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***Merry Christmas 2007
and a Happy New Year 2008***

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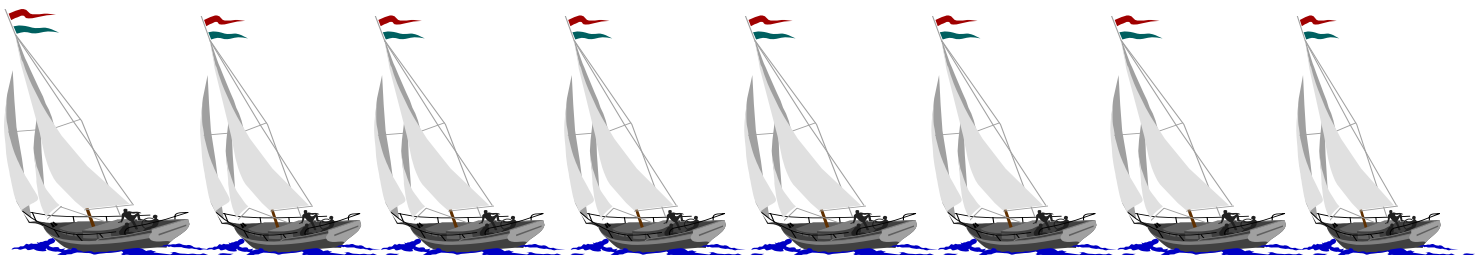
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- **NEW MEMBERS**

Richard and Helgrit Bell, 28' Mustang, Helsbells. Welcome aboard, see you on the water.

- **VALE**

It is with deep regret that I note the passing of Georgia Unita Rowell, Graham Rowell's mother, on the 10th October 2007, our sincere condolences, to Graham and family.

I have just received a call from Geoff Brooke to inform me that our good friend and club member, David Robinson has passed away with his family around him at 1.15 pm on Tuesday 18th December 2007. It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I bring all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Suzie, Chorley, Kearney, Cherie, Geoff and families.

- **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

Geoff Bollins has finally had his hip replacement, all went well and we saw Geoff on the river for the first time on Friday the 7th December, and he called in to the Christmas party to say hello. I suppose we will have to stop calling Geoff "hoppy". Good to see you on the river Geoff.

Kristie Bollins has had a knee operation at the same time and in the same hospital as Geoff, and shared a room with her Dad. All went well and both are recovering from the operations and each other.

Wendy Forman (Stingray) has had a short stay in hospital for a procedure, hope all is well, and hope to see you on the water soon.

John and Maureen Wilson's Phoenix, is back in Berowra after having a sand blast to her bottom and a fresh coat of paint to topsides up to her gunnels, Job well done John, Phoenix looks great, congratulations.

Leune de Miel (Kissin to her friends) has new covers, a new Bimini and a new Boom tent, done by Absolute covers. Geoff and Cherie are thrilled.

Cool Change has engine problems, apparently the exhaust let water into the engine. Kevin has a dispute with the engine people, hope it sorts itself soon, our thoughts are with you, Kevin and Chris, Good luck.

Downeaster Alexa (Graham and Denise Oliver) also has an engine drama, but I believe the problem is nearly sorted out and hope they will be cruising soon.

MV Jess is booked to go to Bayview slipway in January for a repaint, with David Robbo's talented team. I can't wait to see the transformation. Jess will be like a new boat, new engine and all, new electrics etc. etc. She will be ready for the next big cruise.

Shelton has a new engine fitted and is mobile again after a long layoff. Tony and Michelle are excited and are planning a refit to freshen Shelton up a bit. Good to see you on the water again.

"Six ladies in a rubber duck" A few weeks ago, just for a change of scenery, several boats rafted up in deep bay. White Rose, Amandajay, Kissin, MV Jess, and Is a Beau. On Sunday, the girls decided to explore the waterfalls at the end of the bay. They all piled into Kissin's rubber duck, and Cherie went to town on the pull chord, but to no avail, it just wouldn't start. All the guys were looking on, while the wind and current washed them towards the beach, just then with Cherie's last attempt to crank the anti feminist engine, Di was knocked overboard into the water, and to our amazement she came up holding a large mullet in her hand, so she put it in her pocket and started swimming back to Amandajay, to show Graham. Melissa, Tanya and Karen also went overboard and swam back to the raft up. Graham did the hero thing and went to rescue girls, by towing them back to the raft up. After exhaustive mechanical checks on the engine it was determined that it wasn't Cherie's fault, but it was dirt in the carby, but of course we can't let a little fact like that get in the way of a good story.

