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SECRETARY:	Stephen Stubbs	WEBMASTER:	Sandie Tolliday
TREASURER:	Neil Steinhardt	COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Grahame Simpson
CRUISE CAPTAIN:	Keith Brown		



Castle Lagoon, 12 craft raft-up

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Letter from the Editors

Hello again,

For those members unable to be out on the water this year for whatever reason, the Editors can assure you that your club is in very capable hands, under the guidance of our “acting” Commodore Derek Howie. In addition to his Commodore duties, Derek has demonstrated we believe, a passionate commitment to building the future of the Club as the New Member Secretary and persuading a growing number of like-minded, fun loving cruising people to join SYCC. We welcome all the new members.

Winter is here, so if you need warming up a little have a fresh look at the cruising calendar - yep! a Curry and Splice weekend is coming up on 19/20th July which is followed by our Christmas in July dinner on the 26th July. Val and Ian’s report on the progressive Italian dinner will whet your appetite for more events like this one. The Pilotage quiz organised by Keith and Carol was educational and well worth a read.

Happy reading.

Ken and Sue, Passing Cloud



Commodore’s Corner

Well, there comes a time when we all have to make a decision on what we do, and when to take a different direction in the things that we do, and Sandie Tolliday has done just that, by now calling it time as the SYCC webmaster. She and Norm are also curtailing their sailing activities and are now to retire from SYCC.

I would like to take this time, to express on behalf of the members my gratitude to Sandie on a job well done, and to thank her for one of the best WebPages of any sailing club that is on the northern side of Sydney. It is indeed a credit to all the hard work that she has put into it over the three years since she started it from scratch. It will be a hard act to follow. It has been rewarding for all of us to have had Sandie in the club for five years, and I hope that she will find great rewards in her new interests in the years ahead.

We have taken onboard a suggestion that we do more for the associate members of the club. We have therefore implanted an addition to the club calendar, which is to list an event every three months to involve Associate members. It could be a day cruise or an outing; the first one being Christmas in July at the RMYC, please see notice or email.

We have had two requests for membership, one from Ian Hughes and one from Bjarne Jakobsen and these requests are being followed up in July.

The cruise program has been well accepted and good numbers have been attending the outings, keep up the good work and let us have your input to locations that you would like to go to. Contact Keith to include it into the club calendar.

The Sydney Boat Show is on at the end of July, and I will be on the Blue Water Sound stand in Hall 2, with the new waterproof LCD units. So hope to see some of you there.

Fair Winds, Derek

DON'T FORGET

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

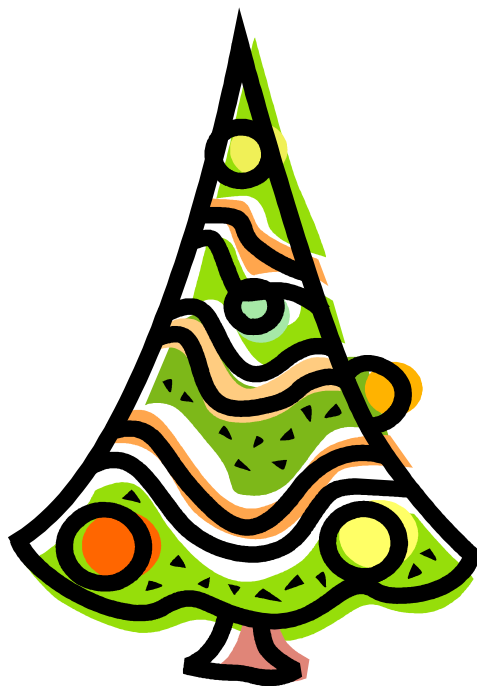
SATURDAY JULY 27

ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

\$50 per person, plus drinks

RSVP Ken & Sue Johnston, Passing Cloud 9484 8609

SUBJECT TO MINIMUM 30 PEOPLE ATTENDING



MINUTES

SYCC General Meeting.

