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AGM 2009 Berowra Waters Marina



NEW MEMBERS

ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO ANY NEW MEMBERS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, A VERY WARM WELCOME.

OUR MOTTO IS COME ONCE, COME TWICE OR AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6-7th - Sat 10am Sussex Inlet. Contact Steve Worth on 0418 475935

March 13-14th - Sat 10am Apple Tree Bay ramp. Contact Gary Newling on 0414 514580

April/Easter 2-5th - Fri. 10am Grays Point. Contact Rod Brown 0418 287364

Presidents Report

Well first of all I would like to thank all of those who attended the A.G.M. for re- electing myself as President and the rest of the Committee to represent you in the next 12 months, we will all endeavor to do our best once again. 2009 closed as a tremendous year even though it's hard to keep up with the pace it seems like only yesterday that we were at Cockle Bay for our 2008 AGM, and already we have had our 2009 A.G.M. at Berowra Waters for what we hope will be the first of many. The location, service and the way they treated us can only get better and we look forward to many happy years for this event at Berowra Waters. I must commend them for making our weekend so enjoyable.

The Club is going very well and I am very proud of the response to membership numbers which are growing very steadily, given the time of year and the current economic climate. We are looking at a couple of interesting winter activities during 2009 so more info will be forthcoming in the calendar and newsletters.

The main trip of 2009 to Yamba was very well organized by Peter Hewitt and the many members who were able to come along enjoyed a fantastic experience as we cruised along the Clarence River. No doubt it will feature in future calendar events.

If you need to do the VHF License course Maxine Mantle has been organizing courses for those wishing to do their course and we are very grateful to her for affording us the opportunity to do this in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

To all the 2009 trip organisers and their wives and partners, Steve Worth, Herb Porter, Peter Hewitt, Ray and Maxine Mantle, Gary Newling and anyone else who I might have missed a big thank you for a job well done. Thank you for your time and effort in making the trips as enjoyable as they have been. If anyone else is interested in putting up their hand to organize a trip for this year please don't hesitate to let us know.

To the Committee once again a big thank you for your help and assistance, a club doesn't function without people like you who pull together and get things going. A special thanks to our Treasurer who keeps the club in a sound financial position with her diligence and attention to detail, and Maxine for her ongoing organization of events and the many other things she does unseen, well done.

Next year's calendar will again feature a trip to the Whitsunday's with a stopover on the way and Sussex Inlet which is also a winner as far as numbers go. If you intend going to Sussex Inlet please ensure you contact Steve Worth and let him know, it makes it a lot easier for the organisers if they know how many boats to expect.

I hope you and your families will enjoy another year of boating with the club, and that you find even a little time amongst the endless family and work commitments to be able to get out on the water with friends and enjoy the lifestyle it creates. Looking forward to another great year and catching up with as many of you as possible in 2010.

Happy Boating
PRESIDENT
ROD BROWN
CHATTAWAY 2

Photo of EI Presidente contemplating the formation of the Whittley Club NSW



Yamba

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Ann for organizing a wonderful holiday on the Clarence River at Yamba. A fun time was had by all, not much fishing, but good weather including thunder, rain and hail. Where else could you get fresh ice for your G&T! Once again it was good to catch up with friends, celebrate a surprise birthday party for young Dennis and Ray better luck next year.

Roxand out



Port Hacking River

It is well known that green is the colour of envy and green was the colour of a couple of Club Members unable to head north to Yamba Trish & Herb "Herway" and Athena & Roger (un-named) decided to venture to show T&H the treasures of the Port Hacking River.

Friday evening we met at the Grays Point launching ramp and decided to head to the Audley Weir on the very black, black night. Fortunately I (Roger) grew up on the Hacking and was able to very slowly negotiate the dangers that exist. Strange but Herb didn't leave our marlin board the whole slow trip, he left just enough space to stop in an emergency.

When we arrive at Auderly, Herb was heard to ask "are we really stopping here?" as the river banks were not visible. Naturally the obligatory happy hour and nibbles were adhered to and we then settled down to a windy but comfortable night at anchor.

Saturday morning the wind had abated and the tranquil setting of Audley was appreciated, at breakfast the discussion ventured to the less fortunate members of the club who were at Yamba and were missing out on what was sure to be a great week-end on the Hacking.

