as our yacht Penultimate, a “Duncanson 26”, attempted in vain to match the speed of Ray and Bronwyn’s Possum a “Young 770” yacht.

Bronwyn has not changed at all, still that happy smiling and pleasant person to be in conversation with.

Not sure if others have encountered Bronwyn but I thought it appropriate to update the longer term members that Bronwyn is doing just fine and assisting the Lyons Club at their “Bacon and Egg” brekky stall at the markets.

That made our morning just so much more pleasant!!

I appreciate being kept up to date with the “Catalina Fleet Newsletters” and club activities.

May you all continue in fine winds and calm waters.

Ralph and Jan Penn.  
0429 431 905

## CRUISING NOTICE FOR AUGUST CRUISE

### NHTYA August Cruise on Lake Macquarie Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August



**THE PLAN:** Launch at F Jetty ready to commence cruise Saturday at 10am. Will leave for a jetty possibly Toronto for lunch depending on wind direction. Saturday night the wind will decide where we end up but aiming for a BBQ dinner.

Contact John Pateman Ph 0425361849 [johnlisa@outlook.com](mailto:johnlisa@outlook.com)

**THANKS JOHN & LISA**

# Narrow Boat Cruise

Recently at an after race Catalina Bowling Club meal, we got talking to Will and Sue who were planning to travel to the UK. They were most interested when Kerry and I told them about our canal experience in a hired narrow boat.

This is a reprint of an article from 2015 that may inspire others who are contemplating a trip to England.

## A CRUISE OF A NARROW KIND

For decades I've had a dream to chug along an English Canal in a narrow boat. I've watched the TV series, multiple YouTube videos and talked to those who have. This year in July my wife Kerry and I concluded a self drive and B&B trip around Scotland and England with a five day narrow boat hire.

Our chosen canal was the Llangollen Canal straddling the Wales/England border. We caught the Virgin tilt train from London to Chester, changing to a local rail service that dropped us at Chirk. It was then a quick taxi trip to the Chirk marina.

Marinas on the canal system are large excavated ponds off the side of the canal. We had chosen Crest Narrowboats as the hirer. They reviewed well on Trip Adviser and had a shorter boat suitable for a crew of two. When I say short, it was still 45 feet long but some narrowboats reach 70 feet which need bow thrusters to help steer them around the canals. All narrowboats are 6' 6" wide to fit the narrow sections of which there are many. We had a very thorough briefing before being guided out into the main canal aboard "Anne".



Anne was in excellent condition and contained a double cabin, ensuite with shower (seemed bigger than some of the B&Bs we had stayed at), dinette and large galley complete with full stove, half fridge and microwave. There was a four cylinder diesel that pushed the 18 tonne boat along at the maximum 4mph "purposeful postman" pace. The engine used less than one and a half litres per hour, better than my 8HP outboard.

Once you identify the pivot point for steering, about a third way back from the bow, steering is easy but your attention can't wander for too long or you'll be into the bank.

The canal system was developed in the late 1700s and early 1800s to supply materials for the industrial revolution. It was before steam engines so early canal barges were pulled by horses. There are still a few examples of this, one being at Llangollen.



On one side of the canal you have a tow path owned by British Waterways and the other side is private land. The canal system in England is all connected so you can reach London from Llangollen via Stratford or maybe a diversion to Bath or maybe up to York or Birmingham or..... So the tow paths are also used by touring cyclists and walkers.

It wasn't long before we were into our first long tunnel. You check for headlights before entering but often you follow other boats through.



This is where you become aware of a narrowboat idiosyncrasy. In the narrow sections like bridges, tunnels and aquaducts, if you have the current against you, the boat acts like a floating weir and soon you are pushing against an increasing head of water. This requires more throttle which then causes the stern to push out to port with prop torque. So you gently crab your way along bumping into the sides. Now you see why they are made out of 9mm steel plate.



