



THE PENNANT



HRYC's first female Commodore, Libby Braybrooks L. Malone 16.5.15

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Club merchandise

Club burgee \$10
Blue Book \$34

Next committee meeting

Thursday, August 11th 2016, 7pm
6 View Street Cowan
All members welcome

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From the Commodore

Our AGM was well attended, and those members who made the journey to Dangar Island were rewarded with a bright sunny day. Our meeting followed the usual agenda, and the new committee was elected. As Terry Dorrough was unable to continue as Commodore, I was elected to fill that role, and with your help, will endeavour to steer the club forward. Mark Cole continues as Rear Commodore and Ed Levy has taken on the role of Honorary Secretary and membership officer, Garry Irons still holds the purse strings. The rest of the committee remains unchanged except, that we welcome James Donnelly who will be a valuable addition. The trophies were handed out to the various winners, congratulations to you all.

We welcome some new members to the club and some 'old' ones back. Tony Klugt is planning to sail his Bounty 35, *Naomi*; Ian McKneil who has been a sailing member, is now planning to race his Compass 28, *Sylph*, and Lars Gundlach is currently cruising on his catamaran *Lyra*. Crew members Ceri Adams, Vanessa O'Keefe, Lucan Sinclair, Elizabeth Noble and Rob (Gus) Vans-Colina have all joined, or re-joined the club. The committee is pleased to have you all on board.

The Events Calendar for 2016-2017 starts with Category 7 Audits. The first was held last weekend (23rd July). There are two more weekends available, so please book in with Ed Levy. Ed has offered to have our fire extinguishers checked by Gosford Sailing Club on 13th August, if you would like to take advantage of his generous offer, then please contact him (0404 032 735).

The first race of the season will be on 20th August. Mark Cole has put together a very comprehensive race calendar, with many new races to whet your appetite - if not your decks. For those with boats that can be brought up to *Category 4* standard, there is the possibility of joining offshore races with Gosford Sailing Club; this has been included in the program.

Mark has also completed the draft of the Club's New Handbook, which will be on the website for comment. Please take the trouble read it and pass on any comments, as the committee is keen to hear your opinion. It has been a huge task, so thank you Mark.

The 'works' which are being undertaken by Hornsby Shire Council at Parsley Bay boat ramp, continue. I encourage all members to contact the council (Alan Boyd aboyn@hornsby.nsw.gov.au), concerning the need to dredge the basin; as they say, 'the squeaky wheel gets the oil'.

The new committee plans to hold several fund raising events to keep our treasurer happy; watch this space.

Libby Braybrooks
Commodore

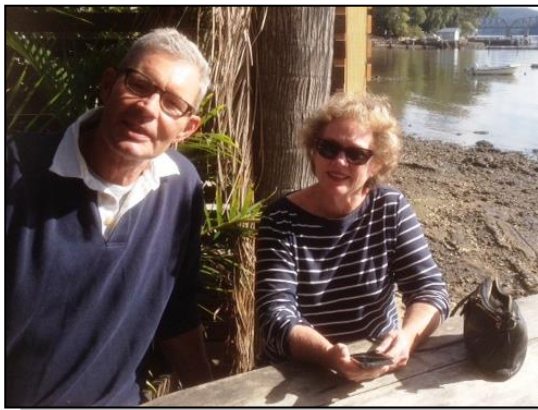
Start boat training

Over the past few months Ed Levy has been running training sessions on the club's start boat, *Lollipop II*. So far, James Donnelly, Charles Hill, Russell Bellamy, Ken Barclay, Lee Malone and Libby Braybrooks have received instruction.

The club requires all start boat skippers to have a *General Boat Driving Licence*, which most of our trainees already have.



Ed and Ken taking a well earned break L. Malone 2.6.16



The trainees - Ken and Lee E. Levy 2.6.16

We're currently looking at options for training those members who don't yet have their licence, and RMS was due to produce their new syllabus on June 1 2016.

Training hasn't been all hard work, with Ed providing diversionary stops at Dangar Island for lunch for the last two trainees. Thanks must go to Ed for methodically and calmly taking us all through our paces.

Currently Cruising...

Zeehaen's progress

For those of you who might have been wondering what happened to Lou and Rob from *Zeehaen*, well the wait is over. I caught up with them just over a week ago in Tauranga, on New Zealand's north east coast where they had just completed a lift out, readying the boat for the next leg of their journey to the Pacific.