After breakfast, we motored down stream past last night's launching ramp and I was able to show T&H how to bypass the sand banks and to access the many hidden bays and deep water of the Hacking River. On the way to South West Arm we were able to show T&H the very best swimming hole at the Lilli Pilli sand flat (unfortunately without sun the tourquise conditios were subdued). We also took time to point out the best anchorages that suited the different wind conditions (this later proved to be a worth while exercise).

As Athena and self had to attend a very wet, cold and windy wedding at the Bondi Pavillion (it leaks) we settled T&H into an anchorage at the tranquil calm and protected upper reaches of SW Arm, we then headed back to the ramp after having agreed to meet in the morning.

Sunday morning we were blasting down river to meet up with Trish and Herb again when we noticed a 700 moored in Carruthers Bay, yep it was T&H they needed to move as they were performing 360's at anchor in SW Arm.(bad choice Rog)

After breakfast we decided to leave "Herway" on the mooring and to cover the rest of the river in our boat as communication would be easier and it gave me a captive audience. We ventured into Dolans, Burraneer and Gunnamatta Bays then off to Jibbon, Bundeena, Bonnievale and Mainbar Beaches along the way point the locations of Aboriginal middens, carving sites, ballast heaps and early days access to the Sutherland Shire.

When we rafted with "Herway" at Carruthers Bay for morning tea the Maritime gave us an hour to vacate the mooring as we had two boats on the one mooring. 10 minutes later we headed into SW Arm and rafted together in Gooseberry Bay (cute Hu!) where both the Waterpolice and the Maritime sussed us out (must be the distrustful faces of Trish and Herb that they were checking, as in all my life on the river I have never had the authorities buzz me).

Trish and Herb thanks for a great week-end and allowing me to bore you sh--less

We really enjoyed our Yamba week-end.

Keep well hope to see you with wet a bottom soon.

Athena & Rog



Georges River/Botany Bay Christmas Rally

For what is she noted?

The first thing that comes to mind for most of us, is that Botany Bay was the landing place of the famed Captain Cook and it remains a historical and vital waterway, despite being passed over for Sydney Harbour settlement.

Was supposedly, recorded as being the first meeting of Europeans with indigenous Australians.

Was very near to being Australia's first skirmish with a foreign power, hence the naming of Frenchman's Bay and La Perouse.

Was the first National Park to be added to the countries heritage list.

Was the site for Australia's first botanical study.

Has heritage listed wet lands for the protection of a variety of migratory birds.

Was considered as having the countries (if not worlds) best oysters.

All this and I'm sure many more firsts, prior to the European expansion and industrial invasion.

What may be the first thing to come to mind for some are the dirty waters, the mud flats, the oyster leases and a scattering of shallow water.

Yes! It may be so BUT on the week-end of 12-13th December some adventurous members of the Whittley Club proved this to be a partial fallacy. Following our leader (President Rod) the fleet negotiated the beautiful and varying scenery of the river all the way to Chipping Norton Lake without assaulting a single sand bar; ironically, the shallowest section of the river was off the Deepwater Motor Boat Club at Milperra???

From Milperra to Chipping Norton Lake the river could well be likened to the Mekong as at every turn there were Vietnamese fishing folk on either side of the river with multiple lines across the channel (6cm catch seemed to be the regulation size for fish)

When we hit Chipping Norton Lake, what a pleasant surprise it is a really beautiful lake with several sandy beaches and the lake is surrounded by well maintained picnic areas and parklands, the down side is that jet skis also enjoy the expanse.

Saturday lunch saw six boats rafted off a lovely small beach and Christmas lunch was prepared by Maxine the girls and YES! Ray too! Sitting under the whispering She-oaks we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon sipping champs, eating too well and settling the woes of the world.

Thanks must go to Maxine and Rod for such a well organised day and for Ann, Pauline, Leanne, Craig and Garry for arriving by road.

Saturday night saw the Vietnamese invasion of the beach to drag-net (illegal) for prawns; they managed around 8-10kilos, I'm not sure that I would be game enough to eat them.

Saturday night also saw the fleet show off their Christmas lighting dressage with "Signed on 4", "to The Max" and "C-Vue" competing for, and winning an equal and well earned 1st placing.

As "Silky" had already headed down river and President Rod had to attend another commitment on shore, this left our boat (Athena & Roger's unnamed) as a very distant last placing.

