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"FROM THE BILGE"

What a great weekend we had hosting the SB3 dinghies during Sail Port Stephens, and what a great job our volunteers both on and off the water performed.. The Social Committee cleverly organised breakfasts and lunches for both the "on the water" volunteers and the visiting competitors. In fact so good was the organisation that several of the SB3 people have booked accommodation for next year!

Mention must also be made of those who helped behind the bar. We had a record night on Friday and the after race barbecues and general bonhomie really made the regatta one of the best that our visitors had attended. Interesting to note that over 1500 people associated with the regatta visited our area during the week, which, normally is a pretty quiet one tourist wise. We had over 80 yachts attending and are sure that we will have over 100 next year.

Our members performed very well with the Holbert brothers taking out first place in 'Rumbo' in the NSW IRL Championships, a great effort against very stiff competition. Matt Bonser in "Nervous" won the Performance Cruising Class with Exalte 5th, Saga 8th and Tanami 9th. Just goes to show that we "bushies" can hold our own with the best that the big cities can produce!

Saga and Distant Drums also competed in the Newcastle to Nelson Bay race on the first Sunday, Saga managed a 7th with Distant Drums not far behind.

I have not named volunteers as I am terrified of leaving someone out, but, please rest assured that your efforts were just fantastic and we on the Committee really appreciated everything that you did for us. We have a great family at the PSYC.

Full results for the whole event are on <http://www.sailportstephens.com.au>. Well worth looking at. Don't miss the photographs, they are really something..

Peter Foster is on the road to recovery. Jane tells us that he is almost to the stage where he can receive phone calls and visitors. We really look forward to having he and Jane joining us for the after race drinks on the deck very soon.

Pleased to be able to announce that our new carpet has been laid upstairs. Really looks very nice and makes the room look a lot bigger. Many thanks to the ladies who chose the pattern, we men stayed out of that one!

Mention must be made of the efforts that Rear Commodore Peter Ballard and our new Secretary and Licensee, Bill Haskell, have put into organising both the Regatta support and the running of our Club over the last couple of months. The work load has been very heavy and they have contributed enormously.

Put our Presentation Night on Saturday 29th May in your diaries, \$30 per head. See Pauline. This marks the end of the Summer Sailing Season and is one of our most important nights of the year.

Chardy Ladies are organizing a trip to Enzo's at Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley this coming Saturday (24th) . Private vehicles leaving at 9am for a good day of shopping and lunch. Call Maria on 49820146 for further info.

Dont forget that Port Stephens Buses are taking a contingent to the Lovedale Long Lunch on 16th May, contact Maria Albury on 4982 0146 if you would like to be part of the PSYC group. Costs \$67.00 including lunch and tasting glass!

Christmas in July will be held on 24th, will be a Dinner Dance...details later.

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR – Sunset Social BBQ from 6.00pm every Friday *except Friday 28th May* - as our presentation night is on the 29th. Whilst on this subject, from 4th June, until end of August our Sunset Social will be held on the first and third Friday evenings.

If you have any suggestions which you feel may help in the smooth running of our Club, please contact any of the Committee members.

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