



# THE PENNANT



Girls still wanna have fun... Christie out for a giggle on *Aroha Nui L. Malone* 22.7.17

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### Club merchandise

Club burgee	\$10
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### Next committee meeting

Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
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All members welcome

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### Commodore's Report 2016 - 2017

The 2016-2017 Season has seen mixed results on our race days, with only eight of the ten Windward-Leeward Races held, and six of the River Passage Series. The weather was the cause of the reduced number, either too much or too little wind; on the days when we could race though, those who did were rewarded by a good day on the water. *Amoeba* competed in all eight of the Windward-Leeward races, and all six of the River Passage Series, and *Cecilia* in seven Windward-Leeward and all of the River Passage Series. Well done James and Russell!

HRYC again competed in the BBIC series, with *All Our Girls*, *Amoeba*, *Cecilia*, *Crossbow*, *Eikon* and *Waterplay* participating. As I understand it, *Cecilia* was the best performer of our boats (again), well done Russell. As in the past, HRYC has always hosted the after-race barbecue following the Brooklyn Bash. This year was the hottest day I ever hope to experience, and there were few prepared to brave the elements, so many thanks to James Donnelly and his willing band of helpers for their valiant efforts in caring for our visitors.

Our own trophy races this year consisted of the Brian Malone Rhumb Cup - followed by our Christmas gathering, the Three Island Race, and lastly, the Crew's Race.

The coming season will see a change of race days from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The change was made so our calendar could be brought into line with the BBIC series. It will be up to the new committee to approve this.

A new initiative this year has been a midweek social sail on the last Wednesday of the month. For those of us able to enjoy this midweek sail, it has been a most welcome addition to the calendar - thanks Cliff for getting us started on this new endeavour. As Cliff pointed out, it is for the 'Aged and/or Beautiful' - and I think he meant our boats! All boats are welcome to join in, and non-boat members are welcome to come along for a day on the water, just contact a committee member and a berth will be arranged for you.

Fund raising this year has been limited to two events; the Sail on Sydney Harbour, thanks to Damien Parkes for making his yacht *Duende* available to us, and the second was another dinner at Cattai, which was once again based on the 'port' theme – both very enjoyable events.

In the process of writing this report, I read back over many past Commodore's reports, and it made me realise how much the club has changed in the way it operates. We now have a small number of racing boats, and need to consider the best way to run our races without breaking the bank - both the financial, and the volunteer one! We have trialled 'gate starts', which don't require us to lay starting buoys, and alternative courses can therefore be considered to alleviate the need to lay additional buoys. Once again these changes are something for the incoming committee to consider.

There are some people I'd like to thank on your behalf, and from my personal perspective. Firstly, Mark Cole, as the Rear Commodore has spent endless hours working on our Sailing Instructions, and organising our races. He has also put many hours into the web site which

looks very professional. Unfortunately, the pressure of work meant that Mark is unable to continue as Rear Commodore, and James Donnelly stepped in towards the end of the Season to keep us on the water. James has also been Vice Commodore, and has taken the helm for the Brooklyn Bash and other occasions, with his charm and good grace in my absence.

Lee Malone has kept us informed with *The Pennant*, and on rereading the newsletters to prepare this report, I can only say what a great effort – we are lucky to have you as our editor Lee. On Lee's behalf I'd like to point out that it is an onerous task to produce the newsletter each month, and any article however small, is gratefully received; photographs are also welcome.

Thanks also to Garry Irons who has kept the purse strings clutched tightly. We welcome creative ideas on how the club can increase income from all members.

Cliff Sutton, our 'go to man' for just about everything, has kept *Lollypop* afloat, running, and looking smart with his band of merry men, in the form of Ed Levy and Ken Barclay. Ed, who is handing over the Secretarial mantle, has kept our 'T's crossed and 'I's dotted; the club will miss him in this role.

Russell and Jenny Bellamy have made their home available to us for our committee meetings every second month; only those on the committee, or who have attended the meetings, know just how well they have looked after us! It has been a pleasure working with the committee this year, thank you all for your contributions.



In conclusion, the 2016-2017 has been an enjoyable mix of racing and social events that I hope has met the needs of our varied membership. The weather with some notable exceptions has delivered fair sailing. Although our books have balanced this year, I suggest we need to give serious consideration to increasing our membership and reducing the cost of running our races.

Libby Braybrooks  
Commodore (retiring)



## Passage Series Race

July 8<sup>th</sup>



**The start as seen from Star of the Sea**

*Cecilia* pop her spinnaker, and *Jia* hard on the heels of *Waterplay*. From the cockpit of *SotS*, a close tussle between *Waterplay* and *Cecelia* could be seen as they rounded the East mark.

From where *SotS* was situated, we could see that *Waterplay* and *Cecilia* had sailed into a hole to the west of Lion Island, and we were able to avoid it by going closer in to the island. *Waterplay* maintained her lead around the island, but *SotS* eventually overtook *Cecelia*. *Jia* in the meantime, was falling further behind.

