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- **NEW MEMBERS**

Tim Cook, Clinker 15', Driftwood.

Andrew and Sharon Tulloch, Caribbean 26', "No name yet" (we have another boat called no name yet!)

Welcome aboard, see you at the next 2FM Dinner (2nd Friday of the month) and on the water.

- **VALE**

It is with deep regret that I note the passing of Doug Robinson, in December 2008, Doug and Dot are Alec Robinson's father and mother, and owners of Happy Wanderer, which is a beautiful old timber boat moored near "Is a Beau" and "Amandajay". Doug will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences to Dot, Alec and Amanda, and granddaughters Melissa and Tanya and families, from all in the BWMYC.

It is with much sadness that I inform you that Harold Burchill Kirkpatrick OAM, passed away on Friday 6th March 2009. Harold and Betty Kirkpatrick are long term river residents and prominent members of the Berowra Waters Progress Association., Harold will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences to Betty and family, from all in the BWMYC.

- **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

"Lollipop" UPDATE, Graham and Di are making good progress, having cut out most of the dry rot from the coach house, and I believe the engine is now running after fitting a new water pump and fabricating a new bracket, keep up the good work guys, we can't wait to see her back on the water.

"Rosie gets a paint job" It has been over two years since I painted the hull and topsides, and have become a bit lazy. Geoff Bollins has shamed me into making a start. Geoff said if I don't start painting Rosie, he will. So I had no choice, but I'm glad I've made a start, the bits that are just undercoated look great, can't wait for the finished product. It won't be up to "Bayview Slipway" standards, but she'll do me. Maybe if I win lotto, I'll get "Bayview" to finish the job.

Serendipity

It's still a mystery why Chris suddenly got up from the table at 1.30 in the morning and went out on deck but it was just another serendipitous event in the series. They started on Tuesday morning when the tradesman said he wouldn't be coming to work on MV Jess that day. So I rang Chris to say that I would go to Jess with him and Carl in the same car and we could tow their 14' rigid hull, centre console inflatable with its 60HP outboard. We were on board Jess with plenty of daylight left, so decided to go for a run before stopping for the night. The other two guys are into sailing, and I had promised to introduce them to the advantages of motor cruising. This rapid departure from the mooring, without the need to put up sails or adjust rigging fitted well with my plans. We cruised for a while until we reached the spot they had chosen from the map for its fishing potential, but I was chatting and went passed it, so we just kept going to another bay where we moored not far from a yacht. We fished, then, around 10 we had dinner and a couple of after dinner drinks. It was about this time that Chris suddenly went on deck. "Hey" he said, "I can hear someone calling from the hills around here". We thought it was a local yobbo until we made out the word "Help". It was a new-moon night and pitch black. "Where are you?" we asked loudly. "On me back in me boat", came the muffled reply. We decided he had to be in the yacht, so set off in the inflatable to investigate. We found the yacht and pulled alongside then shouted through the hull. Sure enough, the voice came back telling us the occupant had hurt his back, was in great pain and couldn't move. We asked if we could do anything, but he said no, just get help. "Right", we said, then, looked at each other, at least I think we did, but we couldn't actually see. Back to Jess with her fancy added phone antenna and rang the local police. They agreed to get an ambulance and directed us to a public wharf with road access about 20 minutes away. Off we set, telling the patient we would be back soon, and reached the wharf at about 2.15 where we wandered around waiting for the cavalry. Sure enough, out of the gloom came two police cars with four cops followed by an ambulance with two ambos. The sergeant mustered the entire force of twelve and issued his strategic and operational orders. This involved three police, two ambos with their emergency gear and the three of us piling into/onto the inflatable and heading out into the blackness. Wandered along until suddenly we saw the well-lit Jess leap out of the darkness and we headed in to the yacht where a couple of cops and the ambos went aboard. After assessing the patient, the ambos decided that he best go to hospital, but that Jess was the preferred transport. to the