- **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

AGM and SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, well it's over again for another year. We had a great turn out of members, business was attended to swiftly. The Clubs Rules were amended and approved

unanimously by the members present, as amended The Clubs Rules have now been ratified and approved by the Department of Fair Trading. A full set of The Clubs Amended Rules is available on the clubs web site at www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc. All committee positions were declared vacant and nominations were tabled and elected unopposed. **Commodore:** Graham Rowell, **Vice Commodore:** George Herczeg, **Secretary:** Warwick Savage, **Treasurer:** Geoff Brooke, **Committee:** Ted Thomas, Leonie Cox, Graham Oliver. A great refreshed team.

Clunker's amazing restoration. (See photos)

Rob, Bayview Slipway's shipwright, cruised Clunker to Berowra Waters for Chorley's 18th birthday party, so David could see the finished product. The following weekend we towed her back to Bayview, while Kissin was taken back for some more painting. (Weather permitting).

Life memberships.

I am happy to announce the clubs first life memberships, awarded to Graham Rowell and to Denise Rowell for ten consecutive years service on the committee. Congratulations to Graham, and to Denise.

Club member of the year.

We had a dead heat again this year, between two very dedicated members of the club, in Geoff Brooke and Denis Cox. We couldn't split them, even on the day of the Christmas party, they were both wearing club clothing, and as usual working diligently for the benefit of club members. Congratulations to Geoff and Denis.

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- **TRIVIA QUIZ**

Ever wondered about the origins of, “that word”, which occasionally slips out? Yes, I mean SHIT, and yes of course, the origin is nautical.

- **PREPARING TO GO CRUISING ?**

Here's a good way to prep yourself for the cruising life....



Throw a dinner party for 12, but make everyone sit on two small sofas and eat off the coffee table.

- **INCREASE YOUR NAUTICAL VOCABULARY**

Nautical Terms (continued from last issue)

Galley

Ancient: Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.

Modern: Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.

Gear

Generic term for any pieces of boating equipment that can be forgotten in the back-seat or boot of a car, left behind on a pontoon, soaked in the bottom of a dinghy or lost over the side of the boat.

Gimbals

Movable mountings often found on shipboards lamps, compasses etc which provide dieting passengers an opportunity to observe the true motions of the ship in relation to them, and thus prevent any recently ingested food from remaining in their digestive systems long enough to be converted into unwanted calories.

Grounding

Embarrassing situation in which a sailor returns to shore without leaving his boat.

(To be continued next newsletter).

• **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Teamwork is essential – it allows you to blame somebody else.

• **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS**

Do you realize that in about 50 years, we'll have millions of old ladies running around with wrinkly tattoos?

CLUB NOTICES

• **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE**

Have you renewed your membership? They are due on 31st December 2007, act now.

• **CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES**

NEW PRODUCTS; “Finally” we have available the sets of club logo stickers in 2 sizes, large and small and the club logo fridge magnet, available for \$15.00 per set.

OTHER NEW PRODUCTS; Have arrived and in stock, are Club ties and Club Scarves. The ties are blue with the logo about one third of the way down from the top of a knotted tie. The scarves are blue with a gold band along each long side and the Club logo on one end. They are available for \$25.00 each. Also available are: stock flags, blue and red ensign and city of Sydney etc. and new club Burgees at a reasonable price, plus the usual, 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 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.

• **CLUB WEBSITE**

Have you had a look at our club website? It is very informative and is frequently updated. Have a look. Uploaded you will find, The Club Clothing Catalogue & order form, Club Rules, Application for Membership form, Renewal of Membership form, Club Newsletters and Photo Galleries, Nomination form and Proxy form, Welcome to the club flier and The Adventures of MV Jess, 2007 Social Calendar, have a look and give us some feedback. www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc

• **FOR SALE**

- 14 foot Hobie Cat with sails and accessories and a new trampoline \$500.00 contact Graham Oliver on 9985 9210.
- Magma Marine Kettle BBQ, never used, cost \$398.00, sell for \$260.00, includes new gas bottle with fittings, contact Vicki Read. Phone 0429 808 280 or 4580 8280.