Date: 16 June, 2008.
Held at Derek & Cathie Howie's home

Attendance: Derek & Cathy Howie, Ken & Mary Wallace, Ken & Sue Johnston, John Thompson, Basil Riegels, Phil Best, Phil & Cathy Thomas, Graham & Carolyn Simpson, Roman Zwolenski, John & Barbara Storey

Apologies: Denka Van den Bosch, Cathy best, Keith & Carol Brown, Neil & Karen Steinhardt, Norm & Sandie Tolliday, David Henderson, Phil Zwolenski.

The Commodore opened the meeting at 8pm.

Previous Minutes

As published in the Mainsheet.

Minutes Arising

None

Accepted: Basil Riegels Seconded: Ken Wallace Carried

Correspondence

An email was read out from Sandie and Norm Tolliday advising of their resignation from the club, and position of Webmaster. Correspondence also received from John Van Hamburg re a new boat.

Treasurer's Report

Not report received as Neil is away on holidays.

Accepted: Derek Howie Seconded: Carolyn Simpson

Social Report

No report received.

John Thompson talked about the need for someone within the cruising division to look after SYCC input into the club calendar. The need for more events to include Associates was also discussed.

It was agreed that a Christmas in July function would be held on Saturday 26th July, with Sue Johnston to seek suitable venues.

Accepted: Phil Best Seconded: Basil Riegels

Editors Report

Ken & Sue said that all is going well with current articles and awaiting reports for Cocktail Night, Italian progressive dinner and pilotage weekend.

Accepted: Phil Best

Seconded: Basil Riegels Carried

Webmasters Report

This is my last report as Webmaster, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions. Carol Brown and Val Wilson have been very enthusiastic contributors to the photo gallery and it is largely due to their efforts that our photo gallery has remained current and interesting.

There were 7 uploads during the reporting period, details as follows:

9 April	Added new members to Welcome Aboard Page
30 April	Added new Events Calendar
30 April	Added new photo gallery for Anzac Day weekend
7 May	Amended dates of events as requested by Cruise Director
14 May	Added new members to Welcome Aboard page
16 May	Amended Events Calendar to reflect changes to Curry and Splice event and Diesel Maintenance event
27 May	Added new photo gallery for weekend in Coasters 24-25 May

Please ask the new webmaster to contact me so that I can pass on the information required to upload to the website.

Sandie Tolliday
Webmaster, June 2008

Accepted: Derek Howie

Seconded: John Thompson

Carried

New Member Secretary

The club has received a new enquiry from Bjarne Jakobsen from Corrimal who has his boat moored at Parsley Bay.

Accepted: Ken Wallace

Seconded: Carolyn Simpson

Carried

General Business

Paul Hrones asked all present to agree to award life membership to two of the Club's long serving members in recognition of their great contributions to SYCC over many years. It was duly carried by all present. Phil Best to organize a memento.

A new webmaster is required. Cathie Howie and Sue Johnston have agreed to contact Sandie Tolliday with a view to taking over the position. (*Sue has since had to withdraw*)

Derek Howie advised that nomination forms for committee positions have been emailed to all members.

The frequency of meeting was discussed, and a suggestion made that meetings could be reduced to a quarterly basis. This will be discussed at the AGM.

The Club Constitution was also discussed and all agreed that it should be reviewed, and an electronic copy kept on file. Phil Best was to investigate the whereabouts and advise at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Annual General Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the home of John Cronly, at
Turramurra on 4th August 2008 at 8pm

TRIP REPORTS

Trip: Pilotage quiz

Date: 24 & 25 May

Venue: The Basin



Eight boats found their way to the basin for our pilotage quiz, which, considering some of the answers, was Surprising.

Rendezvous provided the ideal meeting place and whilst the weather certainly wasn't summery it was calm and warm enough for the quiz to be conducted in the cockpit area.

The alternative answer format created a great deal of debate, with question number 6 and the south cardinal lights tripping up almost everyone. 6 flashes yes, but followed by one long flash. That equals seven in my book.