The scenery towards Llangollen was stunning, a feature of this canal. We were soon at the other feature. The Pontcysylltre Aquaduct. This is a high, long and slender aquaduct high above the River Dee. It is one of the built wonders of the world. We swung the bend and across with the tow path and fence on one side and nothing on the other. The riveted cast iron side of the aquaduct finishes about 8 inches above the waterline. We were too busy and awe inspired to be scared.

When in comes evening you look up your guide and decide which pub you will have dinner at and what bridge number that will be. When you reach your stop, you tie up next to the tow path and

walk a short distance to dinner to eat local meals and drink local ales.

For five days we potted along the canal turning at Ellesmere for the return to Chirk. If you try to cover maximum



distance then you have missed the whole point of canal travel. Everyone is so friendly. This canal attracts many hire boats so people come from all over the world. Queuing at a loch is a chance to meet and chat. So many eccentrics from around the world travellers, live aboards, all summer cruisers and Bohemians complete with their suspicious looking pot plants. One gent showed off his highly polished 1936 twin cylinder Lister that chugged at 400rpm. He said "It goes tedump, tedump, just like a heat beat".

The countryside varied from English garden, quaint villages, open farms and forests where you expect to see men in tights. We navigated four long tunnel transits, four aquaduct crossings, four loch elevations, numerous but not hard bumps and a few minor groundings.

Handover of "Anne" was seamless and pleasant but I had a similar feeling to that when I've walked three daughters down the aisle. It is so unfortunate that we don't have a canal system in Australia. Our development was in the later railway period. To me, it was so like sailing as it is not about the destination, it is all about the journey and the interesting people you meet along the way. I'm still looking at YouTube videos of canal life.



Peter Melbourne

"True North"

# NHTYA

## AUDIT DAY

Hi all,

Just a reminder that our Cat 7 Audit Day will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Rathmines Concrete Apron, starting at 1000hrs and going through to 1400hrs

The committee will be organising a BBQ for those who will be attending. It would be great if you could let us know if you are coming for catering purposes and, also boats that will be there for Auditing.

If the weather is fine, some may want to make a weekend of it.

Attached is a copy of the new formatted Cat 7 Audit form for you to fill out. Please, also bring a copy of your boat insurance policy or certificate of currency.

Here is the link to the Sailing Australia website to download the new Cat 7 Audit form.

Cat 7 Audit Form

[2021 SR Audit Form Cat 7 \(revolutionise.com.au\)](https://revolutionise.com.au/2021-SR-Audit-Form-Cat-7)

OTB Boats Audit Form

[ffjbez5drjdqta5.pdf \(revolutionise.com.au\)](https://revolutionise.com.au/ffjbez5drjdqta5.pdf)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the audit team.

Hart Peters

*Farr & Beyond*



PLEASE NOTE.

Trailer Sailers , please keep the area next to the beach clear as there is an OTB race on this Saturday



