



PAC Journal

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“When you can’t change the direction of the wind – adjust your sails.”

H Jackson Brown JR

What’s Launching?

At the AGM the marina committee announced the appointment of surveyors for the first stages of the Marina expansion project and the Rules committee announced we are in the closing stages of finalising the CNL rules in preparation for the Co-op Registrar review. Read more about the happenings at the AGM below.

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. If you are planning to attend please RSVP to the Secretary for catering paqclub@tpg.com.au.

The First Aid course is filling fast with only a few spaces left please email the club if you want to add your name to the list.

Have you marked the Annual Working Bee Day in your diary?

What’s On The Horizon?

Events for your diary:

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| ✚ Noel Phelan’s Antarctica sojourn | Thursday 4 th August 2016 7:30pm |
| ✚ First Aid Course | Saturday 27 th August 2016 9:00am |
| ✚ 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 AGM was held last week with a great turnout of over 50 members. After a very productive meeting where the Annual Accounts were presented, the Directors delivered their annual reports and nominees were elected, June Wilson and Ron Baxter put on a great spread including drinks and with the meeting finishing a lot earlier than expected, most members were still there talking for over an hour after the meeting concluded.

Is There A Paramedic On Board?

There are just a few 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.

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

PAC Library

Well if you thought your Club was the best kept secret in Pittwater the Clubs Library is apparently even a better kept secret. The Clubs Library is located in the Clubhouse in the NE corner on the eastern wall. It will shortly have a sign on the cupboard door.

The Library is free to all members working on a 'book out'/'book in' swap system. Also if any member has some relevant reading material this can be added to the Library's stock by leaving in the Slip Office downstairs.

Recently, as the shelves became overflowing, member Astrid King spent time sorting through and rationalising the library's book. The following describes what Astrid has done. All maritime books have been kept as many of these are out-of-print and timeless. The most recent donation of books has been placed in the library. All general novels were assessed by different people in terms of their current appeal to potential readers. Only a small selection of books were retained. The rest have been donated to Lifeline. There is now room for donations of books and magazines. To keep the library vibrant I request that books and magazines be no older than 5 years. We welcome books from a wide variety of genre to meet the diverse interests of our members. Please place donations in the downstairs office (slip room). Next time you are taking off up to Pittwater for the weekend and require a book think of the PAC Library.

CNL – Update.

Comments on the seventh draft have closed and are being reviewed as this Journal goes to print. As mentioned in the previous Journal this process is coming to an end and the next step will be to obtain Registrar approval of the draft Rules before presenting them to the Members to vote on whether to adopt these new rules or not. Please send any questions to the Secretary paclub@tpg.com.au. The draft CNL Rules can be found on the clubs website www.paclub.com.au

Marina Committee Update

The Marina Committee has requested quotes from four surveyors and select one to proceed with the Land and water survey covering the area of the proposed marina extension. A separate surveyor has been selected to report on the seagrass and possible containments in the seabed which could be disturbed with the construction process. The quote for these services is in line with the budgeted amount announced of \$10,000. This update was also provided at the General Meeting where members had further questions. The configuration of the marina has not been

addressed at this stage but any member who has a view on this matter should be putting their thoughts in writing to the Secretary paqclub@tpg.com.au.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was well attended this year and as mentioned, well catered with thanks going to June Wilson and Ron Baxter. There was a pause for Berry Innes who recently passed away before the President welcomed the new members and acknowledged our most recent life member Rob Besson.

