



# PAC Journal

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## December 2017

### What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:

 Friday 23rd February 2018

Special General Meeting

 Saturday 10th March 2018

PAC Picnic at The Basin



*“He’s tired? I’m the one who planned the trip, did the shopping, packed the food, clothes, fishing gear and supplies.”*

## Special General Meeting

A special general meeting will be held on Friday 27th February. Members who wish to have issues addressed at the meeting must raise them in writing in advance with the Secretary.

## A message from the Commodore

The holiday season provides Members with an opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy our beautiful water ways.

However your safety and that of your family and guests should be a prime consideration at all times. In the last month we have several incidents which are cause for concern:

One Member has seriously damaged his fingers after an anchor winch incident. Another Member ran his boat aground by not paying attention to marks.

Yet another Member had an extension ladder on his deck and leaning against his mast and proceeded to climb that. It only takes seconds to go from all is well to disaster, it may take a little longer to play it safe.

We need to be ever diligent to keep everyone safe. The message is take care, avoid unnecessary risk and enjoy safe boating.

Merry Christmas

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## PAC Christmas Party a great success

109 members and their families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration at the PAC Clubhouse. The team of volunteers did a fantastic job setting up tables, organising drinks, picking up and delivering food items. In particular Maureen, Marian and Astrid in the kitchen did a great job of preparing and presenting the food and then cleaning up afterwards.

I would also make particular note of the organisation of this event conducted by Julie Killin. She was relentless in ensuring that all the details were being addressed and the food was perfect for the occasion.



## New dinghy pump-out station

The new dinghy pump-out station is now operational. Users are requested to turn it off once the dinghy is empty to allow the pump to remain primed for the next user.



## Small Yacht Cruising Club of Pittwater

The Small Yacht Cruising Club of Pittwater 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.syc-c.net.au](http://www.syc-c.net.au)

## King Tides at PAC



A recent king tide shows just how vulnerable we are to the forces of nature. No damage was done however there are possible lessons to be learned here.





## Spill kits

Two spill kits have been purchased. Each has the same contents. The floating containment boom can be easily joined with the integrated snap hooks to form a larger boom if required. There are pads to soak up any contaminants such as oil and these are to be disposed of in the special bags that are provided. Please use the gloves that are provided when handling any contaminants.

This 240L Marine Spill Kit is ideal for all oil and petroleum spills on land and water. Packed full of premium absorbents, it is ideal for spills in marinas .



Contents include:

- 1 x 240L Yellow Wheelie Bin
- 100 x Oil only absorbent pads
- 3 x bags LiquaSweep X700 absorbent (will float on water and absorb oils spills)
- 4 x 3m x 125mm marine booms (snap hook join)
- 2 prs 45cm PVC Gloves
- 8 Biodegradable Waste Disposal Bags
- 8 Ties
- 1 x Security Tag
- 1 x Laminated Instruction Card

## Tutorial resources.

Many of our members undertake their own boat repairs or are seeking the information on how to do it. I can recommend the free tutorials online at <https://www.boatworkstoday.com> .

Presented by Andy Miller a very practical, capable and personable young man with a real love of boats I am sure that you would enjoy his video tutorials on a wide range of repairs.

If any members have a favourite tutorial or advice site that they can recommend then please let us know and we will share it with other members.

