



POWERBOAT NEWSLETTER

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Save Your Crew

SYC TRAINING SESSIONS

SYC Powerboat Committee is offering a series of training sessions specifically designed to meet the needs of SYC members to ensure everyone's boating adventures are safe and enjoyable.

TWO WAY RADIO – Learn the correct use of a marine two way radio, how to handle emergencies and much more, on completion you will be a **FULLY LICENSED MARINE RADIO OPERATOR- AVOID HEAVY FINES FOR USING A TWO WAY RADIO ILLEGALLY – BOOK NOW**

FIRST AID – Learn how to administer CPR, how to use a defibrillator and much more and receive a **FULLY ACCREDITED FIRST AID QUALIFICATION**

These courses also cover many other topics that will help to make your boating safer and more enjoyable. These course are very popular and will continue throughout the year. Bookings are now available for the next series of courses, do not miss out:-**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL contact- Bronwen at marketing.manager@southportyachtclub.com.au or phone 5591 3500**

CRUISING FLOTILLA NEWS

The weekend cruise in February saw us anchored at Paradise Point to have lunch ashore in a choice of restaurants. Several members arrived by car and then drove to Santa Barbara for a BBQ dinner.

The wind at the anchorage increased during the morning and made it very uncomfortable to remain and several boats chose to travel directly to Santa Barbara where conditions were much better and made for a very enjoyable evening. On Sunday we had morning tea at The Galley Restaurant a little further upstream at Boat Works. Some of the fleet departed for home and some of us stayed at Santa Barbara and enjoyed another night in perfect conditions.

Conditions for the pre-Easter cruise were not suitable for Ray (Samadhi) to lead the cruise as planned to Days Gutter. However he picked some alternative anchorages throughout the week before joining up with the boats participating in the Easter weekend cruise. Dr. Bob (Ace) had named the cruise 'The Beaches & River Cruise'. It started at Dux to the Canaipa Passage where sundowners were enjoyed on the beach. Saturday the flotilla proceeded to Lagoon Island located in the Logan River.

The Easter Bilby visited early Sunday morning before the fleet departed for Dux anchorage where a talent quest was organized by Laurel. Once again the Captain and crew of Ace provided not only a well-organized and planned cruise but also fabulous entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you all on the next cruise which is already fully booked. Look out for details of future cruises and end of season review in the weekly E-News.

NAVIGATION RALLIES

ROUND CRAB ISLAND

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The Round Crab Island was run on March 12, and VCP Graham and Fay Webb in "Van Man" were outright winners, this is their second win of the season. The previous win coming in the Vice Commodore's Trophy



VCP Graham Webb's "Van Man"

The first four boats all recorded single figure results, Van Man recorded four smileys in a row! and six checkpoints of 1 second early or late.

The next three boats "Rare Pleasure" Rob Deshon, "Bipty Bipty" Peter Brown and "Martini" Paul Matthews all recorded results of 8 points. So the positions were decided by count back, resulting in "Rare Pleasure" second, "Bipty Bipty" third.

Paul Matthews put in his best ever result but unfortunately on this day it was only good enough for fourth. Will and Alison Ewens aboard "Speranza" also recorded their best ever result of 10 in 5th place.

Handicap honours went to "Martini" with "Speranza" second and "Belle Tempo" Steve and Margot Manchester in third.

The Round Crab Island is the fifth round of the SYC Championship and the first leg of the Broadwater Series which also includes the Buck Jones event and SYC Open.

The day was finished off with the presentation and barbecue lunch on the western deck.

BUCK JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY

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The Buck Jones event was conducted on a challenging two part course starting near Jumpinpin and ending in Tippler's Passage.

A single figure result was needed to win the event but this time only one boat "Rare Pleasure" managed that with a score of 8. In second place was "Bipty Bipty" Peter Brown on 10 points and VCP Graham Webb recording a score of 15.

The Hat Trick prize for three smileys in a row went off again this time going to Peter Brown. Handicap honours for this event to Paul Matthews "Martini". Buck Jones son, Kim Jones was a welcome guest at Dux to present the prizes to the winners.



Rob Deshon's "Rare Pleasure"



VCP Graham and Fay Webb with Kim Jones

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

The SYC Club Championship is still very competitive at the top of the leader board. With two rounds to go Peter Brown holds a two point advantage over VCP Graham Webb. Graham and Peter have both recorded two wins this season and have shot clear of defending champion PC Mal Wood "Finky Dink" in third. Rob Deshon is in fourth outright and also leading the three part Broadwater Series.

On Handicap Will Ewens "Speranza" has a small lead over Steve Manchester "Bellle Tempo" and Paul Matthews "Martini".

"Should have booked on the SYC training course"



ANZAC DAY 2106

The SYC's spectacular involvement in the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC in 2015 was always going to be a hard act to follow. A similar raft up was planned by Ken Tregagle and his team, however there were restrictions on the use of flares this year and then the weather intervened. So the raft up was called off due to the strong wind warnings. But a display went ahead with the use of smoke machines and red LED lights. The club's contribution to the ANZAC Day was well received by all the people who were present for the dawn service.



Ken Tregagle and his intrepid crew getting smoke machines and lights ready before the ANZAC dawn service

SYC OPEN 2016

Saturday May 21

This year's SYC Open sponsored by the SYC Associates takes on even more significance as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of Southport Yacht Club.



To mark this special occasion invitations have been sent out to members who have been part of Navigation Events in past seasons. We are requesting them to join us for lunch following the SYC Open and, if they wish to, also be guests on competing boats.

A highlight of the lunch we will be the release of the printed history of Navigation Events over the period 2004 to 2015. This book follows on from the previous history written by Allan Roots covering 1959 to 2004..

Make sure you are part of this important day, even if you have not competed for a while make sure you enter this year's SYC Open.



"Mahogany" missed the Buck Jones Trophy, as Gary Doornbos along with Rhonda and Geoff Hughes had sailed down to the Classic & Wooden Boat Festival at the National Maritime Museum in Sydney's Darling Harbour held on April 16 -17. They had a great time, the lovely timber dinghy Gary built for the Festival attracted a lot of attention. The trip down and back was in moderate seas, but on the way back they left Coffs Harbour at 3am entering the GC Seaway at 11pm on last Friday to keep ahead of the very strong southerlies over the ANZAC weekend.

COMING EVENTS

CRUISING FLOTILLA

May 7 -8 - **Weekend Cruise**

June 4 -8 - **Queens' Birthday Cruise**

June 25 - **End of Season Dinner**

SEE UPDATES ON THE WEEKLY ENEWS

NAVIGATION RALLIES

May 21 - **SYC Open** sponsored by SYC Associates Committee,

please note: followed by special lunch and presentation at SYC Main Beach to mark the 70th birthday of SYC

June 11 - **Commodore's Trophy** (with overnight stay at RQYS Canaipa) sponsor Club Marine

June 12 - **Past Commodore's Open** – for Traditional Navigation (last round Cutty Sark Trophy)

JULY 2 - ANNUAL POWERBOAT PRESENTATION DINNER

SYC POWERBOAT WEBSITE - For full details of the Powerboat Calendar, Cruising Events, Full Navigation Rally Results, Photos and past Newsletters follow the link to "Powerboats" on SYC website - southportyachtclub.com.au

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