wharf. Yeah, right! Pitch black, but with expert skill Jess was taken alongside the yacht and the patient helped on board. "Let's go!" was the call. I moved Jess forward only to find that we had swung with the yacht and a large gum tree branch appeared like a silvery ghost just in front of the bow rail. "Oops!" select reverse. "No! Go forward!", came shouts from the back "you're crushing the yacht dinghy". "Interesting" said the police sergeant standing next to the helm and looking at the tree. Full rudder, bit of a squirt on the throttle, reverse, loud shouts, forward and the tree passed silently down the starboard side. "Oh, by the way" said the sergeant "the patient wants his dog taken to a friend on shore tomorrow. You can look after that, can't you?" Yeah, right! Through the dark to the public wharf where the patient was taken to the ambulance, the sergeant took our personal details, thanked us and disappeared. It was still very dark and now very quiet. "I'll drive" said Chris as I started off blindly. Carl and I stood on the foredeck and shone torches on the passing shores. We'd been going for quite a while and I thought we should have reached our mooring. "Where's Jess?" I asked puzzledly, looking for her lights. "We're on it", said Carl and I stared ahead thinking he meant we had almost reached her. "Where?", I asked "Under your feet" replied Carl. As we moored Jess again and went in to sit and have a quiet drink we looked at the clock. 4.30, "No point in going to bed now", we decided, so we chatted about the serendipity that had brought us to be able to help the guy in his yacht with a 14' inflatable. At about 6 o'clock we decided that there was a point in going to bed. Later in the morning we delivered the dog on shore where a friendly neighbour took control of both the dog and communications while we departed to continue our motor cruiser experience.

• MATTERS OF INTEREST

VICTORIAN BUSH FIRE APPEAL

Your committee has donated the proceeds from the Valentines' Day dinner raffle to the Victorian Bush fire Appeal, totaling \$440.50. Well done for an attendance of only 36 members. Thank you

BEROWRA WATERS MARINA AND CARPARK

Council approval finally granted, works scheduled for a start in May, Boat shed also all signed off ready for a start in works.

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR. Yours truly was the winner this year, Goes to show you, turn up at Club functions proudly wearing club gear and your points add up. Who will it be, this year? Don't miss out, make sure you have some club clothing and wear it with pride, if you don't, see our newly appointed club merchandise officer, Di Sheehy 0438 774 767.

COMMODORE SCHOOL. Secretary Warwick is planning for the future, he has started training his grandson Mitchell to be a future commodore of this boat club? Well done Warwick, you have to start them young. Check out the photo in the Photo Gallery. Cadet Commodore Mitchell seems to be enjoying himself.

NEW BOAT, Richard and Helgrit Bell have a new boat, a 36' Dominator, "El Nic" I had a tour last weekend and loved it, congratulations to Richard and Helgrit and son James is ecstatic.

"Nautical Trivia and humour"

1. Stupid Pirate Joke

So, this pirate walks into the local pub. The bartender's busy making drinks, but finally looks up and sees the pirate and yells, "My God, man! Why in the world do you have a steering wheel sticking out of your fly???" The pirate replies, "Aaaarrghh! It's driving me nuts!"

2. New Words *Add these words to your vocabulary!*

Inocullatte: To take *coffee* intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Glibido: All talk and no action

Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

• **NAME THIS BOAT!**



MV Jess or Lune de Miel, might fit!! What do you think???

• **INCREASE YOUR NAUTICAL VOCABULARY**

Nautical Terms (continued from last issue)

Pilotage

The art of getting lost in sight of land, as opposed to the distinct and far more complex science of navigation used to get lost in offshore waters.

Port

1. Left on a boat.
2. A place you wish you never left on a boat.

Propeller

Underwater winch designed to wind up at high speeds any lines left hanging over the stern.

Radar

Extremely realistic kind of electronic game often found on larger sailboats. Players try to avoid colliding with “blips” which represent other sailboats, large container ships and oil tankers.
(To be continued next newsletter).

- **WORDS OF WISDOM**

I hope to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

Time is a great healer, but a terrible beautician.

- **STRESS STOPPERS**

I had a medical appointment for 8.30, which is 10 o'clock doctor time.

I've got a memory like a, like a.....what's that thing called again??

CLUB NOTICES

- **THANK YOU**

The club would like to thank Michael Conradi from the marina. Michael had a look at our old website and contacted Graham, and offered to create a new website for the club, free of charge. Michael has done an amazing job, it is very professional indeed. Thank you Michael, we love what you have created. Check it out. www.berowrawatersmotoryachtclub.org

- **LOST PROPERTY**

Amanda Jay's Red Ensign complete with (beautifully "varnished a la Graham") flag pole, went missing, possibly blown off in winds, anybody finding it, please contact the Commodore.

- **CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES**

For all club merchandise see Di Sheehy. Di can be contacted on 0438 774 767 or diannesheehy@hotmail.com the complete merchandise catalogue can be viewed on our new website.

