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General Meeting Notice

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

**Tuesday 7pm on 18th Feb
2025 at
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

If you have information for the next
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Commodores Muse

Tania and I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's Eve celebration wherever you maybe!

I had a great time at the Club's Christmas Party, and my thanks go out to Tania for organising the big event, to the Keevers for the use of their fridge, the Rathmines Butchery for the fantastic meal, the many members who helped set up the gazebos, tables etc on the day, John Haig for the lawn mowing and all you others who contributed in the many ways needed, and of course to you all for coming along! It was fantastic to see so many of you there and a big thanks to those of you who travelled to attend, John and Carol, and Wayne 'Chris P' Bacon and son Will to name a few.

And it was a great weekend racing for all who participated. There were changing conditions to suit all boats and lots of little 'race within the race' going on. More about the races in the newsletter.

Preparations are under way for the annual New Years Eve cruise on the Myall Lakes, led by Peter and Jacquie Armstrong. It will be another grand occasion with everyone having fun. Unfortunately, I am Stage Manager at the Muswellbrook New Years Eve Extravaganza (think Sydney DJ and fireworks!) so we can't make it, but I'll be thinking about Myall Lakes.

It was great getting down to the last OTB races of the year and watch all our OTB's have a fun time racing. It was a good turn out with lasers, maricat catamarans and Weta trimarans having a grand time. As normal, I end up chatting to people who had stopped to watch the fun and want to know more about the club.

I know there are a number of you who are going to be on Lake Macquire doing day sails with family (pick me) and the odd overnight trip, so if you want company just put something up on the Facebook page!.

Fair winds to you all, and see you at the ramp next year!

Ken

Your Commodore

Minutes for General Meeting 19 November 2024

Welcome by Meeting Chair Hart Peters

Meeting Opened: 7.03 pm.

ATTENDENCE

Apologies: Ken Hill, John & Janina Boer & John & Carol Parker

Attendance: Via Zoom - Brian & Val Harrison, Peter Melbourne, Jacquie & Peter Armstrong, Christopher Keevers, Phil Sparkes, Wayne Bacon, Tania Kelland & Robert Rimington.

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Hart & Pamela Peters, Peter & Karen Armitage, Greg Cross, David & Linda Younger & John Haig

Visitor/s: Nil.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 15 October 2024 as printed in the November 2024 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved David Younger **Seconded:** Greg Cross

Any matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

Any items to be discussed in General Business: Nil.

Mailbox: Nil.

Correspondence In: Nil

Email: Nil

Action Taken –

Outwards: Nil

Treasurers Report was presented by Jacquie Armstrong and shared on the screen.

The full Treasurers Report is available to Members in the "Members Only" section of the website.

Reminder Membership & Racing fees are currently due.

Thank you.

Jacquie Armstrong.

Treasurer.

Treasurers Report Moved: Jacquie Armstrong **Seconded:** Phil Sparkes

Item –

- Jacquie has sent out reminder emails to people for payment of membership fees. Just waiting for responses.

- Jacquie will make a footnote in Treasurers Report showing the breakup for payment for the Defibrillator being part contribution payment of \$41.00 from Ken Hill and the balance payment from NHTYA funds.
- Also noted that Phillip Sparkes donated \$22.00 for postage for Epirb.

Racing Report

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- At last weekend's race quite a few boats turned up. 9 or 10 boats on the Saturday. 11 boats on the Sunday. A good result as the weather forecast looked a little bit dodgy. Particularly on the Sunday race it was a beautiful day. Not blasted around like we have been during this series. I'm finding the Racing the most enjoyable I've had over the time that I've been in the club. My aim as Race Officer is to make sure everyone enjoys the racing and that includes crews as well as skippers. That we are competitive but also really supportive of each other, and our new members of the Club.
- I have noticed an improvement in sailing skills. I remember a few years back if you were in close proximity of the start, you won it. These days you have to cross the line within 5 seconds if you want to win it. Those with more level of experience are able to coach some of the others, helping in tweaking sails and giving hints.
- The Two division starts works really well. It does mean the racing is a lot closer and the finish is more exciting. Well done to those who are doing it.
- I started Saturday's race with a reefed main and small jib. We were actually back of the fleet when we came around Wangi Point heading towards Pulbah Island. I looked out and you've got all the boats in front and they are all going along so well and I thought I'm really proud of our fleet.
- A special thank you to Linda Younger for repairing and updating our starting flags.
- Peter and Karen did their first Officer of the Day on Sunday and they did a great job. They seemed more surprised than we did.
- Next race weekend is the same weekend we have our Xmas Party which is the 7th & 8th December. That's only 3 weeks away.