The quiz served to demonstrate 3 things –

One, most of our crews has only one person on board with a reasonable knowledge of in shore navigation

Two, as we get older things are harder to remember. This was demonstrated

by the number of people who despite having “looked it up “still got it wrong. (*Editors Note: guilty as charged!*)

I know this to be true, because having written both questions and answers,

Dean was quick to pick up my confusion over south and west cardinals. Sorry, I mean east and west. See what I mean!

This of course will also be my defense when asked any future navigation question. So If I get stuck with a touch of the Allan Bonds and don't recall, humor me.

Three, is of course the assumption that because someone has been a mariner for a long time they actually know something. This was clearly demonstrated by Ken and Sue of Passing Cloud, who at the end of the quiz ran master mariner Howie a very close second. Ahead of more experienced crews.

In the final wash-up Derek and Cathie won the prize of a mapping rule , but everyone had a great deal of fun and without exception we all knew enough about inshore navigation to ensure our own and other's safety.

Getting there on the other hand may need a little more finesse so we had better all be out on Derek's weekend to find out how that GPS and hand held compass can help us do just that.

All questions formatted and answered from the mariners Atlas and admiralty charts

Boats attending Rendezvous, Fidelio, Shikari, Wandjina, Passing Cloud, Sally, Pastime and Dunno

Keith & Carol, *Shikari*

Questions (and answers) attached

Trip: Italian Progressive Dinner

Date: June Long Weekend

Venue: Castle Lagoon



Dessert on Rendezvous

After a week of dastardly weather, the long weekend was shaping up to be fine if not a little cool. We were hopeful of a good turnout as 11 boats had committed to participating in the progressive dinner.

Wandjina and *Shikari* were keen to get going and spent Friday night in Coasters. During the evening we had a late entry from Orange, *Maine Sail* which took our numbers to 12 boats. This was a great relief to Chef Ian who could now relax as he was only required to produce a main course on the night.

By lunch time on Saturday, in glorious sunshine, club boats started arriving and the job of anchoring and tying back to shore was underway. *Northern Star* joined us for the evening but was unable to join in the dinner on Sunday as they had family commitments.

The dinner commenced at 6.30pm with the raft divided into 2 lots of 6 boats.
Raft 1: *Sally*, *Another Storey*, *Passing Cloud*, *Fidelio*, *Dunno*, *Rendezvous*
Raft 2: *Maine Sail*, *Kirin*, *Wandjina*, *Idle Vice*, *Knickerbocker*, *Shikari*

We were lucky with the weather as the showers cleared by early afternoon. The theme for the dinner was Italian and each boat hosted either an entrée, main course or dessert & coffee and what a wonderful feast was produced and enjoyed – antipasto platters, chicken cacciatore, lamb shanks, beef in red wine, tiramisu, cannoli were just a few of the wonderful dishes created and produced for the dinner. Jann and Stuart produced some lovely wines from Orange, in fact we're wondering if Stuart has a clandestine job promoting these wines as he certainly knows a lot about them!

Clambering over different sized boats on a dark cold night is a feat with some boats being particularly 'tender' which made for quite a bit of movement. On Monday morning the showers returned with little wind to sail home with.

Thank you to the members who committed and participated in the dinner. It was a wonderful effort considering the weather preceding the weekend. Congratulations to all participants and we look forward to another dinner in the summer months.

Val and Ian, *Wandjina*



David from Sally and Ian from Dunno untangling the mess of anchors after such a big raft-up!

Trip: Port Stephens

Date: Easter, April 2008

This is Fran's postscript to Derek's last Mainsheet article about the Port Stephens trip.

Cathie, Derek and I enjoyed a couple of days at Refuge and decided on Easter Saturday Night that Easter Sunday was right to sail to Port Stephens, so roughly 5-ish am we got moving from our spot and roughly 10 hours later we arrived in Port Stephens, sailing most of the way. John Neef accompanied us to Newcastle? Or was it to the Lake? I'm not sure as I was asleep in that beautifully appointed cabin! WoW! aren't you all jealous.

