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• **NEW MEMBERS**

Norm O'Neill, Bayliner 34' flybridge, "Still Crazy"

Chris & Jaime King, 28' Mustang, "Jagara"

Kyle & Amber Loveday, "Elsie May"

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



• **MATTER OF INTEREST**

ERIC ROOZENDAAL
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A lifejacket only saves your life if you're wearing it

NSW Treasurer and Minister for Ports and Waterways Eric Roozendaal today reminded boaters across the state that new lifejacket laws for recreational boaters come into effect from today. "Lifejackets are the most important piece of safety equipment on any vessel," Mr Roozendaal said.

"Lifejackets save lives, but they can't save your life if you're not wearing one."

"I remind all boaters to familiarise themselves with the safety requirements, especially those who have smaller boats or children under 12."

Under the new laws, all boaters on vessels less than 4.8m must wear lifejackets:

- At night;
- On open (ocean) waters;
- On alpine waters; and
- When boating alone.

Stronger protections apply to children under 12 who must wear lifejackets on boats less than 4.8m or when they are in open areas of vessels less than 8 metres that are underway, which means all deck areas including fly bridges and anything attached to the stern.

"The new laws also give skippers the legal authority to require passengers put on a lifejacket in risky situations such as in rough water or after a break-down," Mr Roozendaal said.

The new lifejacket rules follow extensive community consultation by NSW Maritime, with more than 86 per cent of respondents supporting the majority of the proposed changes.

While boaters get used to the new rules there will be a 12-month advisory period where warnings will be issued for first offences.

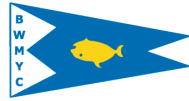
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• **MATTER OF INTEREST**



A.G.M. Report.

Even with the crummy weather conditions, we had a record attendance at the AGM today. Our thanks to all of you for the great support and particular thanks to Graham and Di who had been up early securing the area and setting up the shelter. The Masterchefs also did a great job once they actually received something to cook.

We have a vibrant Club community and it was not only great to see new members there but also to have them participating on the Committee.

For those who were unable to attend the new committee is:-

Brian Killin	Commodore
George Herczeg	Vice Commodore
Geoff Brooke	Treasurer
Richard Bell	Secretary
Loretta Thomas	Committee Member
Jo Calleja	Committee Member
Glenn Rapson	Committee Member

We are keen to hear from Club members about their wish list for Club activities, brilliant ideas that might occur to them. I am anticipating new perspectives from some of our new members plus great remembrances from our long term members.

The Club will be what the members make of it with their ideas and participation.

Graham has left us a great legacy as he takes a well earned break after many terms of service to the Club.

I am looking forward to the very great challenge of meeting the standards that he has set.

Best Regards..... Brian Killin



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• **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

“A MELBOURNE VIEW OF THE BEROWRA WATERS BOAT RALLY”

“Come to Sydney” Jo and Mick said, “we are having a boat rally. Great weather, great fun, great people”. What happened to the weather? It may have been a smidgy bit cooler in Melbourne but it definitely could not have rained so much.

We loved the setting. Berowra Waters is a pretty back drop for a sail past and the support from the people in the houses was great to see. You can't do that on Port Phillip Bay. It is also hard for us to imagine the Commodore of Sandringham Yacht Club standing in a little dinghy being water bombed by the best thrower from each boat.

We had fun and also learnt a lot about Berowra Waters as we raced up and down the waterway searching for those elusive Coke bottles whilst trying to pinpoint specific locations and items of interest along the way.

Rafting up was a very interesting experience as we watched Glenn's eyes grow wide with terror as we raced towards his lovely boat. The question was “Had Mick fixed the reverse control on Florence?”

To accommodate the less agile it would be good if the boats could raft up in order of stern size so that there is a steady incline and decline instead of an obstacle course that only becomes easier to navigate after lots of drinks. We should mention that our bruises have nearly gone now.

We have to say that we are still disappointed we didn't win the theme boat prize, particularly after we handed over “gold” medals and elephant choco's in an attempt to bribe the judges. Club members rest easy – the judges cannot be corrupted!!!!!! But the sensitivity of the judges in awarding the trophies to those who really, really, really wanted to win was admirable.

What a great, sociable, noisy lot you Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club people are. It was no good trying to go to bed early after the exhausting day so we just had to join the party. *(See Vicky's party photos to see who had the best time!)*

We thank you all for your hospitality. We had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and hope we will be invited back next year.

