



## Port Stephens Yacht Club

Ridgeway Ave

Soldiers Point 2315

Hanini Bay showing what you can do single handed. She has now joined division 2.

## Commodores Report

New year's celebrations very different this year under Covid-19. However, my daughters posting on Facebook, confirm that the grandkids, parents, and us grandparents were kept very busy enjoying "the bay" this year I hope our members likewise also found time to relax with family and friends.

Attended several meetings associated with the review of TopYacht and Sailsys to potentially replace our current handicapping system Sail 100, the knowledge of our review team members is very impressive, and I am looking forward to their final recommendation.

I have almost completed the review of Roles and Responsibilities for all PSYC Board members and at an Operational Level assigned and or confirmed the various tasks which allow the "day to day" operation of our club. Members can expect to see an Organisation Chart within a few weeks.

From the 1st January 2021 we implemented NSW Government requirements with regard to "check-in" at the club with the Services NSW QR code, to assist our Covid- Marshall's please register with Service NSW and install the App. With increasing numbers of both members and visitors enjoying our club's facilities please ensure compliance with internal seating numbers of downstairs (max 40 persons - six per table), external 100 persons seated and standing.

Australia Day (26th January) Social cruise to Shoal Bay starting at 12:30 pm come along and join in this "fun day and fly a flag" there will be a free BBQ and the bar will be open from around 3:30pm, all members are most welcome even if not sailing! Next year we hope to join in with NSW Australia Day Regatta arrangements, watch this space for details.

Unauthorised parking is becoming a problem, please get yourself a PSYC sticker and attach to your vehicle, otherwise you might receive a move on notice.

Michael Kirby Commodore

# Vice Commodore Report

Hello all and happy sailing. We continue to keep our fingers crossed and that sailing remains up and running despite the COVID impacts. So far so good.

Key things happening are the Rules Update evening being run by our Club Training Officer Clive Jones on Friday 29 Jan 21 6:00pm. Come along and find out the changes that have come about from the introduction of the 2021-24 Rules updates. We are running a Club Planning session following on from the previous three. This will include an update on where we have come from and more importantly what we can do in the near future.

I have approached Pantaenius for another box of division flags and encourage boats to fly them when competing in multi division races.

It's great to see the growth of our fleet with Gift Horse and Xena recently joining the Club Register and suspect a Catalina is next.

By the time you read this we will have had our first official cruise with the running of our Australia Day cruise to Shoal Bay and back. More on this in the next Bilge and suggest this will be a part of future programs.

Other things happening include the current review of our Handicap system with the likelihood that we move to new system that better deals with our fleet, is more capable and more aligned with other club systems.

On a final note, please continue to check the Notice Board and Website for updates to the NORs and Sis.

Happy sailing and see you out there on the water.

Rick Pacey – Vice Commodore

## Welcome to New Members November 2020-January 2021

Toni Fox  
Steven Thomas  
Penny Meakins  
Robert Hooke  
Mark Cameron  
Patrick Morin

Trevor Cronin  
Lyn Webster  
Robin Foley  
Damian Abbott  
Jane Frances  
Christine Thomas

Kelly Hammond  
Michael Norvill  
Sandy Tawa  
Mark Brien  
Diane Kelaher  
Graham Smith

# Clive R. Jones (THE COOL RUNNING ONE) New rules report.

Many of you will be aware that we have just launched into the new round of the International Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024. Here's a quick summary of the key changes affecting us but of course you need to read them yourselves. This is very much the abridged version...

Definitions:

**Starting** – Crew and Equipment (such as bowsprits and sails) are excluded from being over the start line – it is only the hull that counts

**Sail the Course** – A new definition for Clarification that a string representing the track, when drawn taut, passes the correct side of each mark in the correct order, and the race committee can score a boat dnf without a protest.

**Clear Astern/Ahead** – Unlike Starting – still includes equipment in the normal position.

**Fundamental Rules:**

1.1 – **Helping those in danger** Any competitor or support person is obliged to help those in danger

2 – **Fair Sailing** A boat may be given a disqualification that is NOT excludable if found to have violated the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

14 – **Avoiding Contact** A right of way boat is only protected by the rule if sailing within the room to which you are entitled at mark roundings

Exoneration is moved to Rule 43 (below)

16 – **Changing Course** On a beat the right of way yacht cannot bear away to hunt a port tack boat – at all times before and after the start

18.1 – **Mark Room** Overlap must be established at the Zone. Wording changed to correct a loophole. The rule turns off when the boat entitled to room has passed the mark. This rule does not apply to boats on opposite tack on a beat, or if it is a continuing obstruction, nor with boats on opposite tacks if just one of them has to tack.

