



Heather Liney: Our smallest skipper with the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest Yacht, Belamy

## Commodore's Report

Once again, the last twelve (12) months have been a busy time at PSYC for club members and your board of directors, reflecting the year passed I have summarised the major items:

1. **PSYC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration held on Saturday 19th March 2022 from all report was a massive success and a credit to our volunteers, specific highlights:
  - a. PSYC 50th Anniversary History Book.
  - b. Sail Pass.
  - c. Hospitality, Displays, Prizes, Entertainment.
  - d. Kate Washington's congratulating PSYC in the NSW Legislative Assembly and the presentation of a Gold Certificate.
2. **Sail Port Stephens Regatta (SPS)** 4<sup>th</sup> - 10th April 2022.
  - a. PSYC member participation both racing and volunteer's on water.
  - b. PSYC open for BBQ's, Bar Service and Hospitality - Friday thru Sunday to provide a "local" activity base in Soldiers Point.
3. **Australian Sports Boast Association Regatta** 26th to 29th May 2022.
  - a. PSYC was the organising authority, in conjunction with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) running a very successful regatta on the waters of Port Stephens.
4. May 2022, I attended **Sailing Australia (SA) 2022 NSW & ACT Club Conference** at the CYCA.
5. Inaugural **Mid-Year General Meeting** was held on Monday 20th June 2022
  - a. Which update members on our plans, financial position, membership, and a Q&A session.
6. **Members Only Portal** on the PSYC website
  - a. Full functionally is still to be rolled out to the membership, Paul Sinclair's contribution has been outstanding, and I expect this project to be completed shortly.

## 7. Social Events & Presentation

- a. Introduced the “Hearty Meal” Friday nights starting in June 2022, so far three (3) function have been well support by members.
- b. Presentation season 21/22, Friday 21st October with catering by Two Bobs – gourmet BBQ.

## 8. PSYC Board

- a. Secretary Penny Meakins resigned 30th June 2022; Deb Wellwood agreed to take on the role up to the November 22 AGM.
- b. PSYC has nine (9) board position, however the Treasurer and Director 2 role remained vacant despite seeking interest directly & via the “Bilge”.
- c. Your Commodore assumed the role of Treasurer throughout the last twelve (12) months.
- d. Retiring Board Members
  - i. Director 1 – Peta Oliver.
  - ii. Director 3 – Jan Payne.

## 9. Membership

- a. Membership initiatives for all ages, She Sails (Australia Sailing) events, Women’s Series, training, Soak Up Sundays and Women’s Helm to name a few.

## 10. Sailing

- a. PSYC complied with Sail Pass to implement Australian Sailing Rule 46 as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Change become the norm last year and that extended to Board Members with resignations during the last twelve months, thank you for your service over the years to PSYC. New responsibilities were allocated, and sub-committees formed to take on the myriad of tasks and jobs required to keep PSYC functioning month by month. I’m continually amazed at the depth of skills demonstrated by our members and their willingness to step-up and help be it an IT issue, working bee, training, social event, RSA, Covid related, it doesn’t matter and thus I extend a thankyou on behalf of all PSYC membership to our volunteers no matter what the role, you are amazing.

A special mention to **Director’s retiring** at the AGM.

Peta Oliver who has been a PSYC board member for many years, will be standing down at the upcoming AGM, as she focuses on work and family commitments. Your energy and commitment to PSYC has been outstanding and unquestionable.

Jan Payne a PSYC board member for twelve (12) months, provided a fresh view and perspective which has improved our club operations and governance, Jan will be standing down at the upcoming AGM. Thank you for your service!

The nominations for PSYC Board Members have closed, several current board members, have **withdrawn nominations** to allow “new blood”, this being the case we have filled eight (8) of the nine (9) board positions, which has been communicated via the secretary to members.

