



PAC Journal

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It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.

Muhammad Ali

What's Launching?

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the club room at 7.30 pm on Friday 8th July 2016. You will shortly be receiving this Notice of Meeting and reports of the President and Treasurer. As always food and refreshments will be laid on at the end of the meeting.

As you'll see in the diary dates below, Noel Phelan is holding another of his interesting and entertaining talks on Thursday 4th August 2016. This one's all about his cruise to Antarctica.

What's On The Horizon?

Events for your diary:

✚ Annual General Meeting	Friday 8 th July 2016 1930 hrs.
✚ Noel Phelan's Antarctica sojourn	Thursday 4 th August 2016
✚ First Aid Course	Saturday 27 th August 2016
✚ 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

What's Under Way?

The wait lists have been updated on the web site. Please check your status and update if necessary. If you are at or near the top of a facility wait list and you are not in a position to take the facility (no boat, etc.) please declare yourself as NE. If you are NE you will not be contacted if a facility becomes available but you will not lose your position on the wait list. You will stay where you are until you become active, that is no longer NE and you will then become eligible to take the facility for which you are listed. Please advise all changes to Noel Phelan on 0402 158 590 or email paqclub@tpg.com.au

Casey Van Dyke has been negotiating with one of our neighbours adjacent to the yard regarding removal of a large and dangerous tree which partly overhangs our yard. There is also another overhanging tree which needs pruning. All this will be undertaken at our neighbour's expense and liability. It will obviously be to our benefit as well as a lot of the leaves and branches find their way into our yard and on to members' boats. We will be asking the owners of boats in yard

spots 10-15 to temporarily move their boats to the club house yard or with their permission we can do it for them.

How Would You Like This?

Recently a member with a work berth booking arrived at 0800 hrs. to tie up and work on their boat. The boat owned by the previous occupant, which should have should have been moved out the previous evening was still there. Although the owner arrived to move it out, Murphy's law prevailed (engine would not start) and was unable to vacate until around 1000 hrs. Not good! The moral (and the rule) is, if you are occupying the work berth please vacate in the evening prior to the next person coming in. This will enable your successor in the berth to come in first thing in the morning and start work. It is a good idea to get the contact details of your successor on the work berth prior to your tenure in case there is an unexpected problem. You can then call them and work something out. Remember with the new electronic PAC Booking System looking at it two days before and see the following day after your stay vacant and then assume no one is following your stay in the work berth is not good enough, people are booking the work berth the night before and even on the day.

Is There A Paramedic On Board?

There just nine spaces left for the first aid training course will be held on the 27th August from 9am to 3pm. The course will be run by a trainer who is a currently a serving paramedic. The members doing this course will graduate qualified and confident in giving first aid as well as the use of the defibrillator. If you attended the 2014 courses this is an excellent opportunity to be recertified and achieve a higher level of competency.

The cost is a mere \$50 which includes a light lunch. It takes a few hours of home study and about 6 hrs training on the day in August. PAC is subsidising the cost. This figure is most reasonable as a St John's one day course is around \$200.

The course is open to Members their partners and immediate family. (Immediate family means Members parents or children)

Apply now and you could save someone's life or they could save yours.

Contact Casey Van Dyke on email cvandyke@optusnet.com.au mobile 0408 831 431 or email paclub@tpg.com.au

CNL – It's Been Hard Yakka, Down To Last Amendments.

In the seventh draft the bankruptcy and mental incapacity clause has been updated. While this clause was in the PAC Rules, since originally drafted, it has gone unnoticed. This clause could result in a member losing their membership status. After comments from members were received, the committee and Board agreed the wording of this clause was not consistent with the spirit of our club. Also, feedback from the Registrar suggested the movement of the Life Membership provision into its own clause. Please send your feedback to the Secretary paclub@tpg.com.au by the 8 Jul 2016. The seventh draft can be found on the clubs website www.paclub.com.au

Marina Committee Update

The aim of the committee has been to prepare itself to make a submission to the review of the Pittwater Waterways currently being prepared by Council. In November/December 2015 the Council met with several different groups including the Marina operators, which the PAC attended, to gain an understanding of the uses and parameters of Pittwater to create a review

document. This review document will be released by Council in mid-2016. When released the Club will then be making a submission.

To prepare for this submission the Marina Committee has approached companies to quote to do a survey of the proposed area and of the seagrass and water quality. If any member has a contact in this area that they would recommend please contact the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au. From the quotes currently received the estimated spend on these activities is \$7,500 which is within the range of \$10,000 in the original estimate. It is hoped that at the general meeting we will be able to announce the Surveys have commenced.

At this time no further thought or sketches have been done on the shape of the marina pontoons, though the committee has received very useful feedback from members on this topic.

On receipt of surveys in principal agreements will be sought from Fisheries, Maritime and Lands Department. The committee is also looking at the engagement of a technical expert to assist with the process and documentation as we commence the council process. A further update will be provided at the upcoming General Meeting and there will also be an opportunity for members to ask questions, or members can forward your questions now to paqclub@tpg.com.au, so answers can be prepared.

Member Contributions

For the new look PAC Journal, we are looking for any practical tips you may like to pass on, outstanding boating experiences or interesting articles to publish. This month Bruce Stanley FANTASTIC TRIO is giving us his story about his solar installation and considerations on generators. [Click here to read](#). Also Lance Diaz has brought to our attention the following link about some amazing anchorages. [9 Amazing Anchorages](#)

We note the words do not match to the picture when referring to The Basin so have included the following supplementary description to support the photo of Broken Bay

Cowan Creek to Broken Bay

We don't often get to see this lovely body of water from this vantage point. Cottage Point and the entrance to Coal and Candle Creek is in foreground right and Lion Island is in the distance. At top left is the entrance to Jerusalem Bay which is sheltered from everything but a strong easterly. The water is fairly deep but with plenty of scope makes a good anchorage. Don't venture too close to the end of the bay as it suddenly gets very shallow with some nasty rocks. As you enter Jerusalem Bay on the left hand side is Pinta Bay. There are three public moorings in Pinta and the fishing there is usually excellent. It is so peaceful there it is difficult to realise that you are so close to the Sydney metropolitan area with a freeway just over the escarpment.

If you have visited any great anchorages we'd love to hear from you. Please write a short narrative and send a photo or two to the PAC email address paqclub@tpg.com.au

On the Last Page

Our friend, Rob Brown at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay has kindly sent us their [Broken Bay Emergency Guide](#). You may like to print and laminate it so you can keep it on your boat. You never know when you might need it.