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The Yardarm

**Sydney Boat
Show Bus
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Radio Changes Changed Again!!!

Our sailing Committee decided at their last meeting to modify the radio arrangements set out in the last Yardarm. We will not be phasing them out immediately but would like anyone who is contemplating replacing their radio to do so with a VHF rather than another 27 meg set.

Personally, I will be using VHF from now on as I feel that more of our members will hear my cries if I am sinking!

(Personal view only!)

Bus trip to Sydney Boat Show

This is taking a while to fill, Taking place on Sunday 1st August...The bus will be leaving here at 7.00am, arriving at Darling Harbour around 10.00am. It will leave for the trip home at around 4pm. This will enable the Chardy Ladies to punish the credit cards and the sailors to have a really good tour of the Boat Show. I believe that some liquid refreshments will be available on the return journey, courtesy of David Bray Yachts...Details and booking list is on the bar. We will need names and money by the 17th July so we can definitely let the bus company know the numbers. Contact Lindsay Cleland on 0407 811726 if you have any questions.

Flag Fix that did not happen!

We need a few hands to sew wire frames onto our new starters flags..Not a big deal but Brian Shaw thought we could have a Barbecue at the Clubhouse one Sunday lunchtime. Bring your own meat, salad to share, sail needle and some thread and a few yarns to share Looking at Sunday 18th July at this stage. Lets make this a commitment this month. We will announce it on the next couple of Saturdays. Once again, many hands make light work.

Sailing Committee Meeting, at the Clubhouse

10.00 on Saturday 14th August . See your nearest committee member if you have any matters that you would like raised.

Elliot 7 State Titles

We are presently talking with Matt Bonser (Nervous) about holding their next event here at Port Stephens, rather than at Lake Macquarie, where they have been held in the past. They would take place on Saturday 9th of October, the weekend following the October holiday Monday and would entail some volunteers on the start boat (supplied by them) and possibly a BBQ on the Saturday evening. The majority of them will stay at the Soldiers Point Caravan park in the manner of the SP3's during Sail Port Stephens. More about this next month.

I must say that events such as this benefit our Club to a very great extent both financially and in a PR sense.

Handicaps!!

Always a contentious subject. In fact I recall when I sailed with my father in the late 1940's they were frequently the main cause of raised voices at the bar of the Middle Harbour Yacht Club! Nothing has changed here at the PSYC, 60 years later!!!

Our Race Officer does a great job of entering the results into our computer but he does not set the handicaps on his own he has input from some of the sailing committee members. We must all understand that, if you do not sail, your handicap does not alter in that particular series. The programme we use (Yachtmaster) is set to adjust handicaps according to the elapsed time of each yacht competing in that series. So, if you want to improve your handicap, just compete as often as you can.

SMS Messaging.

We are often placed in a situation where it would be very handy to be able to notify every one of our skippers of a particular event such as a gale warning, or, a cancelled race, without trying to ring everyone.

We have now perfected being able to send text messages to every skipper who has a mobile phone (and uses/turns it on/looks at it occasionally!). To really test this, I will send a test message to each skipper by next Monday (29th) If you do receive this, please reply, which will save me chasing you.. If you do not receive a message, it will be because we do not have your mobile number in our records or the one that we have is wrong

If you are in the latter category please ring or text me on my mobile and I will make sure that your records are correct.

The Winners

Last but not least, congratulations to our new Club Champion Thief of Time and all who sail in her, and, of course, all the other prize winners. You can see who you are in the latest edition of the Quadrant! This is available in the Clubhouse right now

See you in the Bar

John Way

**Skippers Meeting
Friday 30th July
5.00 PM followed by a
FREE BBQ!!!**