- **"BRAND NEW" CLUB WEBSITE**

Have you had a look at our "NEW" club website? All the usual items and forms are there along with members boats, club sponsor page, club forum etc and we are adding to it all the time. If you would like to add a photo of your boat, send it via email to one of the committee members. Use the club forum, to comment on things or communicate with other members. Have a look and give us some feedback. www.berowrawatersmotoryachtclub.org

- **FOR SALE**

- 3.5 mtr Quicksilver rubber duck with 8hp Mercury outboard on folding trailer, both registered only 2 hours use, as new, many extras, asking \$3500, contact Geoff Bollins, Ph 4730 6692 or 0407 228614.
- 3.7 mtr Stessl tinnie, 30 hp Tohatsu 2 stroke aprox. 50 hrs. electric start, Bimini, floor, cushioned seats, alloy fuel tank forward, bilge pump, asking \$4000, contact Geoff Bollins, Ph 4730 6692 or 0407 228614.
- A car trailer, was used for Harvey Read's getaway car, a Mustang, no longer required and is now for sale, \$2500.00 contact Harvey Read on 4580 8280 (would suit a Chevie Corvette).
- A 27 Mhz aerial, brand new still in packet, asking price \$50.00, contact Gordon McCreadie on Ph 9456 7117.
- 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 newsletter. If you have sold any of these items above, please let me know so I can delete them.

- **2FM DINNER ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS**

NOVEMBER 14th 2FM. BBQ in the park, “wet n wild”. There were 30 members and guests in attendance. No raffle on the night.

FEBRUARY 14th 2FM. Winner of the Fire Appeal Raffle were, 1st prize Liz Brown (from Di’s tennis club). 2nd prize Ian Duffy, 3rd prize Phil Tunks. There were 36 members and guests in attendance, and we raised \$440.50 which we donated to the Bush Fire Appeal in Victoria.

MARCH 13TH 2FM. Freaky Friday, Winner of the raffle prize of the wind up led torch, was Gary and Chris Brown, ex club members, it was good to see Gary and Chris after such a long time. There were 22 members and guests in attendance.

- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS REPORTS**

BWMYC Christmas Party 2008 Report



Each year it just keeps getting better thanks to all our members that support the Christmas Party. The atmosphere was fantastic this year with Bondi Beach and all the Gazebo’s and shelters in the Christmas spirit. Vickie and Harvey took out the inaugural “Best Dressed Gazebo” competition. Thank you to everyone who participated in dressing up their shelters you all did such a great job.

I think everyone will agree the caterers “Family Affair Spit Roasts” did a fantastic job. The meal was hot and delicious and well presented. I’m sure this was the best lunch that we have had. Family Affair has already been booked for this years Christmas party.

As usual it was another very hot perfect day for a Christmas Party. Santa in his new suit was amazing as usual. There were 11 pairs of very excited eyes beaming as Santa **drove his sled to the shade of Santa’s Cave. It is so good to see the growing number of children enjoying the Christmas Party. This year we would like to see even more children and grandchildren come to meet Santa. Mum’s and Dad’s Nan’s, and Grandad’s start planning, this year’s Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday 12th December 2009.**

We had a record attendance for any Christmas party to date, there were 73 members and guests and 11 children present, making a total of 84 persons.

The club member of the year is always an important announcement, this year it was congratulations to George our Vice Commodore.

Christmas raffles are always well supported thanks to our generous members. The lucky winners were: Warwick and Karen Savage won the giant hamper, and Robert and Robyn Mackie won the personalized stationery or personalized Christmas cards. And the beautiful painting donated by Johannes Schultz, was Geoff and Maureen Bollins.

Leonie

"AUSTRALIA DAY SAIL PAST 2009"

This year was no different to previous years, in preparation of the boats and ready to gather at the Woolwash, it seemed that only 3 or 4 boats would be participating, then out of the blue, our Patriotic club members in boats large and small, appear as if by magic, flying club burgees and Australian flags galore. Ten boats in all gathered and did us proud and completed a Sail past in Dusthole bay for the public to see, and to celebrate Australia Day. Taking our usual route along the shore, waving and blasting our horns madly, we sailed past Harold and Betty Kirkpatrick's house not knowing that this would be Harold's last Australia Day with us. We will miss Harold dearly, but Harold will not be forgotten. We sailed onto the club mooring in Joe Crafts bay and rafted up as usual. We celebrated with drinks and lunch as usual and on low tide it was time for the 10/10 cricket match. This has become a ritual on Australia Day and we love it, so do the kids. Until Australia Day next, if you haven't joined us, make sure you do next year.