John and Noel



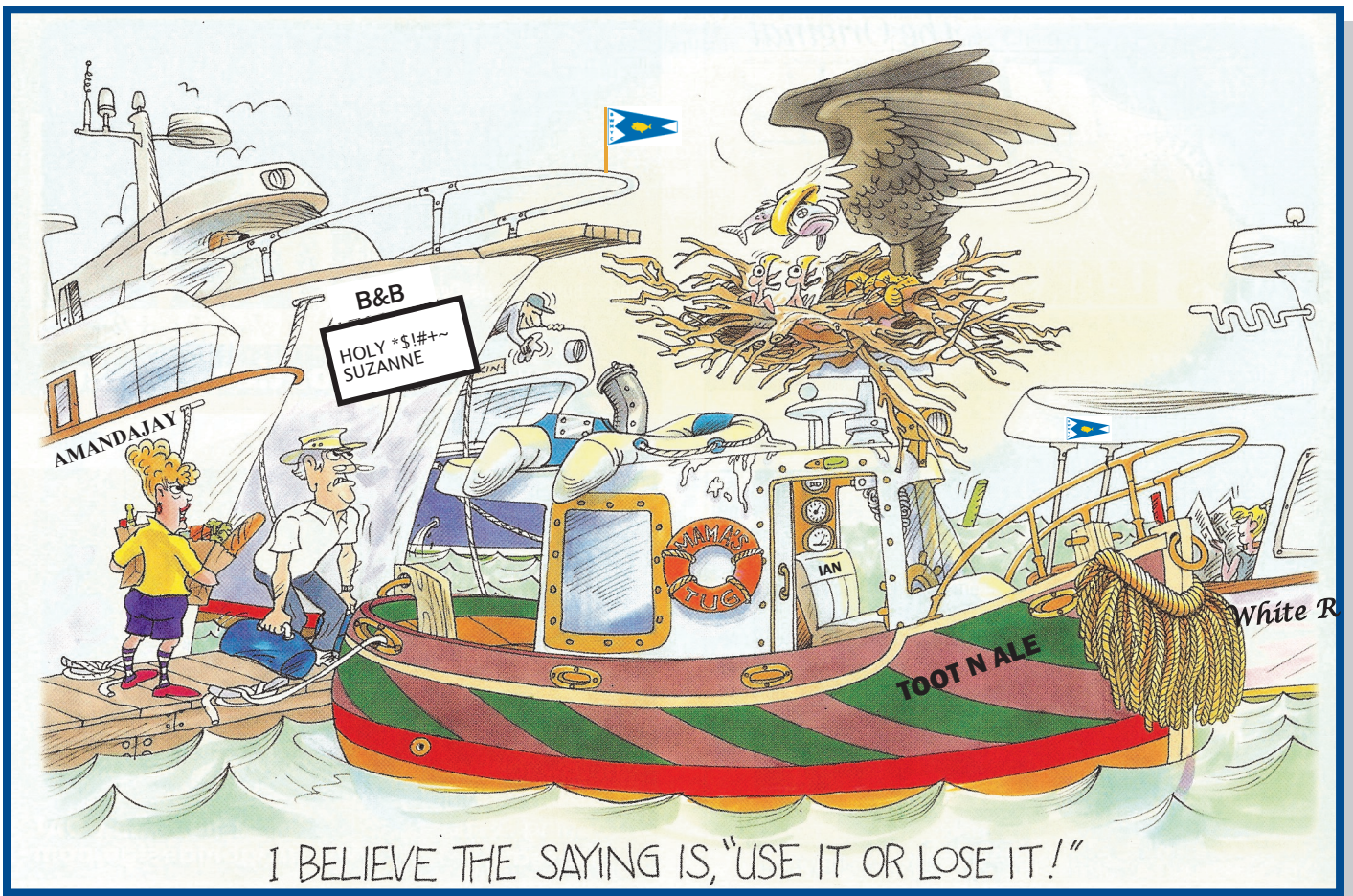
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- **BOAT HUMOUR**

Supposedly true...

During the summer of 1999, on Lake Isabella (about an hour east of Bakersfield, California) some folks, new to boating, were having a problem with their brand new 22-foot Bayliner. It wouldn't plane at all and it was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted over to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong.

