



PAC Journal

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Crew Wanted: For hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success.

- Ernest Shackleton

What's Launching?

It has happened! As editor I have received the first contributions from members for inclusion in the new look PAC Journal. I would also like to thank those members who sent in comments about the Boat Building Article in the last PAC Journal. This is repeated with Part 2 below in this PAC Journal. Please keep matters of interest, ideas, experiences, suggestions or complaints coming. Make this your forum where you can exchange your views with your fellow members. Please email your contributions to paqclub@tpg.com.au and we'll print as many as we can.

What's On the Horizon?

Events for your diary:

✚ New members induction day	Saturday 30 th April 2016
✚ Talk HMAS Melbourne	Thursday 5 th May 2016
✚ Talk Midget submarine	Thursday 2 nd June 2016
✚ AGM July 2016	(date to be announced)
✚ Slip Operators Certification	Saturday 10 th September 2016
✚ Flotsam and jetsam sale in the PAC car park	Saturday 10 th September 2016
✚ Annual working bee.	Sunday 15 th October 2016
✚ Pittwater Sailors Christmas Party	Sunday 4 th December 2016
✚ PAC Christmas Party	Sunday 11 th December 2016

Upcoming Talk

For those that attended the earlier talks on HMAS Vampire and HMAS Sydney Kormoran Battle are aware how good those talks were and Noel has advised he has some further topics to present as announced below. Please mark these dates in your diary.

DATE AND TIME - Thursday 5th May 7:30pm

TOPIC - HMAS MELBOURNE and HMAS VOYAGER collision

PRESENTER - NOEL PHELAN

AUSTRALIA'S WORST PEACETIME NAVAL DISASTER. Just over 50 years ago the destroyer HMAS Voyager was cut in two by the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne with the loss of 82 lives. Find out how it happened? Could it have been avoided? Was the blame really fairly apportioned?

DATE AND TIME - Thursday 2nd June 7:30pm

TOPIC - THE JAPANESE MIDGET SUB ATTACK ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

PRESENTER - NOEL PHELAN

Coming ready or NOT....Find out the details of how the attack was carried out by courageous Japanese Naval personnel and the inadequate harbour defences.

What's Under Way?

New PAC Website

New web address and click for access www.paclub.com.au

Thanks to those members who sent back there comments on the site. To catch-up on any changes to the website click on 'Communication' on the home page and on the right hand side you will see a Timeline of changes or updates to the website so you will know what has changed.

Membership and Facility Fees 2016/17

You will have already received your annual invoice for renewal of Membership and Facility charges for the 2016/17 season. Any member not renewing or has change of details please advise. You are encouraged to direct debit to the Clubs bank account (note the new BSB) as shown on the bottom of your invoice.

Due date for fees is 31 March each year. **Memberships paid after the due date are classified as inactive and** enter the membership cancellation process. Members in this cancellation of membership process **may be subject to the Late Payment Reinstatement Process** (which requires the member to lodge, with payment of \$100 fee, a written 'explanation and appeal' to the Board not to have their membership cancelled). Members should be clear that this is not an extension of payment terms as membership may be cancelled even after payment of fee.

Stickers

Club stickers for the 2016/17 season will be distributed in mid-April.

The annual stickers are to be displayed on Member vehicles when using the club parking area and the larger sticker to be displayed on the Members vessel. Distributed with the Boat sticker will be the new user id and password for the slip booking system.

Member Vessel Detail Form (MVD)

As a reminder, **if there are no changes** to your vessels details, ownership or insurance cover, **this form is not required to be completed.** The act of payment is a declaration that your vessel is still registered and insured and no details have changed. This message is also repeated on your invoice correspondence.

What's Been Happening?

PAC Picnic held 12-14 March at the Basin

Another fantastic weekend was had by members at the PAC Picnic held at the Basin each year. The report on this has been left to some of the members that sent thank you notes.

“We wish to thank the team that organised the picnic at The Basin for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast March 12/14. The food was fantastic and the weather was still in sunny Summer mode. The company of course was great as usual.

Thanks once again to the organisers of the day and the food.

Kind Regards,

Marilyn and Tony Smith

‘Santorini’

Hi Chris,

I have just returned home from the Basin Picnic. What a fantastic social outing this is, with great company and food. We would like to congratulate the Board members and the volunteers for terrific effort, and a big thanks from us.

Regards,

Philip and Jeanette O'Leary”

Grant Application

It was brought to the Boards attention that there was a NSW Sport and Recreation Grant available and the Club may be eligible to apply. The Board can advise the members that it has applied for the grant to assist with the project of building a new slip cradle. The cradle has the feature of allowing vessels to be transferred from the water to a hard stand without the requirement of a crane.