George Herczeg

Valentine's Day 2009 BBQ Dinner Report



When the heavens open up they really open up. Have you ever seen so much rain? When we arrived at Berowra with the rain pelting down, I really only expected to see a handful of people. What a great surprise to see the rain wasn't going to spoil the night. I think this was the wettest function the club has had. The marquee looked so beautiful decorated in red and white with hundreds of tiny tea candles flickering. The night was so much fun even though we were drenched and smelt of smoke from the BBQ. The children had a ball with their sparklers and of course the rain. Rain is like a magnet to them. The BBQ was given its very own large umbrella so we could cook without getting too wet. By the end of the night everyone was walking in ankle deep water. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and made it such a great night.

The Valentine's Day Raffle was won by Vicki Reed. You lucky girl!

Congratulations to our esteemed Commodore Graham Rowell to be the first member to receive a Life Membership. Graham's work for the club has been outstanding and without his ongoing hard work, the BWMYC wouldn't be where it is today. Thank you so much Graham.

Leonie

"CROSSLANDS PICNIC"

This is by far one of the most favourite events in our clubs history, members keep asking, when are we doing "Crosslands"? The tides weren't quite right this time, so we could only manage to stay for lunch. Nine dinghies in all cruised to Crosslands polishing their props along the way. There is a mangrove island forming in the center of the channel near Sam's creek, you have to keep clear, by navigating around it on either side. When we arrived at our usual spot our tables and seats were awaiting us, as if reserved, it was a great day as usual, this is the place where there's lots to do, check out the photos, of John and myself hard at it, enjoying ourselves. The Paparazzi, you just can't get away from them. (Ted, you'll keep). Ted and Loretta arrived by car with grandkids in tow, Alan and Grace and the girls arrived late as usual, but still managed to have a game of T-ball. We couldn't find the resident Goanna this time, he must have already been fed by other picnickers. Crosslands is always a great outing, look out for the next one and make sure you join us, your props may need some polishing.

George Herczeg,

Strenuous Activities Director.

PHOTO GALLERY

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2008



Christmas party headquarters, raffle prizes and Rally trophies all ready



The magnificent Marquee trophy on display who will win the coveted prize?



Beautifully decorated Marquees on display, it was hard to pick a winner



Everyone was relaxed and laid back waiting for Santa's arrival



The Bondi Pavilion was an amazing sight, with a shark and weeing statue



Rochelle, Chantelle, Hayley and Marcus receive pressies from Santa



Harvey & Vicki Read's Marquee was winner of the Rowell Perpetual Trophy



Santa in his element, surrounded by the ladies, all wanting to sit on his lap



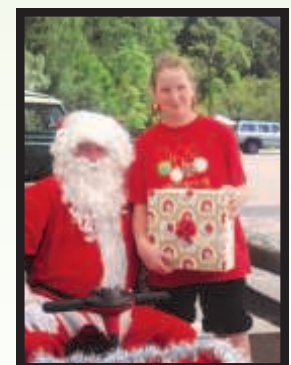
Patrick, Meryla, Alisha and Bronte receive their presents from Santa



George Herczeg (yours truly) wins Club Member of the Year for 2009



Shade was scarce, but this year we will have two Marquees for extra shade



Sarah receives her present from Santa

PHOTO GALLERY

AUSTRALIA DAY SAIL PAST AND RAFTUP 2009



All livestock aboard Amandajay, looking impressive as always, well done



MV Jess, looking gorgeous as ever, with Aussie entourage following



The Aussie boxing Kangaroo climbed the flag pole, how clever!!



The Aussie menagerie following the Mothership MV Jess



Malua joins the Sail past and also joined the raftup. Get that leak fixed!



Phil Tunks and his lovely old boat What's her name Phil??



Eti and Britta and Carpe Diem are regulars in our Sail pasts.