- Latronics Sun Power inverter, 350VA surge to 1050VA, \$100.00, contact Eddie Fowler. Phone 4572 3109 or 0407 703 143.

If you have anything to sell, send me the details and I'll include them in the next issue. If you have sold any of these items above, please let me know so I can delete them.

- **2FM DINNER RAFFLE WINNERS**

SEPTEMBER 14th 2FM. Winner of the BBQ set in a case was Kevin and Christine Collins.

OCTOBER 12th 2FM. Winner of the stainless steel all in one Nautical knife and multi-purpose you beaut do everything tool, was Di Sheehy.

NOVEMBER 2nd 2FM. No raffle. (insufficient members present).

- **TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWER**

“Ship High In Transit”

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a byproduct is methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could, and did happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T " (Ship High In Transit), which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I. I had always thought it was a golfing term.

- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

'Boat Rally 2007'

After a lot of last minute emails and phone calls, we had a respectable number of boats for the rally. To make sure nobody cheated and all papers would be checked fairly, we had the Judges from The High Court of Berowra onboard “Judge Rosie”

We had some interesting entries:-

Prince Graham and Princess Di onboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Phoenix was the Pirates of the Berowrabean,

The crews from Whitehaven and Shelton, combined forces to be entered as Shelhaven and King Neptune and the busty mermaids.

Leune de Miel (Kissin) was ablaze with flags and had the population of Berowra onboard.

Statesman did flags. Sina, Helbels and others just did the Rally.

It was a great rally, and I had the boats doing 360's going around and around, it's a wonder they found their way home. One boat disappeared off the radar, but later we found out that Richard's mother in law onboard wasn't well, so the Captain headed for home. The winners were: Shelhaven, best dressed boat. Leune de miel, best dressed flags and overall rally winner. Congratulations to winners and to all participants, but look out, because next year I'm not setting the rally but participating in it, so will I be doing 360's?

"Merry Christmas"

What a way to end the year's functions. It was a fantastic day. We were prepared for rain but the Weather God's were kind to us & the weather was perfect.

As usual the "Emirates Tent" stood in all its glory & was very well patronized.

With the Champagne flowing, delicious food & great company we were all set for one fantastic Christmas Party.

After lunch our unforgettable SANTA made a spectacular entrance in his new Sled.

Thank you so much SANTA, you made the children's (all girls) eyes light up & really brought the party to life. Starting with getting stuck on the speed hump, with the help of Karen, Warwick, Craig, Alan, Denis & I, we got him going again. In his driving lesson we forgot to tell him about the speed humps. SANTA, the Children thought you were the best; the Ladies thought you were even better. SANTA gave the Children their presents & all had their photos taken with him.

Not to be left out the big kids arrived. Karen, Kaye & Mari pounced into SANTA'S lap, for their photos to be taken with SANTA. He drove around to all the guests & handed out gifts to everyone with many photo opportunities taken on the way. SANTA was very popular.

Everyone had such a great time the last to leave, being the guests of the "Emirates Tent" At 7.30pm. Thank you everyone for making the day such a success.

A special thank you to John & Vicki Tentomas for donating \$100.00 to go towards the children's presents, and also for the brass port hole mirror for the Club Member of the year prize.

Also a special thank you to Kylie Parnham for donating "All" the Raffle Prizes, and to Cherie Brooke for donating the Aromatherapy Prize, it was very generous of you all.

The lucky prize winners were; Jenny McCreadie, Colin Woods, Suzanne Williams, Richard Bell & Grace Lowther, congratulations to you all.

Congratulation to Geoff Brooke & Denis Cox for being joint "Member of the Year" They were inseparable so we have 2 Club Members of the Year for 2007

I would also like to thank everyone who helped, getting the tarps up & setting up for the great day ahead. I know I drove everyone mad with the amount of balloons to blow up. In the end the balance of the balloons managed to find their way to the van roof.

Editor's note: Leonie has covered almost everything but there is one thing she can't write about, so I will. Wasn't that Santa Sled just great? It was all Leonie and Denis' work. It was their idea, they made it, they painted it and somehow they got it all into the back of the van. Terrific work both of you. We all need to give them a big clap. Thanks Leonie for all the phone calls you made, without you we wouldn't have had such a great time.