CNL Club Rules

Thanks to the members that have sent in their feedback on 3rd Draft of the new CNL Rules. These members have received feedback on their correspondence and their changes have been updated into the 4th Draft of the Clubs CNL Rules. This is now available for download from the Clubs website [click here](#)

Please forward any comments on the 4th Draft to the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au by the 16th April 2016.

Process of adoption of new rules.

At the recent General Meeting it became clear that some members may not have read or understand the requirements of the Co-op Registrar and the steps necessary to ultimately allow the members to vote on the special resolution to adopt or reject the CNL Rules. The following is outlined to demystify this process and if you have any questions please send them to the Secretary paqclub@tpg.com.au

1. A final draft needs to be prepared by the Members
2. This final draft needs to be checked to Schedule 1 (the Registrar checklist)
3. If the final draft complies with Schedule 1 then it is submitted to Co-op Registrar for approval
4. Registrar then will either approve or advise required changes to the final draft. Note: Failure to achieve Registrar approval would involve more drafts being circulated to members and then recommence Step 1.
5. When the Co-op Registrar gives there approval, a special resolution will be put to the Members for the completed document as approved by the Registrar, to be accepted or to be rejected. To be clear this special resolution is not a rule by rule process.

The adoption of these new CNL Rules is like the adoption of the Clubs first Rules back in 2002. There was no rule comparison but a complete adoption of the rules after members had had their input. Between 2002 and now any rule change showed the old rule and the new rule so members could see the change. The Registrar has provided a rules template for all Co-ops to use to develop their CNL Rules and with this document is a set of guidelines on how to complete. Your Club is currently in this process and now is the time for all members to ask questions.

The special resolution members will ultimately be asked to vote on will be similar to the following draft:

Special Resolution - requiring a two thirds majority to pass

“Resolve to adopt the Pittwater Aquatic Club Rules as approved by the Co-op Registrar dated DD MM YYYY”

PAC By-laws update

At the recent General Meeting Chris Kavanagh – president announced that the By-laws were out of date in relation to the new PAC Booking System, which is now online compared to the By-laws which refer to the paper system previously operated in the Slip Booking Room at the club.

The updates to the By-laws, for the new PAC Booking System, were adopted at the March directors meeting and [this link](#) provides a summary of these and other changes. If any member has a question or is unclear on a By-law please contact the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au

A full copy of the current By-laws is always available to [view or download](#) from the Clubs website.

As also mentioned by Chris, the next likely change to the By-laws will occur if and when the Members adopt the new CNL Rules for the club, currently in draft as there are provisions in the By-laws which will need to be adjusted to align with the new club’s rules at that time.

Member contributions

As mentioned in earlier PAC Journals we are looking for interesting articles from members to publish. Last month Michael Hyland wrote an article ([Part 1](#)) about his boat building experience with some great photos. [Click here](#) to read Part 2 of Michael’s article.

Many members will know the name Brian Hunter MAGIC. Brian recently announced his resignation after 26 years as he has moved north and forward the below message to his friends at the PAC.

My initiation to Moreton Bay was joining the 40th anniversary Interclub Bay Cruise aboard my new vessel WATAKAI an H&G31 motor sailor, just the boat for the shoal waters of Morton Bay. The cruise is organised annually by a committee from various clubs about Morton Bay. Last year’s cruise of seven days took 43 vessels of all types from the bay south to the Gold Coast Broadwater via the inland channels which connect the two waterways. Each night we anchored at a different venue where dinner was catered ashore and a party ensued. The banquet of the cruise was put on at the Southport Yacht Club which provided marina berths for all the participants for two nights.



Moreton Bay is a very challenging cruising ground not to be ventured on in winds above 25 knots unless you enjoy being thrown about. A trip from Manly Boat Harbour to Stradbroke Island on such a day is similar to a rough trip from Pittwater to Sydney Harbour, with most seas attacking your beam. Your reward an anchorage (there are no courtesy moorings) similar to Barrenjoey in a southerly. Yes you guessed it I am homesick.

I will cruise WATAKAI to the Barrier Reef this winter, then who knows.

Kind regards to all my friends at PAC

Brian Hunter

Selected also for publication this month is an article identified by Lance Dias FREELANCE on flags and signals that remain relevant in this digital world. [Click here](#) to be up to date.

For snail mail readers URLs are posted below if accessing from your local library or other internet café

Club Rules 4 th draft	http://www.webmemart.com/club-rules/
Summary of By-law changes	http://www.webmemart.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/PAC-By-Laws-update.pdf
Full By-laws	http://www.webmemart.com/by-laws/
Part 1 of Michaels article	http://www.webmemart.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Newsletter-article-for-Jan-2015-version2.pdf
Part 2 of Michaels article	http://www.webmemart.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/sky20160308-Boatbuilding-Article-part-2.pdf
Flags and Signals	https://deckee.com/advice/boat-flags-signals/