➤ **Hart Peters**

- I crewed with John Pateman on the Saturday on Wanderer. Very fortunately we crossed the start line with Peter. We then led for ¾ of race. We were pipped at the line by Ken Hill, John Haig & Peter Melbourne. John was very excited and on a high. I figured we had done all the hard yards and we would come out on handicap and Brian was able to confirm that. John was on cloud 9, he really enjoyed the day and he enjoyed the way Wanderer handled.

➤ **Brian Harrison OTB**

- We finally had some OTB. We hadn't had any this season yet. On the 26th we had 7 boats in the first race. Had a ball. Some people we hadn't seen for a while turned up. Craig O'Brien in his Weta, Vincent Redgrove in his Hobie 16. Vincent is hoping to get his Beneteau 22 in the water shortly. So that will be a good conversion rate for us.

- Race 2 we had some incidents where Tom broke his rudder in half. Warren had a terrible day and retired. OTB going along fantastically.
- Valerie and I are off to the Weta State Titles this weekend at Port Kembla.

Cruising Report and upcoming cruises

➤ **Valerie Harrison**

- Glenbawn Dam Cruise was really good. There were 4 boats. Crispy got to do things he hadn't done before, he got to raft up. We took off at 10am on the Saturday and we slowly sailed to the secret lake area. We rafted up and had lunch. Then we continued to sail down and looked at all the Black Boys on the cliff face, we then sailed up the Lake. We stayed overnight, had a nice campfire and sailed back. We left early Sunday morning as there was some heavy breeze coming through. Everyone was up and ready to go at 8am
- This weekend's Cruise is Peter and Karen's first Cruise. There are a few people going so hopefully a few more might decide to go. That's on the Lake leaving Styles Point at about 10am.
- Still need a Cruise Leader for New Year's Eve Cruise on the Myalls.
- We will also need a Cruise Leader for the cruise in Easter next year.
- Can someone please let Valerie know if they can be a Cruise Leader.
- The next Cruise after New Year's is Australia Day Long Weekend. It would be good if someone could be a Cruise Leader for that too. Brian and I will be on the cruise but if someone could be Cruise Leader that would be great.

Xmas Party

➤ **Tania Kelland**

- Flyer has come out for the Xmas Party in the Newsletter. After talking to people at the bacon and eggs on Sunday, it was decided that it will be \$30.00 per person. No one needs to bring desert. Tania has had discussions with the butcher. There was a choice of Beef and/or Pork, the Pork has been exchanged for a Ham.
- Need somewhere to store the food while we are out racing. Could we hire a portable Cool Room. We would be looking at approx.. \$200.00.
- The Butcher is fully booked. So meat will be cooked but will not be hot. Tania will reheat meat at her place and bring it down.
- Final day to get the number of attendants is Monday 2 December. We need to get this number to the butchers.
- For 40 people it will be \$1,202.00 which needs to be Approved.

Moved: Tania Kelland

Seconded David Younger

- Portable Cool Room Approved for \$200.00. Full show of hands.

Membership update

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

- Stan repaid his membership which hadn't been in the last set of numbers. At the Committee Meeting the other night we approved 2 new members. Johnathon in his

Cygnets 20 which is the number 42 Boat. Also approved was Jodee Davey she has a Ross 780.

Update for Facebook & Website

➤ **Valerie Harrison**

- **Facebook** – Just chugging along. There was an anonymous member who left a dodgy link on our private group. Valerie got rid of it quick smart.
- **Website** – Greg keeping Website up to date. He will be putting race results on.

General business

➤ **Ken Hill – via correspondence**

- Costings for medals were received from 2 suppliers for the race medals for this year and next year, as an order for two years would keep the price down.
- The lower cost was accepted, and is for a larger thicker medal which has been given out for the races so far this year.
- The cost for next year including GST is \$640.00 + \$64.00 = \$704.00 which is just over the committee approval limit of \$645.00.
- The committee is seeking approval spend \$59.00.

➤ **Jacque Armstrong –**

- To clarify the medals. After presentation night there was a payment made for medals & trophies to MaxEcad for \$792.00. That was paid and approved.
- Additional medals for 24/25 of \$396.00 the Committee has approved. That has been paid.
- Race medals for the 25/26 Series \$594.00 is what needs to be approved tonight.

Moved: Jacque Armstrong

Seconded Greg Cross

Unanimous show of hands

➤ **Hart Peters**

- We have received some Vouchers from the Club to the value of \$200.00 that will be turned into cash by members that go to the Club Macquarie for dinner. They will give the \$50.00 cash equivalent to Jacque to put in the bank. So at the end of the day it will show as a \$200.00 donation.

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

- Club owns an Epirb which can be used by all members.
- Also Alex Moreton letter which Greg is to find and read out.

➤ **Valerie Harrison**

- Letter from a past member. Mark Levell.