## MERCHANDISE

Stocks of NHTYA Club caps, coolers and Burgees - contact Phillip 0414 223654

Caps \$25 each



Shirts \$25 each

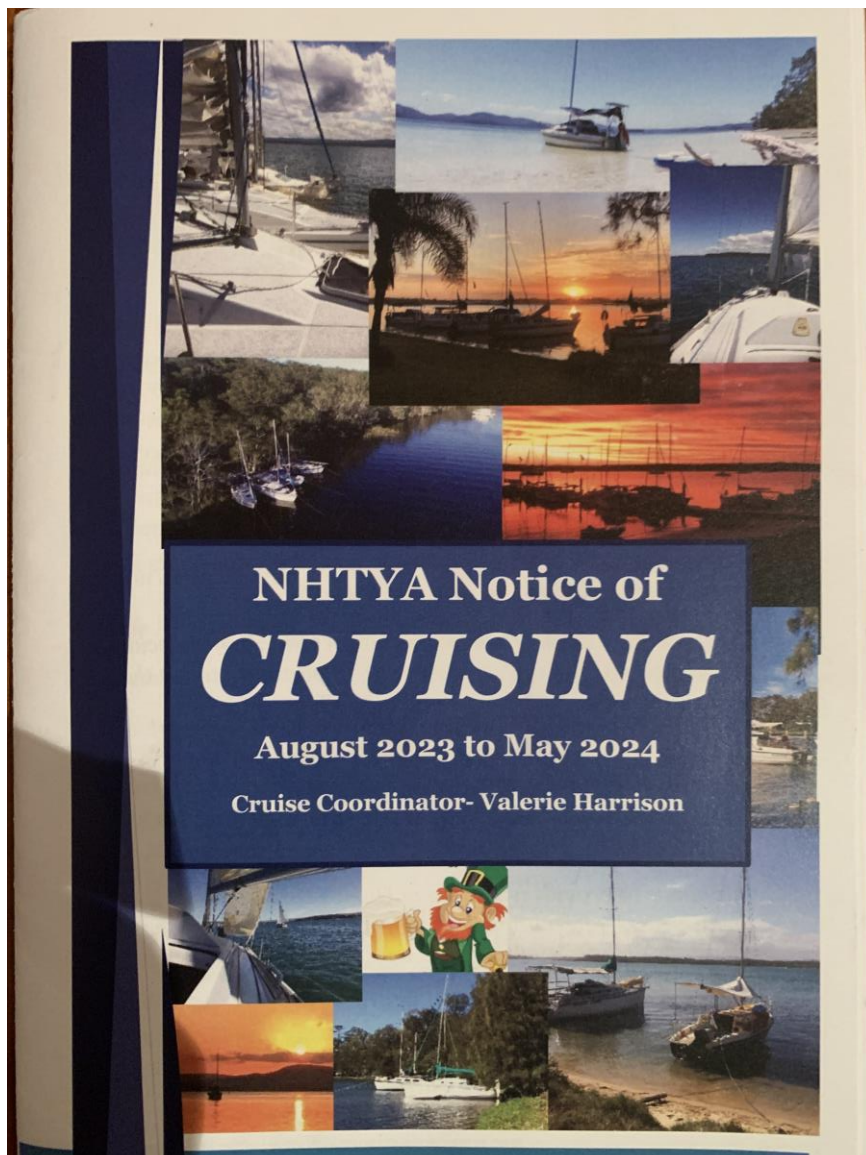


Stubby Holders \$5 each



## NHTYA NOTICE OF CRUISING

Huge thank you to Val on collating the Cruising booklet below launched at the Onshore cruise. Available at no cost at club events or contact Val





## Coolah Tops Inland Cruise

A wonderful weekend was enjoyed by all who attended Aaron and Jennifer Parkers homestead in the country town of Coolah, central west NSW. For Sharon and I, this was our first inland country cruise with NHTYA. And what a great start it was - hosts John and Carol Parker, their son Aaron and partner Jennifer, and puppy dogs made it a memorable weekend for our weekend NHTYA land fleet.

Sharon and I started out late Friday afternoon before enjoying the easy 3 ½ hours drive, arriving at dusk Friday night where John Parker and his son Aaron welcomed us at the entrance to Aaron and Jennifer's charming Coolah country sanctuary.

From the homestead entrance, father and son directed us 'down the gurgler' via channel markers. Yes, channel markers, and No, this is not a typo! As we navigated our way around the port and starboard channel markers, the night shadows of the iron bark trees plotted our path along the clearly marked land track. So clever, port and starboard channel markers guiding us to our land mooring position. Nice touch John and Aaron. Sharon and I realized, country hospitality was just beginning.



We enjoyed our 3 ½ hour drive, however a few little adventures – kangaroos - along the way kept us on high alert, so we were happy to arrive and set up our land digs and let the good times begin! Using a spirit level worthy of the title 'Now, that's a spirit level...' builder and project manager Aaron definitely knows his stuff. A perfect RV level setup – thank you Aaron.