20.4 – **Hails** Additional requirements may be specified in the NOR – mainly for foiling and multihulls which can slow dramatically tacking. Onus is on Hailing boat to ensure message is conveyed.

37 – **Search & Rescue** If committee files code V with one sound – all boats to monitor the communications channel for S&R instructions.

43 – **Exoneration (new rule)** Consolidates statements from old rules 14(b), 21 and 64.2 into one rule. When as a consequence of breaking a rule a boat has compelled another to break a rule, that other boat IS exonerated. This is only if the contact does not cause damage or injury. **No penalty turns are required.**

*There are other minor changes which don't really affect us so I won't add any confusion. I hope you all have copies of the new rules on board and understand them. I have planned to hold a rule night for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January to help everyone get some more clarity so I hope that can be attended by all skippers and as many crew as possible. Hopefully very soon too we can have that Quiz night I mentioned for all sailing trivia, as a fundraiser for the Club and White Ribbon.*

Clive R. Jones  
Training Officer

# Membership Matters by Peta Oliver

The fee structure for new members to pay as they join the Club at various times throughout the year has been formalised and can now be found on the [New Membership Application form](#) on the Club's website.

Changes include:

- Youth/student membership for full-time students who are still living at home to ease the financial burden for parents
- Country membership for crew who sail in 12 or less races per year with PSYC, are a member of another club that is in their home locality which is considerable distance from PSYC.
- The membership year has been brought into alignment with the racing calendar, running from 1 September to 31 August each year. Thus all membership fees will need to be paid in full by 1 September 2021 for race participation.

## Girls on board. by Peta Oliver

Advertising for the Marineoutlet.com.au Women's Series has brought in 17 direct phone enquiries from women and a number of others via facebook or indirectly, when friends and partners are also showing interest as women share their experiences.

This is a great positive for the Club! Of the 17 enquires, 12 have already been out for one or more races and two have already joined!

The aim of the series is to promote sailing to women and generally get more women out on the water enjoying our wonderful sport.

The long term benefit to the Club and skippers is that we gain more members and more skilled crew over the course of time. Although the series is only running on alternate Saturdays many of the women have been out for other races too.

In the first race of the series held on 9<sup>th</sup> January it was wonderful to have 22 women out on the water. Overall, almost 27% of participants were women. However, when looking at each division separately only 20% of Division 1 participants were women whilst it was more than 40% for Division 2 competitors! For the second race on 23 January numbers were fairly similar. The results can be viewed on the website. High points are being awarded for first place, thus the vessel with the highest points across the series will be the overall winner.

A huge thank you to the sponsor but also to all the skippers and their crew, who are participating each week, for their willingness to take on inexperienced people for a try-out. Thank you for your patience in the role of coach and sometimes with more than one new crew. Thank you too, to the women, who have first braved making contact and then been willing to step outside their comfort zone and jump on board with people they have just met to try sailing for the first time.

Thank you to Allyson who has done an amazing job keeping up with facebook enquires and responding to each and every one! And to member Marian Sampson for the [article](#) in News of the Area. It's great to have the extra exposure.

All the women have reported enjoying their time on the water immensely, despite the steep learning curve, and all have been invited back for subsequent races by skippers! Conversely the women involved have commented, over and over again, how patient and wonderful the skippers and other crew were!

Ladies, don't forget to come back to the Club after racing to be in the running for the Women's Participation Prize – a voucher for Marineoutlet.com.au is up for grabs on each day of the series.



*Vivien & Manuela, two respondents to Marineoutlet.com.au Women's Series promotion of sailing opportunities for women. Out for the first time and leading the Div 2 pack aboard Jia, (13/1/2021). Both received a bottle of wine as the spoils of victory.*

# Captain's Corner

## Yacht Register as at 27/01/2021

This represents the current boats registered for racing with PSYC. If you have any queries or updates please don't hesitate to contact me. You will receive a response within a couple of days. Thank you to members for your patience for supplying the necessary documents for completeness of Club records.