*"Hello there,
I hope you are well and I hope you don't mind me making contact. I found your email from the club website.
My name is Mark Lavelle and I am the son of Tom & Rosemary Lavelle from Scone who were members of your great club from around 1983 to 1989 or thereabouts.
As a teenager at the time (I am 54 now) , myself and my younger siblings have some very fond memories of lots of awesome race days & weekends away with the NHTYA. Myall Lakes, Lake Mac etc and even cracker night at Rathmines boat ramp one year haha.
Our boat was a 1981 Sabre 22 named "Blue Fin" and it was Mum and Dad's pride and joy.
Some of the other Sabres at that time were of course Happy Wanderer (Neville & Judy Heap) , Blue Belle (Martin & Merryl Heald from Wahroonga) , Moody Blue , Sovereign and another white and another yellow coloured hull (cannot remember the boat names sorry – I think Peter Coppock was the owner)
I recall many other (and faster☺) trailer-sailers that we loved to race against : Form 2 (very quick) Chewbacca, Nirvana, Climax, Go-Anna (Ross & Anna Meincke from Coal Point) and numerous Farris , Sonatas etc.*

*I googled the club last week as we have been restoring Mum & Dad's Sabre down here on the Central Coast (Tom, my Dad sadly passed away November 2023 and Rosemary has dementia and is in Hammond Care in Scone – she turns 89 this month)
Anyway, the picture below on your website (racing pic) I believe captures our boat just behind either Happy Wanderer or the other yellow Sabre (I can tell by the old short -shaft 7.5 Mercury hanging off our transom...I believe we were the ONLY Sabre on the NHTYA that did not have the Volvo Penta inboard...how embarrassing !! lol)*



There are probably other names I have forgotten but I do remember a great sense of community spirit, friendship and great people with common interests.

It would be great to see some of the old newsletters from the 80's – I remember Dad keeping them all but sadly they are lost now ☹

Anyway, I just thought I would let you know a little bit of our NHTYA story from the mid 80's

Cheers,

Mark"

➤ **Greg Cross Email Received from Alex Morton (as referred to by Phil Sparkes)**

*"Dear Newcastle & Hunter Trailer Yacht Association,
I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the fair winds. I'm reaching out to request a copy of your club's racing results from June 2023 to May 2024.*

I've managed to find the results for your trailable yachts. However, the OTB results page of your webpage only shows results up to the 2022/23 season. Do you have OTB results available for the 2023/24 season?

If the results are available online, a link to the webpage would be fantastic. Alternatively, if it's more convenient, I'd greatly appreciate if you could send them to me via email.

The purpose of this request is to contribute to a comprehensive survey analyzing the classes of small boats (less than 20 ft / 6.1m long) sailed in Club racing around Australia. I conducted similar research on a smaller scale last year for Victoria - <https://1drv.ms/b/s!A1Lt9vMr-okA12EGef-3oBki-DiO?e=EWkDYI>. Having refined the methodology, this is a continuation of that work, aiming to gain a broader perspective on sailing trends nationwide.

Your assistance in providing these results will be invaluable to my study and will certainly add depth to our understanding of the sailing community's preferences and activities.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. I look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

Alex Morton"

- It is decided to include OTB Results onto the Website and he will be able to access them there.

➤ **Jacque & Phil have been dealing with ATO in relation to getting rid of ABN Number. We are a non-profit organisation but somewhere in 2017 we got nominated with an ABN Number, which Phil never knew about. We now have to fill in these other forms.**

➤ **Hart Peters**

- I have not been well. About 4 weeks ago I was also getting frustrated with being the Vice Commodore and feeling left out. I probably bit the bullet a little too early, because I wasn't too well. I formally resigned as Vice Commodore from the Club. I stated that I had lost the passion and commitment for the Club. Karen passed that onto Ken. After about 1 ½ weeks Ken rang me up one weekend and we had a really good long hard chat. I let him about some of the things I had been witnessing in the Club over the last 2 years that I wasn't happy about. Ken asked me to reconsider stating that my knowledge and experience with this Club was too valuable to loose and he would dearly love me to reconsider my resignation and come back on board. Ken and I have had some good conversations now and he can see where I am coming from. Although I am not going to change the world overnight, I have offered to assist him to make some relative improvements in areas, knowing especially that Ken has a new job which is pretty full on. Ken is happy for me to be keep him in the loop and get things in place in time.
- My thought process for the Club and the Committee is that we have a constitution to go by and we need to make sure we dot all the "I's" and cross all the "T's" so that we are all protected under that Constitution and the Department of Fair Trading. Ken was quite understanding that that was an issue and he is happy for me to progress a few things over the next few months or so. It's also about taking the pressure of him. I will also be liaising with Phillip Sparkes who is the Public Officer.

No other business.

Meeting Closed: 8.26 pm.

Karen Armitage

NHTYA Secretary

RACING UPDATE – December 2024

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



Spring Series Wrap Up

The weekend of the 7&8 December was also races 7 & 8 and concluded our 2024 Spring Series. The last couple of race weekends have had about ten boats racing each day which has been great. A good mix off experienced and new members, some of the newbies are very quick!

