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The Yardarm

Presentation Night
May 29th
Book Now!

Sail Port Stephens

What a great week!!! Over 80 yachts took part with the series commencing with a sail from Pittwater to Newcastle on Saturday 10th, then a race from Newcastle to Nelson Bay on Sunday, (our Saga came 7th), followed by three races for the Commodore's Cup on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Saga came 5th in Division 2, Distant Drums, Running Away and The Good Life also represented our Club.

Friday the 16th saw the commencement of the Performance Cruising Divisions in which our Club featured with great prominence. Nervous won the series followed by She's The One 2nd, Exalte 5th, Saga 8th, Tanami 9th. Unfortunately Gerard Nymyer in Distant Drums could not compete in the last two races, but came 15th after a 12th in race 1.

Rumbo came first in the IRL Division 2 NSW Championships with 3 wins, a 2nd and a fourth. A wonderful effort from the Holberts and crew.

We hosted the SB3's National Championships which saw 17 boats take part in the eight race series which was won by Jono Shelley who is an englishman presently living in Queensland.

The SP3 people were so impressed by our hospitality that they have already booked accommodation for next year!

Altogether it was a great week both for our Club financially and publicity wise and for our sport of Sailing in Port Stephens.

At this stage I would like to thank all of our volunteers both on the water and those who did such a great job in the Clubhouse. Behind the bar, behind the BBQ, organising lunches, cooking breakfast, tidying up and in so many ways contributing to a great week.

Next year we should have 100 boats!

I would also like to pay tribute to Paul O'Rourke, Dom Grundy, Jodhi O'Brien, Racemaster Ted Anderson (with us for the SP3's) and their support staff for organising such a successful series and for inviting our Club to be a part of it.

Apart from the Sailing Programme, the entertainment was sensational.

Special Mention

Two people who really do deserve one are our new Secretary and Licensee, Bill Haskell and Rear Commodore Peter Ballard who have done an incredible amount of work behind the scenes over the last month or so, both in regard to the Regatta and in and around our Clubhouse. Thank you both so much on behalf of us all.

Another Saga

Peg-leg Pat Hurley is taking off for Sydney this week to have his dicky hip replaced. We wish him all the best and a quick recovery. Note that he put it off until after Sail Port Stephens!

Bus trip to Sydney Boat Show

Taking place on Sunday 1st August...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. Places are filling quickly.

Wanted.. Old Manly Junior Sails. Bill Horder, one of our Social Members and a Nacra stalwart from the bush, wants to start a fleet for his Club juniors. If you can help ring him on 02 68235157

Wednesday BBQ's

I am repeating myself here but we would like the crew of the first yacht back to the Clubhouse to put the BBQ out on its rubber mat, get the onions from the freezer behind the bar and the sausages from the cool-room from the bar staff, light the BBQ and commence cooking! We will institute a cooking roster to take over from you if no-one volunteers! It is important to get the food cooking as soon as possible after the race.

The key for the BBQ room is behind the bar.

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Book now for the 29th of May., we are limited to about 100, the cost will be \$30 per head, catering is by Depz and a great time will be had by all.

End of Summer Season

Only two races to go!! Sternchaser this Saturday and the last of the Noakes Club Championship on May 1st. The winter programme will be on our website in the next couple of days.

See you in the Bar (and at Presentation Night!)

John Way