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## NEW MEMBERS



Peter and Vicki Welsh  
Riviera 38' Jody Dee

## INCOMING MAIL

### Dear Everyone

What a wonderful weekend!!! We thoroughly enjoyed the sail past in bright sunshine (first time for us as it is usually raining), and the raft up (very precise and always impressive) We were not so sure about the very long and difficult questionnaire and knot making Richard devised as it did take up too much of our drinking time.

Our congratulations to all the prize winners. We especially liked the prize awarded for Graft and Corruption and hope that this will become an annual prize, although we felt that to be more politically correct it could be renamed the "Commodore's Prize" and become a great source of revenue for the Club. Also we thought there should have been a prize for "Best dressed" to Di and Graham who made the Aussie flag look really sexy!!, and did anyone else notice the matching stiletto style boat shoes Di was sporting?

We don't really want to comment on what went on during the night. You all know what you did!!! (except Jo who could not remember having a glass of wine or 20 on Maski's flybridge).

Then there was Glenno's tour!!!!

A flotilla of small boats carrying the more intrepid and less hungover volunteers led by Glenno in his Ugly Boat. (No, we are not being judgemental here, that is the name of Glenno's tender. We know because we saw the Ugly Boat sticker!! If we were being judgemental we would have called it Glenno's very untidy, full of rubbish tender) for a tour of the waterways (beautiful) and (unfortunately) to visit some ancient indigenous rock art sites.

We spent ages looking at the rocks Glenno had taken us to trying to find the paintings, but, guess what no paintings. Then Glenno remembered there was a metal pole near the site and, of course, there was no metal pole where we were. Eventually he led us to the metal pole!!!! (Still no paintings).

It was only after we all demanded our money back that Glenno remembered (a bit worried about dementia setting in by now) he knew someone who actually knew where the paintings were so the whole flotilla headed back to the raft up to pick up Graham (and a few more intrepid souls), who took us all back to show us that the paintings actually existed. Not only that, but we were also treated to a view of the upside down fish rock carving and a little bit of naughtiness about which we can say no more except that it was very funny!!!!

Glenno, we think your days as a tour guide may be over. Perhaps you should stick to shipwrighting, or even cleaning up your tender!!

Thank you everyone for making our weekend with you so terrific, We hope we can come back again next year (even though we may have to make a special trip from a Bali holiday to do so)

ps. Our 50th wedding anniversary party was a great success.

Cheers to all. See you next year.....John and Noel

### Dear Richard

Thank you so much to the Club for throwing your support behind our local community on 11th August. I am truly appreciative of the efforts made by the Club members to participate in our recent fundraiser and help us make it the success it was! I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the night in great company. Personally, I was particularly pleased to see many of our old friends there and feel that it was indeed a very gallant gesture on everyone's part to make it down to the river on such a dreadful night, especially those members of the Club that these days so rarely travel the distance for a night out! Great effort. Thanks again to you all and kind regards

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# NEWS

## Vale

Col Woods passed away at 6.00am on the 12th October 2012 at home with his wife Pam by his side. George and I were amongst those who farewelled Colin Woods on his final journey. The songs chosen for Col's funeral service, whilst deeply moving, were also thought provoking. Ronan Keating's "If tomorrow never comes" reminds us to always endeavour to convey our love to our one special person just in case. It was an amazing tribute to the love Col felt for Pam, his family and friends. John Williamson's "Hawkesbury River Lovin" gives some insight into why we all love boating and our times socialising with other club members, just like Col and Pam did for so many years ~ they were good teachers of "working hard being lazy, no bait on the line". We will always treasure the lessons that will continue through the words of these songs. The last song by Queen, "You're my best friend" brought tears to our eyes.

Louise Herczeg



## Tony Bilson's back at Berowra Waters Inn



Restaurateur Tony Bilson is busy refurbishing the Berowra Waters Inn, including bringing in a python to assist with pest removal.