Ken and Inga and Prime Time join the Sail past for the first time



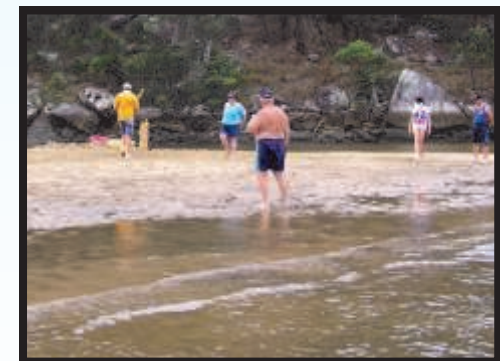
George and Louise on White Rose with flags galore (who's driving???)



The traditional BWMYC Australia Day raftup



A different view of the raftup (or a Vietnamese floating market)



The winning team batting in the 10/10 beach cricket tournament

PHOTO GALLERY

VALENTINE'S DAY 2009



Theresa and Grant Johnson joined us for lovey dovey celebrations



Jan and Eddie Fowler happy love birds, trying to keep their feathers dry



Robert and Robyn joined us for Valentines day, and had lots of fun



Our favourite place to be, around the club fire, having a chat and a drink



Mr and Mrs Vice look like drowned love birds



Congratulations Graham, our clubs first life member, well done



Leonie and Denis always take a great photo, true love birds.



Harvey and Vicki Read enjoy a tender moment



Sharing a joke with friends under the Club Marquee, an enjoyable evening



Jill Duffy and grandkids stay dry and soak up the atmosphere



Graham and Di, having a formal dinner under the Club Marquee



Check this out for atmosphere, it was a great night inspite of the weather

PHOTO GALLERY

CROSSLANDS PICNIC, MARCH 2009



Our usual camp site was vacant as if reserved for us, the goanna was absent



Team Lowther in action, Who's on first? Who's on second??



Ted and Loretta's grandchildren, approve of lunch, spot on Pop



Crosslands the place where all the activities are full on, yeah right.



Crosslands, flytrap a la Wilson, John did do a Barbie and then rested.



Tides going out, here comes the mass Exodus, lets go!!



Gordon and Jenny are first to brave the tides back to Berowra Waters.



Where's all the water gone? We had to drag the dinghies into the water.



The pride of Erin, flowing gown furred flags, Di's on her way, yeehah!



The Lowthers, turned up late, drank, ate, played T ball and vamoosed.



"Paddie" Rowell enroute to Amandajay via the prop polishing fields



Hey!, let me sit down before you hoon back to good ol' Berowrie.

PHOTO GALLERY

COMPI LATIONS JANUARY –MARCH 2009



Cadet Commodore Mitchell trained by Secretary Warwick Savage.



Geoff! Now that's what I call a Marlin board!! A la Rosie!



Vice Grandpa holds new arrival Lola Iris, Gerard & Bec's first child



The Lowthers and Brookes visit The Andre Rieu concert.



The Lowther girls enjoying the concert in beautiful gowns, how lovely



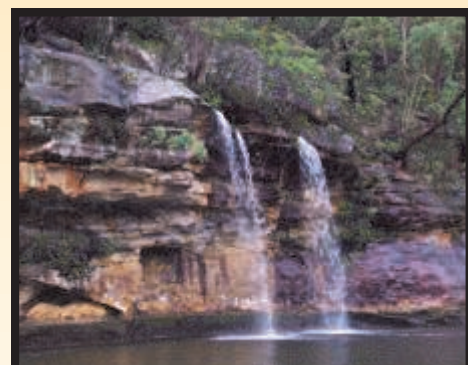
Beautiful Berowra at the best time of day, looking out from Joe Crafts bay.



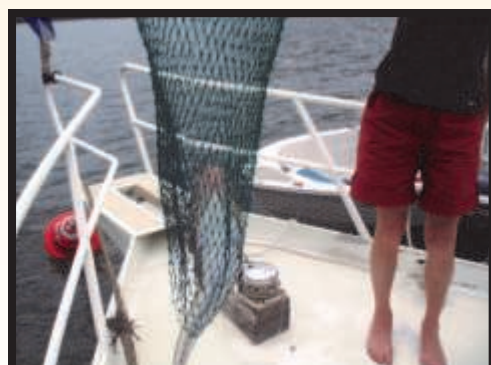
A "high" high at the boat ramp.



Graham had to set an anchor so his van wouldn't float away.



When were there two waterfalls in Joe Crafts Bay? It was in June 2003



Louise showing off her 42cm flattie caught in Joe Crafts bay January 2009



Mischa, Aarons mate from Adelaide showing us how to catch a bream.



Beautiful muddie trapped in Joe Crafts bay, January 2009.