Lion Island is always a joy to behold, and the sun shining on the sandstone at the north of the island created discussion amongst *SotS's* crew, so we paused – momentarily - to capture the moment for posterity. We then enjoyed a pleasant sail back to The Sound, and with the turn into the river, the crew on board *SotS* demanded a change of refreshments from their usual cup of tea, to something a little stronger. Sailing is such hard work!

*Waterplay* came in first, ahead of *SotS*, with *Cecelia* well back by the time the lead boats finished. *Jia* was out of sight, so we're not sure how she fared. On PHS, *Waterplay* was a clear winner, *SotS* second and *Cecilia* third. Well done Paul, for sailing single handed to a convincing win.

A beautiful sunny day with the promise of a north-easterly of 10 to 15 knots, saw four boats front up for the race start, *Cecilia*, *Jia* (a guest for the day), *Waterplay*, and *Star of the Sea (SotS)* - start boat for the day. *Waterplay* and *Jia* were both sailed single handed.

An interesting variation on the approved method of the gate start was witnessed, with *Waterplay* and *Cecilia* leading the way from the start off Channel Marker 407, around Juno Point and then heading for the east mark at Flint and Steel; this leg saw



***Cecilia*, *Waterplay* and *Jia* heading towards Flint and Steel**



*Cecilia and Waterplay rounding the Easterly mark*



*The rocks at Lion Island, bathed in winter sunlight*  
*Photos Libby Braybrooks 8.7.17*

Libby Braybrooks (*Star of the Sea*)

## Final Placing's

Line Honours

**First** *Waterplay*

**Second** *Star of the Sea*

**Third** *Cecilia*

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**First** *Waterplay*

**Second** *star of the Sea*

**Third** *Cecilia*

## Windward/Leeward Race

July 22nd

We were given another glorious winter's day, with 9 knots of wind from the NW as we gathered for a 1230 start at the northerly mark off Little Patonga. The VC, acting as the start boat on *Amoeba*, saw *Waterplay* with Paul flying solo, *Cecilia* with the 'usual' semi-press-ganged crew (where does Russell find all these people), *Tangaloo* with David's neighbours, and Christie and Lee making up an all-girl crew on *Aroha Nui*, set off towards the easterly mark at Flint and Steel.



*Tangaloo (R) waiting for Amoeba to start the proceedings*

The pace picked up once we were out of the lee of the land, giving us a drama-free run to the first turn at the easterly mark. Well, that was apart from the girls on *Aroha Nui* cutting it a little too close to several moored tinnies off Flint and Steel (surprising the blokes in the last tinny who hadn't planned on visitors). The 'said blokes' took the close encounter with



*Cecilia and Waterplay off Walker Point*

good grace, and the girls imploded into giggles, as they made it past with a few of metres to spare (who says that racing is supposed to be a serious business).

After the first mark, everyone headed towards Walker Point, with *Waterplay* and *Cecilia* going well over before tacking. *Amoeba* chose to make her tack in the centre of the river, while *Tangaloo* went even closer to the northern shore before tacking.

*Aroha Nui*, like all tail-end-Charlie's, had the benefit of hindsight (that is, seeing what the other boats are doing), and chose the 'optimum' course back to the northerly mark. From here though, *Waterplay* and *Cecilia* basically left the rest of us for dead (due to their skill and speed), so little more can be said about where and what they did – well that is, apart from actually finishing.

Due to the dropping breeze, the race was shortened to two laps, and *Aroha Nui* was lucky enough (or was it raw skill from the girls), to catch up with *Amoeba* on the second leg back to the finishing mark. *Tangaloo*, who was well behind, was trying her luck on the southern side of the river.

As *Aroha Nui* closed in on *Amoeba*, they realised that James and Alex were having trouble rounding the mark due to the fast, incoming tide and dying wind. Both boats attempted to round it for another ten minutes (ish), but failed, continuing to drift gently westwards into the sunset - and away from the mark!

The VC eventually called a halt to events, so with this, the last three boats dropped canvas and headed back to the pub. By this time though, *Waterplay* and *Cecilia's* crews were long gone.



*Amoeba trying in vain to round the finishing mark, with Aroha Nui 'attempting' to catch her*

*Photos L. Malone 22.7.17*



We were fortunate to be joined by our old friends (and past Commodore) from *Dreamtime*, John and Michelle (who now reside somewhere in the depths of country NSW), and a prospective new crew member for *Amoeba*, young Harrison who was 10 weeks old. It was a great way to finish a good day on the water.

Editor (*Aroha Nui*)

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Line Honours	<b>First</b> <i>Waterplay</i>	<b>Second</b> <i>Cecilia</i>	
	<b>DNF</b> <i>Amoeba</i>	<i>Aroha Nui</i>	<i>Tangaloo</i>

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## Midweek Social Sail

July 26<sup>th</sup>

It's not fair to call the midweek social sail - just a 'social' sail' - it's more like group therapy really. Okay, a small exaggeration, but there's a lot of interaction between a diverse group of people (and ages), not to mention ongoing banter and one-liners to the amusement of those gathered. You can't help but come away from these days feeling that we are blessed to have such a magnificent waterway (to ourselves), and such good company to share it with.

