



PAC Journal

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You've Gotta Laugh

From the pontoon of the PAC marina the woman watched as the wizened, salty old yachtsman skilfully docked his boat in a twenty knot crosswind. She was impressed that such an old man would still be doing such an exacting job. She decided to wait until the skipper disembarked. As he did, she asked him, "Excuse me sir, what is your secret to leading such a long and productive life?" "Well," he said. "It's because I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day, drink a case of whisky every week, eat a lot of fatty foods, have a beautiful, twenty-six year old girlfriend and apart from the obvious, I never exercise." "Wow, that's amazing," the woman said. "Exactly how old are you?" He answered, "Twenty-nine".

The PAC Welcome Wall

We welcome the following new members to the PAC fraternity and wish you all many happy and safe years of boating with us.

Steven Avis	Tom Bailey	Marcia Paxton	Joe Oltvanyi
Andrew Tuite	James Game	Max Clark	Andrew Bray
Robert Hastings	Murray Eagles	Elizabeth Randall	Brian Pennell
Ed Tadzik	Alastair Steel	Bryn Cornwell	Ian Barnes
Ben Chin	Lawrence Davidson	Brian Currie	Ross Wolfenden
Michael Williams	Luke Smith	Jesse Holloway	

Congratulations ladies and gentlemen.

How can I contribute to my Club?

Your club is run entirely by volunteers. The Board of the Club is elected on a rotational basis over three years to ensure that experience remains within the Board and can be passed onto the new board members. Your directors are each allocated a portfolio of responsibility to manage in addition to performing the other functions required of a director. Any member considering to be a future director on the board is encouraged to make contact with the Secretary or the President at any time. The club also runs several functions during the year and at these times extra hands are very welcome. If you would like to help please contact the Secretary and he will add your name to a list of helpers to be contacted when required. If you have a particular skill and would like to offer that skill, when the club requires, please contact the Secretary paqclub@tpg.com so this skill can be noted against your club record.

PAC Stickers

Club stickers for the 2017/18 season will be distributed next week.

The smaller stickers, of which every member receives two, are to be displayed on Member vehicles when using the club parking area and the larger sticker, sent to Members who have completed MVD Forms, are to be displayed on the Member's vessel. If you do not receive your stickers in the next two weeks or have a query please contact Ian at pactreasurer@tpg.com.au

New login to PAC Slip and Work berth Booking System

For the benefit of the new members, there is a generic login and password used by all members to access the PAC Booking System. For this reason the user ID and login to the PAC Booking System changes each year. A new user ID and password is issued each year, on a coloured piece of paper, with your Club stickers. These coloured papers are only distributed to members with vessels registered on the clubs data base. To access the PAC Booking System click on the link from the top of the Clubs home page www.paclub.com.au If you have any questions on this PAC Booking System the linked page has full instructions and further, "additional information," available. If you have read this and still have a question please email the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au

While on the Subject of Work Berths....

The club has a long standing two-day maximum booking limit to give all members ready access to the work berths. This is in our Club By-Laws. If you require more time than two days, there are two ways to extend the time.

- Email the club, attention Slipmaster, giving a reason and your required length of stay and await a reply authorising or not, or
- On the second day of occupying the work berth, if there are no bookings on the following days you may book two more days. Provided there are no bookings you may keep extending your stay by two days at a time.

The months of September, October and November are very busy.

Below is the relevant By-Law

BY-LAW NO. 13A - WORK BERTHS The work berths are located on the northern arm of the northern marina. These berths provide Members with access to power and water for carrying out maintenance on their vessels. Each work berth must first be booked by the Member to gain access. Booking of a work berth is made through the 'PAC Booking System' which can be found on the Club's website. Either berth can only be booked for a maximum of two (2) days at any one time. The work berth day is from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Members who need to leave vessel while on a work berth must ensure this is not an inconvenience and advise or check with other work berth vessel members. If no other members on work a berth, contact details and time of return can be left with a slip user on the day.

You may peruse the full By-Laws on the club's website: paclub.com.au under, "Co-op."

Membership Renewal

At the end of March, when all Membership Fees are due, 40 Members (2016: 34 Members) were not financial out of approximately 382. At the close of the books, when sent to the auditor, 9 Members (2016: 1 Member) were still not financial and they were advised that their membership could be cancelled at the next board meeting. Non-payment of Fees by 1 April each year results in an inactive membership status. If the Board fails to diligently cancel an inactive membership, under the Co-operative National Law a penalty of up to \$2,000 could apply. The Treasurer would like to thank the Members who paid by the due date and especially those who paid by EFT.

Are you on a waitlist for a marina, mooring or yard position?

If you are, did you know that you can check your status on the PAC website under the, “Facility,” drop-down. This page also allows you to calculate how long the waitlist is. To answer this you only need to look at the date the person on the top of the list (who is not marked NE) applied to go on the list. If this date is (say) 2010 then the best estimate at that time is it will be a 7 year wait (2010-2017).

Boat Trailers stored on the Road

I am sure members have heard about the change to road rules related to boat and other trailers parked on roadways. Did you know that the Yard waiting list, at time of going to press, is nil - that is, no member is waiting for a space? If you are thinking about the future implications of these changes to trailer rules then maybe now is the time to add your name to the yard waitlist. To add your name to any of the Clubs waitlists, EFT the required amount with the reference (Surname, Member No.) and drop an email to the secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au advising which waitlist you would like to join. The Club’s bank account details are: BSB 082-294 Account No.36582663.

Lifejackets - Old4New

Make the move to modern lifejackets with the Old4New program.



The Old4New lifejacket program is all about making more boaters aware of the range of modern lifejackets. Not only are they slim-fitting but there’s also a style to suit all different types of water activity.

Now in its fourth season running, the program is helping to promote wearing a lifejacket when you’re out on the water, especially when in smaller craft. Advice and guidance on lifejacket care and service is provided through the Old4New program and skippers are strongly encouraged to service their lifejacket in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. An inflatable lifejacket will only work if it’s kept in working order.

In the last decade alone, 8 out of 10 people who drowned in NSW while boating were not wearing a lifejacket. The Old4New program is just part of a wider campaign to get people into the right habit of putting on a lifejacket each time they go boating.

It should be noted that this is not a free swap but intended to draw boaters’ attention to the importance of ensuring their inflatable lifejackets are in working order.

The prices are:

Product	With trade-in price	Without trade-in price
Pro-fit Automatic	\$80	\$105
Auto Inflatable	\$65	\$90
Manual Inflatable	\$65	\$90
Waistbelt Inflatable	\$50	\$70
Regatta Adult	\$55	\$65
Regatta Child	\$45	\$55
Raider Child 4-6 and 8-10	\$75	\$85
Raider Child 1-2 years	\$65	\$75

By all means shop around and see if these prices are competitive but the main message is, keep your lifejackets in working order. You never know!

Mokoia Goes South - Serialised

Our PAC Secretary, Peter Doyle has kindly contributed an epic account of the voyage from Falmouth, England to Melbourne, Australia in a 39 foot timber built cutter which took place between October 1971 and July 1972. Peter, who at this time was trekking around deepest darkest Africa, having already travelled through some obscure parts of Europe joined the Mokoia and crew in South Africa for the final leg to Australia. The PAC Journal is presenting the complete account of this voyage from its conception, in serial form. It makes for compelling reading so don't miss an episode. If you are a new member or missed the first episode you can access it through the PAC website; www.paclub.com.au by opening the March issue of the PAC Journal and clicking on the hyperlink to the article. Please [click here](#) to access the second episode.