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### 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

Feb. 14th & 16th Sussex Inlet - Contact: Steve Worth on 0418 475 935

March 14 & 15th Lower Hawkesbury - Contact: John Scherer on 0418 291 490

Easter April 10th, 11th & 12th Lake Macquarie - Contact Greame Barber on 0414 302414

Just a reminder that membership fee's are now overdue.

## Presidents Report

Welcome to 2009, it seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in 2008, how time flies when you own a Whittleby. Our AGM saw the same Committee re elected and behalf of the Committee members I want to assure all members that we will do our best to ensure the club remains prosperous in 2009.

The Calendar of Events should have been received by the time you read this Newsletter and you will note a couple of changes from what was discussed at the AGM. Firstly the Trailer Day in August will also become a Parts Swap and Sale day as well as our usual sausage sizzle this will give anyone who may have something that could be worth something to another member a chance to swap it or sell it. It also gives members a chance to take their boats off the trailer and work on their trailers with the help and guidance of those members who have a lot of knowledge in those areas. The second change is the AGM which will now be held at Berowra Waters Marina. We have been overwhelmed with the enthusiasm the Berowra Waters Marina has shown to welcome us there for our Annual AGM. As no matter when we hold the Xmas Day each year a lot of people are unable to attend due to other commitments so we have decided to make the AGM weekend also our Xmas Day on the Sunday. As a lot of members seem to be able to make this event each year we hope that this will suit more members.

Our Club had a very successful year last year with the Rally at Cockle Bay and with Akuna Bay being unable to accommodate us we once again held our AGM at Cockle Bay. Contrary to many people's beliefs I do not have shares in the South Steyne, however Brian and his team were very helpful in our endeavours to hold the Rally at Cockle Bay and supported us all the way and when we were caught short with a venue for the AGM at short notice he was only too glad to accommodate us once again. I would ask that in future if you come to the AGM wherever it might be that you also enjoy the dinner and free drinks and company of the other members who come to the event. The AGM is a good place to voice your opinion on the goings on in the club whether it be regarding places to go in the future or if you have an axe to grind about any matter that disturbs you bring it out in the open for discussions, I am also available to talk to anyone about any problem on the phone, I promise I won't bite. My philosophy has always been that if I don't know about a problem it can't be fixed.

It has come to my attention that some members are upset about club members coming to club events when they are not financial, I have found over the years that the renewals for membership sometimes take a little while to filter through or are sometimes misplaced and forgotten about, since Carol has been in charge of this matter she has been chasing up people who may have forgotten, it is much easier to give someone a little tap on the shoulder and a gentle reminder that their fees are outstanding and remind them of the good things like free drinks and not having to pay anything at Xmas party etc, the things that your fees contribute to make happen, than to make a big song and dance about it. Remember the club decided that Non Club Members are permitted to come along to club events but cannot be part of a club raft-up.

I would like to also take this opportunity to welcome any new members that I have not had the pleasure of meeting personally at this stage. I hope you enjoy the friendships, knowledge and enjoyment that our Club provides, the reason we keep coming back year after year. Over the Xmas period I had a conversation with John & Diane Pike who are very keen to do a trip down to a Dam in the snowy region, if you interested in making this an event sometime this year or next year I would like to get some kind of feedback so either give them a call or myself and we'll look at this possibility.

I have been very ably assisted in all aspects of the Club in the last year both from members and the Committee and any help is greatly appreciated. The feedback from the survey forms has been very helpful and supportive. On behalf of my wife and myself I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out on the water over the next few months.

P.S. If anyone is interested in purchasing a Cruisemaster 700 I have Chattaway for sale as we have been fortunate to buy a new boat and fit it out as we wanted, the price is negotiable, I also have another Cruisemaster 700 which I also bought which was going to be our new boat before Chattaway Two came along For Sale at a very good price as well, so if you are interested or know someone who may give me a call.

ROD BROWN  
CHATTAWAY TWO

**PRESIDENT**

## ***New Years - Lake Macquarie***

Boxing Day found Her Way; KazBar; Vic-Tre and Loco on Lake Macquarie , actually only half of Loco as Graeme came off 2<sup>nd</sup> best to a Stanley knife & chose to spend 2 nights in Gosford Hospital.

Herb, Tricia and Ann took turns Chauffeuering Joyce and Graeme and Joyce has finally learnt what all the bells and whistle are for on loco.

We cooled off at the rear of Swansea Caravan Park in the beautiful clear water and found a similar smaller spot to swim at Point Wollstonecraft. Trevor & Lyn on Happy Hour found us at Wangi RSL and we all rafted up at Rathmines for a good night. The Wangi Workers Club Fed us on New Year's Eve and put on a Fire Works spectacular.

