

SMALL YACHT CRUISING CLUB PITTWATER INC



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COMMODORE:	Derek Howie	SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Judy Hrones
VICE COMMODORE:	David Henderson	NEW MEMBER SECRETARY:	Derek Howie
REAR COMMODORE:	Paul Hrones	EDITORS:	Ken & Sue Johnston
SECRETARY:	Val Wilson	WEBMASTER:	Sandie Tolliday
TREASURER:	Neil Steinhardt	COMMITTEE MEMBER:	John Cronly
CRUISE CAPTAIN:	Keith Brown		



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Letter from the Editors

Hello again

This has been a busy month for our club. In this Mainsheet you will find an update on the AGM together with associated reporting that goes with such a meeting. A number of on water activities have been attended very well during this winter. Trip reports which have been received are included. The Christmas in July function for Associates and Sailors was very well attended, which goes to show the level of "mateship" which exists in SYCC is alive and well.

The Committee has some new members this year so please give them support when you can. Paul as usual has a collection of funnies to tickle those tummy muscles. We welcome input on new sections for the mainsheet eg a haul-out register (someone would need to manage this calendar) so that members with a bit of free time could help out with advice etc.

A gentle reminder please to all Trip Leaders to send your trip reports asap after the event, together with photos.

See you soon.

Ken and Sue, Passing Cloud



Commodore's Corner

The club has now held its AGM this month and I am pleased to announce that all is in good shape. It's nice to know that we are starting to see the results of the input that all members are now putting into SYCC.

We now have a new committee with some changes of the guard with David Henderson becoming Vice Commodore, Val Wilson Club Secretary and Judy Hrones Social Secretary with Paul Hrones Rear Commodore. All other positions remain unchanged. With this Committee we can only go forward and I would like to express my thanks for those that have taken on these new roles.

A lot of developments have occurred recently. We have the new Burgees, the moorings have been over hauled, painted and reflective tape fitted to them. The ad in Afloat will now be free after my visit to the publisher which will save us \$120 for the year.

Keith Brown our Cruise Captain has put a lot of effort into the cruise calendar and I

urge everyone to try and take part in some of the events over the coming months. The theme content of the program has been a great success and has resulted in large numbers attending the cruises over the winter. At times we have had over thirteen boats attending the venue and of course our Christmas in July broke some records with 38 attending and all said it was a great night, our thanks go to Sue Johnston.

Our most recent event the Bingo (chocolate) Night was a great night with 9 boats attending and prizes for all winners. Our thanks go to Raelene Wood for organising the event. It has been very rewarding to see all the women of the club taking a great interest in the cruise calendar and looking forward to going further afield in the summer months. Upcoming trips include Sydney Harbour in October with a coastal trip planned for December to the South Coast, so keep an eye out for these events.

And one final thing please see that all fees are paid to Neil Steinhardt ASAP, as the fees have not been increased this year.

Fair Winds. Derek Howie



MINUTES

SYCC General Meeting.

Date: 1st August, 2008

Held at: 5 Finchley Place, Turramurra

Attendance: Derek Howie, Keith & Carol Brown, Ian Lavis & Val Wilson, Paul & Judy Hrones, John & Zdenka van den Bosch, David Henderson, John Cronly, Basil & Jenny Riegels, Ken & Glenys Gladman, John & Barbara Storey, John & Ann Gilligan

Apologies: Cathy Howie, Carolyn & Graham Simpson, Ken & Sue Johnston, Roger van Hamburg, Judy Henderson, Mary & Ken Wallace, Phil & Cathy Best

The Commodore opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Previous Minutes

As published in the Mainsheet.

Accepted: Basil Riegels Seconded: Ken Gladman

Minutes Arising

Nil

Correspondence

An email was received from Sandie Tolliday to advise that she would continue to act as Webmaster. Also a suggestion was made by John van Hamburg re payment of subscriptions by electronic payment. A note was also received from the mooring contractor advising about costs and asking whether we wish to retain the existing moorings. It was agreed by the Members that the moorings should be retained until no longer able to repair.

Treasurer's Report

This was read by the Commodore as per the Treasurer's posted report, indicating a surplus of \$920 for the financial year.

Accepted: Denka van den Bosch Seconded: Paul Hrones

Social Report

No report

Editors Report

Sue Johnston advised by phone that reports have been forthcoming for most trips. All

members are encouraged to contribute.

