



PAC Journal

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Sadly, we commence our Journal this month with the announcement that, on Wednesday 18th May. Berry Innes, a member for 18 years, cast off his life mooring and sailed for the last time to a higher place. Kevin Lacey who contributed this poem was a joint owner of BEAGLE III with Berry:

*With fair weather assured every voyage
No storms, no clouds in the sky
And with calm blue waters to sail on
And ever, bright stars to steer by.
A fine, sturdy ship to sail in
And revered old shipmates to crew
And an angel riding the masthead
And land, now long out of view.*

Richard John Scarr

What's Launching?

On Thursday 2nd June 2016 Noel Phelan is giving another of his interesting and entertaining talks on Australian maritime history and events. This time the subject is, Midget Submarines Entering Sydney Harbour. Both members and guests are welcome. For catering purposes please RSVP by email paqclub@tpg.com.au if you'd like to attend. If you have not been to one of Noel's talks before do yourself a favour, they're every bit as good, if not better than a TV documentary.

Later in the year Noel will be recounting his own experiences in Antarctica. Fully illustrated, this includes some near-naked males and females (lunatics) jumping into the icy water. Sadly Noel declined this activity.

What's On The Horizon?

Events for your diary:

- ✚ Talk by Noel Phelan
Midget Submarines Entering Sydney Harbour. Thursday 2nd June 2016 1930 hrs.
- ✚ Annual General Meeting
Friday 8th July 2016 1930 hrs.
- ✚ Slip Operators Certification
Saturday 10th September 2016
- ✚ Flotsam and jetsam sale in the PAC car park
Saturday 10th September 2016
- ✚ Annual working bee.
Sunday 15th October 2016
- ✚ Pittwater Sailors Christmas Party
Sunday 4th December 2016
- ✚ PAC Christmas Party
Sunday 11th December 2016

An Appeal From Our President

Fellow co-op members, we recently received a note from Brian Hunter that he has retired from Sydney and the PAC. As a quiet achiever Brian has made some significant contributions to our co-op including editing and publishing the PAC Newsletter. He sat on the board during that extremely controversial period when we ultimately decided to build our new clubhouse. He then pitched in (like many) in the physical work associated with the clubhouse. Brian was one of the few people to teach me how to operate the slipways and he was pretty good at slipping some of the more awkward boats. I am grateful to Brian for all of the help that he freely offered. Following Brian's move to warmer climes we find ourselves shorthanded on the slipways. We are getting dangerously close to the point where members will be unable to slip their boats due to the lack of slip operators. Consider this; our club is founded on the spirit of co-operation and we are a community of "do-it-yourselfers". The vast majority of boat owners in this COOPERATIVE should be able to slip a boat. If every boat owner was a slip operator we would have a far greater chance of finding a slip operator when we need one. Secondly — it's FUN. It's exhilarating to watch a boat come up on the slip under your control, and satisfying when you put them back in (and they float). Thirdly — it is a great way to get to know people. I've made many new friends through slipping boats. You can get involved by checking out the slip booking system, find when a boat is being slipped, call the owner to confirm the time and then come down to the club and observe and learn. Before you know it you will be having more fun at PAC.

What's Under Way?

- ✚ Please note; the minutes of the February PAC Special General Meeting can be found on the PAC website.
- ✚ Intrepid navigator Casey Van Dyke reports that, in addition to the two new Morning Bay public moorings he discovered prior to the last PAC Journal he's found two more in Coasters Retreat. Keep 'em coming Casey!

Calling All Fisherfolk

Kevin Lacey recommends you see www.tides4fishing.com/au Tide tables and solunar charts for sports fishers. Find out the forecast for high tides and low tides before setting out to fish, and other fishing-related data such as the lunar phase, tidal coefficient, sun and moon rising and setting times, hours of maximum fish activity, weather conditions... We want you to enjoy to the max a well-planned fishing expedition! Good luck!

Do you keep your boat trailer on the street?

At the 2nd May 2016 meeting Pittwater Council (as it was) agreed to a recommendation to conduct a three month pilot programme being undertaken by the Office of Local Government to implement the Impounding Amendment (Unattended Boat Trailers) Act 2015. The legislation will apply from 1st July 2016. These changes will allow Council to impound a boat trailer if it has not been moved for at least 28 days and the owner has not complied with a notice to move it within 15 days. This legislation only applies to boat trailers and not campervans.

CNL Rules

With comments back on the 5th Draft the 6th Draft has now been updated to the website. Thanks to those members that have sent in feedback and all have been sent a response. The Club has received notification from the Registrar of updates to the Registrar's template as a result of feedback from other Co-operatives going through the same processes we are. Explanations of the changes from the fifth to sixth draft and the Registrar's amendments in mark-up included in the sixth draft, can be found on the Clubs website. www.paclub.com.au Please send any comments on the sixth draft to the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au before the 11 June 2016.

Are You Interested in Nautical Books?

Because if you are we need a librarian.

But firstly the PAC board would like to thank John Dennis for his kind donation of books to our library.

We now need an interested member (or partner of a member) to review our current book stocks and the integration of John's donation into the collection. This could be one of those jobs that you find so absorbing that you end up reading them all instead of sorting them out. Please email your interest to paqclub@tpg.com.au There may even be members who are not aware of our library which is located next to the office in the clubhouse on the upper deck behind unlocked doors.

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 an 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 John Sciacca XEBEC is giving us his story about his change over to a hard top dodger on XEBEC. [Click here](#) to read.