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	<b>Yacht Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Yacht Type</b>	<b>Sail No.</b>	<b>Length (ft)</b>
1	51st PROJECT	Julian	Bell	Beneteau 51	7109	51
2	CHILLI	David	Simm	Corsair 24	C750	24
3	COOL RUNNINGS	Clive	Jones	Eureka 34	580	34
4	ELUSIVE	Rick	Pacey	Bavaria Match42	6608	42
5	EUSEMERE	Jack	Miaskowski	Jeanneau 11	PS 207	36
6	EXALTE	Craig	Tucker	E-Yacht 332	5872	33
7	FRIENDS	Peter	Symes	Etchell	1049	22
8	GIFT HORSE	Andrew	Parsons	Beneteau 18	PS18	18
9	HANINI BAY	John	Nederlof	Passage 33	4339	33
10	HERON	Steven	Jory	Hood 23	1348	23
11	JIA	Chris	Bebb	Swanson 32	259	32
12	KAOS	Ross	MacDonald	Cole 32	SA59	32
13	KARDINIA	Edward	Bowen	Hood 23	3769	23
14	MADNESS	Alan	Croft	Gerry 14	25	14
15	NEIGHBOURS HOOD	Martyn	Jeggo	Hood 23	MH 126	23
16	RAPTOR	Richard	Kerr	Elliot 9.6	6368	32
17	SERENADE	Stuart	Manley	Adams 21	39	21
18	SHE'S THE ONE	Michael	Kirby	NSX 38	5713	38
19	SMOKE & MIRRORS	David	Rundle	Enigma 34	M7	34
20	SOLANDA	Peter	Ballard	Santana 22	649	22
21	SUBZERO	Cherylle	Stone	Grainger CAT	PS75	43
22	TANGIER	Doug	Cross	Noelex 30	73140	30
23	THE GOOD LIFE II	Ross	Kelly	Beneteau	6764	40
24	THIEF of TIME	David	Ramsay	S80	2725	26
25	TROPPO	John	Gleaze	Elliott 7.8	5	26
26	TWITCHER	Steve	Plante	Beneteau 35	4944	35
27	TWO WAY STREET	John	Humphreys	Noelex 25	1000	25
28	UNA VITA	Ken	Peachey	NorthShore 11.2	MH 11	37
29	XENA	Toni	Fox	Jeanneau SO349	8349	33
30	YULUNGA	John	Grainger	Spacesailer	36	27

# Jet Stream *By Allison Barwood*

Ben, Corey and I would like to say a massive thank you to PSYC and all those members who've supported and helped us on our journey so far with our beloved yacht, 'Jet Stream'. She is a 2001 Catalina 320 MK II, who has become our second home.

The boys' Dad, Jason, was an avid 'boatie', sailor and member of PSYC. He instilled a love of sailing in the three of us, before he passed away nearly five years ago. Jason had a dream to purchase a live-aboard catamaran, home-school the boys for 12 months and cruise the South Pacific. Sadly, he never got to achieve this. But he did plant the seed for us to continue learning about boats and sailing, which lead us to purchase our little yacht.



The boat was called 'Bus Stop' when we first bought her but it just didn't resonate with us. So we conducted a naming ceremony to appease King Neptune and re-named her 'Jet Stream'. We wanted an aviation-associated name in memory of Jason, as he was a pilot.

The crewing and teaching opportunities provided by PSYC skippers and their selflessness in sharing knowledge and information, also gave us confidence to purchase 'Jet Stream'. This is something I will always be grateful for. We still have a lot to learn and master, but the boat is also proving to be a great (and forgiving) teacher!

For someone who didn't really know the difference between a spanner and a screw-driver, it has been a steep learning curve mastering the maintenance basics. Luckily I have two self-proclaimed 'experts' who are quick to show their Mum how things are done.



Ben (aged 15) is our 'ship's engineer' and has completed numerous boat electrical projects; including re-building the boat's 12V sound system, installing 12 volt chargers throughout the cabins, re-building our electric bilge pump and assisting Ross Bell with installing our new battery charge controller. Ben has also sourced and installed a new log and we finally have boat speed up and running. He also trouble-shot a recent fuel leak and with the expert supervision of Laurence (club secretary Marina's fiancé), he repaired it. His future projects include installing a chart plotter and auto-pilot.



Corey (nearly 12) is our sailing master; in charge of sail trim and getting every 0.1kt out of the boat, while telling his older brother he doesn't know what he is doing. He has also been known to suddenly desert his post and go down below to sleep or snack.

I am looking forward to doing a marine diesel engine basic maintenance course in March. I can't wait to see the look on the boys' faces one day when they get home from school and I tell them their mother serviced the engine that day. (I hope it still fires up when I'm done.....)

