



NAVIGATION RALLY NEWSLETTER Jan-Feb 2015

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY sponsored by O'KEEFE FINANCIAL SERVICES

The CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY was held on Saturday February 7, it was the first event of 2015 and was sponsored by O'KEEFE FINANCIAL SERVICES. It was great to have Tony O'Keefe in attendance to present the major awards. Tony has been a supporter of our Nav. Rallies as well as Cruises over a number of years and it is always a pleasure to be able to thank our sponsors in person at our events.

This event is round 4 of our SYC Championship and threw up some interesting results and a change on the leader board for the Championship. A challenging placing of a checkpoint soon after a 180 degree turn at the top of the course caught a few people out. Championship leader Mal Wood "Finky Dink Too" lost 11 points on that one checkpoint out of a total of 19 for the event, but that was enough to push him down to fifth on the day.

The outright winner for the event was Peter Brown "Bipty Bipty" who scored 15 points (15 seconds over 10 checkpoints) followed by Rob Deshon "Rare Pleasure" on 17 points in third place was Bob Kahl "Snooks Too" only one point behind. Alan Mercer "Alley Cat" also on 18 points but was placed 4th on countback.



Tony O'Keefe (L) presenting 1st place in Chairman's Trophy to Peter Brown (R) and his navigator

The Championship leader board now has Peter Brown in the lead on 42 points one point ahead of Mal Wood with the consistent Bob Kahl in third. Only five points separate the top four boats at the half way point of the season.

HANDICAP RESULTS

Alan Mercer is having a great season and scored his third victory on Handicap and leads the series from Commodore Phil Short "Little Gem" and Rob Deshon "Rare Pleasure".



Alan Mercer (2nd from left) and his happy crew receiving handicap prize from Tony O'Keefe.

HAT TRICK PRIZE

"Smileys" were hard to come by at this event a total of 14 were scored, only Bob Kahl, Mal Wood and Graham Webb scored three each but not consecutively so The Hat Trick Prize, did not go off. The prize jackpots by \$50 at each event that a Hat Trick was not scored so for the next event, the Crab Island Classic on March 7, the prize is \$200!

NEW COMPETITORS

It was great to welcome new competitors at this event John Read "Northern Lady" and SYC Board Member Bob Howard "Anna Capri". Both scored McNab Butchery vouchers, welcome aboard and we are sure you will enjoy the fun and the challenge of the events and the camaraderie of fellow club members.

It was also great to welcome back Barry Peachey, after some major work was needed on "Suzanne".

A few regular boats were unfortunately missing from this event among them Gary and Daphne Doornbos who were at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart, they didn't take "Mahogany" this time maybe they will for the next AWBF in 2017.

COMING EVENTS

MAR 7- Crab Island Classic

MAY 2 - SYC OPEN

MAR 28- Buck Jones Memorial Trophy

June 13-14- Commodore's Trophy

NEXT EVENT- TRADITIONAL ONLY! NO ELECTRONICS!

Crab Island Classic –sponsored by XXXX, is our next Nav. Rally and will be a “Traditional Event” only, meaning no electronic devices can be used during the event that can provide information about your location or speed across the ground. Therefore GPS, Chartplotters, Smartphones, ipads, tablets, computers that have GPS capability cannot be used during the event also the use of depth sounders that have the function of providing speed across the ground cannot be used.

So it is back to plotting a course on a chart with pencils and rulers, using land marks, channel markers etc., should be a challenge and lots of fun!

Pisces is of great assistance in providing a run sheet that allows intermediate timing points to be added along the route. These timing points can be taken from channel markers, land marks etc. On the SYC website under Powerboats- Navigation- Pisces there are full instructions of how to plot intermediate timing points on a chart and then enter them into Pisces to produce a complete run sheet.

Following our tradition with this event there will be prizes for best “dressed” boat and crew using XXXX colours, logos, flags, t shirts etc. The associates committee will again be the impartial judges for these awards, so everyone has a chance at a valuable prize.

The Crab Island Classic is the first “Open” event for the year and it is hoped that there will be boats from RQYS joining us in this event.

ANZAC DAY 100 years

We wish to play our part in commemorating the most significant day in Australia’s history. PBC member Ken Tregeagle has been the driving force in arranging our club’s involvement in conjunction with Southport RSL Sub Branch .

Ken has obtained approval from GCWA, Water Police etc to have a “raft up” of SYC boats adjacent to the Cenotaph in Broadwater Parklands. We have room for about 15 to 20 boats, the boats will raft up at 90 degrees to the beach and will use existing mooring points to keep the boats in place. Full details will be issued shortly, but boats our will need to be in place on the afternoon of Friday April 24, for the ceremonies on ANZAC Day morning, commencing with the Dawn service from around 4.30am. The number of boats is limited and they will need to be of similar size, Ken can provide more details.

SYC Website

The SYC website has been revamped and can be a little confusing at first, now when you select POWERBOATS there is an arrow on the right hand side, if you click that it brings up all the sub headings for POWERBOATS.

FULL RESULTS FOR ALL OUR EVENTS ARE ON THE CLUBS WEB SITE UNDER POWERBOATS-NAVIGATION-RESULTS

If you have any interesting stories or information for our Newsletter please send to denniswatt1@gmail.com