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NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE 2018 – 2019

PRESIDENT: JOHN WHITTLES

COMMODORE: RAY MANTLE

SECRETARY: MAXINE MANTLE

TREASURER: NARELLE BAGLIN/ANGELA MUNZ

COMMITTEE: SANDRA CREED/IAN FRANKLIN

The President's Post



Greetings Members

It's been a great privilege to serve on the committee both as Commodore and most recently President, not only a privilege but also a great pleasure as the comradeship and social side of being on the committee is most enjoyable.

But all good things must come to an end and this will be my last committee meeting before the AGM, after which I will not be standing for any positions on the committee for the foreseeable future.

The challenge for our club in the future is to maintain a viable number of members who actively participate in outings.

Without this participation on club outings, I fear the Club will fade.

Increased participation in club outings is the major objective which I as President, would have liked to have achieved. I wish my successor great success in this nurturing of new members.

Happy Boating
John Whittles
Club President.

FROM THE COMMODORE'S DESK



Hello Members,

It's nearing the end of the lull season were our boats as well as our self's have been laid up. Well it is now time for us to get ready to hook up and enjoy a season of relaxing and socialising on our boats.

Is your boat ready? I have put together a check list that might helpful to you, to leave home without worrying especially if you intend to do the Murray River and or the Victorian Rally.

Check List for Trailers

Bearings need greasing, as does your trailer.

Check your Brakes and Brake Pads Callipers.

Fuel Lines check for leaks and rust (I found this out the hard way when mine had a fine spray and letting water into my braking system which destroyed my Hydro Star quite expensive)

Tyres they might look good, but they only have a safe life of only 5 years due to perishing with standing flat on driveways for a period of time and being in and out of saltwater.

Lights these again go in and out of saltwater and are said to be sealed and should not leak but nothing is guaranteed

Boat

Is it due for a service?

Batteries are they charged and holding power?

Anchor winch, check and grease.

Navigation lights.

Safety equipment

Ropes, Fenders, Life Jackets.

Now sit back and enjoy your time on the road and on the water.

Maxine & I have been absent on some trips this year due to medical issues, but all good now and we look forward to catching up with you perhaps on the Murray River, and or the Victorian Rally.

Commodore Ray

CRUISE REPORT

Hawkesbury Weekend

25 – 26 May 2019

Only a small contingent for this trip with 4 boats attending:

Robyn and Stuart Best	
Sandra and David Creed	- Kyrian
Judy and Ian Franklin	- Much Ado
Angela and Alex Munz	- Happy Daze

The weekend started with both Much Ado and Kyrian launching from Apple Tree Bay on Saturday. We motored up to Refuge Bay where we met up with Happy Daze who had previously launched at Brooklyn (NOTE: Alex and Angela report the fresh water tap has Brooklyn has now been disconnected – that certainly is one way to have a 'dry' weekend).

So, off to Gosford for a run. On the way to Lion Island, we met up with Robyn and Stuart Best who had launched at Bayswater ramp in Pittwater. Stuart, who is a long standing 'local' of the areas waters, led us through the long series of channels into Brisbane Water.

Our route commenced at Little Box Head, taking us past Lobster Bay, Wagstaffe, Pretty Bay, Hardys Bay, Killcare, Booker Bay, The Rip, Woy Woy and finally into Paddys Channel which opens in Brisbane Water proper.

The channel may seem a little daunting to many. It is narrow, has a lot of traffic at times (including ferries) and a few key sections require dredging from time to time. Stuart advises the channel markers sometime change to reflect the shifting sands due to tidal water flows and occasional severe storms, so whilst the channel is marked on charts, it can vary, so keep an eye out for the channel marks which Maritime adjust regularly. In sections, it is slow with several 4knot, 8 knot and no wash zones. Once in Brisbane Water we headed to the northern end where we anchored off the Broadwater adjacent to Gosford Sailing Club for a spot of lunch and lazing in the sunshine.

Gosford is a great location and worthy of a more detailed review. There is a public council marina (managed by the local Marine Rescue group). It has no toilet facilities but has power and water. You can overnight here for a modest fee. From the marina, it is only a short walk to Gosford Sailing Club or a longer walk to Central Coast Leagues Club, both of which have excellent refreshments and meals. Just need to keep an eye on the weather forecast as the north end of Brisbane Water can be a little unpleasant in a big southerly although the breakwater of the marina does offer some protection.

This weekend, we were not into marina mode, so after lunch we left Gosford, retracing our track into the channel and back into Broken Bay where we proceeded to Jerusalem Bay and finally into Pinta Bay to raft up for the evening with dinner, discussions, a drink (or three) and sleep. This bay is reasonably sheltered with good depth (if you stay away from the southern end). It has the advantage over Castle Lagoon in that it does not get the swell from big cruisers passing by.

A lazy morning on Sunday saw another marvellous day weather wise, with no one in any particular hurry to go or be anywhere - a very relaxed morning soaking up the sunshine. The raft broke up after lunch as everybody headed home.

Overall, a short but pleasant weekend trying out a few 'new' places not on the usual Whittley club itinerary.

Again, many thanks to those who attended and in particular to Stuart Best for his local knowledge of the channel.