• **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Club Marquee

With the club's membership growing at the current rate, it has become necessary to have some shelter against the weather at our outdoor meetings or BBQ's. This has been achieved by the donation of a marquee from Geoff and Maureen Bollins after our last trip to Gosford, but we have found it to be too small to fulfill our needs, if a lot of members turn up and the weather deteriorates to rain. The decision was made at our committee meeting to buy a second marquee and try to join them together to double our undercover area to 6m x 6m.

This was also achieved and our first use of our double marquee was the Valentine's Day dinner in the park. It was showery all day but as the night approached, it turned into very heavy rain. The marquees passed the test with flying colours, and we were able to provide sit down spaces for thirty people who enjoyed the night immensely.

To help with the transportation of our marquees Di has offered to make a number of kit bags to spread out the load, and they are colour coded so the parts don't become mixed. Di has made a beautiful job of these and deserves a big round of thanks for such a professional job. We look forward to using them at any outing that requires shelter from the sun or rain, as well as a saving of over \$500.00 hiring costs at the Christmas Party each year.

Ferry update

In past issues I have made mention of the Berowra Waters vehicle ferry, and the problems associated with crossing it by boat. These have been few since the RTA took over responsibility of its running and safety, but there has been one incident that I should relate to you.

As my boat is moored close to the ferry and I spend a lot of time aboard, I see most of the incidents that occur over a weekend. This particular incident started with the ferry leaving the Western shore with a full load of cars and some pedestrians, as the ferry reached the center of the river I noticed two kayaks with experienced paddlers in them trying to cross the rising cables just off the eastern ramp. The ferry driver blasted the horn several times to alert them of the problem, and also took the ferry out of gear to drop the cables to prevent a dangerous situation from getting worse. Good move, I was puzzled to see the two kayaks completely ignore the problem and deliberately continue to paddle forward and raise their rudders in case they hit the cables. Attempting to cross rising ferry cables is very irresponsible, and I was thinking how professionally the ferry driver had acted, until I saw him engage forward gear and accelerate in an attempt to lift the cables, to trap or overturn the kayaks. The male kayaker was lifted out of the water by the rising cable and slid off and onto the safe side and continued on his way. All of this was done without a second look back or any acknowledgement of what just happened. I feel for the ferry drivers in these incidents, but his actions were totally unacceptable, and very dangerous. Unless the ferry drivers change their mindset in dealing with boats trying to cross the cables with an oncoming ferry, there will be a major accident with possible injuries to persons, so please give the ferry a fair go, he has right of way.

Safe boating,

Graham Rowell, Commodore

• **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We have had the worst year for late renewals and still have some members who haven't paid. Reminder letters have been sent with out with a cutoff date for the renewal, after this date a renewal fee will not be accepted, but a new joining fee must be paid. It looks like we may lose up to 6 members. We are sorry to lose these members. It may have something to do with the current economic climate.

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We now have ten sponsors, but have two vacant spots on the sponsor's page. We would like to fill these spots, so if anyone would like to take on one of these sponsorships, please contact me. Or if you have any suggestions as to anyone I could approach, let me know. The cost is only \$100.00 per sponsor per year.

MARLIN BOARDS

Now, you may think that this is an unusual topic to be included in a Vice Commodore's report, and you would be right. You may or may not know, that we have a particular club member (who is dearly treasured) who is obsessed with the size of Marlin boards, especially his own. When you are in a raft up with this member he makes constant remarks on whose is bigger (yes, we are still talking marlins boards).

On a raft up in early January this year, he noticed that I had fabricated and temporarily fitted a new Marlin board to "Rosie". He looked at mine, and then he looked at his, and promptly disappeared.

In a flash he was back with a tape measure, and much to his disgust, mine was one inch bigger, poor ol' Geoff was devastated. He is now a lot more humble about the size of his Marlin board.

CLUB BURGEES

Several committee members have noticed some very sad looking, tattered and torn club burgees on some members' boats. We would like to encourage our members to look after their burgees and fly them with pride. The club burgee should be flown on the bow of a boat, which makes it very accessible for removal and stowage at the end of a weekend's boating, doing this will help keep the burgee in good condition and last for many years. Members need to maintain this standard. New burgees are readily available from Di Sheehy and are inexpensive at only \$50.00. And may I remind you, that the committee may impose a fine of one bottle of "Champagne" if your burgee is not up to club standards.

