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#### **IN THIS ISSUE**

- **NEW MEMBERS**

Bruce Parker, welcome aboard, see you at the next 2FM.

Ken and Kathy Hainsworth, (42 ft De Fever, Pure Pleasure) welcome aboard, we hope to see you on the water and at the next 2FM.

- **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

We have been notified by Gordon McReadie, who recently completed a radio course, that the Coastal Patrol has requested to reserve channel 91 on 27 mhz radio for their use, and has asked boating clubs and boaties alike to use either channel 94 or 96 mhz. Our club has switched to channel 94 on 27 mhz radio on our trip to Brisbane Waters on the Easter weekend. N.B. We are on air on channel 94.

- **CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES**

Shirts: Polo, Tee and formal with epaulettes, long and short sleeves all with the Club logo, and with the option to add your name and your boat name are available from your Club. Other clothing includes fleecy jackets either sleeveless or with long sleeves, and a range of women's tops and singlets and men's shorts. Accessories include plastic name badges, caps and visors together with poly can holders with your boat name on them. The range of both clothes and accessories is being constantly expanded to meet Members' needs. A full catalogue showing the current range with prices is available at all Club functions and on our new website, just ask any committee member. Prices start at \$6.00 including GST. Payment by cheque, money order or cash is required before orders are processed, and delivery is normally within three weeks of processing.

- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BWMYC Easter trip to Brisbane Water Gosford**

10 boats (“River Princess”, “Amandajay”, “White Rose”, “Statesman”, “Kissin”, “Brampton”, “Is a Beau”, “Dream Catcher”, “Pure Pleasure”, “Cool Change”) left Berowra Waters in the early hours of Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 in good weather conditions for the trip to Gosford for the 4 day Easter Holiday. Turn out was excellent with 47 people aboard the 10 boats, with visitors on each of the days, numbers swelled to approx 70 people. Visitors arrived by car, train and boat.

The trip on Good Friday to Gosford Public Wharf was uneventful with perfect weather and ideal boating conditions all the way. Three of the leading boats waited at Little Box Head for the arrival of the rest of the boats to commence a convoy into the Brisbane Water area. David Lynch of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol of Gosford was contacted by the Commodore as the convoy entered Brisbane Water to be on stand-by to assist the fleet with berthing arrangements at the Gosford Public Wharf. Not only did David Lynch assist the Club on Good Friday but he checked in with it each of its days at the wharf. The service from the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol was exceptional as were the facilities at the Public Wharf with on shore power and water and close walking proximity to shops, rail, Central Coast Leagues Club and the Sailing Club. To ensure we have the same opportunity with a similar number of boats berthed side-by-side again the Club has repeated its booking again for Easter 2007.

Club members were sorry to see that Warwick and Karen Savage (“MV Jess”) could not make the trip this Easter due to family commitments however Louise Herczeg’s (“White Rose”) sister, Bronwyn, gladly became a stand-in for Karen Savage and was accidentally in the water within minutes of her arrival while trying to retrieve some personal items fallen off the back of “Kissin”.

Graham Rowell (“Amandajay”) had an extremely busy week-end on the Amanda Hilton with 5 sleeping bodies on the boat on the trip to Gosford and another 4 bodies overnight on the Saturday with Bruce Parker ‘in residence’ for 3 of the nights. Suzie Robinson appointed herself Concierge for Graham and had to put up the ‘House Full’ sign at the front of the boat on each of the evenings in Wharf.

On Saturday afternoon the crew of “Brampton” and “Is A Beau” and “Amandajay” took a dinghy trip up Narara Creek exploring for 5/6 kms until stopped by a low slung road bridge.

Saturday night saw the boat people put their tables and chairs out onto the boardwalk in front of their berthed boats for an informal dinner BBQ style. The “River Princess” however excelled itself with tables set in a standard consistent with that of the Ritz Carlton, whilst others sat on milk crates and dined on fold-up aluminium tables.

Easter Sunday morning dawned with the arrival of two scantily clad Easter Playboy bunnies (Kay Fischer and Cindy Clifford – “River Princess”). Cherie Brooke (“Kissin”) and Louise Herczeg (“White Rose”) arranged the planting of 80 Easter Eggs in and around the car park of Iguana Joes Restaurant for the children to start their day (in their pyjamas) with the Easter Egg hunt. Tanya Robinson (“Is A Beau”) won the prize for the best pyjama outfit and Kaye and Cindy (Equal) won the prize for the best adult pyjama costume. Various other prizes were awarded.