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR to EVERYONE**

On behalf of the Committee,

Leonie Cox and Ted Thomas.

• VICE COMMODORES REPORT

Public Pontoon (west side)

The pontoon has finally been extended, more than doubling its original size, and boy does it make a difference at peak times, except that the cleats are too far apart if you are tying up fore and aft for unloading. There also needs to be installed some gunnel rubber along the inside edge of the pontoon.

New Club Products

Finally the club logo vinyl stickers and fridge magnets are available through Warwick, details in Club Gear and Accessories. We have sold nine sets in the first two days. They are going like hot cakes. Boat cards, samples available very soon. I'm still catching up. I have purchased a new laptop computer with plenty of grunt, and still learning the new operating system.

Email Addresses

We “still” do not have email addresses for quite a lot of members, please send me your email address so we can contact you quickly in case we have a spur of the moment event/outing or cancellation. Like the cancellation of the fort Denison trip. This was decided on at very short notice and not all of you could be contacted. Leonie Cox emailed the details to all email addresses in our files and phoned others, (which is very time consuming). So please send them to me so you can stay informed.

Email to australprinting@ozemail.com.au

Mobile Phones

The new tower is supposed to be installed before Christmas (this year I hope). I was informed by Telstra that the 28th January 2008 cut off for Telstra CDMA may be extended, possibly because of the delay in the tower installation. Are we holding our breaths??? Telstra now claims that their next G network has 98% coverage, guess where Berowra Waters falls, we are in the other 2% not covered.

Don't throw away your CDMA phone until this new apparatus has been proven to work, as the next G network will not work without this new tower. It is against the law to cut off the CDMA network until they can provide a replacement service that works. I am in regular contact with my Telstra account manager, I will keep you posted. If anyone has any developments or more info, please contact me.

Until next time, Safe boating

George Herczeg, Vice Commodore and Newsletter Editor

• COMMODORES REPORT

As you will probably know by now, I have been elected as your new Commodore for the coming year. I have accepted this position only because George needed a break and there were no other nominations. This position has been held by me many times and I am hoping that someone new will step up next year and fill this position as both George and I need to step back for a while. I am forever thankful to George for his time as Commodore, and I think you will agree that he has done a fine job, particularly with the production of the newsletter. The committee was outstanding last year and I look forward to working with them again this year with the addition of Graham Oliver on the social committee.

My apologies for not attending the Christmas party but the dates for a trip to Melbourne were booked long before the club's Christmas party, were discussed. My thanks to George, Santa and his helpers for seeing that everything went according to plan. Well done everyone.

I am aware that the Committee has some outings and functions arranged for the first three months of next year and I would also like to invite Club members to join us to celebrate Australia Day 26/1/08 in Berowra Waters. It is always a great spectacle to see a sail past. This is a good time to dress your boat in flags and Australiana and sail line astern from the Woolwash at 1000 hours to Dusthole Bay and on to Joe Crafts Bay where we will raft up on the Clubs mooring for lunch. No booking is necessary so just turn up and enjoy the day.

Until next time, Safe boating,

Graham Rowell, Commodore

“2008 CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR”

DATES TO REMEMBER

PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY OR STICK THESE PAGES ON YOUR FRIDGE

January 11th 2008 2FM Dinner.

January 26th 2008 “Australia Day” Commodore’s Invitation.
Dress up you boats or come as you are, and join in the Sail past, 1000 hours from the Woolwash, and raft up in Joe Crafts Bay for lunch.

February 8th 2008 2FM Dinner.

February 23th Saturday 2008, “Fort Dennison”

Cost \$27.00 includes ferry and tour, catch Rivercat from Parramatta or meet at Cadmans Cottage, Circular Quay. Have lunch at café on Fort Dennison after 30 minute tour.

Contact: Ted Thomas, 4753 6058 or 0419 495 627 ltho5741@bigpond.net.au

March 14th 2008 2FM Dinner.

March 21/22/23rd “Easter cruise” to ????????????

Contact: Graham Oliver, 9985 9210 or 0411 791 977 graham_oliver@bigpond.com

April 11th 2008 2FM Dinner.

April 19th 2008 “Crosslands Dinghy Picnic”

Contact: Leonie Cox, 9896 4622 or 0411 471 185 denlee@bigpond.net.au

May 9th 2008 2FM Dinner.

“MORE TO COME SOON”