

PAC Journal

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Start With a Smile

A sailor was caught AWOL as he tried to sneak on board his ship at about 3 am. The chief petty officer spied him and ordered the sailor to stop. Upon hearing the sailor's lame explanation for his tardiness, the officer ordered the sailor to, "Take this broom and sweep every link on the anchor chain by morning or it's the brig for you!" The sailor picked up the broom and commenced performing his charge. As he began to sweep, a tern landed on the broom handle. The lad picked the tern off the broom handle and tossed it away. The tern left, only to return and light once again on the broom handle. The sailor went through the same routine over and over again. He couldn't get any cleaning done because he could only sweep at the chain once or twice before the blasted bird returned. In the morning the chief petty officer, came to check the sailor and his work. "What in the heck have you been doing all night? This chain is no cleaner than when you started! What have you to say for yourself, sailor?" barked the chief. "Honest, chief," came the reply, "I tossed a tern all night and couldn't sweep a link!"

What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:

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| 🚢 Friday 30 th June 2017 | PAC Annual General Meeting: 1930 hrs. |
| 🚢 Tuesday 8 th August 2017 | Presentation on boat repair and maintenance by Michael Minogue. 1800 hrs. |
| 🚢 Saturday 9 th September 2017 | Slip Operators' Course |
| 🚢 Saturday 21 st October 2017 | Working Bee |
| 🚢 Tuesday 14 th November 2017 | PAC Seminar (Subject to be announced) |
| 🚢 Sunday 3 rd December 2017 | Pittwater Sailors' Christmas Party |
| 🚢 Sunday 10 th December 2017 | PAC Christmas Party |
| 🚢 Tuesday 6 th February 2018 | PAC Seminar (Subject to be announced) |
| 🚢 Tuesday 10 th April 2018 | PAC Seminar (Subject to be announced) |

Annual General Meeting

Another reminder that the club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the clubhouse at 1930 hrs on Friday 30th June 2017.

The Things We Do!

At 12 noon On 2nd November 1983, John Liston (Gamelyn) while navigating aboard Patineaur in the Lord Howe Island race dropped a bottle containing a note with details of the time and position - 33°19'S 152°37'E – having first sealed it well with plastic over the top before screwing on the cap. On 31st March 1986, some 883 days later, Roy Thomas found the bottle,

now well encrusted with barnacles, on Curtis Island (near Rockhampton). Roy, postmaster at Curtis Island, finally had a boyhood dream fulfilled. He deciphered the sun-damaged message and made some efforts to locate John, who had made an oversight in not providing an address someone outside Sydney would easily trace. He was able to locate John and sent the message and a photo of the bottle to him.

The interesting question is how it got to North Queensland. The current where the bottle was dispatched is supposedly southerly, so whether it encountered unusual conditions or made the trip the long way is unknown. At 1 knot the bottle could have travelled over 21,000 nautical miles, enough to have made the full circuit of the Southern Pacific circulation, or to have followed one of the Tasman eddies around New Zealand several times.

Three More Warm Welcomes




PAC welcomes new member, Brian Killin to our fraternity. Brian who was overseas with his wife Julie when the previous inductions took place has finally returned and joined us. He was for some years Commodore of the Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club. Welcome Brian. Big welcomes too to Ralph McKay and Daniel Mace who also both recently joined our fantastic co-op.

Do You Have Roof Anchor Certification?

PAC is due for its annual inspection shortly. We would rather use a PAC member or a recommended certifier. If you are accredited for roof anchor certification please contact Lindsay Holloway on 0411 859 473 or email lindsholl@hotmail.com
I'm familiar with skyhooks if that's any good Lindsay, Editor

Try Booking with trybooking

For some time now we have been successfully trialling an online booking system for our various functions. The benefits are:

-  It makes placing your booking incredibly easy.
-  It saves the event organiser (that's me) the chore of entering each booking onto a spreadsheet which can be a bit hit and miss anyway. I can print out instant and accurate reports from the trybooking application.
-  It gives the caterer (that's me too) an immediate guide to the amount of food and drink to buy.

Here's how it works:

Every event announcement will include a URL link to the Trybooking website. To book, either click on the link or enter the URL into your browser. There is a different URL for each and every function. You don't need a password. The trybooking event page will come onto your screen headed by the name of the function for which you want to book. Click on, *Book Now*. The next page will ask you to enter the number of people (including yourself) you want to book for. Enter the number and click on, *Next*. This page will ask you to enter your name, telephone number and email address, then click on *Purchase*. That's it, all done, log out! It will ask you to print tickets but ignore that, you don't need them for PAC functions. If you have a problem with online booking please email your acceptance to paqclub@tpg.com.au and include your telephone number.

PAC Marina Expansion Project

This exciting project is moving forward. An initial analysis has shown that the PAC side of Winnererramy Bay is not supporting any marine growth except on our existing marina piles. The conclusion to be drawn is that further marina development will have the effect of

encouraging more marine flora and fauna which is highly beneficial to an otherwise pretty inert body of water. A feasibility paper has been submitted to both New South Wales Fisheries and to Roads and Maritime Services for their approval. While the proposed footprint or area profile has been established, the final layout and design of the marina has yet to be determined. The next stage in this long and arduous process is to lodge an application with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. Finally, the actual layout of the marina extension will be designed and drawn up and a Development Application will be lodged.

Pittwater Sailors

This is a very social group of PAC sailors who enjoy a race around the buoys on the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining a crew please contact Pittwater Sailors Skipper, Noel Phelan on paqclub@tpg.com.au Every race ends up with a BBQ at PAC, courtesy of Pittwater Sailors Treasurer, Ron Baxter and all PAC members are welcome to attend whether you sail or not. The cost of the BBQ and some beer, wine or soft drink is \$10.00. Just contact Noel or Ron and they and their mates will make you very welcome.

PAC By-laws

As part of the ongoing process of review and revision the board has made some common-sense amendments to the PAC by-laws. To view these in detail please [Click here](#).

Mokoia Goes South - Serialised

The continuing saga of the voyage from Falmouth, England to Melbourne, Australia of a 39 foot timber built cutter which took place between October 1971 and July 1972. The crew, a group of English surgeons were emigrating to Australia and using their own transport to do it. PAC Secretary, Peter Doyle, who at this time was trekking around deepest darkest Africa, having already travelled through some obscure parts of Europe joined 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 have missed any episodes you can access them through the PAC website; www.paclub.com.au Please [click here](#) to access the latest episode.

The Latest PAC Seminar - A story of passion and glory

[There was a great deal to learn from](#) The Australian National Maritime Museum talk last Tuesday. We were taken back to our youth to thrill to the adventures of The Krait.



The gruelling training included 50km canoeing in the open seas, 30km hikes through the jungle with full kit and only rations to eat under the continuing threats of torture and execution. Noel's expertise shone through as we hung on every word he uttered about the adventures of the Z force. Around 40 of us enjoyed Noel's story, warm food and drinks in the great comfort of the clubroom. If you were not there...you really missed a great experience.