A thorough topside check revealed everything was in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the outdrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to have a look underneath.

He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.

Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Don't ask if you don't want to know...

A Coast Guard cutter tuned in to a faint distress signal from a sinking pleasure craft.

"What is your position? Repeat, what is your position?" shouted the Coast Guard radio operator into the microphone. The assembled crew waited to hear a response.

Finally a faint reply crackled over the static: "Uh, I'm the executive vice president of First Global Bank. Can you please hurry?"

CLUB NOTICES

• CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

For all club merchandise see Cherie Brooke. Cherie can be contacted on 0415 238 857 or laninaptyltd@tpg.com.au, the complete merchandise catalogue can be viewed on our website. Be proud of our club, wear club clothing, points are awarded to members wearing club clothing at our 2FMs and at the end of the year, the member with highest points wins club member of the year prize.

• CLUB WEBSITE

Have you had a look at our recently updated club website. Trip reports from our adventurous duo, Warwick and Karen are now uploaded. Have a read and you will look forward to the next installment. New members for 2010 are also uploaded as well as 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. Have a look and give us some feedback. www.berowrawatersmotoryachtclub.org

• FOR SALE

- A car trailer, was used for Harvey Read's getaway car, a Mustang, no longer required and is now for sale, \$2000.00 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 10th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Geoff Brooke. Congratulations to Geoff. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

OCTOBER 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Ian and Suzanne Williams. Congratulations to Ian and Suzanne. There were 36 members & guests in attendance.

NOVEMBER 12th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Sharon and Andrew Tulloch. Congratulations to Sharon and Andrew. There were 53 members and guest in attendance.

DECEMBER 11th Christmas Party. Winner of the raffle prizes, were:-

1st prize: Brent and Rosa Smith.

2nd prize: Ken and Annie Davison.

3rd prize: Eti Scheller and Britta Vogel.

Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners

There were 56 members and guests in attendance.

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• **SOCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS**

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK 2010

The decorations organized and set up by Loretta and Cherie (with some help from Eddy up high) set the scene for the party. The weather Gods smiled on us and a beautiful sunny day with a great breeze was the setting for our revamped venue. Our party hosted some sixty people from our newest and youngest members to our longest serving members and all had a great time. The enthusiasm and engagement of so many of our newer members added flair and life to the party. Annie Mars was the clear winner in the Christmas hat competition although there were a couple of close seconds. Cherie had organized a wonderful set of raffle prizes and it was great to see Brent and Rosa win first prize- his immediate exclamation was “I have never won anything before”. I think he was a just a little bit happy!

Vicki and Glenn did a great job of organizing and staffing the welcome bar. The pre-lunch nibbles organized by Jo and Annie were outstanding with the recipes being noted by many for their own parties. It was great to see the mix of resident and boating members and we are keen to encourage our relationships with those who live on the river. I was delighted with the great work of the Committee organising everything together so efficiently. Richard our new Secretary and Helgrit managed to somehow fit in organizing the attendance and the catering whilst preparing and hosting the entire year 10 party including parents for his lovely daughter just the week before and it was superb. I believe a great day was enjoyed by all.

Brian and Julie Killin



BOAT RALLY 2010

2010 has been one of the worst years for inclement weather at club functions and outings. But we are a tough lot at the BWMYC, and we don't get put off by a bit of rain. This years boat rally was the best attended rally in my time with the club of over nine years. It was very pleasing to see a resurgence of older members competing again and also the newer members having a go and joining in the fun. A very interesting and challenging rally was set by Graham Rowell and Di Sheehy. After two hours of answering questions, making things, retrieving bottles from the bottom of the river and “touching up cloth bags”, we had our winners.

1. Geoff and Maureen Bollins along with the Robinson clan. (Brampton).
2. Best dressed boat, “new members” Glenn Rapson and Vicki Linfoot. (Maski).
Theme....”The Darkness”
3. Best dressed flags, George and Louise Herczeg (White Rose)

Congratulations to all our winners, and contestants, it is not all about winning, but participating and sharing in the spirit of the Rally. Next year brings us a new Commodore in Brian Killin and a new Boat Rally. It will be interesting, to see what Brian has planned, I can't wait.

George Herczeg



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Christmas in the Park 2010

Great day, great food, heaps of fun, thanks to everyone that participated.