1. David Simm (Rear Commodore) will retire as a board member at the AGM, David has been a PSYC board member for at least ten (10) years, working with past Commodores John Way, Bill Haskell, John Townsend, and myself. It was David (plus other members) who negotiated with PSC to secure a lease of five (5) years plus an option for a further five (5) years and thus security of tenancy of our club at Soldiers Point. The location at Soldiers Point which we continue to enjoy, was directly related to David and team which used all their negotiating and contacts to bring about our lease. Over the years David role has ensured the maintenance of the PSYC facilities, so a special thankyou to the time and effort you and your family have provided PSYC over the years.
2. Rick Pacey (Vice Commodore) will retire as VC but remains a director following the AGM, Rick has been the driver behind PSYC sailing programmes, compliance, and handicapping (Top Yacht) and as a director will be an ongoing resource for PSYC into the future.
3. Ross McDonald (Club Captain) will retire as CC but takes on the role of Rear Commodore, Ross provided support to the VC for many years and as RC will be a resource for the new directors (VC & CC) into the future.

Thanks to members supporting my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as your Commodore, I’m looking forward to expanding on our achievements of the past years and growing PSYC into the future!

Happy Sailing for the 22/23 season it will be great fun!

Michael Kirby

# Sail Crew Whatsapp

**Hello all:** As raised at the Skippers Meeting please be advised that WhatsApp is a useful tool for skippers to communicate their intention to sail or otherwise, and for crew and skippers to connect. I reiterate that it is advisory only and not an official record for PSYC business or Race Documentation. The website and notice board are the official means of communicating these documents.

We encourage all skippers and crew to take up membership of the Sail Crew group. For questions or setup support please contact Chris Bebb.

Thanks Rick Pacey

## Spring Lake Yacht Club, Michigan, USA Burgee Exchange



Erik Peterson, a past Commodore of Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake, Michigan, USA was holiday in Taree visiting family. He was asked to exchange his Club burgee with an Australian Yacht Club. Hence his visit on Wednesday, November 15. Bill Haskel is pictured handing over our Burgee during the Burgee exchange.

## ***Volunteer wanted to assist with PSYC website maintenance.***

*The Club is looking for members who would be willing to support Paul Sinclair in the maintenance and updates of the website. The aim is to share the workload and provide coverage if Paul is unavailable.*

*Experience in WordPress or other web building environments would be ideal. Anyone who is interested and has general high level pc skills and a willingness to learn should nominate themselves. If you are interested in finding out what is involved please reach out to Paul via [ITManager@psyc.com.au](mailto:ITManager@psyc.com.au). Paul has extensive experience in training people in IT development so don't be afraid.*

## **The clubhouse clean-up organized by Peta Oliver and Rossco.**



The results speak for themselves. Thank you to all those who came down and lent a hand on 20.10.2022.

**Will it stay like this? (Ed.)**





## Why White Ribbon?

November 19<sup>th</sup> was White Ribbon Day in Australia, and the following '16 Days of Action', an important time for all of us to pause and "reflect, respect, protect".

The statistics around the issue of men's violence against women haven't changed at all since PSYC started actively supporting White Ribbon and with COVID isolation, the past 2 years has made them worse.

More than one woman a week killed by someone she knows, trusts, or loves. One in three women subject to abuse or violence from a man before the age of 15.

Men are not always great at asking for help when they need it. Sometimes we'd rather avoid some feelings and prefer to feel like we have got everything under control.

So, it's important that we ... men ... pause and reflect on our attitudes and behaviors, and importantly, talk about them. Regardless of our beliefs ... we still live in a patriarchal world. We view events, things other people say and do, particularly the things women say or do, through our own male lens. This behavior is changing, but slowly. It's generational.

Perpetrators of abuse rarely look like who we want them to because they look like us and people we know. We don't want to think about that. So, we try not to think about it at all. Or, we think in terms of how we'd feel if the abuse happened to someone we loved. We don't like that either, because thinking about who violence happens to, might mean we have to think about who's doing it. And why they think they can. Recognition of that sentiment has galvanized and enraged women across the country over the past few years, and we've seen that anger grow.