The biggest catch by the smallest kid was by Rochelle Lowther (“Statesman”) who, on Sunday afternoon, caught a large bream by hand reel.

On Sunday the fleet was paid a visit by the Randalls “Bludgin” and the Greshams “4 Simon” with assorted friends. On their departure late that afternoon they were given a Maori farewell by the crews from the breakwater wall ably led by Ted Harrison (“Lady Nancy”) – thank you Ted.

The trip home on Easter Monday morning departure was quite a spectacle with the convoy of 10 boats line astern and flags flying which attracted a crowd of people to the wharf at Wagstaff. Graham and Denise Rowell’s “Amandajay” had a hose blow on the trip home and thanks go to “Is A Beau” for lending assistance in the form of a tow from Hawkesbury River road bridge home to Berowra Waters. (I have never seen “Amandajay” on the plane before, Editor).

David and Suzie Robinson (“Lollipop”), (Cherie Brooke’s sister and brother in law, came out to meet the homecoming fleet at Milson Passage.

Kevin and Chris Collins (“Cool Change”), and their crew David and Marie Edwards, followed behind the fleet to enjoy a sail in the favourable conditions.

Geoff and Cherie Brooke (Kissin)

- **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our next Committee meeting will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 0930 hrs at the Fish & Chip Café

- **VICE COMMODORES REPORT**

**Marramurra Creek Dinghy Trip.** This outing is always well supported and this day was no exception, with eight small tenders leaving the anchored motherships at Bar Island for the morning trip up Marramurra creek on a rising tide.

After crossing the two large bays we entered the river proper which is about 30 metres across. We made good time meandering along the uninhabited waterway until we had to stop for a short time to allow the tide to catch us up. This was done at an abandoned citrus orchard where we spent about half an hour ashore checking how extensive this orchard must have been and well managed as the trees are still bearing fruit.

It was at this point that the “Vivian Factor” cut in with a mishap in refuelling in the form of the petrol cap being lost overboard and floating away. After I retrieved it, I noticed a large box in her dinghy and enquired what it was? Mechanical repair kit I was told! Hmmm.

Lunch time saw us about a kilometre from the headwaters and not enough water under us again so we went ashore again. After travelling through this rugged and natural bushland the last thing you expect to find is a mowed grass clearing with tables and chairs and best of all (Ladies) a single timber long drop toilet.

With the length of time at high tide restricted, a few of us made the final kilometre run to the headwaters, where Kevin Boyle and Loretta then showed us a fresh water billabong with large fish swimming about in full view from the shore. We later found out that these fish were freshwater carp, but one individual must have been 600 mm. long.

The tide had now turned and it was time to get out of there.

The Vivian Factor cut in again with a broken sheer pin on the outboard motor, due to hitting a rock in the middle of the river. Enter the repair kit of tools and a jumbo pack of sheer pins (thank you Ted).

Chris Collins had decided to join Vivian for the return trip and brought a bottle of wine which was opened immediately and glasses filled.

This river empties very quickly so we motored without stopping until we exited into the large bays at the entrance. Marramurra is so interesting because you can see remains of a community that existed here about 100 years ago with stone river walls and fresh water wells along the river banks. Vivian had one more sheer pin break, but this time she returned to the group soaking wet. ( I don't want to know what happened except to say that I noticed that Chris was sore from laughing).

Three cruisers stayed the night at anchor but the rest returned to Berowra, missing a beautiful still night.

P.S.

At the following 2FM dinner, Vivian had our Commodore, George Herczeg present Chris Collins with a laminated certificate (supplied) to congratulate her on being able to survive the afternoon with her, without even a fire engine having to be called.

Until next time

Graham Rowell, Vice Commodore

P.P.S. The jumbo pack of sheer pins was in fact empty by the end of the cruise. There is many a scarred submerged rock in Marramurra creek. Vivian and Chris made it on their last sheer pin. (Ted, more please). (Editor)

### **CLUB MOORING**

I am pleased to report that our club mooring should be installed by the time this newsletter is published. The committee will be formulating our rules and regulations for the club mooring and will be published in this newsletter and on our new website in due course.