Best Xmas Hat Winner—Annie



Best Hat finalists



Mmm time for a knap



New members
Dick & Glen. Is this
the new look of
our club ????



• **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report that our members have elected a great Committee for 2011. The contribution and commitment already demonstrated assures us of a terrific 2011. We have a team who are committed to encouraging and supporting new members as well as nurturing the interests of longer serving members who have built our Club.

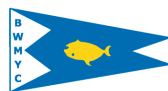
We are determined to be very inclusive of all members including those who are not boat owners so there will be some changes in style and approach. We hope to continue the best of the historic basis of the Club and to create new opportunities for our Members to participate in and enjoy our Club activities.

The Committee has developed a great mix of activities for next year incorporating some traditional events such as the dinghy trip to Crosslands and a major longer distance event in the trip to the Colo over Easter. We are keen to canvas new ideas with Club members. We understand that not all activities will suit all Members. We will however be seeking to schedule activities that suit those who wish to go further afield (Akuna Bay), activities for those who may wish to blow their annual restaurant budget in one go (Peats Bight) and activities for those who simply wish to share each other's company in a raft up.


We are also taking a more considered view of some of our responsibilities such as member safety and we will be instituting some Club requirements, education and safety promotion activities to this end. We are also keen to re-engage with the residents who share our wonderful waterway and we will be encouraging their participation.

The current Committee has inherited a vibrant and successful club with a great set of values and care for each other. We have the challenge of continuing and enhancing this great heritage.

Brian Killin



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• VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Welcome to our new club sponsors who are also Club members, Laurie and Jill Duffy, from Inglewood Timbers also suppliers of LED lights at Windsor. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors who have renewed their sponsorship for 2011, your support is greatly appreciated.

Club members, if you need any services that can be provided by our club sponsors, please support them. Their sponsorship fees help us to bring you the your Newsletter.



NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all the contributors to your newsletter during 2010.

To Jo Calleja's Mum and Dad, John and Noel for, "A Melbourne View of the Berowra Waters Boat Rally".

To Jo Calleja for creating the tribute to our outgoing Commodore "Graham Rowell".

To Vicki Read, Jo Calleja, Ted Thomas and Annie Mars for the interesting photos that adorn these pages.

Please keep the articles and photos coming, they are very welcome, and help make your newsletter what it is today.

George Herczeg



• CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2010

I was very privileged to receive the Club member of the year award for 2010 at the Club's Christmas party, but I feel it is getting a bit monotonous that this prize is won by either the Commodore or the Vice Commodore, I would like to issue a challenge to all club members to wear your club clothing with pride and I would love to see an ordinary member of the club win this prize next year. Have a go, don't miss out, make sure you have some club clothing and wear it with pride, if you don't have any club clothing, see our new club merchandise officer for 2010, Cherie Brooke 0415 238 857.

George Herczeg



• SICK BAY

Laurie Duffy has just had a hip replacement and should be in rehab as this newsletter goes to print. Jill told me that Laurie was very reluctant to go to rehab, thinking she'll be right as we aussie guys generally do, but rehab is a very important part of the recovery process. Laurie should be home for Christmas and back on the boat asap. Best wishes to Laurie, and see you on the water soon.

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BWMYC 2011 SOCIAL CALENDAR

January – June 2011

Friday 14th January 2011

Picnic in the Park – Berowra Waters Marina Picnic Area
An informal picnic commencing at 6.30 pm – BYO everything. This is our chance to have a post Christmas fun night at zero cost. We have the BBQs available to us and there will be plenty of table space.

Wednesday 26th January 2011

Australia Day Boat Parade and Raft-Up
Our traditional Australia Day Boat Parade departs from the Woolwash at 10 am. After the parade we will then raft up under the directions of our Master for the day and then the fun begins – games, swimming races and lots of laughter, plus the usual eating and drinking. Show your Aussie spirit and dress your boat with flags, kangaroos or just wear your “Speedos and thongs”.

Friday 11th February 2011

2FM DINNER – Waterview Restaurant
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special BWMYC price of \$38 per person which includes wine and soft drinks.

Friday 11th March 2011

2FM DINNER – Waterview Restaurant
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special BWMYC price of \$38 per person. This includes wine and soft drinks.