Today's 'group therapy' saw only two boats, *Tangaloo* and *Innisfree*, turn out, instead of the proposed four, due to the 20-30 knot wind forecast. Christie and Alex, and Lee abandoned their boats for a better (and cosier) offer on *Innisfree*.



**Alex and Christie on *Innisfree***

*Tangaloo*, with David soloing on the way to Refuge Bay, offered the rest of us an enjoyable sight (the term 'eye-candy' was used), and it's always heart-warming to see man and boat doing what they do best in conditions such as these.

*Tangaloo* and David revelling in the conditions





Needless to say, both skippers had smiles on their faces by the time we rafted up in Refuge!

Alex, who was fully awake once lunch was finished, accompanied David on *Tangaloo* for the home run. By this time though, the wind had dropped considerably, so it was a much calmer run home – perhaps too calm for *Tangaloo*.

Editor

**David with a smile on his face, tying up to *Innisfree***

*Photos L. Malone 26.7.17*

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## Annual General Meeting

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Our AGM was held at Brooklyn, with the Donnelly's generously donating their home and time for the proceedings.

### The new committee are as follows

<b>Commodore</b>	Cliff Sutton (who will also fill the Rear Commodore's position)
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	James Donnelly
<b>Treasurer</b>	Garry Irons
<b>Secretary</b>	Libby Braybooks
<b>Committee</b>	Ken Barclay Russell Bellamy Lee Malone Paul Surrest David Wright

## 2016- 2017 Trophy winners

<b>Frank Braybrooks Memorial Trophy Windward–Leeward Series PHS</b>	<i>Amoeba</i>	James Donnelly
<b>River Passage Series PHS</b>	<i>Eikon</i>	Cliff Sutton
<b>Spring Series PHS</b>	<i>Amoeba</i>	James Donnelly
<b>Autumn Series PHS</b>	<i>Amoeba/Eikon</i>	James Donnelly/Cliff Sutton
<b>Sprint Series PHS</b>	<i>Star of the Sea</i>	Libby Braybrooks
<b>HRYC best performing boat in the BBIC</b>	<i>Cecilia</i>	Russell Bellamy
<b>Crew's Race</b>	<i>Waterplay</i>	Lucan Sinclair
<b>Brian Malone Memorial Rhumb Race</b>	<i>Star of the Sea</i>	Libby Braybrooks
<b>Three Island Race - PHS</b>	<i>Star of the Sea</i>	Libby Braybrooks
<b>Three Island Race - Line Honours</b>	<i>Star of the Sea</i>	Libby Braybrooks
<b>Season Line Honours</b>	<i>All Our Girls</i>	Mark Cole and Charles Hill



Libby (*SotS*) Rhumb Race winner



Libby (*SotS*) Three Island Race PHS winner



Ken from (*Eikon*) River Passage winner

## The Pennant



**Russell (*Cecilia*) BBIC trophy winner**



**James (*Amoeba*) and Ken (*Eikon*)  
joint winners of the Autumn Series**



**James (*Amoeba*) winner of the  
Frank Braybrooks Mem. Trophy**



**Rob (*Sots*) Sprint Series winner**



**Garry (*Sots*) Three Island Race  
Line Honours winner**



**Paul (*Waterplay*) accepting  
the Crew's Trophy for Lucan**




**Members at the AGM enjoying the hospitality on the Donnelly's *Photos R Vans Colina* 29.7.17**



## HRYC's new Facebook page

Lucan Sinclair has generously set up a new Facebook page for us.

There is a link to it from our website. Just access it via the  button on the main page, or click on the link below.

<http://hryc.asn.au/like-us-on-facebook/>

<b><i>DRAFT HRYC Calendar of Events 2017 -2018 DRAFT</i></b>					
Month	Day	Date	Events for 2017 - 2018	Time	Comment
July 2017	Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	
	Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Audit – Cat 7	0900	
	Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1230	
	Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
	Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	AGM Dangar Island	1100	
August 2017	Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	Audit – Cat 7	0900	
	Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	
	Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1230	
	Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
September 2017	Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	
	Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1230	
	Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
October 2017	Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1330	Daylight Save starts Oct 1st
	Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
	Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1330	
November 2017	Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1330	
	Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight and BBQ	1600	
	Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	BBIC - Gosford Gallop	1100	
	Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
December 2017	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Malone Rhumb Cup	1330	
	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	HRYC Christmas Party - Brooklyn	1700	
	Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight and BBQ	1600	
	Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	BBIC - Three Island Race	1100	
	Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1330	
	Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
January	Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1330	



2018	Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1330	
	Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
February 2018	Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	BBIC - Brooklyn Bash	1100	
	Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Three Island Race	1330	
	Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
March 2018	Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	BBIC - Pittwater Pursuit	1100	
	Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1330	
	Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
April 2018	Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	Daylight Save ends April 1st
	Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
	Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1230	
May 2018	Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	
	Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	Windward/Leeward	1230	
	Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	
June 2018	Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Passage Series	1230	
	Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crew's Race	1230	
	Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Social sail and raft up	1100	