Accepted: Carol Brown

Seconded: John Gilligan

Webmasters Report

There were 6 uploads during the reporting period June – August, details as follows:

13 Jun	Create and upload photo gallery for Long weekend event
15 Jun	Create and upload photo gallery for Progressive Dinner event
2 Jul	Add Christmas in July event to Events Calendar
6 Jul	Add details of AGM to Home Page and News (Committee News) page
6 Jul	Add Nomination Form Website
6 Jul	Add link to Nomination Form on Committee News page
8 Jul	Add Mainsheet to Newsletter page and upload amended page and Mainsheet

Sandie Tolliday
(Acting) Webmaster

Accepted:

Seconded: Basil Riegels Carried

New Member Secretary

Two new requests for membership have been received, one from Ian Hughes who has a Traditional 30 and the other from David Nash with a Roberts 25. Application forms have been sent to both parties.

Accepted: Val Wilson

Seconded: John Cronly Carried

Cruise Report

Despite earlier fears that Sail-aways were losing support and we may need to turn to a monthly calendar, recent events have been well supported, with most weekends having ten or more boats out and about.

Knot splicing, knowledge quizzes and in particular the progressive Italian dinner have proved a great success as has the recent Christmas in July event.

The year ahead looks good with the following calendar additions to be made taking the cruise calendar up to the New Year.

September 27/28	Changed to Whale watch	Leaders Rae & Dean
October 4/5/6 Cruise	Long weekend Sydney Harbour	Summer Shakedown
October 11/12	Treasure Hunt	Leaders tba
October 25/26	Hardys Bay/Gosford	Leaders Keith & Carol
November 8/9	Towlers Beach Casino Night	Committee
November 22/23	Pirate Weekend, walk the plan etc	Leaders tba
December 6/7	3 Bays fun race	Leader tba

December 20/21 Christmas Party
December 27 til New Year Sail away to Cronulla, back to Harbour and then home

Other suggestions, venues or alternate trip ideas always welcome

Accepted: David Henderson Seconded: John Storey Carried

General Business

The topic of general meeting frequency was raised. It was agreed that the Committee can handle some general items without the need for a meeting. Therefore it was agreed by those present that the meeting frequency could be changed to quarterly.

Annual General Meeting

SYCC AGM held at John Cronly's home 1/8/08

Prior to the meeting life membership for SYCC was bestowed upon John Cronly and John Van Den Bosch for all their work and commitment over all the years that they have been associated with the club.

Those in attendance, same as per list at general meeting same night

1. Ken Gladman was called to declare that all positions were now vacant, and called for motions to be presented to the members

2. The positions filled being taken up by:

Derek Howie:	Commodore
David Henderson:	Vice Commodore
Paul Hrones:	Rear Commodore
Neil Steinhardt:	Treasurer
Val Wilson:	Secretary
Judy Hrones:	Social Secretary
Keith Brown:	Cruise Secretary
Sue and Ken Johnston:	Editors
John Cronly:	Committee Member
Derek Howie:	New Member Secretary

3. The Treasurer's report was read by the Commodore in Neil's absence and it reported that the club was in good shape and it had made a surplus for the year of \$920 and monies for fees have started to come in to our account.

4. Liabilities.

The SYCC has no liabilities or mortgages that it maintains and all bills have been paid for at the end of the financial year ending 30/6/08 and all lodgements have been signed off and lodged by the Treasurer.

All members present accepted the above and the meeting was duly closed, the new Commodore expressed his thanks for the newly elected office bearers. time 10.30pm
1/8/08

Derek Howie, Commodore

NEXT MEETING

3rd November, at 8pm

**At Paul & Judy Hrones
6 Panima Place
Newport**



SOCIAL OUTING

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2008

**SAIGON CITY RESTAURANT
355 BARRENJOEY ROAD
NEWPORT**

Vietnamese Banquet about \$26-00 per head including coffee or tea

BYO wine and/or beer

Restaurant holds up to 40 people. We would expect to have the whole restaurant, but need the numbers A.S.A.P

Please advise Judy on 9997 8268 or email pjhrones@ozemail.com.au

BEFORE 26 September 2008

We will be away some of the time, so please leave a message

This is an Associates friendly outing, so let us see you all.

