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PAC Journal

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What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:

-  Friday 23rd February 2018
-  Saturday 24th February
-  Tuesday 27th February
-  Saturday 10th March 2018

Special General Meeting
Safety training course
Noel Phelan - Finding Submarine AE1
PAC Picnic at The Basin

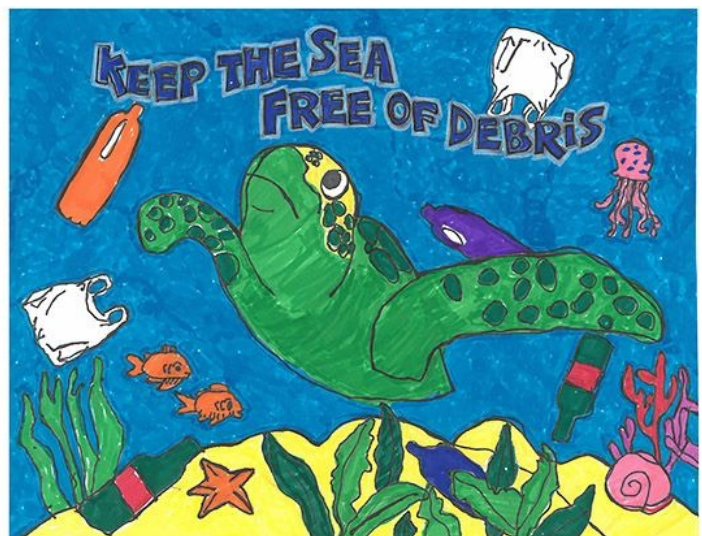
Special General Meeting

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 plea from the kids

I am sure that you have all heard or seen the concerns with the increasing levels of plastics in our wonderful oceans and waterways.

As we are the ones that are active on and around the water we have the opportunity to act as advocates to ensure the ongoing health of our marine environment.



Commodore's Corner

I hope all Members were able to take advantage of our wonderful waterways over the holiday period. A trip to Port Hacking, Botany Bay and Bantry Bay was on the agenda for Brian and Julie Killin in B&B and Steph and I in Dorado. These are all delightful waterways. Port Hacking has a few sand bars, but RMS map #9F, available at Service NSW Warriewood clearly shows the channels. A depth of at least 2M was enjoyed when travelling with over half the tide on your side. Gibbon Beach in Port Hacking is particularly lovely beach, it has two public moorings plus others, clean water and a nice beach for swimming.



In this issue of Commodore's Corner, two items are worthy of a mention:

The first is about security. There have been numerous occasions where the ramp, the slip room and the downstairs kitchen have been left open when everyone had left the premises. Please remember to lock these areas at the end of the day or after you use the ramp. If there are cars still in the carpark that does not necessarily mean that someone else will lock up, as these members may be overnighting on their boats.

The second item relates to the swap table. In the past there were suggestions we should get rid of the swap table. However it is useful. It can give another life to your no longer needed boating items to Members who may be able to use that boating item. Many Members appreciate this. However we have had numerous occasions in the last few months where junk such as Gyprock, totally rusted items, old tape players, chairs and other household items which are of no use to anyone have been left there. Please limit contributions to boating related items that are capable of further use.

Pittwater Sailors

We are ready to go for another enjoyable year of sailing in 2018. 32 boats will line up to start for our first race.

The sailing committee is

Noel Phelan - sailing captain

Ron Baxter - treasurer, webmaster, drinks purchaser and lots lots more

Ken Plumb - handicapper, a person to definitely keep onside

Rick Murray, John Marshall and Kim Russel

Our new skippers and boats are

- Peter Barry TWM - CATALINA 309
- Tim O'Donnell SOIREE - JEANNEAU 36I
- Ross Montague EUROKA - CATALINA 28 MK II
- Ray Simpson ROSSI - YAMAHA 24
- Ernie Chalker LIBERTY - NORTHSHORE 38
- Robert McCotter WAMTAM - DUFOUR 309
- Murray Eagles POSSUM - SOUTHERN CROSS 23

Where do they get those names from?

We also have a sailor with a new boat - Neil Stock with NIMROD a HUNTER 27.

We have a change this year in the two fleets. To shorten the start time and balance fleet numbers three of the fastest boats in YELLOW (RICOCHET, JUST MAGIC and MAGIC) have been moved to BLUE.