George Herczeg, Vice Commodore and Newsletter Editor

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our Club has started the new year running (or is it floating) with fun activities including the Australia Day sail past where a number of boats, decked out with flags sailed past the marina and car park and then rafted up around at Joe Craft's Bay. We had a great Valentines night dinner under tents near the boat ramp. A lot of rain but everyone enjoyed themselves. We have had another Freaky Friday night (March 13th) and a dinghy trip to Crosslands. Look around this Newsletter for more info. and photos about these activities.

Coming up in 2009 will be a boat trip to Spencer on the June long weekend. We are making this a "hitch a ride" on one of the big boats so that we can share some food and drinks and have a social time in convoy up the Hawkesbury. We will, of course, have our October boat rally again. The rally is a must. This is always a great time to dress up our boats and have a fun competition. We are going to the Rosehill races again. Those that went last year really enjoyed themselves.

We try to have at least one on water activity away from Berowra each year. Last year we went to Fort Denison. We are hoping later this year to have a trip to Cockatoo Island. We will go by ferry from Circular Quay, have a café lunch on the Island and then enjoy a guided Maritime Tour looking at the history of shipbuilding in Sydney.

Easter is a DIY weekend. For various reasons including visiting relatives, holidays and just a need for a change, the Committee, at its last meeting, decided that we would not go to Gosford this year. Leonie sent out an email advising members that we would cancel our Club berth bookings but encouraging anyone who wanted to go to Gosford to make their own arrangements.

If you are on the water over Easter put a general call out on Channel 94, 27mhz to see if anyone wants to cruise or raft up with you. Sometimes these spontaneous, unplanned activities end up being as good as the ones we spend a lot of time organising. Please use the radio to call each other up.

Our last activity for the year will be the Christmas Party. Have a look at the Calendar of activities for dates. As we get nearer to an activity Leonie will send out an email with all the information you need.

Ted Thomas

• STOP PRESS NEWS

I have heard on the grapevine that over the Easter weekend, several boats are cruising to Colo creek, For those of you at loose ends, and if you want to cruise new grounds following someone who has been there before, tag along. You are welcome, but you must contact someone to find out when and from where they are leaving. Contact boats,

Ted and Kylie, Reason one, Ph 9627 4535, 0408962401, Geoff & Cherie, Lune de Miel (Kissin), Ph 9659 3994, 0414 238 857, Alec and Amanda, Is a Beau, 9626 2414, 0419 283 996,

Geoff & Maureen, Brampton, Ph 4730 6692, Warwick and Karen, M V Jess, 4754 4829, 0425 256 696

PS. Make sure you don't follow MV Jess, they have been known to run aground a bit.

2009 club social calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER

Put these in your diary or place these pages on your fridge.

- February 14 **Valentines Day dinner in the Park.** BYO everything, 6.30 pm.
- March 13 **2FM – Freaky Friday**
- March 14 **Crosslands dinghy picnic,** depart 10 am
- April 3 **1FM Note change of date due to Good Friday.**
- April 10, 11, 12,13 **Easter DIY weekend.** Call up other members on Channel 94, 27 mhz to join you.
- May ??? **Mothers Day Dinner TBA** via email and mail when finalized
- June 6,7,8 **Queens Birthday Weekend cruise to Spencer. Saturday 6th.** Club members are invited by the larger boat owners to “hitch” a ride with them for a day’s cruise in convoy to Spencer. Have a hamburger at the famous “Dunkirk Hotel”, Contact John Wilson ph 9484 4295 to find a place in a boat for you to enjoy the fun.
- June 12 **2FM**
- July 10 **2FM**
- August 14 **2FM, Ball or dinner dance? (fundraiser)**
- Sept 11 **2FM Fathers Day dinner**
- Sept (TBA) **Cockatoo Island** Come visit Cockatoo Island. See a part of Sydney Harbour history. See where ships were built and convicts lived. Travel from Parramatta on the Rivercat, then by Harbour ferry to Cockatoo Island via Woolwich. Lunch at a café.
- Sept 12 **Outing to Rosehill Races for the spring carnival. (Mad hatters day)**
- Oct 3,4,5 **Sunday 4th The Club Boat Rally.**
For big boats, small boats and middle size boats, this is a theme and flag day.
- Oct ??? **Club Dinner TBA** via email and mail when finalized
- Nov 7 **Club Promotion Day** at the boat ramp.
- Nov 13 **2FM**
- Dec 12 **Christmas Party in the Park**