Sunday, saw the fleet head off down river to the launching ramp and/or lunch in Connell's Bay (the shallowest water encountered) before heading for home.

FOOTNOTE: for those who perceive the George's River as dirty water, mud flats, oyster leases and shallow water you are on most accounts correct, but we saw the other side to a great river with bags of history, unexpected beauty and a real sense of adventure. You missed a fantastic week-end and if you have the opportunity I recommend you give the River a go.



Berowra Waters - AGM



AGM - KazBar

Xmas on Myall Lakes & Lake Macquarie

3 Boats ventures to the Myall Lakes on Boxing Day Mantles, Newlings and the Hewitts, we put in at Narong and ventures up the lake to the old Leg's camp for the day and night. Lunch at the Resort on the following day lasted most of the afternoon and very enjoyable, great company and many laughs.

That night and for the next 4 days was rain, rain and wind and more rain so a vote was called and moved that Lake Macquarie sounded a better option, so off to join up with the Whitley boats down there and we took some of the weather with us (for which we were not popular) but it was better than we had on the Myall.

We all saw in the New Year near Wangi where there were fire works at 9pm and a long wait with a few drinks, till midnight but I have to say that we all saw the new year in and enjoyed the evening.

Over the next 2 weeks we spent mostly of our time looking for places out of the wind. Despite all this a good time was had by all until Graeme damaged his leg on a Jetty. He skinned his shin very badly and to top it all off he and Joyce became very ill one night so it was off home for them. They are both recovered now and back at work. Some of needed to return to work but were able to come back to the lake for another weekend and that eased them into the working life a little easier. Despite the weather & accidents etc.(and too many laughs for 1 group) we had a really good time .

Vic-Tre

Message from Commodore Peter

Well there it goes another year in the life of the Whitley Club of NSW. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and prosperous New year.

For some time now your committee has had comments from members re others members using very thick mooring lines and this is OK if you are tying to a Bollard on a wharf or Pontoon. Considering the size on the cleats fitted to our boats some of these lines are not practical. Most of our Deckies are sent forward to make off the bow lines and the cleats are not large and being on an angle(CruiseMaster 700's) they find it difficult to tie off the oversize lines especially if a second line needs to be added.

We spend big money on our boats i.e. the cost of buying and maintaining etc so why not invest in some 'user friendly 'soft lines.

Checking out the 'ropes & cordage' section on the Bias Catalogue we found - 8mm Double Brand 1300kg breaking strain @ \$1.70 per Mtr.

8mm Double Spec-

tra.core 2950kg breaking strain @ \$5.75 per Mtr.

Sure, you can buy 8mm Silver & Nylon rope at \$0.60 and \$1.55 But.....

Under normal conditions and your boat secured properly 8mm lines will hold you firmly. Another comment made was very important to all 'If a boat is coming along side you or to the jetty please have all your lines and buffers ready. If you are 'one out' on your boat and are coming alongside others have your bow line half hitched to the front rail and your rear line attached so the person on the jetty or other vessel can reach and help you tie off.

We understand that these suggestion have been made before but to consider others it is worth mentioning again and help make boating safe for all

**With Best wishes -Your Commodore
Peter.**

NYE Lake Macquarie

Lake Macquarie was like a revolving door this New Year we caught up with Trish and Herbert ; The Shearers and Jeff and Annette and we became wharf rats for a few days at Wangee Wangee to keep out of the weather , enjoying the delights of this town and the cuisine at the Workers Club . The night before New Year's Eve saw us take up the invitation from Lyn Shearers family and join them for a Bar B Queue on their Lawn. Dawn and Dennis from Double D arrived and we said goodbye to Jeff and Annette. A great night ensued and lots of thanks to Lyn's Brother Jeff for his hospitality. The wharf at his place came in handy except when Greame tried his Christmas Hols party trick and took off the front of his Shin. Lucky we don't travel without a nurse in residence. New Years Eve we said goodbye to Lyn and John and joined the 3 boats Signed on for; Victory and Two the Max which came down from the wet Myall Lakes. A great night rafting up on the water watching 3 sets of Fire Works from the front of our boats with most of us Toasting in the New Year with Strawberries and Champagne.(Peter Denton might get some orders for front pillows.) We enjoyed a couple more days before Garry and Lyn headed for home and Maxine and Ray left to spend some time at their Caravan. Trevor and Lyn Neems (Happy Hour) are still out on the water and caught up with us every couple of nights.