Your Social Secretary

TRIP REPORTS

Trip: The Curry & Splice Cruise

Date: 19/20 July

Venue: Towlers

The weather forecast for the weekend sounded to be good, until the afternoon of Sunday, when both strong winds and rain was expected.

Thank you to all the participants, who extended to us the courtesy of advising beforehand by phone and email.

Saturday morning was promising, but not much wind. That did not stop us setting out around 1100, and as soon as we were abeam of Scotland Island, the sails went up.

In fluctuating winds of 4 to 9 knots from the West and later North West, we drifted in the direction of Lion Island. Between Stokes Point and South Palm Beach, the waters broke and to our delight, for the first time in many years, we were treated to a sight of 5 frolicking dolphins. The much larger pod must have been chasing some food, but the pleasure is that Pittwater is again clean enough to encourage dolphins.

As the wind did not seem to come, we drifted into Towlers, as advised, mid afternoon, and picked up the Northern mooring. The group on the outer and still sunny mooring seemed to be complete.

In a typical Aussie Barbie fashion, certainly not pre-arranged, the group of 20, split into men in the cockpit of Sacre Bleu, and almost freezing, while the Admirals went below for sundowners,

into the heated warmth. The visitors from the other raft eventually returned to their vessels in the dark, and on our raft, we feasted on both Indian and Thai curries of beef, duck, lamb, and chicken. All 5 dishes were very different and absolutely delicious, but how come that they were all so different?

Sunday actually dawned both warm and sunny. David Henderson had answered my plea for help on splicing. Derek, Graham, Ken and I watched Gregg and Ian ably assist David in the production of splices, far superior than my feeble daggy efforts. Who was it that undid my old splice? Thank you and thanks go to David and Gregg, who have left my boat with some respectable usable splices.

Unfortunately Passing Cloud's motor was misbehaving, so Sacre Bleu offered a tow to their Clareville mooring. This broke up the raft, at lunch time, just in case the forecast blow came, and made the tow dangerous. Sue helmed Passing Cloud with a great deal of expertise, and made the tow easy, in nearly ideal conditions.

We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and thank all participants. Those attending
Castaway, Dunno, Idle Vice, Passing Cloud, Passtime, Rendezvous, Sally, Shikari, Wandjina

Paul and Judy - Sacre Bleu

Outing: Christmas in July

Date: 26th July, 2008

Venue: Royal Motor Yacht Club

A decision was made at the previous general meeting to increase the number of events for combined associate and cruising members. Perfect timing for a “Christmas in July” function. A quick decision had to be made regarding the venue, so the RMYC won out as their facilities are exceptionally good.

After a slow start, numbers began to climb with our costing goal of 30 attendees beginning to look achievable. Credit must go to a collaborative effort from Derek, Sue and John for getting the numbers which made this mid - year event a highly successful outing.

It was a time to catch up with old friends and to make acquaintance with some new members and their guests. The club did a great job with the menu and the boardroom was the perfect fit for SYCC.

Father Christmas was duly instructed to attend and distributed Kris Kringle gifts to all. Judy Henderson was Santa’s helper but we think she had one eye on the Rugby match which was on TV in the background. (sorry about dobbing on you Judy). 38 members and guests was the final count and a memorable evening it was.

Thanks to everyone for their support and with Judy Hrones our new Social secretary watch out for email updates to the events calendar.

Ken & Sue – Passing Cloud.



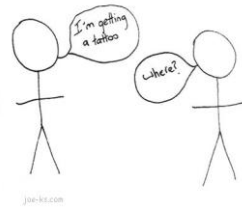
Trip: Bingo

Date: August 16,17, 2008

Venue: Towlers Bay



FUNNIES



Sick Leave

I urgently needed a few days off work, But, I knew the Boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that maybe if I acted 'Crazy' Then he would tell me to take a few days off.

So I hung upside-down on the ceiling and made funny noises. My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb, So that the Boss might think I was 'Crazy' and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked, 'What in the name of good GOD are you doing?' I told him I was a light bulb. He said, 'You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days.'

I jumped down and walked out of the office...When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss asked her, '..

And where do you think you're going? (You're gonna love this....)

She said, 'I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark.'

Contributed by Carol Brown

The Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life.

This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing..

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks.

Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years..... just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

You could run this over to your friends but why not just e-mail it to them!

Contributed by Paul Hrones