Karen; Rob and Nick are busy listing jobs needed on their new requisition and don't know how to fill the extra space. Nick loves having a bed although we found out it takes 2 buckets of cold water to get him out of it.

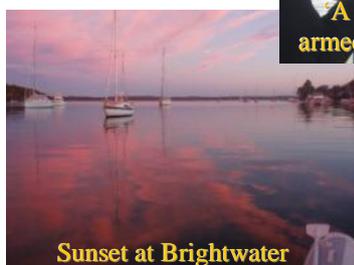
Nick & Peter fished a lot and enjoying one particular successful night on Ann and Peter's friends wharf at Bright Water, although one armed Graeme upstaged them catching a 2lb Bream at Pt Wollstonecraft. Herb broke his voodoo and caught a flathead but Tricia influenced him to do it 'her way' and use the "Catch and release" system.

Karen now needs 2 captain's hats as Rob is excelling himself behind the wheel.

The original plan to go to the Myall and then the south coast is in question as Ann and Joyce wait to see what Graeme's outcome is, he doesn't return to work until the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Hope to catch up along the way with as many of you as possible.

Happy New Year

Loco



## New Years - Hawkesbury

Boxing Day saw Signed on For plus Garry's daughter Sharon, C-Vue & To The Max launch at Apple Tree Bay for a break away.

With a leisurely cruise to Smiths creek for our 1st 2 days. With the heat the water was the best place to be, we also done a Chardy run up through the shallows of Smiths Creek, a trip that should be taken during the high tide.

Time for a change of scenery it was off to Pinta Bay where we farewelled Ray [To the Max] & Lyn [C-Vue] who had to go back to work for 3 days. They returned to the fold on NYE, then it was back to Smiths Creek to see in the New Year, although only 3 out of 6 who saw in the New Year.

During our time on the Hawkesbury we met up with 3 boats from Victoria who came to explore our waterways for 2 weeks. Then we were joined by It'll Do, James D & Fussy Lady.

Friday saw Signed on For leave the flotilla for home.

Saturday saw To the Max & Fussy Lady joined by 2 of the Victorian boats go up to Berowra to enjoy a delicious meal at the Waterview the restaurant for dinner, then drinks on the fuel warf.

After a scrumptious feed of fresh crabs [caught in Jerusalem Bay] for lunch it was time to bid farewell and head for home.

What a relaxing way to spend time to unwind after the hustle & bustle that we all endure at the end of the year, and get ready to do it all over again.

Cheers  
Maxine  
To The Max

### 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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## New Years - Sydney Harbour

Sea Tong and Chattaway 2 launched at Hen & Chicken Bay and spent the night near the Fish Markets under Anzac Bridge. On New Years Eve we first wrestled with the madness at the Fish Markets to obtain supplies of sea food for the weekend and then to pick up the Thomas's who were staying with Rod & Pauline on Chattaway2.

As we headed around to Mosman you could see that most of the good vantage points were filling fast with other vessels.

At 3pm the 6 knot speed limit came into force right across the Harbour and traffic flow began to reduce as more and more craft anchored in their favourite place and got ready to party.

Saad Al-Mahaidi, from his unit at Milson's Point rang and reported that he had us in the binoculars as we passed under the Harbour Bridge. He has a great vantage spot and a keen eye for "Whittley spotting".

After a relaxing afternoon, at about 6pm we decided to up anchor and head for Farm Cove. Crossing the Harbour at that time of the evening meant we almost had the Harbour centre to ourselves. After anchoring in the Cove, we settled down to a sea food feast and a couple of cooling ales whilst waiting for the 9pm fireworks. There were quite a few rubber ducks dawdling around the Cove with folks site seeing or visiting other boats, so we decided to do the same. The Chattaway 2 tender was launched and when Rod, Paul and I got into it almost folded in the middle like a peanut butter sandwich and took on water like the Titanic. After adding more air we set off to explore. After a lap of the Cove and a visit to Milko it was back to our boats and settle in for the show. The fireworks both at 9pm and Midnight were fantastic and there is no doubt that seeing them from aboard a Whittley on the throbbing Harbour, enhanced the experience a lot.

We were near the sea wall and whilst we were waiting for the fireworks, the 20,000 backpackers in the park entertained us with their antics. The passing fashion parade wasn't bad either!