Safe Boating

Graham Rowell, Vice Commodore.

### • **COMMODORES REPORT**

During the last two weeks we have had several resignations from our committee, Kevin Boyle and Loretta Pearson have resigned as Secretary and Social Committee member respectively, Kevin and Loretta have moved to Wobby beach and now run The Boat House and Kokomo as well as their other business at Thornleigh. This has made it extremely difficult for them to attend meetings and fulfil their duties. Don Tritton has resigned as Treasurer, Don and Tina have also moved to Wobby beach and his business has opened an office in N.Z. which has made his time very limited and very difficult for Don to attend meetings and also to fulfil his duties as Treasurer. Even though they have resigned from official positions within the club, we hope we will see them all socially at 2FM's and outings. Thank you, Kevin, Loretta and Don for all your work for the Club.

The Committee has appointed Geoff Brooke under rule 14(4) to fill the casual vacancy of Secretary/Treasurer and Public officer until the next A.G.M. I have taken over Membership, hope you like the new look

membership cards. The old artwork was done in Paint, and the floppy disc was damaged so I had to re-design it.

I would like to thank Vivian Cronin for telling me about the Council owned marina berths at Gosford, Vivian told me while waste deep in water replacing her last sheer pin on her outboard during the Marramarra creek outing. I had trouble tracking down the new managers of the marina, but after being transferred from department to department someone finally gave me the phone number of The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol. David Lynch from The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol looked after us superbly.

Thank you David, from all of us at the BWMYC. I think having the luxury of being berthed at the marina has made out Easter Trip a memorable one, and I hope to see even more boats supporting this event next year. Book early as I have only 10 berthed booked out of a total of 14 berths. I thank all of you who attended this outing, it made the organising of it a pleasure.

George Herczeg, Commodore.

- **CLUB WEBSITE**

We now have a no frills (free) website operating. Uploaded is, The Club Clothing Catalogue & order form, Club Rules, Application for Membership form, Renewal of Membership form, The current Newsletter, Nomination form and Proxy form, have a look and give us some feedback.

[www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc)

- **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Maritime Museum visit**, 17<sup>th</sup> June meet at 8.45am for 9.00 am. Departure from Parramatta River Cat Terminal to Circular Quay for Ferry change to Darling Harbour, arrive at 10.55am . Visit museum till aprox. 1.00pm, Lunch at Darling Harbour till 3.00pm. then catch Ferry to Circular Quay and change to River Cat and arrive back at Parramatta at 4.50pm. Should be a great day.

**Christmas in June**, 1<sup>st</sup> July, Dinner at the Waterview organised by the Berowra Waters Ladies Committee. This is their fund raiser for the Santa Boat which we need to support. \$42.50 per head, Information and bookings phone Barbara Randell on 9456 1052. It's always a very enjoyable night, members please support our Ladies Committee.

**Peat's Bite Restaurant**, is an exclusive water access only restaurant on the Hawkesbury River open from 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of September to the last weekend in June. Since it's opening in 1982 Peats Bite has developed a reputation for long relaxed luncheons. It's unique five course menu style incorporates

banquet style entrees with al a Carte mains and desserts. A regular lunch at Peats Bite takes up most of the afternoon as guests sit back and enjoy the food, the wine and live music. It is not uncommon for diners to have a between course dip in the pool or sit out on the lawn with coffee and dessert looking over the vista that is the Hawkesbury. With complete deep water frontage Peats Bites casual yet stylish tropical setting offers seating for up to 150 guests. Regular days of operation are weekend lunches only. Five course meal including coffee is \$100.00/person inc. GST. Fully licensed. Members and guests who are interested in this outing please contact George Herczeg on 0425 253 748. Date to be set for later in the year.

**Social Event–Annual Fund Raiser, Theme???? Friday night 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
(date to be confirmed).

**FISHING COMPETITION** has been re-scheduled to the end of November, Date to be set. Stay tuned.

- **2FM CLUB DINNER DATES**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 2FM Dinner.**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> 2FM Dinner.**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 2FM Dinner.**

- **NOTE FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Any good ideas for outings/functions are most welcome. Send to George via email- [australprinting@ozemail.com.au](mailto:australprinting@ozemail.com.au)

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Until next time safe boating

Yours Sincerely,

George Herczeg, Commodore.