Although we might not like it, the anger is justified. The law, courts and criminal justice systems have shown us on numerous occasions that those processes are still stacked in favor of perpetrators and against victims.

"In men, anger, no matter how unreasonable, is always reasonable. In women, that same anger is irrational." "Men argue, women rant. Men speak with authority, women screech." "An angry man is credible. An angry woman is difficult." \* This is the male lens.

Lots of stuff to think about ... and still a long way to go

Thank you, Port Stephens Yacht Club, for your continued support of White Ribbon. Please continue to Stand Up and Speak Out to End Violence Against Women.



**Arti Bell came 5<sup>th</sup> in the  
NSW Flying 11  
Championships  
Congratulations Arti.**

# Presentation Night - Award Winners

## Individual Awards

Bar Person	Wendy Mountford
Crew Person of the Year	Riko Eguchi
Club Person of Year	Deb Wellwood
Encouragement Award	MacKenzie Landa
Coastal Cruising Award	Julian Bell
Starters Award	Heather Atkins, Jenny Frost, Judith Plante, Bill Haskell
Volunteer Contributions	Paul Sinclair
Wounded Rock Award	John Nederlof

## Racing Awards

Trophy Name	First	Second	Third
Commodores Trophy	Chris Bebb	Ken Peachy	John Humphreys
Hood Trophy	Joe Jory	Edward Bowen	Dyer and Jeggo
Jack Holman Trophy	David Simm	Ken Peachy	David/Hume
Bergman Trophy	Dyer/Jeggo	John Humphreys	John Grainger
Offshore Islands Race	Chris Bebb	Peta Oliver	Richard Kerr
Anniversary Teams Regatta	Team Blue: 51 <sup>st</sup> Project/Eusemere/Two Way Street		
Long Spring Afternoons	Symes/Pace/Zarbo	Michael Kirby	David Simm
Long Summer Afternoons	Michael Kirby	David Simm	Craig Tucker
Long Autumn Afternoons	David Ramsey	Michael Kirby	Craig Tucker
Short Spring Afternoons	Joe Jory	Shep Shepard	Edward Bowen
Short Summer Afternoon	Andrew Parsons	John Grainger	Alan Croft
Short Autumn Afternoons	John Humphreys	Peter Ballard	Ian Barnard
Wednesday Winter Afternoons	Michael Kirby	Alan Croft	John Humphreys
Spring Covid Cup Div 1	Richard Kerr	Symes/Pacey/Zarbo	Rick Symes
Spring Covid Cup Div 2	John Humphreys	John Grainger	Peter Ballard
Inshore Sternchaser	Ian Barnard	Symes/Pacey/Zarbo	Andrew Parsons
Sprint Races	Michael Kirby	Dave Rundle	Ross Kelly.
Women's Summer Series Div 1	Wedge Paradise	Michael Kirby	Ross Kelly
Women's Summer Series Div 2	Cherylle Stone	John Grainger	Cameron Chick
Cove Marine Women's Spring Div 1	Clive Jones	Wedge Paradise	Symes/Pace/Zarbo
Women's Helm Series	Peta Oliver	Richard Kerr	Michael Kirby
Summer Point Score Div 1	David Simm	Wedge Paradise	Ken Peachey
Summer Point Score Div 2	John Grainger	Chris Bebb	Cherylle Stone
Autumn Point Score Div 1	Clive Jones	David Ramsey	Michael Kirby
Autumn Point Score Div 2	Ian Barnard	John Humphreys	Chris Bebb
Winter Point Score Div 1	Michael Kirby	Ken Peachey	David Rundle
Winter Point Score Div 2	Chris Bebb	John Humphreys	(equal) Dyer/Barnard
Club Championship Div 1	Michael	Ken Peachey	David Simm
Club Championship Div 2	Chris Bebb	John Humphreys	John Grainger

