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NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE 2017 - 2018

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The President's Post

Hi all,

2018 is turning out to be another bumper year for your Whittleby Club. The Qld Rally has undoubtedly been a major highlight, but we have seen great numbers at land based events such as the AED course and the Boat Show dinner.

We have some new members who everyone will get to know as they join in the various events and discover the many advantages of being part of this great Club. Some old favourites are also returning (bit like the Origin trophy) so terrific to have Happy Daze back.

The recent Georges River outing shows the great fortitude of our camaraderie. Despite Armageddon like conditions at the start of the weekend, all those who went had a great time.

Coming up very soon is the trip to Yamba and the Clarence River for the long weekend. So far we have seven boats going and it seems everyone can stay on a bit longer which is great. Still time to prepare if anyone else can join in.

The Club AGM is fast approaching so I hope we see a great turnout for the party weekend as usual. The Club will be providing the traditional Super Saturday Night BBQ, so bring your chairs and liquid refreshments.

All Club Committee positions are up for ballot so please consider offering a bit of your time in 2019 to keep the whole juggernaut floating.

The time has come to step down from my role. It has been so much fun to be on the Whittleby Committee with a great bunch of devoted boat lovers. I have always believed that it is most important to get fresh ideas and participation into any organisation for the good of all. Jenny and I have enjoyed doing our bit immensely for the last 5 years and will continue being zealous members for a long time to come hopefully. Thank you for all the help and kind words of support over this time.

So, on behalf of your beautiful First Lady and myself, I look forward to seeing many of you on the wondrous Clarence River.

Phil Sparks
President

A WORD FROM OUR COMMODORE



Hello Members,

EVERYTHING YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STAINLESS!

This started after a conversation with Roger Gregson and it grew into this article, fuelled in part by my desire to know the difference between 304 and 316 stainless steels.

In reality there are more than 57 different stainless steel alloys amongst to the five types. The five types are Austenitic, Ferritic, Martensitic, Duplex, and Precipitation Hardening.

The stainless-steel alloys 304 and 316 are Austenitic alloys and the two that we generally use and have to choose between. The 304 stainless steel is comprised of 18% chromium, 8% nickel alloyed with carbon steel, whereas 316 stainless steel has 16% chromium, 10% nickel and 2% molybdenum. The addition of molybdenum is for improved corrosion control.

So, from a boating perspective which do we choose?

Here are some facts to help you choose:

1. Corrosion resistance, 316 is best.
2. Cost, generally 304 is cheaper.
3. 316 is slightly stronger but the difference is insignificant.
4. Both are subject to work hardening and galling.

SOME TIPS ON WORKING WITH THIS MATERIAL

1. Stainless steel gets harder when bent drilled, or stressed. This effects the way we use and work the metal. When selecting bolts and screws it helps to know that stainless steel bolts are of similar strength to mild steel galvanised bolts. If a bolt is exposed to extreme levels of stress a stainless bolt can become brittle and fail, but a mild steel bolt in the same situation is also suspect, so in high torsional load situations a high tensile steel bolt is the choice for extreme

loads. However high tensile bolts cannot be hot dip galvanised (the heat would weaken the bolt) and so are subject to corrosion.

2. The finish on stainless steel influences its ability to resist corrosion. A highly polished finish will be less prone to rust staining than a matt finish.

3. Stainless steel threads on bolts and nuts can be subject to galling, this is generally found when high torque has been used to tighten the nut and bolt. Galling is when the thread becomes damaged or stripped, generally on disassembly. Rolled thread bolts are generally less prone to galling than machine threaded bolts. The use of a small amount of a molybdenum grease or a nickel based anti- seize compound applied during assembly helps but avoid graphite as this can react electrolytically and cause corrosion.

4. When drilling stainless the enemy is its ability to work harden. To drill stainless effectively the drill must not skid on the face of the cut and must penetrate the metal before this can happen. The drill bit must be high speed steel as a minimum and sharp (there are also special tungsten tipped drills available). The drill speed must not be too high and the pressure applied to the drill must be high enough to cause the drill to penetrate the metal and not skid on it. Liberal application of lubricant based coolant is best but some WD 40 type aerosols helps as an alternative.

Sources: - British Stainless Steel Association, Encyclopaedia.com and Australian Stainless Steel Development Association. John Whittles

John Whittles



Just a reminder our 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 10th November at d'Albora Marina Akuna Bay.