Rob readying *Zeehaen* at Tauranga



It was interesting for the day-sailor to tap into the lives of liveaboards, not just to see how they live (diesel heaters, electrical equipment fully sustained by solar/wind, folding push bikes), but also to hear the array of stories that they've collected from other cruising yachties; for example, multiple solo trips over the Pacific by 82 year-olds, and families with teenagers who take two months to cross the Indian Ocean to name a few. It was also good to see the photos of New Zealand's South Island, which they took when they headed down the west coast in January (something I'm told few yachties do). It's certainly a beautiful, wild and sparsely inhabited piece of the planet - and right at our doorstep.

They had been thinking of heading to Tahiti, but thought they might run short of time in regards to



Lou, staying warm by the diesel heater



You've gotta love these guys... (photos L. Malone July 2016)

the coming cyclone season (their change in plans were a minor disappointment to your Editor, as I was keen to use their arrival and catch up with relatives in Raiatea). Instead, they're heading for Nouméa in New Caledonia, hoping to leave their second cold, wet and windy New Zealand winter behind. They cleared customs last Tuesday, July 26th, so should be well on their way for the 1300 mile journey, which from memory, they thought would take 11-14 days.

You can follow their progress on -

<https://skipr.net/where-is/boat-pages/?boatid=833>
They'll send emails (via HF) to Rob's son, who'll keep Skipr.net updated.

I'm sure all of you will wish them well in this next leg of their journey to "*dream, explore and discover*".

Editor (vicarious sailor - Zeehaen)

Calendar of Events 2016 -2017 - Draft

Month	Day	Date	Events for 2016 - 2017	Time	Comment
August 2016	Sunday	7th	Audit Day – Parsley Bay		
	Sat	13th	Audit Day – Parsley Bay		
	Sat	20th	Windward – Leeward No. 1 Spring No. 1	1230	
September 2016	Sat	3rd	River Passage No. 1 Spring No. 2	1230	
	Sat	17th	Windward – Leeward No. 2 Spring No. 3	130	
October 2016	Sat	1st	River Passage No. 2 Spring No. 4	1230	
	Sat	15th	Windward – Leeward No. 3 Spring No. 5	1330	Daylight Save starts Oct 2nd
November 2016	Sat	5th	River Passage No. 3 & 4 Spring No. 6 & 7	1100	Lunch at Hallet's between races
	Sat	12 th	BBIC – Gosford Gallop	1100	
	Sat	19 th	Windward – Leeward No. 4 Spring No. 8	1330	
	Sat	26 th	Offshore Series No. 1 Broken Bay to Port Jackson (GSC – overnight at CYCA)	1100	
	Sun	27th	Offshore Series No. 2 Port Jackson to Broken Bay (GSC)	1100	
December 2016	Sat	3rd	Brian Malone Rhumb Cup HRYC Christmas Party	1330	
	Sat	10th	BBIC – Three Islands Race River Passage No. 5 Spring No. 9	1100	
	Sat	17th	Windward – Leeward No. 5 Spring No. 10	1330	
January 2017	Sat	21st	Windward – Leeward No. 6 Autumn No. 1	1330	
February 2017	Sat	4th	Three Islands Race River Passage No. 6 Autumn No. 2	1100	
	Sat	11th	BBIC – Brooklyn Bash	1100	
	Sat	18th	Windward – Leeward No. 7 Autumn No. 3	1330	
March 2017	Sat	4th	River Passage No. 7 & 8 Autumn No. 4 & 5	1100	Lunch at Hallet's between races
	Sat	11th	BBIC – Pittwater Pursuit	1100	
	Sat	18th	Windward – Leeward No. 8 Autumn No. 6	1330	
	Sat	25th	Offshore Series No. 3 Broken Bay to Port Jackson (GSC – overnight at CYCA)	1100	
	Sun	26th	Offshore Series No. 4 Port Jackson to Broken Bay (GSC)		



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April 2017	Sat	1st	River Passage No. 9 Autumn No. 7	1330	
	Sat	15th	Windward – Leeward No. 9 Autumn No. 8	1230	Daylight Save ends April 2nd
May 2017	Sat	6th	River Passage No. 10 Autumn No. 9	1230	
	Sat	20th	Windward – Leeward No. 10 Autumn No. 10	1230	
June 2017	Sat	3rd	Crew's Trophy Race	1230	