The Current was the strongest we have ever experienced at our main swimming hole Swansea so we had a tranquil few days at Point Wollstonecroft unfortunately Herb had to go to work for 4 days and Ann and Peter went to Sunshine to babysit for 2 days, I left for a day to go to work the day Karen and Rob arrived.

Dennis and Dawn took to the road whilst I was at work (this has been the 4th great trip we have had with you guys thanks for your friendship catch up next time.)Unfortunately the door closed quickly on Karen and Rob as they had alternator problems and had to go straight back home.

Victory; Her Way and Loco finished our holiday at Pt Wollstonecroft and many thanks to Ann and Tricia for looking after my Granddaughter the night I was unable to. No I WAS NOT DRUNK just sick as a dog thankfully I forgot not to tell tricia and recovered relatively quickly.

Well - see you on the water soon don't forget to include us in your emails if you go out on any unofficial outings and keep well.

Mrs Loco.



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Do we have any other members who can help and would like to add their name. Please give Peter Hewitt a call on 0412 268422

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any boating tips, article's or photo's which you would like to submit for the next newsletter please e-mail to;
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NYE Sydney Harbour

This year New Years Eve on the harbour saw some members venture for the first time, to experience the fun and excitement that only the harbour can deliver.

Sue & Peter; Karen, Rob & Nick ; Craig, Leanne & Kirra; Sharon, Chris & Celeste; Ken, Jenny with Family; Rod & Pauline with company; and myself with Pat & guests, were some of the members present. Sorry - Rodger & Athena were also somewhere with a Maritino.

It was a warm afternoon with ideal conditions. The entertainment was non stop with boats (but not the whittleys) trying to anchor in spots they thought was best .Fly passes from planes, parade of different boats Etc. The dinghies were out to do the socializing and was good to catch up with folks from previous years.

Rod Brown came along early to say hello armed with a weapon which he was saving to use on myself. Fortunately for me I received a tipoff from a loyal member and was able to arm myself with a bucket to defend any foolishness .With Pirate flag flying and armed with a bucket I went searching for Mr Brown. When confronted Rod blasted his water canon at me and he thought he had the upper hand. Little did he know that I had a water bucket ready, and ofcourse he got a good dose of the harbour thrown on him and filling his little dingy. The crowd loved it and Rod & I had a great time .Karen as always ready to take any action shots captured the moments.

We Spent 4 days on the harbour this time and had a ball.

Photos tell a better story
Robert Risse
(It'll do)



Christmas & NYE Sydney Harbour

Christmas day was when 'KazBar' launched, with Christmas lunch spent in lovely Bantry Bay. The next day 'KazBar', 'James D' and 'It'll'do' met up in Watson's Bay and proceeded to see off the yachts through the heads on their way to Hobart, 'Chattaway' was also seen amongst the confusion of boats passing by.

The following day we were joined by 'Good Times' (you can imagine Nick's delight). The night before NYE Craig, Leanne and Kirra joined us as well. Many trips were made to the fish markets that week, which Sue and Peter have now introduced me to (thank-you Peter and Sue), many prawns were consumed and even lobster mornay for breakfast seemed a must!