# Trophy Winners



Sprint races  
**She's the One**



Long Spring Afternoon  
**Friends**



Bergman Trophy  
**Neighbour's Hood**



Hood Trophy  
**Heron**



Autumn Pointscore Div 1  
**Crazy Little Thing**



Club Person of the Year  
**Deb Wellwood**



Teams Winners  
**Eusamere, 51<sup>st</sup> Project & 2WS**



Starters Trophy  
**Heather, Bill, and Judy**



Women's Helm Series  
**Kaos**



Cruising Award  
**51<sup>st</sup> Project**



Club Championship Div. 1 Team  
**She's the One**



Club Championship Div. 2  
**Two Way Street**

# Presentation shots by Jan





# Emergency Services Regatta Lake Macquarie.

By Clive Jones

Members took part in the Emergency Services Regatta at RMYC Toronto over 4 days in Nov as part of the Sports-boat fleet. Clive and Mel took "Crazy Little Thing" and had Rossco Macdonald for 3 days and Tim Peachey for the first race. Tim returned on the Monday to crew with another boat Monkey Business. Rhino and his team missed the weekend but did the 3rd and 4th day on Wubaray.

Day 1 was part of the RMYC 30 miler, a tad further than our "marathon" and it certainly felt that way after 6 hours on the little boat. Wind was a light to moderate Easterly. Crazy had a great start and was half way home before 2 of the "faster" boats hauled us in. Sunday saw very little wind and from the East. Crazy went pretty well again and ended the day 1 point off 3rd place after 4 races. Racing was curtailed by thunderstorms.

Monday brought Westerlies and fresh. A short passage race and then windward leewards. In Toronto bay it was wildly tricky with boats seen heading upwind on opposite tacks in the same direction. The Crazy crew was showing how to start races and going well having moved up to the podium spot until midway through

the 3rd race the jib halyard broke. Wind gusts were reported to be around 30 knots so it was too difficult to finish and we withdrew. Meanwhile Wubaray was muscling around with only 3 guys but going well. Rossco was feeling battered and bruised after a couple of uncomfortable falls as well as almost walking backwards off the boat as it took off. Lucky I caught him. We were all happy for an early bath.



The final day brought more of the same but from the East. Wubaray had 5 problems so pushed harder and got some good results. It was short windward-leewards today. With an average age of 57 on Crazy we had run out of steam and called it quits after a couple of races. We had a real blast though and the spinnaker runs were adrenaline pumping; amazing. A fun regatta to which we will return.

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## Welcome to New Members

Crew Members – Stephen Willis, Dennis Green, Charly Wellard and Ian Beck.

Social Members - Mark Palmer

# Crew member Of The Year- Richo Eguchi



Riko Eguchi has been a loyal member of “Yulunga’s” crew since before covid. She came to us as a sailing novice and now she has learnt all the control line positions, can handle winches and halyards, help on the foredeck, can operate the VHF and 27 Meg radios and helm in calmer conditions. She always helps with furling sails and covers etc ensuring the boat is left safe and even reminds the skipper to check the sea cocks and battery switches. She has therefore become a competent crew member.

Often she has been one of the few female members competing in the women's series but there has not been three women in our division for her to be recognised. Additionally, Riko has become Team Yulunga's social director and has been the driving force in designing and making decorations for the 50th Year and Australia Day celebrations; Making an aboriginal flag and a Ukraine flag and also providing our Boxing kangaroo Australia Day decorations for which Yulunga received first price in both events.

Riko has also joined Marine Rescue Port Stephens as crew member and Watch Officer and radio operator. On Wednesdays she has come from Marine Rescue duties to crew on Yulunga in the afternoon showing dedication to both. When Yulunga is not sailing Riko has been encouraged to join the crew of other yachts and has crewed on Two Way Street, Thief of Time, 51st Project, Kaos, Gift horse, Rhythm and now her own yacht, La Sonrisa.

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## Sail donation Transport.

We are indebted to Tim Abel of Tasmania for the delivery of the donated sails to Alatau PNG and to Wendy Stein who runs the Kula Spirit Medical Ship both give a big thank you to Port Stephens Yacht Club, and Airlie Beach Sailmakers for collecting used sails for the Pasana Group MBP PNG.