Ian+Judy
'Much Ado'



Cruising across Broken Bay to come around the back of Lion Island



Kyrian in the channel off Wagstaffe Point about to do the dog-leg around Half Tide Rocks



Rafted up in Pinta Bay (with Angela rugged up waiting for sundown)

A true boaties MOTTO Generally applies to the male species but, has been known to apply to others.

“Never ever go to windward, you don't get wet that way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”



(Thanks Roger)

“Optitec” powered jockey wheel



On the purchase of our new 2600 whittley, we were in a bit of a dilemma on how we were going to manoeuvre the trailer boat. This boat being bigger and heavier than our last whittley 2380, we needed access to use our garage for at least one car. On talking to Phil Hayworth he put me onto the Optitec Wireless Jockey Wheel V2+ this has solved our problem. The Optitec Jockey Wheel has a solid rubber tyre and comes with a wireless remote and a lead with anderson plug at one end and jumper connections the other. It does work best on hard surfaces and depending on the weight of your trailer boat it will manoeuvre up slopes. It has an adjustment height of 250mm and I have a heavy duty double

clamp with u bolts fitted to my trailer as it over 1500 kg. The cost is not cheap at around \$2,000.00 this includes the bag with wheels and lead plus wireless remote. The clamp plate a extra cost, also you need a battery 50amps and up.

SPECIFICATIONS

Motor capacity	12v dc 50 amps
Operating speed	8 meters per minute
Operating time	35 minutes on level surface
Weight	22 kg
Dimensions	326x220x760mm
Incline	depends on weight of trailer
max trailer weight	3500 kg
max load weight	350 kg
remote control range	up to 50 metres







Some extra notes from Jill (in response to my questions, Max) ;

1. THE WHEEL OF THE OPTITEC IS MADE OF HARD RUBBER AND HAS 360 SWIVEL.
2. SO FAR, TOUCH WOOD, WE HAVE NEVER DAMAGED ANY VEHICLES ETC, WHEN MANOUVERING IN TIGHT PLACES. WE DID CHANGE THE SPARE TYRE ON THE BOAT TO PORT SIDE.
3. PHIL HAYWORTH PURCHASED THE OPTITEC AND INTRODUCED US AND GAVE A DEMONSTRATION ON HOW IT ALL WORKED.
4. THE DEVICE IS OK TO HANDLE, ALTHOUGH THE BATTERY IS A LITTLE HEAVY.
5. IT SEEMS TO WORK OKAY ON A WET DRIVE, BUT IT IS SOMETHING I WOULD NOT USE IN THE RAIN OR LEAVE ON THE TRAILER.
6. I BACK THE BOAT THROUGH THE GATES AND UP DRIVE WITH MY TOW VEHICLE.

7. THE CLEARANCE UP THE DRIVE IS QUITE TIGHT.
8. I USE THE DEVICE TO POSITION THE BOAT TO TOW OUT DOWN DRIVEWAY.
9. I BOUGHT THE OPTITEC AT THE ROSEHILL TRAILER BOAT SHOW.
YOU CAN BUY IT ONLINE THEY ARE IN MELBOURNE, AND THEY MAY OFFER FREE FREIGHT DELIVERY.

JILL BARRATT
'GIGI 3'

CAPTAIN Quotation



DID YOU KNOW
The **Canary Islands**
don't have a single
canary on them.

Also, the **Virgin
Islands** don't have a
single canary on
them either.

(Thanks Roger)

A few photos.....

Lunch at Dooley's Silverwater



(Thanks to Jan Whittles)

WHITTLEY CLUB NSW CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

MONTH	DATES	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	CONTACT
January	26 th -28 th	Australia Day Nelsons Bay	Soldiers Point	David Creed 0428 688 024
February	9 th -10 th	Sussex Inlet	Chris Creek	Phil Haworth 0408 671 684
March	8 th -9 th	Myall Lakes	Narong	John Whittles 0457 843 073
April	19 th -27 th	Easter & Anzac Lake Macquarie		Ray Mantle 0418 292 512
May	25 th -26 th	Hawkesbury	Castle Bay	Ian Franklin 0412 393 475
June	8 th -10 th	Long Weekend	Lake Macquarie	
July	6 th -7 th	Xmas in July	Dooleys at Silverwater	Maxine Mantle 0419 015 092
August	3 rd	Boat Show Dinner	Brazza Churrascaria – Darling Quarter	Maxine Mantle 0419 015 092
September	13 th -14 th TBA	Shoalhaven Murray River Sept- Oct	Greenwell Point	Brenton Whitwell 0407 928 685 Garry Baglin 0419 462 237
October	5 th -7 th	Long Weekend Sydney Harbour	TBA	TBA
November	9 th -10 th	AGM Akuna Bay	Castle Bay	Maxine Mantle 0419 015 092
November	Sun 17 th - Tues 19 th Tue 19 th - Sat 23 rd	Myall Lakes Nelson Bay	Narong Soldiers Point	Maxine Mantle 0419 015 092
December	TBA	Xmas Party	Port Hacking	Colin Gatley 0418 675 748
February / March 2020	27 th Feb – 1 st March 2020	Whittley Regatta 2020	Port Phillip Bay - Melbourne	https://melbournewhittleycruisercub.com.au/regatta-2020

This is a Melbourne Whittley Club event to which we have been invited.

Please contact Melbourne Whittley Club.