Set up complete, now time for a little R&R. A short distance away just beyond the tree branches we could see the flames from our childhood bonfire memories. Aaron and Jennifer's cozy farmhouse was shining brightly it might have been a light house with two enormous bonfires crackling in the ole coal mine wash tubs in the foreground. So much firewood, so much heat, so much fun.



What a treat, sitting snugly by the fire, great company, fine food and wine, watching our Milky Way through the clear Coolah skies framed by glittering stars. As nighttime fell, the fire petered and we all agreed to meet Saturday morning again around the fire to tour the local area.

A chilly 10 am Saturday start and we regrouped around the huge fire pits. Our hosts explained our plans for the day – make our way to and explore the beautiful Coolah Tops and a lunch time sausage sizzle to relax into. A new adventure for our NHYTA 4x4 fleet begins.

The weekend NHYTA land fleet gathered around the fire and included: hosts John, Carol, Jennifer and Aaron Parker, Phil and Kim Sparkes, Peter and Jacqui Armstrong, Kevin and Gayleen Newman, Warren and Leanne Parrott, Brian and Heather Bath, Wayne Bacon, Chris and Glennis Keevers, John & Lisa Pateman, John & Dorothy Haig, with Val & Brian Harrison arriving in the morning to join the group. Sharon and I missed our buddies from Myall Lakes Garry & Kathy Chalmers.



Our NHYTA fleet of 4x4s headed out to Coolah Tops. Since the terrain to Coolah Tops has narrow and at times, rough roads to the lookout some of our vehicles would not be able to make the trip. Unsuitable for our RV so Peter and Jacqui Armstrong kindly offered Sharon and I to travel in their Toyota Landcruiser. Good decision, as we thoroughly enjoyed Peter and Jacqui's company and stories whilst looking over the Liverpool Plains and steep valleys, narrow roads and high land grazing paddocks whilst driving to Coolah Tops.

During the drive we used CB radios to communicate for safety as oncoming traffic sometimes required us to pull off the road to allow passing.

We all arrived safely at the waterfall car park area and found the national park provides ample parking, a bush toilet and pristine bush land.

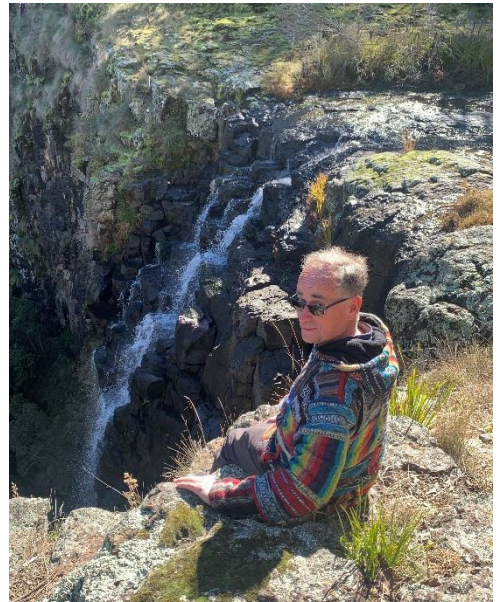


A highlight of the day was the walk to the waterfall lookouts which required a short walk down a tricky track at times – a little muddy in some places, a little steep, and slippery at times but well worth the effort.

We saw a beautiful clear water waterfall cascading down a sandstone cliff to a valley. It looked like a scene from a movie - but this was real!

Some of us stepped down to another track where we found the shallow rock bed creek that was feeding the waterfall had frozen sheets of clear ice to step over, a winter wonderland.

What a beautiful world we live in.



We walked back up the track to the cars, drove to another location at Coolah Tops with an amazing lookout overlooking Liverpool Plains. Surprise, super hosts Carol, John and Aaron Parker were waiting for us with Webber BBQ sausage sizzle.





We were all very well fed and voted the terrific local Coolah sausages far better than any Bunnings one!

After lunch, we took a short walk over to the lookout and Wow, wow what a view over the Liverpool Plains. Well worth the drive!