The formal part of the meeting commenced and the four current directors nominated were elected for another term. John Wynen proposal to increase the directors remuneration to \$1,300 was supported by the meeting and the directors gave there reports for the year ended 31 March 2016. Noel Phelan's report on the use of club facilities indicated all were fully allocated except Dinghy and runabout storage where there are currently some vacancies. If you need this storage please contact the Secretary paqclub@tpg.com.au. Lindsay Holloway brought to the meetings attention the level of maintenance required to keep the Clubhouse and surrounds in such a great condition, also acknowledging the outstanding work of the Tuesday Boys who recently completed the shed over the sewage pumps and slip pits. Casey Van Dyke reported on the requirement for members to be prompt and diligent in there requirement to complete and send in MVD's forms when there are changes to their vessel details. This requirement gives all members the confidence that other member's vessels are correctly registered and insured and minimises the risk to the Clubs and all other members' assets. Casey went on to discuss the progress of the CNL committee and that the Rules are now at the stage where Co-operative Registrar approval will be sought, prior to the new CNL Rules being presented to the members for them to vote on the adoption of the CNL Rules or not. Richard updated the meeting on the progress of Marina Committee and announced the selection of the Surveyors for the project. A page of questions were received in advance from Brian Smith and after the Secretary gave some summary answers to the meeting a handout was passed to all members present with the questions and prepared answers. If any member wishes to receive a copy please email the Secretary. In Other Business the issue of access to the work berth and recent damage to vessels was raised. Access is often made difficult by the moored vessel immediately west of the entrance to the work berth. The meeting was advised of the discussions that had been had with the BSO from Maritime and that the PAC has been in correspondence with and received advice from the relevant owner that he is "working with Waterways towards moving to another mooring over the coming weeks".

New Member

The final new member for the 2016 -2017 year was inducted. Josephine Le, whose nomination was supported by long time and recently retired member Warren Jackson, was shown the 'ropes', received her burgee and welcomed into the Club. This puts the current membership at 408 including Life members.

Grant Application

Some months back it was announced the club had filed an application for grant funding from the NSW sport and recreation budget. Unfortunately our grant application was not accepted and as a result the club was not allocated any funds.

Club By-laws and Rules

One of the roles expected of the Board by the members is that the Rules of the Club are being followed by its members and the Board has a responsibility to continue to educate members on the Rules. The Board does from time to time write or contact members for breaches of Rules but it must be said that the majority of members do practice the Rules.

This Journal and the previous PAC Newsletter has had a dedicated section to remind members about a Rule. This month the By-law being focused on is Safety:

Members are requested to think safety at all times, particularly while on Club premises. Our Members come from all walks of life, a wide group of ages and possess widely varying skills. There may at any time be non-member guests, including children, who are unfamiliar with the hazards associated with an active "DIY" Club like the PAC. It is up to each of us to practice safety consciousness and vigilance while on Club premises. It may be easy to overlook such things in an environment which fosters fun and enjoyment, but the costs of an entirely avoidable serious accident can be devastating.

SYCC

There are several PAC club members who are also members of the Small Yacht Cruising Club (SYCC) and the Club has had an affiliation with this organisation over many years allowing access to the clubhouse for their meetings. The SYCC is currently welcoming new members. SYCC is a small group of like-minded sailors, who enjoy cruising and socialising on the beautiful waterways of Pittwater, Broken Bay and beyond. Members own a variety of yachts such as Catalina, Bavaria, Jeaneau, Phantom, DuFour and others. They range up to 44 feet. There is no club house but quarterly meetings are held at the PAC. A fortnightly program of events include in-shore and off-shore sailing and non-sailing activities. The club has 7 moorings in Pittwater and Cowan Creek. It is a very affordable sailing club and the joining fee has been waived for new members until the end of September 2016. Please call the new member secretary Neil Steinhardt on Mobile 0422 435 295 or the Commodore Sue Johnston on Mobile 0416 031 149 www.sycc.net.au

Club Security

RPAYC has alerted us to the presence of a man that at the beginning of this month stole property from one of the cars of a tradesman working at the Club. Reviewing the camera footage they can see the man, park on the top level of the Club carpark, opening car doors and rummaging through cars.

It's a timely reminder to please make sure your cars are always locked and remove all valuables. Members should be aware, although the Club gates are usually closed as you leave around 5pm, if you are working on the slipway or on the work berth and no other members are around, there is no problem closing the front gate during the day.

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 Jim Geddes is sharing some of his '[not to be repeated](#)' experiences. [Click here](#) to access Jim's article.