I want to particularly thank the participation of our **women racing sailors**. Val, Kerry, Sue, Heather, Jannina, Karen, Linda and Bevilee. You add so much to the enjoyable culture of our racing program and your involvement is worth so much more to us than you probably think.

It is only a shortish break before **we start the Autumn Series on the 18 & 19 of January**. Hopefully we will see you all then ready to “tune up” after the Christmas break. We will let people know on the Facebook site when the new Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available on the Website Racing Page.

Off The Beach Results

26 Oct 24

Yardstick

Race 1		Race Start		12:39:00					
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta- Pin - 1 up	842	13:07:44	0:28:44	98.0	0:29:19	1	
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1695	13:10:53	0:31:53	96.0	0:33:13	2	
Andrew Dyce	This Side Up	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	009	13:11:43	0:32:43	96.0	0:34:05	3	
Chris Keevers	Adrenaline	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	2094	13:13:04	0:34:04	98.0	0:34:46	4	
Craig O'Brien	Seahorse	Weta- Pin - 1 up	963	13:15:35	0:36:35	98.0	0:37:20	5	
Vincent Redgrove	SeaHag	Hobie 16	105028	13:13:44	0:34:44	80.5	0:43:09	6	
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1014	13:22:57	0:43:57	98.0	0:44:51	7	

Personal Handicap

Race 1		Race Start		12:39:00					
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	13:07:44	0:28:44	1.1004	1.1386	1.1132	0:31:59	1
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	1695	13:10:53	0:31:53	1.0170	1.0261	1.0200	0:32:31	2
Andrew Dyce	This Side Up	009	13:11:43	0:32:43	1.0572	1.0000	1.0381	0:33:58	3
Chris Keevers	Adrenaline	2094	13:13:04	0:34:04	1.0185	0.9604	0.9991	0:34:02	4
Vincent Redgrove	SeaHag	105028	13:13:44	0:34:44	1.0000	0.9419	0.9806	0:34:04	5
Craig O'Brien	Seahorse	963	13:15:35	0:36:35	1.0000	0.8943	0.9648	0:35:18	6
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	1014	13:22:57	0:43:57	1.0000	0.7444	0.9148	0:40:12	7

Yardstick

Race 2		Race Start		13:29:00					
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta- Pin - 1 up	842	13:56:48	0:27:48	98.0	0:28:22	1	
Andrew Dyce	This Side Up	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	009	14:01:36	0:32:36	96.0	0:33:57	2	
Craig O'Brien	Seahorse	Weta- Pin - 1 up	963	14:03:13	0:34:13	98.0	0:34:55	3	
Chris Keevers	Adrenaline	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	2094	14:05:46	0:36:46	98.0	0:37:31	4	
Vincent Redgrove	SeaHag	Hobie 16	105028	14:04:21	0:35:21	80.5	0:43:55	5	
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1695	DNS					
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	1014	DNF					

Personal Handicap

Race 2		Race Start		13:29:00					
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	5009	13:56:48	0:27:48	1.1132	1.2308	1.1524	0:32:02	1
Craig O'Brien	Seahorse	009	14:03:13	0:34:13	0.9648	1.0000	0.9765	0:33:25	2
Andrew Dyce	This Side Up	1695	14:01:36	0:32:36	1.0381	1.0496	1.0420	0:33:58	3
Vincent Redgrove	SeaHag	2094	14:04:21	0:35:21	0.9806	0.9679	0.9764	0:34:31	4
Chris Keevers	Adrenaline	1014	14:05:46	0:36:46	0.9991	0.9306	0.9763	0:35:54	5
Tom Howell	Knot Normal	1695	DNS						
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	1014	DNF						

Race 5

Personal Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
2	1	502	Wanderer	02:05:57	0.477	01:00:05	0.484	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:35:57
3	2	840	Aye Sea Red	01:54:12	0.528	01:00:18	0.535	K Hill	Noelx 25	14:34:12
3	3	T3728	Jocimo	01:54:17	0.530	01:00:34	0.535	J Haig	Noelx 25-No-Spin	14:34:17
3	4	105	Full of Rascals	01:57:15	0.527	01:01:47	0.527	D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:37:15
1	5	6998	Farr Haven	02:08:48	0.480	01:01:49	0.480	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:38:48
1	6	2830	Deja vu	02:11:32	0.477	01:02:44	0.473	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:41:32
1	7	248	Tic Tack	02:11:36	0.480	01:03:10	0.475	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:41:36
3	8	100	True North	01:55:40	0.553	01:03:58	0.544	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:35:40
1	9	46	Escapade	02:22:32	0.477	01:07:59	0.455	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:52:32
1	DUT	M112	Amerthyst		0.516			W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker	

