



PAC Journal

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I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem to open their hearts freely, and so I say, God bless Christmas!

Charles Dickens

And so we wish all of our members a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2017.

What's On The Horizon?

Events for your diary:

✚ 24 th February 2017	Special General Meeting
✚ 11 th -12 th March 2017	Basin Picnic
✚ TBA	PAC Annual General Meeting
✚ 9 th September 2017	Slip Operators' Course
✚ 21 st October 2017	Working Bee
✚ 3 rd December 2017	Pittwater Sailors' Christmas Party
✚ 10 th December 2017	PAC Christmas Party

An Opportunity to Work on Your Boat

The slipways have vacancies over the Christmas period for anyone needing to slip before the end of the club year 31 March.

PAC Fees 2017-18

The Fee strategy of the Board has been outlined every year and remains unchanged again this year. Membership Fees are to rise to \$400 plus GST by 2020 and Facility Fees will increase by no more than 5% annually. This year the increases are in the range 2.7% to 3.6%. Note, some of the amounts involved are very small dollars so when rounding to the nearest \$ this % could be slightly higher or lower. The fees for the facility's work berth and slip way usage used by the majority of boat owning members have remained static this year along with the membership fee. Fees are invoiced to members in February 2017 and require payment before 31 March 2017. If any member's contact details, vessel details, facilities being accessed need to change, or is resigning at the end of this year, NOW IS THE TIME to please advise the Treasurer at pactreasurer@tpg.com.au

Postal Ballot – Vote on Adoption of new Club Rules

Over the last year we have distributed eight drafts of the new proposed club rules which aligns the clubs rules with the new Co-operative National Law (CNL). There has been many hours of the rules committee and boards time spent on this with the assistance of our in-house counsel, many members feedback and comments along with the Registrar's assistance and direction. With all this involvement the required effort has been greater than what was expected at the beginning of this process but the document delivered will now last until the legislation next changes. The President recently sent a letter to all members advising that it is now up to the members to vote to adopt or reject these new rules to replace our current rules drafted under the now repealed Co-operatives Act. All members should also have then received their ballot paper.

This is an important step for your club and with the Registrar's approval only received in late November the timing of the Postal Ballot is recognised as not ideal with the Christmas and New Year break. Because of this the Board extended the notice period from the required for this special resolution from 21 days to 30 days and has arranged for reminders to be sent to members until they return their vote or the close date, whichever occurs first. I encourage you all to please attend to this matter on receipt of this email. Please also note that on the clubs website www.paclub.com.au under the drop down Co-op / Rules-CNL you will find the earlier drafts, information and descriptions of changes between drafts. If any member has not received their Ballot Paper or has a question, as always, please send an email to the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au

Upcoming Special General Meeting

The half yearly general meeting occurs in February each year. The Notice of this meeting will be sent to all members in January announcing the date of the meeting. The calendar currently has it set for the 24th February 2017. At this half yearly meeting of members the directors give their reports for the year to date on their areas of responsibility, the fees for the coming year are announced, see also article in this month's PAC Journal and updates on the new Postal Ballot vote and Marina are expected. If any member has a topic of general business they would like to discuss with the other members this is the time and place. Please make contact with the Secretary so it can be included in the agenda and members can prepare for the discussion. As always a great time to have a chat and after the meeting refreshments will be served.

A Debate on Future Club Facility Use

The Club has the following facilities available to members:

Marina pens, Yard storage space, Moorings, Work berth, Slipways and Ramp and in addition there is access to the marina loading berths and recreational moorings.

In the By-laws of the Club there has never been a distinction between these facilities which has resulted in a member with a minority ownership in a vessel being unable to use the clubs marina loading berths and recreational moorings. Your Board is currently discussing this issue, which has arisen from a members request and the change in boat ownership it is starting to see with new members and within the industry. In future years the current concept of a single person owning a boat may be a thing of the past. This is being driven by costs and time constraints on people. The thinking at this time is we should change the By-laws so there is a distinction between the Clubs facilities and no restriction on a member who has an ownership in a vessel (this does not include commercially used vessels) using the Club's marina loading berths and recreational moorings. These Members would still be required to provide a completed MVD. It would not mean that other owners of the vessel could also use the club's marina loading berths or recreational moorings as the member must be present to receive any guests at the Club and be

with the vessel while at a recreational mooring. If you have an opinion or comment on this matter please drop an email to the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au

Expired Flare Disposal

Roads and Maritime has launched a program to help boaters dispose of expired flares, with mobile collections set up along the NSW coastline.



PITTWATER

Bayview Boat Ramp

Thursday 19th January 2017

8 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 5 pm

By-laws – Member Education Article

In each PAC Journal we focus on a By-law to keep members up-to-date. This PAC Journal is dedicated to By-law 13 Marina and Pontoons. Please remember that you should not use a club dinghy to access your vessel on a mooring and then leave the dinghy on the mooring until your return. If you use a dinghy please return it promptly to the dinghy area so it is available for use by other members.

Both the northern and southern inner pontoons are designated for loading, unloading, embarking or disembarking. Boats must not be left unattended in these locations. Dinghies may not be left unattended on the marina. PAC dinghies must be returned to the designated PAC dinghy area and secured parallel to the pontoon. This area is restricted to PAC dinghies only. Members whose vessels are on the slip may secure their dinghies near the shore on the northern work berth pontoon, or on the slip ramp. Members whose vessels are on the work berth(s) should secure their dinghies to their vessel or near the shore on the work berth pontoon.

Sad news – Vale Gavin Gordon Gracie

Many members will remember Gavin Gracie, a member for 21 years, who sailed away in early December. A good man and a life well lived. Our thoughts go out to Gavin's wife Caroline and his family at this time.

Valuation update

Our club owns two parcels of land. The clubhouse is located on one and the vessel storage area on the other. The Valuer General issues a valuation every 3 years and the latest valuation on the clubhouse land saw a valuation change of 4.5% over 3 years. As announced in an earlier PAC

Journal we objected to the valuation issued for the land across the road from the entrance to the clubhouse where the vessel storage area is. This valuation showed a 41% increase over 3 years. Unfortunately this objection to the valuation was unsuccessful and now values this storage area at a 30% premium per square metre to the Clubhouse land. This is not looking promising for the next valuation in three years' time. The impact of this 41% increase will be an increase in council rates for the coming year. Although greater than budgeted it is well within the available expenditure and no additional increase in fees is required to meet this payment.

PAC Website – Save Money With PAC Discounts

Members may not be aware that the Club has negotiated PAC Member discounts for services and suppliers related to boating activities. These can be found on the club's website under the drop down menu; Members / Member Benefits and members are encouraged to support these suppliers. www.paclub.com.au

PAC Car Parking Yard Security

It has been observed that non-members are starting to use our car parking facility. Before this becomes a major problem we need to tighten up on yard security. Please keep the automatic sliding gate closed at all times by not leaving the metal flap covering the sensor light. The flap should only be used under special circumstances.

Christmas party

The 2016 Christmas Party attracted 110 members and their guests who enjoyed a feast of chicken, ham off the bone, prawns, cocktail sausages, potatoes, and an assortment of salads followed by pavlova, fruit salad and a beautiful cake, freshly baked by June Wilson. Thanks June. There was no shortage of wines, beers and soft drinks either. Our sincere thanks go to all those members and their partners who volunteered to help us, not just in the preparation but also when it came to cleaning and squaring away our club house.



Please [click on](#) this link to see some more photographs of the happy event.