

Pittwater Aquatic Club

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We have some good news to kick off the newsletter as well as an update on the No 2 Slip maintenance project undertaken by a group of members. It's been sandblasted, welded, galvanised and reassembled to look brand-new. It's even a bit easier to push by hand. Nice one guys.

We are continuing to work on the marina expansion project which will provide more work berths, loading and unloading areas and more marina positions. This project will reduce the length of the Marina waiting list.

Some years back the dinghy facilities were doubled and are now fully utilised with a minimal dinghy waitlist.

The co-op also is listed on several waitlists with Roads & Maritime Services(RMS) for extra moorings which can be used as recreational moorings or moorings for member allocation from the mooring waitlist. The latest mooring allocated to the Club was a recreational mooring in America Bay – details of recreational mooring positions can be found on the club's website.

The club currently has nine moorings in that are allocated to the mooring wait

listed members and in the very near future we will have a total of seventeen moorings available for allocation to members on the mooring waitlist.

The average wait time for an RMS mooring in Winnererremy Bay is over 10 years, so you know how hard it is to get a mooring anywhere near the club. Well we have done it, and it wasn't quick and it wasn't easy but we now have access to 7 new moorings in Winji Jimmi and one off Scotland Island (north of Eastern Wharf) through a deal brokered by our board of directors over the past three years. We have not mentioned this before because of the very sensitive and confidential nature of the negotiations, one small slip up and we could have lost the deal to our larger cousins around the corner. The deal required an investment of approximately \$33K and the business case identified a revenue stream with a return of over \$35K within five years. Suffice to say the mooring waitlist can be significantly reduced. If you would like more information on the deal have a chat with Richard or Ian.

This is a great advantage to our co-op and will help reduce the waiting time on the mooring waitlist. All of the waitlists are

displayed on the club's website and are allocated from the top down to the Member with a vessel that fits the space. More details on method of allocation can be found in the club's By-laws located on theclub's website.

Chris

What's on the Horizon

Events for your diary:-

26 October 2019 PAC working bee

5 November 2019 Melbourne Cup Luncheon PAC Clubhouse

1 December 2019 Pittwater Sailors Christmas Party

15 December 2019 PAC Christmas Party

Working Bee

The club's annual working bee will be held on Saturday 26 October. We have many maintenance items to attend to and need as many willing helpers as we can to get the work done. Some of the jobs include painting, gardening, replanting, weeding on the hill and cleaning up the yard. Please bring along any tools and equipment that may be useful such as chain saw, long pole saw, gardening gloves and don't forget to bring your hat and block out.

Work starts at 8.30am and the day will conclude with lunch provided in the club house.

This is a great opportunity for new members to meet other members so please come along and support the club.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

This year we are holding a Melbourne Cup Luncheon in the Clubhouse on Tuesday 5 November starting at 12.00 midday. The menu will be dependent on the number of attendees. If you would like to come along you must rsvp by email to pagclub@tpg.com.au or text Philip on 0418472005 with name and numbers attending no later than the Sunday 7 October. All members and partners are welcome. We will be serving a light lunch with drinks and will be running sweeps for those wanting to chance a win. It is important to rsvp in time by the above date so we know how many we are catering for.

This will be a fun day and you will not be disappointed. Spend Melbourne Cup afternoon by the water with your friends from PAC.

Slipway Maintenance

The No 2 Slipway maintenance has taken a little longer than we hoped but we received the arms back from the galvaniser last week and there was a flurry of activity on Saturday .This saw the refurbishment completed by the evening ready for the next slip booking on Sunday.



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This was a major project with many complex issues to manage and Richard our Slip Master has done an amazing job co-ordinating all aspects of the refurbishment and the efforts of our volunteer members. Our members have given so generously of their time and in some cases provided trucks, machinery and equipment to get the job done. Thank you to all the members that have assisted with this work with there being too many to list in case we miss anybody. Thank you for your patience during this time.

We have provide some photos below showing the reassembly process during the last week for everyone to see.









Pittwater Sailors September Race Sunday 15th

The BOM issued a strong wind warning for the day. However several other forecasts had the strong breeze of over 20 knots moderating during the afternoon. We took a risk and held the race which started in 20 knots then moderated making for a great sail in brilliant sunshine.

Thanks again to Phil O'Leary, Brian Gray and Andrew Latimer for recording the start and finish times on Phil's RIVIERA cruiser CE VU. These guys were happy to go out in the strong breeze so we could race.

We had a small fleet of 7 boats starting with 3 in YELLOW and 4 in BLUE. Many skippers decided to stay home after the strong wind warning. The first 3 boats in the BLUE fleet were HANS FREE, SHEARWATER and MYRA. The first three boats in YELLOW were TARDIS, MAGIC and TURNING POINT. Congratulations to the skippers and crew. HANS FREE and SHEARWATER had a good race swapping places several times,

The points score including this race with one race dropped is below. How close can you get for first place in **BLUE**. However there are three more races to go - anything can happen.

BLUE LIFE OF RILEY (22), SOIREE (23), HANS FREE (23) YELLOW MAGIC (19), TURNING POINT (28), TARDIS (32) Great competition between lots of boats with good handicapping helping close racing.

Invitation to Noel Phelan's 'The Ken Warby Story'

Tuesday 15 October commencing at 7.30pm. Held in the PAC Clubhouse

Noel Phelan has prepared a number of presentations which members will find very interesting and the next is the Ken Warby Story.

If you like doing very dangerous things where the odds are you are going to die, this is for you. Nine men have held the world speed record and 6 have died in the attempt.



Come along and listen to Noel give this great presentation. Supper and refreshments are provided and these nights are not to be missed. Reply to this email paqclub@tpg.com.au to rsvp so we know how many we are catering for.

Changes to By-Laws

At the recent Board Meeting the operating times of the Workberth and Slip way were changed to agree with standard operating times as permitted under council regulation from 9:00am to 7:00am. The reason for the change was to



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align our operating times with the work hours of tradespeople engaged by members. Please note that we still need to comply with our noise restriction rules but this allows for work such as electrical, refrigeration or mechanical to be carried out. These changes are included in the updated copy of the Clubs By-laws which can be found on the clubs website.

2019 PAC Christmas Party

There has been a change of dates for this year's PAC Christmas party.
The date to keep in your calendar is now Sunday 15 December commencing at 12.00pm. We apologise for the change and hope this does not cause any

For Sale and Wanted

inconvenience to members.

We are going to run in every issue of our newsletter a 'For Sale and Wanted' column. If you have an item or items that may be of interest to members please send us a description, photo, and contact details to the club email address paqclub@tpg.com.au We will run each add for 3 months unless sold prior.

Free to good home

Concrete pontoon 2400 x 3600 currently located at PAC. It is free to a good home and can easily be towed to a new home on Pittwater. Will make a good cheap pontoon extension and only requires a small amount of work to fit timber trim and fender rubber. Must be removed prior to the PAC Working Bee 26 October or it will be disposed of during the working bee. Photos have been provided below If you are interested please email the club at pagclub@tpq.com.au