Class Basic Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	1	6998	Farr Haven	02:08:48	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:38:48	0.632	01:21:24
3	2	T3728	Jocimo	01:54:17	J Haig	Noelx 25-No-Spin	14:34:17	0.714	01:21:36
3	3	100	True North	01:55:40	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:35:40	0.712	01:22:21
1	4	2830	Deja vu	02:11:32	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:41:32	0.632	01:23:08
3	5	105	Full of Rascals	01:57:15	D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:37:15	0.712	01:23:29
3	6	840	Aye Sea Red	01:54:12	K Hill	Noelx 25	14:34:12	0.752	01:25:53
2	7	502	Wanderer	02:05:57	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:35:57	0.704	01:28:40
1	8	46	Escapade	02:22:32	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:52:32	0.629	01:29:39
1	9	248	Tic Tack	02:11:36	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:41:36	0.697	01:31:44
1	DUT	M112	Amerthyst		W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker		0.680	

Race 5 Report

I crewed with John Pateman on the Saturday on Wanderer. We crossed the start line with 3 other boats, one of which was Tic Tack.

The wind was NE and gusting to 20knots. We kept a full main on thinking we could always put in a reef behind Pulbah Island if we needed to. Coming out from behind Coal Point the wind was quite strong and the waves rose and made for a bumpy ride.

At that stage we had pulled away from the rest of the fleet. Gusts were quite strong and we continually had to feather the main to keep the weather helm down.

As we turned from Wangi Point to Pulbah it became a broad reach and we could see the fleet behind us almost in single formation. The wind also seemed to be increasing. We decided that once in the lee of the island we would put a reef in.

We reefed at the southwestern end of the island, only to find that the reefing pulley on the boom had come away. We quickly did a running repair and tied the pulley in such a way that it would still operate and away we went. Coming around the northwestern point of the island the wind once again hit us strongly. It didn't seem that the reef had made any difference. It was then uneventful until we came back to Wangi Point.

Once around we made for the finish, only to find Brian, Jocimo and Aye See Red were hunting us down. By the time we had reached the halfway mark of the last leg, we were at the point of being overtaken. I noticed that True North was also now in the race to the finish. We ultimately crossed 4th We were pipped at the line by Ken Hill, John Haig & Peter Melbourne. John was very excited and on a high. Wanderer had sailed well. I figured we had done all the hard yards and we would get a placing on handicap and Brian was able to confirm that at the end of the race.

Thanks to John for the ride. It was great to be back on the water!

Hart Peters

Race 6

Personal Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	1	248	Tic Tack	02:50:36	0.475	01:21:02	0.487	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:20:36
1	2	46	Escapade	02:59:39	0.455	01:21:44	0.464	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:29:39
1	3	2830	Deja vu	02:55:23	0.473	01:22:57	0.479	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:25:23
1	4	42	42	02:49:59	0.500	01:25:00	0.500	J Vandervoort	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:19:59
3	5	840	Aye Sea Red	02:39:01	0.535	01:25:04	0.535	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:19:01
3	6	100	True North	02:38:55	0.544	01:26:27	0.540	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:18:55
3	7	T3728	Jocimo	02:41:54	0.535	01:26:37	0.530	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:21:54
2	8	502	Wanderer	02:59:00	0.484	01:26:38	0.480	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:29:00
1	9	6998	Farr Haven	03:05:35	0.480	01:29:05	0.469	R Bery	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:35:35
1	10	M112	Amerthyst	02:53:54	0.516	01:29:44	0.503	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker	14:23:54
1	11	M193	Cygnnet	02:59:38	0.500	01:29:49	0.487	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:29:38
1	DUT	262	Ivy May		0.481			P Armitage	Sunmaid 20-No-Spin	

Class Basic Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	1	42	42	02:49:59	J Vandervoort	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:19:59	0.629	01:46:55
1	2	2830	Deja vu	02:55:23	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:25:23	0.632	01:50:50
1	3	M193	Cygnnet	02:59:38	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:29:38	0.629	01:52:59
1	4	46	Escapade	02:59:39	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:29:39	0.629	01:53:00
3	5	100	True North	02:38:55	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:18:55	0.712	01:53:09
3	6	T3728	Jocimo	02:41:54	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:21:54	0.714	01:55:36
1	7	6998	Farr Haven	03:05:35	R Bery	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:35:35	0.632	01:57:17
1	8	M112	Amerthyst	02:53:54	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker	14:23:54	0.680	01:58:15
1	9	248	Tic Tack	02:50:36	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:20:36	0.697	01:58:54
3	10	840	Aye Sea Red	02:39:01	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:19:01	0.752	01:59:35
2	11	502	Wanderer	02:59:00	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:29:00	0.704	02:06:01
1	DUT	262	Ivy May		P Armitage	Sunmaid 20-No-Spin		0.635	

RACE 6
ESCAPADE CREW'S PERSPETIVE ON SAILING A NEW BOAT
NEW BOAT – A LOT TO LEARN

After Saturday's race with gusts reaching 25 knots off Wangi & wave-wind action from the N/E we headed for the finish line overpowered & finishing well behind the fleet. We had one reef but perhaps we should have had two & we didn't have our water ballast right. Being our first race with only two on board we were a bit jaded. Well maybe the crew was. Why a Cygnet? – we had a spider 24 that took two hours to rig & then further work attaching sails on the water after launching & she was a great steady boat in a blow – Escapade only takes 20 minutes to raise the mast & sails are already set on the boom and another 10 minutes to launch & it will give us a longer sailing life as we age.

