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Power Boat Committee



SYC Navigation Rally NEWSLETTER – September 2014

Welcome to the first monthly SYC Navigation Rally Newsletter, with this Newsletter we want keep everyone up to date with what's happening as our season is about to start

New Vice Commodore Power

Congratulations to Graham Webb who is the new VC Power and to Phil Short who has risen to the lofty heights of SYC Commodore. Special thanks to Immediate Past Commodore Ian Hall, who has held that position with great energy and commitment, he was given a resounding vote of thanks and standing ovation at the recent SYC Powerboat Presentation Night.

Powerboat Committee – the Navigation Rally members of the PBC for 2014-15 are:-
Graham Webb, Richard von Uht, Ken Tregeagle, Dennis Watt, Justin Sinnamon

SYC Sail Past and Blessing of the Fleet

This Saturday, September 6, is one of the most traditional events for any Yacht club, it is the annual Sail Past and Blessing of the Fleet, if you haven't already registered, you need to do it NOW. Everyone should be part of this event and remember to display your competition number to show we are all proud Navigation Rally competitors.

FREE Breakfast and promotional Navigation Rally 20/9/14

The PBC want to raise the profile of our sport and to encourage new participants, so on Saturday September 20, we have a major promotion which should, with everyones involvement and enthusiasm, be a major step forward. You should have already received a flyer about the event, the Club General Manager, Brett James, with the approval of the Club Board is sponsoring the day. The basic idea of the day is to introduce more members to our sport by showing them how we prepare for an event and then take them out on members boats and conduct an actual Nav. Rally over a shorter course.

The day starts at 8.30am with Breakfast at the Club, followed by a talk on basic navigation and how we prepare for a Nav. Rally and then we take the guests on our boats and actually take part in the Nav. Rally. We want people to see what actually happens on the boat during an event. At the conclusion of the event we will all return to the Club and have our usual sausage sizzle and presentation. There will be prizes for this event of a slightly less value than a normal event and it will not be part of the Championship. It is all FREE, breakfast for 2 members from each boat, sausage sizzle and refreshments, NO entry fee and there are prizes, but you need to register.

The goal of the day is to increase the number of competitors in our events and the success of the day depends firstly on the participation of as many existing competitors as possible and secondly everyones enthusiasm and making everyone feel welcome.

An entry form should have already been sent to you if not please call Graham Webb on 0409394122

NEW SEASON

It is only about a month to the first event of the season on October 11. The Season starts with the DUX Series but there are some major changes you need to know. The courses are all new, the first two will be run on the same course but the third will be different, but all three will end at Dux. The courses this year are being designed by Justin Sinnamon. The information for each event will be available with the Lat/Longs for each turn point. Pisces will still operate as usual and Brian Keevers will have the courses available from the Clubs website. Brian has also advised that he has updated Pisces so it is compatible with Windows 8. Not all the courses for the year are available yet but they will be available well in advance of each event and you will receive notification. But, please be aware every course for this season will be a new course. Results after an event should also be available quicker as the system has been streamlined allowing better interface between the information from Tack Tracker and the Aquarius program that keeps records of all the scores and handicaps etc. The full 'calendar of events' is on the SYC website under Powerboats.

GOODWILL CUP

The annual Goodwill Cup is on November 1 and 2. This is the traditional battle between SYC and RQYS and is always a very competitive and enjoyable weekend with overnight stay and dinner ashore at RQ anchorage at Canaipa Point.

This year for the Goodwill Cup there will be only two classes GPS and Traditional (non GPS) and the top seven scores from each class from each club will decide the winner. Past Commodore Rob Mundle has kindly agreed to be coordinator for our combined effort as TeamSYC, to wrestle back the Goodwill Cup. We need a strong representation in both classes, but particularly for the non GPS or Traditional class, to be successful. So dust off the site compass, rulers and sharpen the pencils and get involved, for more details please call Graham on 0409394122

Traditional Navigation

Some members have suggested re-introducing Traditional (or non GPS) to our Club's Nav. Rallies. There have been some ideas suggested, for example, bonus points in the championship for competitors not using the GPS, nominate 1 or 2 events a year that are Traditional only, have a non- championship Traditional only event. So at one of the Dux series events Graham intends to have a discussion with everyone to see if there is an interest in any of these ideas or other ideas, so please give it some thought.

Cheers! for another great season of fun on the water