We had dinner up in a restaurant, nothing special, not up to gourmet standards of the live-in chef on Rendezvous. I spent the days on board in a dazey blissful state, who wouldn't?

I returned by train from Newcastle as my baby carer duties called. I have saved a fortune in kisses from that job and no sexual harassment involved. As you may have gathered I really enjoyed my trip. Thank you Cathie for inviting me to share your Easter break.

Fran McMichael, Casablanca

Trip: Navigation (non) exercises

Date: 28 & 29 June

Venue: Refuge

Well it was either too hard to find Refuge or some members thought it would be too cold! For those that were brave enough, it was one of the best June weekends that we've had in a

long while.

We didn't leave the mooring until about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. There was not a breeze to be found anywhere on Pittwater so it was a motor trip all the way to Refuge so the batteries should be well charged.

We arrived around 5.30 with the sun setting and starting to get quite cold. By the time we were rafted up it was time for the usual nibbles and the social element that comes with a group of yachties from SYCC.

When we did our shopping for the trip we decided on a roast dinner and selected soup and a shoulder of beef with red wine and baked vegetables. It was worth the wait as it topped off the cold night and made us content to enjoy the quiet night that was to follow.

Many of us got up at the usual time of around 7 am and the others slept in till it was time for bacon and eggs with mushrooms and tomatoes and fresh plunger coffee to fire up the body and tackle the topic of GPS and Chart work. However every one said they wanted to enjoy the morning and will tackle it another time.

When it came time to head back around the corner conditions were the same as Saturday - no wind, a high tide and flat glassy sea. So on with the motor again, I am glad that I am not a purist when it comes to sailing.

We had a good roll up for the weekend with 5 boats and Refuge to ourselves as most of the power boats were absent. Probably due to petrol prices.

*Boat attending: Dunno, Serafim
Walkabout, Rendezvous, Kirin*

Derek & Cathy, *Rendezvous*

CULINARY CORNER

Mulled wine for a chilly July evening on the water



Heat 10 cloves, 2 cinnamon sticks, ¼ cup caster sugar, 1 roughly grated nutmeg, 2 cups water, roughly grated

rind of 1 orange and 1 roughly chopped apple (skin on) in a large saucepan over medium heat. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes. Add 750 ml light, fruity red wine (such as merlot) and simmer for another 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Strain and divide among serving glasses. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

This recipe was consumed by some of those who attended the Diesel maintenance weekend and those who imbibed will attest to the 'morish' flavour. One bottle of red wine as a taster simply wasn't enough!

PILOTAGE QUIZ

An edited extract from the quiz is below.

SYCC QUIZ	
Navigation bouys , beacons and lights	
1	Lateral marks indicate the port and starboard side of channels. What color are they?
answer	Red for left and green for starboard
2	a port mark is kept on which side when moving your vessel upstream?
answer	Keep this port side mark on your left going up stream
3	Ok so you know the colors but which one is the can and which is the cone?
answer	red port is a can green starboard is a cone
4	some of us attend club outings religiously but our cardinal marks means something different , what do they mean
answer	indicates that deeper water lies in the direction shown, that is north south east or west
5	Like some secret society Triangles convey the cardinals meaning.
	north has cones facing which way
answer	both triangles point north
	Its at 3 oclock but which way are the cones
answer	top triangle points north the lower one south
	6 oclock , sundowners,going south , which way do the cones point?
answer	both triangles point south
	9 oclock whe are headed west, the cones have changed how,
answer	top triangle points south bottom triangle points north
6	midnight its daark but we see flashing lights how do they flash?
answer	north - continuous white flashes
answer	east - white light flashing in groups of 3
answer	south - white flashing light in groups of 6 then 1 long flash
answer	west - white light flashing in groups of 9