Race 6

Sunday's race proved to be a wonderful day of racing with a healthy size fleet crossing the start line, Escapade seem to be loving it – feeling well balanced at the helm & pointing well to windward.

The N/E course was interesting to view with the fleet splitting as they approached the Belmont Mark & some boats advancing & gaining to the Cardiff Mark, a lull in the breeze instigated groups of boats stalling at the mark & heading for Coal point mark slowly, at the mark the breeze freshened where again the fleet split to advance towards the Lake Macquarie Mark, again boats advancing their positions in the fleet, heading down wind for home with spinnakers flying in a colourful array.

Although finishing second on handicap we have so much to learn on Escapade – balancing reefs, two water ballasts & a gaff rig we need to improve our settings to be competitive & call the right settings for the conditions. We had a great sail & we are always in awe of Chris Keevers racing by himself & coming first & Val Harrison setting spinnakers multiple times through the race. Thanks to those that prepared & cooked the Bacon & Eggs for breakfast on Sunday, it's a great club to sail & be apart of.



Race 7

Personal Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	327	Araluen II	02:19:19	0.526	01:13:17	0.548	R	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:59:19
3	2	840	Aye Sea Red	02:22:44	0.535	01:16:22	0.546	K Hill	Noelex 25	15:02:44
3	3	T3728	Jocimo	02:28:32	0.530	01:18:43	0.532	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:08:32
1	4	M112	Amerthyst	02:37:47	0.503	01:19:22	0.503	W Hardcastle	Cygnets20Spinnaker	15:07:47
3	5	100	True North	02:28:37	0.540	01:20:15	0.537	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:08:37
3	6	25	Free Spirit	02:24:27	0.557	01:20:28	0.553	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:04:27
1	7	M193	Cygnnet	02:46:07	0.487	01:20:54	0.482	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	15:16:07
1	8	248	Tic Tack	02:56:44	0.487	01:26:04	0.468	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	15:26:44
1	DNF	42	42		0.500			J Vandervoort	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	
1	DNF	46	Escapade		0.464			B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	
3	DNF	105	Full of Rascals		0.527			D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	
2	DUT	502	Wanderer		0.480			J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	

Class Basic Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
3	1	327	Araluen II	02:19:19	R	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:59:19	0.712	01:39:12
3	2	25	Free Spirit	02:24:27	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:04:27	0.714	01:43:08
1	3	M193	Cygnnet	02:46:07	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	15:16:07	0.629	01:44:29
3	4	100	True North	02:28:37	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:08:37	0.712	01:45:49
3	5	T3728	Jocimo	02:28:32	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	15:08:32	0.714	01:46:03
1	6	M112	Amerthyst	02:37:47	W Hardcastle	Cygnets20Spinnaker	15:07:47	0.680	01:47:18
3	7	840	Aye Sea Red	02:22:44	K Hill	Noelex 25	15:02:44	0.752	01:47:20
1	8	248	Tic Tack	02:56:44	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	15:26:44	0.697	02:03:11
1	DNF	42	42		J Vandervoort	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla		0.629	
1	DNF	46	Escapade		B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla		0.629	
3	DNF	105	Full of Rascals		D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin		0.712	
2	DUT	502	Wanderer		J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin		0.704	

RACE 7 REPORT, Saturday 7 Dec. 2024



The forecast was for a light NW breeze. This initially proved correct as both divisions somewhat drifted over the start line, having been set off by OOD *Wanderer*. The course was set for a starboard rounding of Swansea mark, followed by a starboard rounding of Fishing Pt mark then back to the start before a second shorter lap around Swansea and return. So it was somewhat of a surprise when halfway down the first leg we saw the wind swing around past north to a stronger but fluky easterly. As we finished the first lap, we could see a thunderstorm brewing and lightning in the distance. The two Cygnnet 20s *Escapade* and *42* pulled out probably contemplating the conductivity of their carbon fibre masts! *Full of Rascals* also pulled out with Linda insisting she would wait until the party that night for BBQed meat.

We in *True North* rounded the start pin mark in close proximity with *Amerthyst* just as the storm front hit with a strong SE squall. With wind and waves increasing rapidly we just dropped the headsail and continued on with mainsail only. I responded to Kerry's questioning eyes that it was probably just a short lived squall. She is usually very suspicious of my weather optimism but after about 15 minutes, we were able to pull the headsail up again to complete the course.