The boys were shocked one day after school when I told them I went solo, taking the boat out on my own for the first time. The wind was only forecast to be 10-12 NE but it got up to a sustained 21Kts. With a reef in the main, the boat took good care of me and it was a sail I will never forget, as I really felt I achieved something that day.

So far we have had many fun local adventures on 'Jet Stream'. Our max speed to date is 9.7kts, when we surfed down a wave in the swell a few miles offshore, with an experienced sailing mate onboard. The boys and I loved it but the dog was not at all impressed. Our favourite local destination is of course, Broughton Island.

As we get more confident, we are planning on sailing further afield - doing short coastal trips and eventually one day, cruising further north to QLD.

**Thank you PSYC. Allison**

The Bilge January 2021

# Seagull Droppings

While at anchor at Fame Cove Peta and Rossco on Kaos found out the following.

Kaos: Lesson Learnt: When at anchor, secure your tender before



1. passing the oars to the crew on the yacht
2. passing the outboard kill switch key to the crew on the yacht
3. dog jumps aboard yacht, but misses and submerges 1 m
4. Owner panics and throws painter away in an attempt to rescue the dog
5. drifting away from the yacht while retrieving dog from the water
6. Skipper dives into water to retrieve dinghy painter and loses only pair of multifocal glasses (on board) to the mud at the bottom of Fame Cove

All this as a thunderstorm is starting to break!

The sea Gull cannot understand Australia Day. He knows Captain Cook arrived in April 18 years before 1788 and Captain Arthur Philip's fleet got to Botany Bay on 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January, not the 26<sup>th</sup>!!

The Afloat magazine dated November shows the rise in sea water of 12 Centimetres at Fort Denison Sydney harbour over 90 years! And there will be a total lunar eclipse on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

How's This!! Since coming to PSYC, Chris Bebe has lost overboard, **six** FLOATING winch handles. He puts his telephone number and "Jia" on them and has **four** of them returned by fishermen!!

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR WANTED

- Do you enjoy meeting new people and talking with fellow members?
- Do you enjoy organising things?
- Do you get satisfaction from giving back to the community?

**your Club needs You!**

**Peta Oliver 0435 206 650**

## RSAs NEEDED

- Rostered bar service, just a few hours per month
- PSYC sponsors cost of course
- Courses online in your own time or face-to-face at Tomaree Education Centre
- Course is quick and easy to do

**your Club needs You!**

**For more information contact**

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Some Jet Skiers do keep clear of yachts

Peter Ballard won the battle at wounded knee (see knee) AND first over the line AND Div.2 Sat 23rd



Stuart Manley's photos of the



Commodore's Cup



Hey Riley, I guess you won the twilight race. Is that Grandpa with you???



COMMODORE AT WORK!!

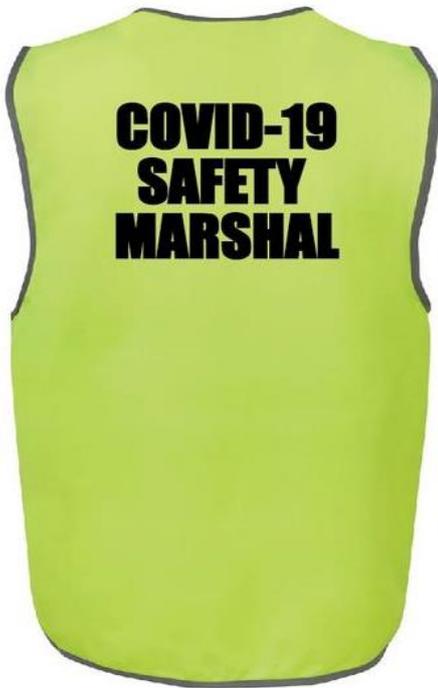
This one was taken on Australia day.

Australia Day Guests

Peter Doyle and his mate.



Geoff Hall and Ebony Hall Waiting for the others.



More members are needed for Covid Marshal Duty to keep our Club safe and open.

Please contact Peta Oliver 0435 206 650

Responsibilities:

- ❖ view green tick for check in for all patrons
- ❖ remind patrons from time to time to remain seated indoors maintaining seated capacity as per covid requirements

# Club Merchandise

Purchases available at the bar in cash only

## Old Club Shirts Sell Off



New Club Polos \$30



Last Navy Blue Striped Shirt  
Size 12



White Shirts  
with Black Trim

Sizes Available

10  
12  
14  
16



PSYC Burgee \$20



Old Shirts  
\$20 each  
Last Hat  
\$10

PSYC Stickers also available for \$2 ea.

# Port Stephens Yacht Club - Board Members

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