We stayed in the Cove for the night and whilst it was a little sloppy we had a reasonable night sleep, waking in the morning to the sound of moving water. After lying in bed trying to work out why the current was so swift under the hull, I decided to look out the forward hatch only to find Woolloomooloo Bay outside! Rod, ever thoughtful, had decided to up and move with us still rafted up! After tieing up at the marina for a coffee and morning papers we headed off to Manly for a couple of nights.

On arrival at manly we found Geoff an Annette (Hopeless Haulage) already at anchor and rafted up with them. A back anchor ensured that the back of our boats faced the beach enabling us to enjoy the ever passing parade and antics on the beach. We were there for 4 nights and on the last night we were joined by Saad and Ru in their 660. On Monday we headed to Birkenhead point for an afternoons retail therapy and then pulled out of the water in the evening.

It was a very enjoyable 5 days and certainly a revelation for Val and I as it was our first New Years Eve on the Harbour.

Chris and Val Hall  
Sea Tong

## Christmas Party

With weather fit for boating 10 boats were on the water for the annual christmas party at Grays Point great seeing . With members travelling from Sussex Inlet, Wollongong & Port Macquarrie with & without their boats.

Some launching on the Friday night the rest putting in on the Saturday after the party, the first night was a small raft up around at South West Arm and then for a quick dip out at Jibbin before the picnic.

Thank you must go to Ben & his mate for cooking the BBQ. Well done boys. Also thank go to Lyn for the salads and deserts.

After Lunch it was time for Santa, arriving in style thanks to the Palace & Gary. With a number of children being in tow Santa was very jovial with presents and a few HO HO HOS.

Saturday night was spent up at Audley Weir, unfortunately Karen, Rob & Mark were unable to spend the night out on their new big boat, not to worry there will be many other outings.

Sunday saw many of us taking a run back out to the beach before returning to the ramp where we had some lunch before pulling out & heading home.

Looking forward to seeing many of you out on the water in 2009, until then.

Cheers & happy boating.

Maxine

To The Max



## Whitsunday's - 2008

As newbies to the Whittley Club, we decided our first time out would be the 2008 Whitsunday trip and what an amazing trip it was.

Having attempted it the previous year on our own – we only got a day and a half on the islands, before breaking a rocker stud and had to come limping home.

Val, Chris, Karen and Jeremy were the first Whittley Club members that we met and they made us feel more than welcome and were wonderful fun – showing us how to 'raft up' for the nights ahead, with Chris advising us that there was a minimum decibel rating as per the club's rules, when being alone with your partner at night.....

Had fun snorkelling with Karen and Jeremy, highlight for John was Karen's accident with the bottom half of her new swimmers, which got brought up numerous times throughout the trip.

We were invited for some very yummy Thai meals cooked by Val in the 'dreampot' and also Jeremy's stir fry. (am going off to have some cooking lessons after that) on the Marina when the seas were too big for small craft, in which we met other Whittley members – Rojer and Athena for a good night.

Our 'monty' was christened the 'Occapussy' and celebrated with cheese and champagne on one of the nights with the Whittley club crew.

We marooned ourselves in Hill Inlet, where we met up with Rod and Pauline Brown, who I'm sure will never be the same again after meeting John for the first time.

Fish were caught and spearfished by John and some of the crew. Val again cooked up 'a storm' with fabulous Thai sauces to compliment the fish, with Roger offering to clean Jeremy's huge fish, but it managed to get away.....still there were plenty for everyone.

The islands are amazing – some of the highlights were – Nara Inlet (aboriginal art cave), Cid Harbour (masses of turtles), Manta Ray Bay (awesome diving/snorkelling), Maureen's Cove, Butterfly Bay, Dugong Inlet, Hill Inlet (great fishing), Chalkies Beach and of course Whitehaven beach (whitest sand and clearest water you will ever see).

If you haven't been before, would highly recommend you make the trip up there, as the snorkelling, swimming, fishing and scuba diving (we had our own tanks) is out of this world.

And the company and friendship was great! – Thanks for an amazing holiday! We'll be going again in 2009 and looking forward to meeting other members at other outings.

From,  
Maree & John Wells  
'Occapussy'.



## Whitsunday's - 2008

The beautiful Whitsunday's are always worthy of a story, even if it is delivered through the eyes of a cautious boatman and crew of 'one very rough wet weather worried wife'.

Hamilton Island Marina saw several NSW Whittley Club members together with Jeremy & Karen from Victoria, one Monterey, Voyager 660 three Cruisemasters and one 2800 all from NSW, what an enviable party was held on the Marina that night [ everyone enjoyed themselves so much that we forgot to take a photograph].