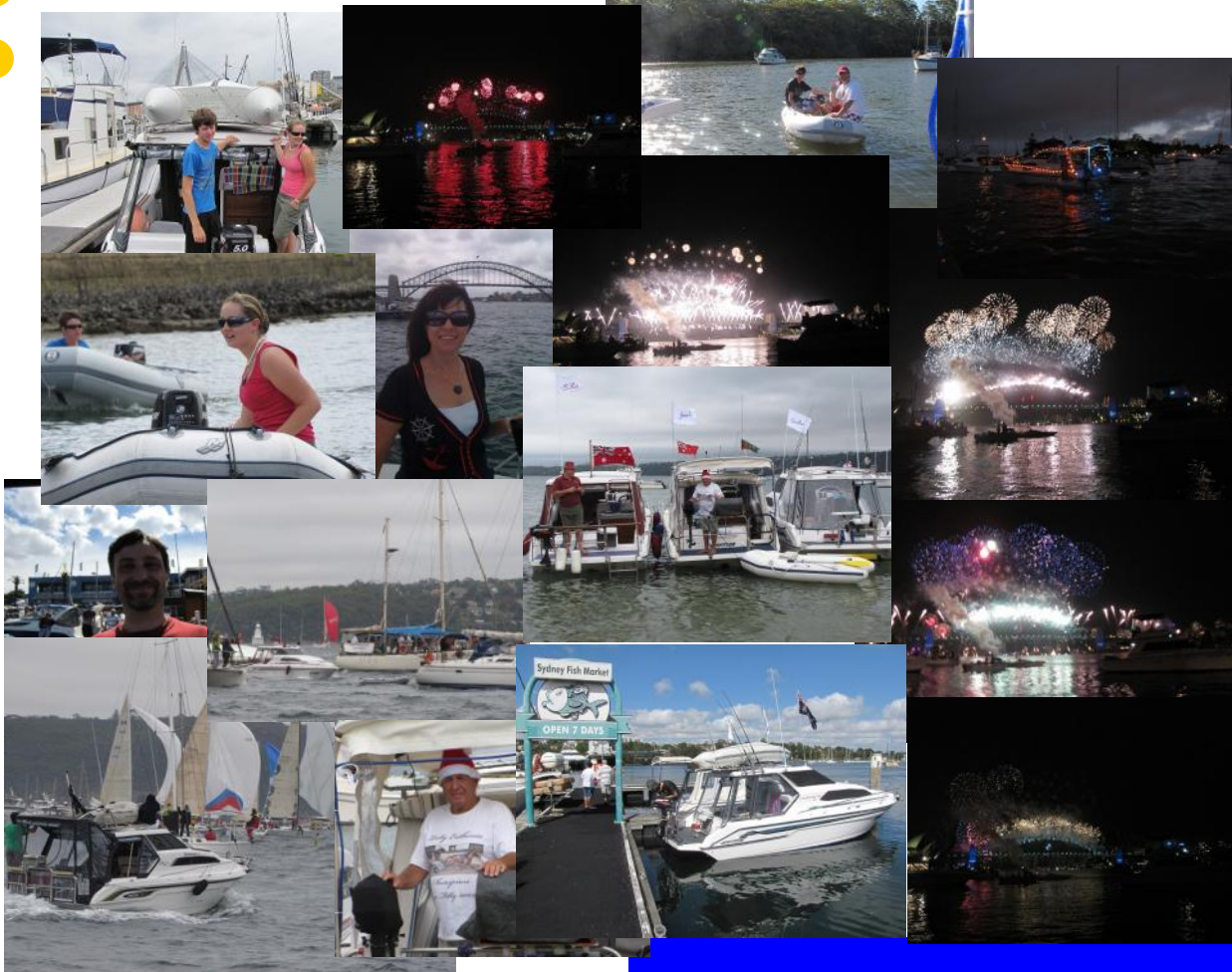
On NYE we all anchored in Farm Cove and had a great view of the bridge. During the afternoon 'Chattaway' came to anchor in Farm Cove and Roger and Athena stopped to say hello on their way past. Rob Risse and the club president played chase around the boats in their dinghy's and managed to drench each other in water, which entertained the onlookers.

Nick's adventures: As Celeste and I sat in our boat waiting for Nick to return in the dinghy we saw Nick heading off to shore with two teenage girls on board, which seemed quite odd we thought! The excuse was that Nick had rescued the girls from aboard a boat as they were seasick. We believe you Nick! During the course of the day I asked Nick to take a packet of Travel Calm to 'Good Times', he came back and told me he had sold the Travel Calm to another boat and pocketed the money!

The fireworks were spectacular and worth the wait, although the boats needed a lot of cleaning the next day, maybe a little too close?!

The following week 'KazBar' launched at Lake Macquarie, a good night was had with Greame, Dennis, Dawn, John and Mary. The following day 'KazBar' was towed by dinghy back to Toronto due to the alternator breaking down.

A new alternator was installed and a few days later 'KazBar', 'James D' and 'It'll'do' met up with a visitor from the Gippsland Lakes and a great time was had by all swimming at the beautiful beach of Refuge Bay. **KazBar**





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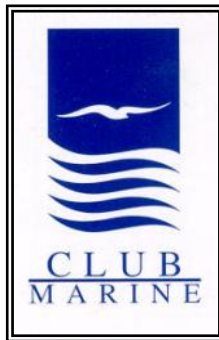
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