Well done to *Araluen*, *Aye Sea Red* and *Jocimo* who picked up the first three places on handicap. Also congratulations to the rest of the fleet that survived the changeable conditions. It made it feel more like a shortened version of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Race 8 Personal Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
2	1	502	Wanderer	02:37:37	0.480	01:15:39	0.485	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:07:37
1	2	6998	Farr Haven	02:41:50	0.469	01:15:54	0.473	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:11:50
1	3	248	Tic Tack	02:43:38	0.468	01:16:35	0.470	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:13:38
3	4	105	Full of Rascals	02:25:50	0.527	01:16:51	0.528	D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:15:50
1	5	46	Escapade	02:46:25	0.464	01:17:13	0.464	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:16:25
3	6	100	True North	02:25:26	0.537	01:18:06	0.534	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:15:26
3	7	327	Araluen II	02:23:43	0.548	01:18:45	0.543	R	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:13:43
3	8	840	Aye Sea Red	02:25:33	0.546	01:19:28	0.538	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:15:33
3	9	T3728	Jocimo	02:29:36	0.532	01:19:35	0.524	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:19:36
3	10	25	Free Spirit	02:24:17	0.553	01:19:47	0.544	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:14:17
1	11	M112	Amerthyst	02:39:00	0.503	01:19:59	0.494	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker	14:09:00
3	DUT	8006	Cross Wind		0.560			G Schubert	Clubman 8	

Class Basic Handicap

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	1	6998	Farr Haven	02:41:50	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:11:50	0.632	01:42:17
3	2	327	Araluen II	02:23:43	R	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:13:43	0.712	01:42:20
3	3	25	Free Spirit	02:24:17	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:14:17	0.714	01:43:01
3	4	100	True North	02:25:26	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:15:26	0.712	01:43:33
3	5	105	Full of Rascals	02:25:50	D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:15:50	0.712	01:43:50
1	6	46	Escapade	02:46:25	B Bath	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	14:16:25	0.629	01:44:41
3	7	T3728	Jocimo	02:29:36	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:19:36	0.714	01:46:49
1	8	M112	Amerthyst	02:39:00	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet20Spinnaker	14:09:00	0.680	01:48:07
3	9	840	Aye Sea Red	02:25:33	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:15:33	0.752	01:49:27
2	10	502	Wanderer	02:37:37	J Pateman	Sabre 25-No-Spin	14:07:37	0.704	01:50:58
1	11	248	Tic Tack	02:43:38	B Harrison	Boomerang 20 DK	14:13:38	0.697	01:54:03
3	DUT	8006	Cross Wind		G Schubert	Clubman 8		0.793	

RACE 8 REPORT Sunday 8 Dec 2024

It had been a hot sticky night but there was a light SE blowing with the promise that it would slowly increase. So we were set off in two divisions by Graeme and David from the shore. We trailed putting a 20min gap between the two starts and this worked well. We sailed the standard SE course to Swansea, Slip, Carey Bay, Marks Pt, Coal Pt and home. With the increasing strength of breeze, *Wanderer* and *Farr Haven* bolted picking up first and second places on handicap with *Tic Tack* getting third curtesy of their big red spinnaker charging them home. Some very close finishes with 6 boats crossing the finish line within 3 minutes.

It was a great way to finish off the season as we wished everyone the best for Christmas

CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2024/2025

up to Race 8 [exc OLW]

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT all activities	SOCIAL cruises only
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Macgregor 26	<i>Waterbago II</i>	11	6
ARMITAGE	Karen & Peter	Noelex 25	<i>Black Magic</i>	9	6
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer</i>	8	4
HILL	Ken & Tania	Noelex 25	<i>Eye Sea Red</i>	8	0
HAIK	John & Dorothy	Noelex 25	<i>Jocimo</i>	8	0
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	8	0
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Clubman 8	<i>Gypsea</i>	6	6
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	6	0
HARDCASTLE	Will & Sue	Cygnets 20	<i>Amethyst</i>	6	0
YOUNGER	David & Linda	Castle 650	<i>Full Of Rascals</i>	5	0
RIMINGTON	Rob & Sharon	Sonata 7	<i>Scallywag</i>	4	2
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Noelex 25	<i>Free Spirit</i>	4	0
BATH	Brian & Heather	Cygnets 20	<i>Escapade</i>	4	0
PARROTT	Warren & Leanne	Macgregor 26	<i>Macnifique</i>	2	2
HOWELL	Tom	Boomerang 20	<i>Bustard Custard</i>	2	2
ARMSTRONG	Peter & Jacque	Sabre 25	<i>Sailaway</i>	2	2
BACON	Wayne	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	2	2
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	2	2
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr n Beyond</i>	2	2
GILLARD	Mat	Macgregor 26	<i>Merlot</i>	2	2
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	2	0
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby</i>	2	0
VANDERVOORT	Jonathan	Cygnets 20	<i>42</i>	2	0
TICKOFT	Robert & Bevilee	Castle 650	<i>Araluen II</i>	2	0
O'BRIAN	Craig	Hunter 18	<i>Little Hunter</i>	1	0
SCHURBERT	Graeme & Charmain	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	1	0

LAKE MACQUARIE CRUISE

23-24 NOVEMBER 2024

Pete and I put Black Magic in the water at Balmoral Boat Ramp for the Friday Night, anchoring just off from the Jetty. We had some dinner and got "Black Magic" ready for her cruise around the Lake.