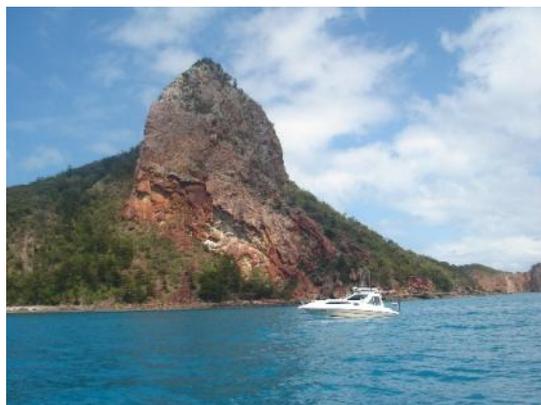
The highlight of the trip was without a doubt the beautiful Whitehaven Beach and spending extended time in Hill Inlet [with some very hungry sand flies].

Overall the weather we encountered was very reasonable throughout our cruise with the exception of one 35knot morning when we and Robert in the Voyager were heading from Marcona Inlet to Hamilton Island through the Hunt Channel. You guessed it! The tide was flowing one direction with 35knot wind in the opposite direction forming the famous Whitsunday short, steep, sloppy, rough washing machine. If you dare ask Robert about this part of the trip he will tell you that you need to wash mud from your anchor, lock up the windscreen and don't unknowingly turn the ignition off with your bum. The best lessons are learnt the hard way.

The roof rack proved a real asset for carrying an inflatable, this enabled us to venture to the extremities of Hill Inlet [an adventure I would recommend] but suggest you do it on a rising tide!

Athena & I would once again like to thank the 2008 Whitsunday crew for being such fabulous company and for contributing to a really great holiday. John & Lyn in Two Can Tango unfortunately had a bit of trouble, but they must confess just how good a tow boat Karalyn II [the mighty monty]. Jeremy I am sorry that I lost your fish as it was the biggest one caught too!

Athena & Rog



## Whitsunday's - 2008– The Swanson's Account .....

Being the 1st Whittlely to set sail for the Whitsundays this year, Carol and I headed north on 5 September, for our two month adventure.

Spending our 1st night at Forster with friends (not Chris and Val) and after a night north of Grafton on the Summerland Highway, "Tom Tom", our in-car navigator, took us on a "ridge top" tour (Cruisemaster in tow) on a very narrow and winding road to Mullumbimby. Forcing **all** off the road in our path.

From there, as we were loosing oil out of the Sensor Brake head unit, we missed the Gold Coast and headed for Tewantin. A mechanic at the caravan park referred me to a Trailer Man (a kiwi) back at Beerburrum, who happens to be one of the "rare breed" who knows anything all about our beloved trailer brake system. After a master cylinder kit replacement, we continued on our journey. (contact me for further information of this very reasonable priced and knowledgable mechanic)

On the way up, we met up with Carol's brother and wife with their "trailer sailer" and 18 other sailing boats at Hervey Bay. Spending 3 nights in Wathumba Creek, up the north western point of Fraser Island, we went out every day (only at high tide) and did the most spectacular whale watch watching imaginable. We had these magnificent monsters and their calves coming right over to us, rounding our boat and rolling over on their back as they went right under our boat. On one of the days we drifted with the same pod for over 1 and ½ hours. Truly an experience Carol and I will never forget.

Onward to Airlie. A day or two after arriving, we were attending a BBQ with friend. Then a call came through and a voice on the phone Introduced himself as Paul from the VMR (Voluntary Marine Rescue). Paul explained how they responded to a "May Day" from Lynn and John Shearer and how they were towed safely into Tongue Bay, north of Whitehaven Beach. A number of phone calls later, with Chris Hall and Roger Gregson, our own rescue mission was put in place..

After launching at Able Point boat ramp on 29 September and spending the 1<sup>st</sup> night at Hamilton Island Marina, we spent the next 3 nights in and around Hook Island with Athena and Roger Gregson and Robert Shrimpton.

After dropping my family back to Able Point Marina, we headed back to Hamilton Island to meet up with friend, who flew from Brisbane for a few days to enjoy the Whittlely experience, following their purchase of our Voyager last year. They were extremely impressed with comradery shown by our club members.

The highlight of the trip once again was the magnificent Hill Inlet, where we travelled up the far reaches of the inlet on our inflatables with Athena and Roger, enjoying what must be the undisputable "Jewel of the Crown" of the whole Whitsunday Group.

On the down side we were disappointed that, due to our family and friends commitments, we were not able to have spent more time with other boats and their crews.

Travelling home (late October), we experience problems with trailer tyres, brakes and bearings, however we made it home safely and believe we are far better for the experience.

Ernie Swanson **C-nest**





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