Full details to follow soon – please reserve the weekend in your calendar.

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Don't forget YAMBA
Contact Phil Sparks 0414 267 664

CRUISE REPORT

Georges River Cruise -

8/9 September 2018

Attendees;

Tony Patti	'Serenity'
Roger and Athena	'Athena'
Ray and Maxine	'To the Max'
Michael and Diana	'Mary Christine'
Max and Margaret	'Edenvale'

Friday afternoon saw an enthusiastic group of Whittleby boaters braving the not very good forecast, to launch at the Oatley Bay boat ramp.

This ramp is an excellent facility, with easy manoeuvring, good double ramp, jetty, toilets and great drive through parking for car and trailer.

Roger had arrived early and was already launched and in position to help subsequent arrivals.

Progressively, everyone was on the water by about 4pm, except for Michael and Diana due to arrive about 5, and Athena, due to come by taxi after knocking off work.

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Just to make sure everything was being done 'Whittle' style, Glad and Jill came down to the ramp to check on us. Meanwhile, a member of our motley crew decided to offer a fisherman some sincere advice about the correct speed to approach a jetty, so as to not unduly disturb the boats at the jetty. Said fisherman, whose only catch for the afternoon was a cold, wet bottom, needed some coaxing to appreciate the spirit in which the advice was offered.



Meanwhile, Tony led 'To the Max' and Edenvale' to a shallow water anchorage at the head of the bay, about 1 km from the ramp. 'Athena' and 'Mary Christine' joined the raft just before dark, making 5 boats in all.

Much catching up was done by participants, being the first outing of the season, prior to settling in for a very calm and restful night.

All in all, the storms were no great problem for the launch day, being mainly concentrated to the south, around Loftus.

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Day 2 saw an emergency run by Tony, Margaret and Max in 'Edenvale', to the jetty at Como Marina, for restorative take away espresso for the cruise participants.

Having settled our nerves, we followed Tony downstream, under the bridges, and out into a very disturbed Botany Bay.

Five boats making a 'b' line, as we did, to the airport runway, might have caused some consternation to airport security staff, on the basis that who would be out on Botany Bay in such lumpy conditions, unless they were up to no good? No doubt, on closer inspection, they would have realised that they were 'Whittley' club members, which explains just about anything!

Having eventually come to the conclusion that there was no fun to be had being tossed around in the Bay, we headed back upstream and conducted a tour of the rich and famous in the Sylvania Waters.

(*'Sylvania Waters'* was a 1992 Australian reality television series that followed the lives of an Australian family of 48 Macintyre Crescent, Sylvania Waters.)

After some discussion, it was decided to head upstream for a relaxed lunch opposite 'Moon Point', (no such bad behaviour). Due to the number of public moorings, each boat was comfortably attached to its own mooring for the hour or so.

After lunch, a further 6 kilometres upstream, took the flotilla to an overnight raft up at 'Cattle Duffers Flat'. Diana showed her skills by bringing 'Mary Christine' to a very smooth and



accomplished positioning on the raft. Again, a very peaceful night was had by all on the smooth waters.



Sunday morning, following coffee and Max and Margret's homeward bound early evacuation of the raft, the discussion then turned to where on the George River we had not been.

Imagine Cooks River became the focal point, so our fearless leader Tony led the convoy down river to an anticipated rough Botany Bay crossing (expectations were for worse than yesterday's excursion to the airport runway).

Surprise, surprise, a nice gentle run on the plane the whole way (sorry M&M missed it).

Into Cooks River, delicately idling our way under General Holmes Drive, past the new launching ramp, and up to the entrance to Muddy Creek. We were tempted to venture further up the creek to where the Fisho's Club is located, but the creek was loaded with anchored fishing boats, the winds were light but very fluky and we were on a falling tide (excuses, excuses, excuses!).

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As it was almost lunch time, Roger and Athena dropped anchor at the entrance to Muddy Creek. With Tony, Maxine and Ray, Michael and Dianna rafted alongside on the single anchor. Naturally Roger dropped a bundle of chain just in case.

As Roger had the only anchor and some, some, some and some more chain out, guess who had half of Muddy Creek in their anchor-well !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! bummerrrr!