Suddenly, just near the precipice, we could see Phil Sparkes and his super drone snapping pictures and videos. The super drone hummed above us, Phil concentrating on flying it - we were all very impressed with his skill as a drone pilot.

Whoosh, out of the blue a huge wedge tailed eagle and three other eagles stealthily circling took umbrage to this strange super drone bird in their territory.

The eagle swooped down in a dive at high speed, to attack and grab the drone in its talon's! The eagle repeated its attack. With a wing span over two meters the eagle's collision with the drone was just metres over our heads. What beautiful colours in those wing feathers and what a swooping noise... then a burrrrr noise as the rotor blades repealed the eagle.

Phil was strongly encouraged to land the drone before the eagle attacked again, so he reluctantly landed the drone and put it in its case. What a privilege to see wild native eagles up close and personal. Phil must have been nervous carrying that drone back to the car though lol.

That night after we returned to Aaron and Jennifer's property we had all gathered around the blazing fire pits again – and this time we used the wood fired pizza ovens and cooked up delicious pizza dinners. A few drinks, some frog inspired macrame and races, master joke telling, especially Aaron, and we thoroughly enjoyed each others company into the night.



What a great weekend. Thank you so much John and Carole for arranging a terrific weekend. If inland sailing is this much fun how good is it going to be come summer on the water!

Thank you so much Aaron and Jennifer for welcoming us to on your beautiful property.

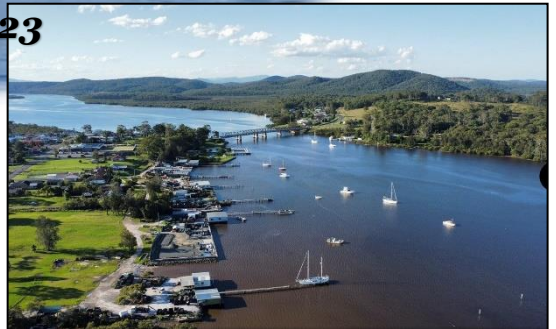


# River Cruise Karuah

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

*Cruise Leaders- Val and Brian Harrison*

*Launching at Lemon Tree passage boat ramp we intend to kick off at 10am on Sat 26<sup>th</sup>. Brian and I will be there late Friday night and stay overnight in the marina next to the ramp.*



*The ramp is now two lane, brand new and pretty fancy.*

*We'll be motoring some 30kms so make sure you have enough fuel.*

*Think of this as a 'River Cruise' where you have lunch whilst cruising- or if time permits, we tie up at Karuah jetty.*

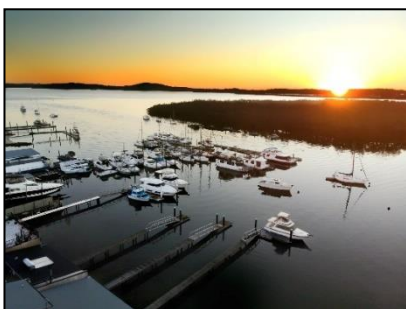
*The intention of this cruise is to enjoy a relaxing cruise down a river we don't normally venture on. So, brush up on your navigation marker skills.*

*We will be exploring Karuah River so **MAST DOWN** or you won't fit under the bridges.*

*Overnight will be in a berth back at Lemon Tree passage.*

*With **a special rate of \$25.***

*Happy hour hopefully on the beach.*

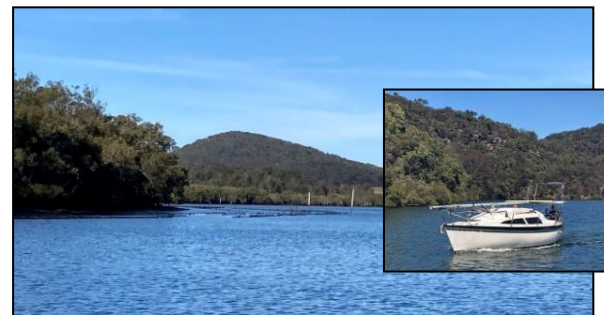


*Dinner; walking distance to the Bowling Club or?*

*Sunday- explore the Koala and Mangrove board walk- 5km return.*

*Please note your attendance on the web site or let me know directly if you are coming so I can arrange a berth for Friday and /or Saturday night.*