Phil & Kim joined us with "Gypsea" on the Saturday. Weather was glorious. Wind was around 20 kms. A gentle sail was in order. We put up our main and "Gypsea" went with a Jib.



We made our way to Toronto and then continued on to Bolton Point where we pulled in for a spot of lunch. Thanks Phil & Kim for showing us this lovely little spot.



We all let our inner child come out to play and had a swing. How could you not.



When we left our lunch spot the wind really started to pick up and was particularly gusty near Elizabeth Island (the sand island). Phil & Kim then showed us another wonderful spot, Browns Bay, where we backed our boats in for the night. There were only a couple of other boats close by and honestly we could have been anywhere in the world. Paradise!!!!





On the Sunday after a very relaxing morning unfortunately it came time that we had to get back to reality. We made our way back to Balmoral Boat Ramp in a leisurely manner, checking out a few other spots along the way. Our first time as Cruise Leaders was a great experience and we learnt so much more about what the Lake has to offer. We want to thank Phil and Kim for coming along and sharing their wonderful company & loads of experience. I have also made a little video if anyone is interested in watching on our Youtube Channel "Trailer Sailer Sailing". Here's the link https://youtu.be/mHejjoE6Axs?si=PHFsbmiiZrzOL_LU

BEACH PARTY

NEW YEARS EVE



When: “Cruising time” about 4 o’clock, 31st December 2024

Where: Beautiful Shelley Beach, Myall Lakes

What to expect: fun, friends and frivolity

What to bring: Nibbles, BBQ food, drinks and your favourite beach toy

What to wear: Beach attire



Contact Peter & Jacquie Armstrong (0431 904 195) for further information or see NHTYA facebook to let us know you are coming

**January Sat 25th to Mon 27th
(long weekend)**

**Cruise Leaders
Hart and Pam Peters
Farr & Beyond**

Australia Day Cruise

Cruising Lake Macquarie

Launching at Styles Point on the Saturday morning ready to set sail by 10am. We'll sail up to the sand islands for lunch and a swim. Depending on the location of fireworks, if at Speers Point, we will sail down to Marmong where there's a little protected bay just right for trailer Sailers to have prime viewing of the fireworks. Otherwise, plan B will be activated.

Sunday, we will sail to a destination to be determined. **Make sure that you are self-sufficient for at least one night!**

Remember to wear your Australia day apparel and dress your boat to suit the occasion.



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2024

			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
Dec/Jan	27-3		Myall lakes cruise			2	New Years Eve

2025 NHTYA EVENTS CALENDAR

			Activity	Location	Contact	Points	Extra Info
Dec/Jan	31-1	Tue-Wed	Cruise	Myalls	?	2	
Jan	4-5	Sat-Sun					
Jan	11-12	Sat-Sun					
Jan	18	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Jan	25-27	Sat-Mon	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	Australia Day Weekend
Feb	1-2	Sat-Sun					
Feb	8-9	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	Marlay Point Overnight Race
Feb	15	Sat	OTB	F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Feb	18	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Feb	22-23	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Manning River	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
Mar	1-2	Sat-Sun					
Mar	8-9	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Mar	15-	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Mar	19	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Mar	22-23	Sat-Sun	Cruise	Sydney-Botany Bay	Ken Hill 0400208553	2	
Mar	29-30	Sat-Sun					
Apr	5-6	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Apr	12-	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Apr	15	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Apr	18-21	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myalls	TBA	2	Easter Cruise
Apr	25-27	Fri-Sun	Cruise	Hawkesbury River	John and Lisa Pateman	2	Anzac long Weekend
May	3-4	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	10	Sat	OTB	F-jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
May	11	Sun					Mothers Day
May	17-18	Sat-Sun	Race 9 &10	F Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	20	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	24-25	Sat-Sun	Campfire Cruise	Wangi Caravan Park	Val Harrison 0435242274	2	
May/Jun	31-1	Sat-Sun					
Jun	7-9	Sat-Mon	Away Race	Keepit Dam	Brian Harrison 0421979452		King's Birthday
Jun	14-15	Sat-Sun					
Jun	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Jun	21-22	Sat-Sun					Float Your Boat?
Jun	28	Sat	Presentation Night	TBA			