We had just finished lunch and three boys in a CR2800 were heading to the launching ramp. Whittley's being Whittley's they were called over and did a back-to-back tie off to the raft (so now there were five on one anchor). A bit more chain was dispatched. As it turned out the family has two Whittleys, the 2800 and a 2180. It is doubtful if they would become members, but who knows????

After fond farewells to our visitors, it was time to head back to reality and a low tide boat retrieval.

Normal fluky wind retrieval, hugs and kisses all round till we meet again.

Thanks, must go to Tony for a great week-end and Maxine and Ray for making the trip down from the lake.

Report, a combined effort by Roger and Max (W).



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LONG WEEKEND - OCTOBER



Hi all,

The Whittley Club is off to Yamba to cruise the magnificent Clarence River for the upcoming October long weekend.

It is a lovely quiet waterway with a number of places to stop and take in the townships and have a meal or wander around.

As it is a distance for most members of the Club, I urge those of you wishing to go to try and get some extra time to spend there in addition to the extended weekend.

We have the opportunity to store our cars and trailers and launch at either Brushgrove or at Yamba. As the river is closed for some periods over that weekend for the Grafton to Harwood ski race, I will advise those going of the itinerary shortly once I confirm the dates and times.

Most of the members going have let me know their travel plans. It is not too late for anyone else who wishes to come along to let me know.

For any questions or responses, please call or email to

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GOOD NEWS STORY No. 1

Never give up No. 1

At the start our rally in 2016 I had a small mishap with my phone who a lot of you know about. The marina said they could get divers to go down and get it for me **BUT** at a cost!

To my surprise 2 years & 5 months later I received a text message from Chloe at Akuna Bay "Look what the divers found". Better still, all my cash was still inside and at no cost to me, Winner Winner Chicken Dinner.

I am hoping on the fact that my phone was supposed to be waterproof I am hoping to retrieve some photos from it. Here's hoping it can be done.

Maxine

'To The Max'



GOOD NEWS STORY No. 2

Never give up No. 2

When we got home from the Georges River Cruise, Sunday 9 September, no rear port side clear!!!!

Oh dear, I am sure I was particularly careful about attaching it!!

Anyway, park the boat in the driveway, have a quick clean up and back on the road for the 65km drive back to the boat ramp at Oatley.

Eyes peeled all the way up, going as reasonably slowly as we could in the traffic.

Eyes peeled all the way home, going even slower.

No clear!

How could it vanish? It is surprising just how many pieces of faded cardboard there are on the side of the road that look just like a the clear would look!

Feeling forlorn, get quote of \$495 for something that wont look as good, book in work and resign yourself, its just one of those things.

ANYWAY....

One week later, on way home from visiting our son, Margaret spotted our clear, half way along Mt Ousely Rd.

Undamaged, sitting in the dish drain, it was crumpled up to the size of a brief case, only distinguishable from a piece of old cardboard because of the green piping on the canvas.



Don't know how we missed it the previous week, other than the strong gusty wind during the intervening week, may have moved it into view

Saves \$495 and keeps boat original. Oh, what a feeling!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

2018	DATES	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	CONTACT
January	26 th 27 th & 28 th	Australia Day	Castle Lagoon	Ken Hickson 0412 243 806
February	10 th & 11th	Myall Lakes	Nerong	John Whittles 0457 843 073
March	10 th & 11th	Shoal Haven	Greenwell Point	Phil Haworth 0408 671 684
April	30 th 31 st 1 st & 2nd 26th to 30th	Batemans Bay Queensland Rally	Gold Coast	Queensland Whittley Club
May	19 th & 20th	Vivid Sydney Harbour	Blackwattle Bay	Bruce Lynch 0412 869 411
June/Long weekend	9 th -- 11 th	Hawksbury	Castle Lagoon	Ray Mantle 0418 292 512
July	7 th	Mystery Dinner	TBA Closer to the date	Phil Sparks or Maxine Mantle 0414 267 664 0419 015 092
August	4 th	Boat Show & Dinner	Darling Harbour	Phil Sparks 0414 267 664
September	8 th & 9th	Georges River		Tony Patti 0424 691 233
October/Long Weekend	29 th 30 th & 1st	Yamba	Yamba TBA	Phil Sparkes 0414 267 664
November	10 th & 11th	AGM	Akuna Bay	Maxine Mantle 0419 015 092
December	8 th & 9th	Christmas Party	Greys Point	Garry Baglin 0419 462 237

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