All you wanted to know about Pittwater Sailors is on the PAC website (paclub.com.au) under the sailors tab.

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. 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

Tip of the month.

Instead of trying to tie your dinghy to a rock or a tree when you go ashore you might consider using a simple tent peg. It is easily inserted into sand or mud and it provides a secure place to tie up to. They are readily available at BCF and Anaconda for less than \$5.



Ted Andruccio visits PAC in Myanmar



Safety

The safety of our members, their families and guests are paramount issues. Several recent observations have given cause for concern.

Children are not allowed to run in the PAC premises, on the marina or the slipway for many reasons. There are vehicles moving in the parking area as well as hazards where children may not appreciate the associated risks. Recent incidents where children were observed running around the slip area and jumping off the marina are strictly forbidden.

Slipway Users

Almost as bad were several adults seen to be about to commence work on a boat on the slip, one with **bare feet** and the others **wearing thongs**. With the barnacles and other debris being washed off the boat this also is a risky undertaking. The club rules regarding the wearing of appropriate footwear and eye protection are there to maintain safety. The slipway is a high risk area and the highest safety standards **must** be adhered to.

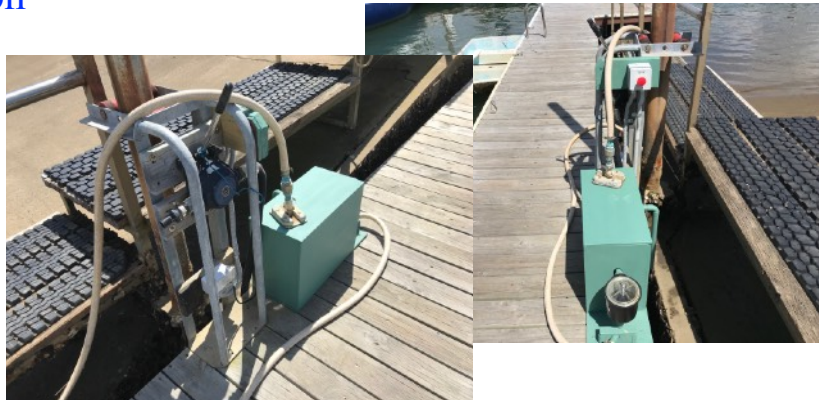
Ramp Users must close the boom gate after launching or retrieving their boat. Please adhere to this requirement as it is a mandatory access control and safety issue.

Disabled Parking is there for a reason. Some members are temporarily or permanently incapacitated. Please respect the requirement to keep these spaces clear for those who need them.

Both on the water and at the Club - **You are the Skipper, You are Responsible**

New dinghy pump-out station

The new dinghy pump-out station is now operational. Concerns have arisen where the pump is run until dry. Users are requested to turn it off **once the dinghy is empty** to allow the pump to **remain primed** for the next user.



New Members

The strength of our club is its membership. creating and maintaining a healthy waitlist is the responsibility of all members. New members must be introduced and proposed and then seconded by existing members.

Please encourage new members to apply on the wait list, bring them to the PAC and show them around, tell them about the facilities, camaraderie and support that you enjoy.

PAC Picnic at the Basin

The PAC Picnic is on again at the Basin on Saturday 10th March

Members and their immediate family and alumni members are invited to attend.

On Saturday the 10th there will be a delicious lunch provided of prawns, chicken salad and bread rolls. BYO your favourite beverage. Lunch starts at 12.30 pm

For those staying overnight on their boats there will be bacon and eggs provided on the Sunday Morning (16th March).

The PAC Basin Picnic is a great opportunity to socialise with your fellow Club Members. The only cost is the National Parks Fee of \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. We will pay the Ranger and retrospectively collect this from you on the day. If a Ranger requests payment please advise you are with the PAC party. Ferries are available from Palm Beach Ferry wharf.

If you would like to attend booking by 7th March is essential.

Please complete the information on the sheet below for catering and logistical purposes and email to Ron Baxter paqclub@tpg.com.au or phone Ron on 02 9918 6011

Name of Member

No. at Saturday Lunch

No. at Sunday Breakfast

Arriving by Ferry Boat

Name of Boat

Mobile Ph No