Saturday 19th March 2011

Dinghy Trip to Crosslands and Moonlight Cruise Back
*An informal long picnic lunch departing from the Woolwash at 9.30 am – BYO everything. Some members may wish to join together in their dinghies and benefit from just being able to take in the wonderful scenery along the way – the Australian landscape at its best!
The weather will have cooled and we can all make the trip in our dinghies Without being “cooked” when we arrive. Now for the finale – the trip back By “moonlight” all together in convoy guided by the full moon.*

Friday 8th April 2011

2FM DINNER – Waterview Restaurant
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special BWMYC price of \$38 per person. This includes wine and soft drinks.

Friday 22nd April-Tuesday 26th April 2011,

Easter Trip to the Colo and Raft-up
This is a truly memorable trip and needs plenty of time to take in the sights along the way. We can also arrange accommodation at the Souths Juniors Resort facility close by at great rates for those who wish to drive there.

BWMYC 2011 SOCIAL CALENDAR

January – June 2011

Friday 13th May 2011

NOTE – NO 2FM DINNER TONIGHT

We need to have an early night tonight in preparation for our “Big Night Out” tomorrow. Ladies time to get your beauty sleep.

Saturday 14th May 2011

Gala Dinner Dance at the Waterview Restaurant

Just what the ladies have been waiting for – the chance to “glam it up and sparkle”. Members are encouraged to bring along their non-member friends and make up tables. There will be a superb sit-down meal and dancing. This is to be our major fund raiser for the year.

Friday 10th June 2011

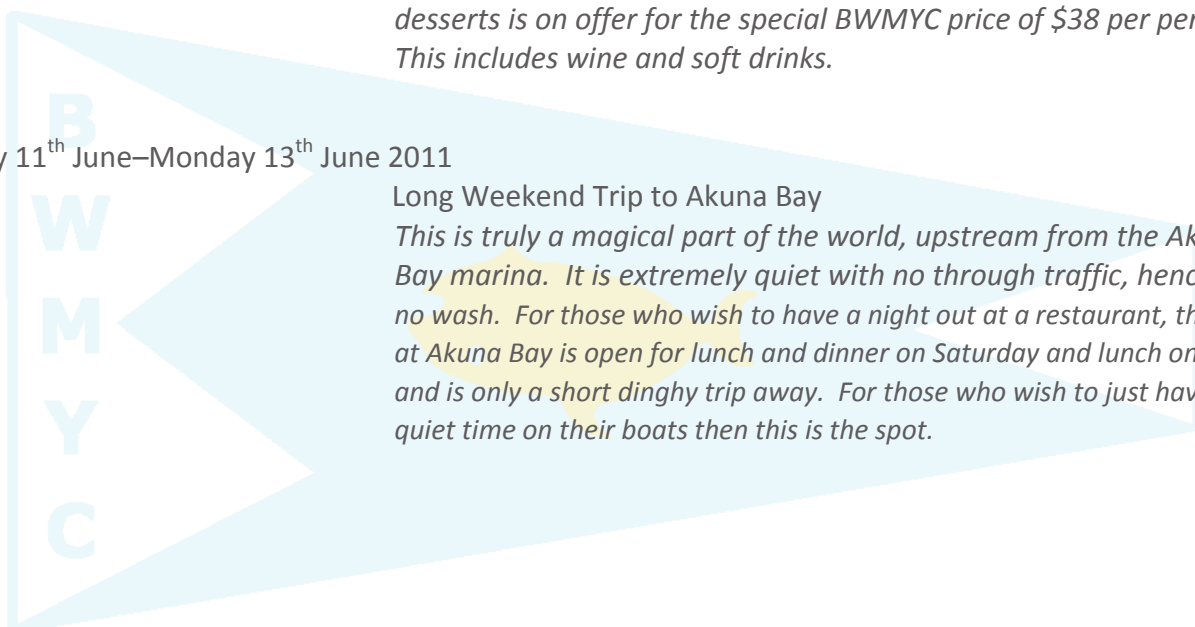
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Saturday 11th June–Monday 13th June 2011

Long Weekend Trip to Akuna Bay

This is truly a magical part of the world, upstream from the Akuna Bay marina. It is extremely quiet with no through traffic, hence no wash. For those who wish to have a night out at a restaurant, the Cielo at Akuna Bay is open for lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday and is only a short dinghy trip away. For those who wish to just have a quiet time on their boats then this is the spot.



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