*Contact Val and Brian Harrison on 0435242274*





## NOTICE OF RACE – SPRING SERIES 2023 V1.0

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Category 7 and any amendments, each yacht's Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All races will be "Mixed Class Races" and spinnakers may be flown.
- 1.3 Each race is required to have a minimum of 4 boats signed on to start the race (excluding the Officer of the Day). If less than 4, the race will not be part of the race series.

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A as noted in Clause 80.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The races are open to all NHTYA members and visitors.

### 4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows: 8 Race Series \$35.00, or \$10 per race till \$35.00 has been accrued. Fees are to be paid prior to participating in any race or the yacht will be scored DSQ.

### 5 RACE SERIES

- 5.1 The race series will consist of 8 races.

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration is on the day of the race prior to briefing time. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race briefing is Saturday 11.30am and Sunday 10.30am.
- 6.2 Dates of racing 2023, and designated OOD:

09 September 2023	Race 1	10 September 2023	Race 2
OOD Bounty		OOD Aye Sea Red	
14 October 2023	Race 3	15 October 2023	Race 4
OOD Eirene		OOD Jocimo	
11 November 2023	Race 5	12 November 2023	Race 6
OOD Deja Vu		OOD Free Spirit	
09 December 2023	Race 7	10 December 2023	Race 8
OOD Farr Haven		OOD True North	

6.3 Number of races:

Division Numbers	Races per day
Divisions 1 to 3	One race on Saturdays and one race on Sundays. Except re-run races conducted as a second race on the next Saturday race day, or Sunday race day if required.

## 7 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 7.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NHTYA web site [www.trailersailer.org](http://www.trailersailer.org)

## 9 VENUE

- 9.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.
- 9.2 The venue will be F-Jetty for races 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Styles Point for races 5, 6, 7 and 8. F Jetty races can be accessed by the ramp adjacent to F Jetty.
- 9.3 Directions for visitors: F-Jetty is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road or Stilling Street, with trailer yacht launching at Styles Point ramp. Styles Point is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road then Overhill Road. At the northern end of Overhill Road take the right turn into the park.

## 10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from the club Courses or as determined at the race briefing. (see the Sailing Instructions Addendum B). The race organiser will use the B.O.M/Meteye site for weather assessments.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Rule 44.1 (page 29) is changed so that the "Two Turn Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 The primary scoring system will be based on personal handicap (PHC) results utilising the "Top Yacht Club Score" software.
- 12.2 The secondary scoring system will be based on Class Basic Handicap (CBH) results utilising the "Top Yacht" software and is to be calculated by utilising each boat's elapsed time for each race conducted within the 2023 Spring Series and the 2024 Autumn Series and multiplied by the CBH for that class of boat. 80% of the best results for that boat to count towards the series. Class handicap ratings for the combined Spring and Autumn series will be those published on the Australian Sailing website at the date of the first Spring race.
- 12.3 Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.
- 12.4 The Officer of the Day (OOD) shall be scored as a DUTY boat. DUTY boat can only be awarded on one occasion each series. Occasion being meant as one day's racing activities.



12.5 Any NHTYA Club Member absent from an NHTYA race because they are participating in another club's race on the same day will be scored as a "DUTY" boat and receive an average of her 4 best scores. This can only be applied once per race series.

12.6 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.

### 13 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the start boat, unless otherwise notified at the briefing. Committee Boats will be used as support boats as required.

### 14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 All boats will monitor VHF Channel 72 while racing. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The club call sign is "Catalina Fleet".

### 15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Medal for 1st 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each race on PHC.
- Husband and wife/partner trophy for the first husband and wife/partner across the finish line in each race.