This school builds and trains traditional sailing canoe skills.

Fuel is expensive and these traditional craft are a cheap alternative for transport of people and cargo around islands in Milne Bay Province. Thanking Thor Jensen and Tim Abel.



Wendy Stein loaded Medical supplies for Alatau Hospital

**Thor Jensen and Crew after circumnavigating PNG**



Kevin Le Poidevin with the sails and Ropes.

**Tim Abel’s Cray Boat “Cape Floriester” built from Celery Top Pine in Tas.**



As I write this I learned that Tim Abel’s uncle, Sir Christopher Abel, passed away this week in PNG.

# SAFETY AT SEA

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Kevin Le Poidevin reminded me that no report has yet been received regarding the yacht NEXBAR rescue off Woolongong. Kevin wrote "John you may want to include this safety page link in 'The Bilge' as it has the report related to a MOB death during 2022 Newport Bermuda plus many other relevant reports." (Kevin is preparing to sail single handed around the world )

REPORT ON INQUIRY BY US SAILING INTO THE PERSON OVERBOARD INCIDENT ON THE YACHT "MORGAN OF MARIETTA" IN THE 2022 NEWPORT-BERMUDA RACE The 52nd Annual Newport to Bermuda Race ("Race") started off **Newport, Rhode Is.** <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/safety-reports/>

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## Farr 2X Rescue

**What is happening about the Capsize and rescue of the two sailors rescued when the yacht NEXBA capsized off Woolongong.?**



The October 2022 Afloat magazine reported that the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club had appointed a panel to investigate the incident but no report has been issued. AMSA and Maritime NSW are yet to comment. Leaving us with the two fundamental questions.

Why did the keel fall off a brand-new yacht and why did it take 12 hours for the alarm to be raised?

*See the earlier report in the Bilge, page24 June/July issue. (On our web site).*

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# The Great Yacht Club Selfie War.

Two couples fought hard to win the war. One team (the Mountfords), travelled to New Zealand and the other (The Plantes) Victoria Australia.

## The clubs visited by Judy and Steve Plante were:-

Port Fairy, Warnambool, Apollo Bay, Torquay, Barwon Heads, Queenscliff yacht club, Pt.Lonsdale yacht club, St Leonards, Indented Head, Portarlington, Royal Geelong, Geelong trailerable yacht club.

Judy and Steve Plante



## The Mountford's toured the land of the Long White Cloud visiting the following clubs:-

Napier Sailing Club, Howick Sailing Club, Bucklands Beach Sailing Club, Taupo Sailing Club, Two Mile Sailing Club Taupo, Mercury Sailing Club Whitianga, Ponsonby Cruising Club, Richmond Yacht Club, Buckland's Beach Sailing Academy, Victoria Cruising Club, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron, Northcote, Birkinhead Yacht Club.



Wendy Says that her daughter went through the ranks at Young Mariners in both Buckland Beach and Howick in Auckland NZ, her old stomping ground.



Wendy said, the Taupo Yacht Club is at a gorgeous location in the banks of Lake Taupo which Hugh and she and their two grandchildren visited in October



# Jack Holman Trophy



The Jack Holman Trophy is held each year in honour of Jack who was a popular member of the club. His family bequeathed \$ 10,000 for a race in his name with a perpetual trophy for the winner and prizes for the placegetters each year November. An amount was also set added to assist junior sailing in our club.

The Holman family came along to celebrate and present the prizes on the day.

The Hollman family were on hand to hand out the goodies.

Attending were Jack's brother Brian, his sister Christine and Christine's daughters, Jillian and Rachael.

## Congratulations Manuela and Chris from Jia, Winners of the Jack Holman Trophy.

First second and third placing came from Division 2 as the conditions suited their handicaps.



**Jia, Gift Horse,  
and Two Way  
Street got the  
goodies**



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