15.2 Trophies as follows:

- Winner of the Spring 2023 Series based on PHC.
- Winner of the combined Spring 2023 & Autumn 2024 Series based on PHC.
- Winner of the combined Spring 2023 and Autumn 2024 Series based on CBH.

15.3 The crew of a prize winning boat (not being a spouse/partner of the owner):

- Having paid club membership, and
- Having paid race fees, and
- Participated in a minimum of 80% of the races on that boat in that series shall be eligible for an individual award.

### 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series races.

### 17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurer with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

### 18 PERSON IN CHARGE

18.1 All yacht skippers must have current:

- Sailing Australia membership.
- Race fees paid.
- Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership.

Failing any of these, the yacht will be scored as DSQ (Disqualified).

Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc.

## OOD Spring Series 2023

*As drawn from a hat the 'Officer of the day' will be as follows.*

*If you are unable to attend on the race day it is your club responsibility to arrange for a replacement. Note that the OOD yacht receives a score for her DUTY DAY of the average of her 4 best scores.*

<b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> <u>September 2023</u></b>	<b>Race 2</b>
OOD Plastique		OOD Aye Sea Red	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Race 4</b>
OOD Eirene		OOD <del>Jocimo</del>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Race 6</b>
OOD Deja Vu		OOD Free Spirit	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> <u>December 2023</u></b>	<b>Race 7</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Race 8</b>
OOD Farr Haven		OOD True North	



			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
<b>2023</b>							
July	15-16	Sat-Sun					
July	18	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
July	22-23	Sat-Sun	Cruise	On-shore		2	
July	29-30	Sat-Sun					
August	5-6	Sat-Sun					
August	12-13	Sat-Sun					
August	15	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
August	19	Sat	AUDIT	Rathmines	Hart Peters		
August	19	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
August	26-27	Sat-Sun	Cruise Home	Lake Macquarie	John & Lisa Pateman	2	Jetty Cruise
Sept	2-3	Sat-Sun					Father's Day
Sept	9-10	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	F-Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567		
Sept	16-17	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Sept	19	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Sept	23	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Sept/Oct	30-2	Sat-Mon	3&6 hour regatta	Styles		2	NRL Grand Final BBQ
Oct	7-8	Sat-Sun					
Oct	14-15	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Oct	17	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Oct	21	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Oct	28-29	Sat	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Nov	4-5	Sat -Sun					
Nov	11-12	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Nov	18	Sat	OTB		Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Nov	21	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Nov	25-26	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Dec	2-3	Sat-Sun					
Dec	9-10	Sat -Sun	Race 7&8/ Xmas Party	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	Points for racing
Dec	16	Sat	OTB		Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Dec	25-26	Sat- Sun					Christmas

# 2024

Dec/Jan	31-1	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Myall Lakes		2	New Years Eve
Jan	6-7	Sat-Sun					
Jan	13-14	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Jan	20	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Jan	26-28	Sat-Mon	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	Australia Day
Feb	3-4	Sat-Sun					
Feb	10-11	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Feb	17-18	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Feb	20	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Feb	24	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
March	2-3	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
March	9-10	Sat-Sun					Marlay Point
March	16-17	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
March	19	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
March	23	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
March/April	29-1	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myall Lakes	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	EASTER
April	6-7	Sat-Sun					
April	13-14	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	F-Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
April	16	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
April	20	Sat	OTB	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
April	27-28	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Away	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
May	4-5	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	11-12	Sat-Sun	OTB (Sat)	Rathmines	Brian Harrison 0421979452		Mother's Day
May	18-19	Sat-Sun	Race 9 &10	F-Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	21	Tuesday	AGM	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	25-26	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Home	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
June	1-2	Sat-Sun					
June	8-10	Sat-Mon	Cruise/Regatta	TBA/Lake Keepit			Keepit Cool regatta
June	15-16	Sat-Sun					
June	18	Tuesday	Meeting	Club Macquarie	TBA		
June	22-23	Sat-Sun					FLOAT YOUR BOAT
June	29	Sat	Presentation Night				