HE'S been responsible for some of the most iconic restaurants in Australia and has nurtured world famous chefs, including Tetsuya Wakuda. But after 30 years of fluctuating fortunes the godfather of Australian modern cuisine, Tony Bilson, is returning to the Berowra restaurant that made him famous. Bilson confirmed he will reopen the Berowra Waters Inn on October 12, which he first opened with his former wife Gay in 1977. Bilson said he had his doubts when owner and friend, Jeremy Law, approached him after the collapse of previous chef Dietmar Sawyere's restaurant group in June. "Initially I thought: 'it's going backwards', but it's just such a special place," he said. "The thought of someone else taking over was too much. I love the place, I love the area, I feel very much at home." "The image of Berowra is a great image for Australia generally, to have a gastronomic venue, and this place is world famous, in such a remote and isolated place is very special. I just want it to be the best restaurant in Australia and I am hoping to stay here forever."

## New arrival

George and Louise Herczeg are proud to announce the arrival of Tobias Paul Wodecki, born on 11/12/12 weighing in at 6lb 4 oz. Daughter Louise and Aron are over the moon. Toby is our 12th grandchild with another due in March next year. Stay tuned for the next newsletter.

## Club sponsors

To our valued "SPONSORS" your ads are now also on our new website, so you have much wider exposure for your business. Have a look and make sure all is correct, if not, let me know. Thank you for your support. George Herczeg

## Keeping us to date

As most of us know, between these Newsletters, it is usual for us to keep in touch through the internet. We are finding that some emails "bounce back" because the email address has become non-functional. If you change email addresses, home addresses or phone numbers please let us know so we can let you know what's going on..

## Club website

The club website is alive and well, if you have not taken the time to have a surf, go on dip your toes, you will have a laugh and find important information and also news and club history. If you want to add your boat to the members boats page, email me a photo and I will upload it. Do you have an item of interest or a happening you want on the website just email me.

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# A G M ~ 2012



A beautiful warm Berowra morning greeted forty three club members who assembled for a hearty breakfast followed by our AGM. The AGM was short and sweet, all committee positions were declared vacant and nominations were read out, virtually the same names as last year, with the exception of Elizabeth King who joined the social committee replacing Jan Fowler. All positions were filled unopposed. Presentation of the boat rally winners followed, best dressed boat in a theme was awarded to "African Safari" (Roxanne) Brian and Wendy Alexander. Best dressed flags was awarded to "Amandajay" Graham Rowell and Di Sheehy, and the boat rally winner was "Dame Florence". (See the photos on the center spread). Club member of the year was awarded to Glenn Rapson. And a special award for developing the club website was awarded to George Herczeg. Past Commodore burgees were presented to Graham Rowell, George Herczeg and Brian Killin. Richard Tooker our founding Commodore was away in Fiji, so we will present Richard's burgee at a later date. Congratulations to all winners and recipients.



## The Committee



Club member of the year  
Glenn Rapson



Special award for developing club website  
George Herczeg



Past Commodore burgee presented to  
Graham Rowell



Past Commodore burgee presented to  
George Herczeg



Past Commodore burgee presented to  
Brian Killin

## CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

Our club clothing is under a major review, as soon as the committee has decided on what we will have available, we will let you know and will be on the club website.

### FOR SALE:

Lune de Miel affectionately known as Kissin is for sale, Geoff and Cherie Brooke have decided to wind down their boating activities and have reluctantly put her up for sale. Kissin is not listed with a broker, giving club members an opportunity to purchase her privately. Kissin is a 1974, length of 36 ft. Cheoy Lee Pilothouse Trawler (originally imported by Keith Williams of Hamilton Island fame), powered by twin Ford Lees 120hp engines giving her a comfortable and economical cruise. She has been painted from top to bottom, has new covers, new carpets and is in pristine condition, regularly antifouled and serviced. Expressions of interest are sought. Contact Geoff Brooke on 0414 469 670.



### FOR SALE

FOR SALE - LIFE JACKETS, All \$25.00 each, 3 x Tuff TF Multi fit Coastal New, 5 x Hutchwilco MK2 Multi Coastal New and 3 x Used. 1 x Dri-clad Ultrasafe Medium Used, 5 x Hutchwilco Coastguard II Adult New and 1 x Used, 4 x Marlin PFD Type 1 Adult New, 3 x Excell PFD Type 1 Adult New, 3 x Ultra Vital PFD Type 1 Adult Used, 1 x Challenger PFD Type 1 Adult New. Most life jackets are still in their plastic wrapping. "Used" life jackets are mostly in excellent condition having probably never been "used" but have some marks from being stored away. For further details, contact Richard Tooker 0415 908 298.

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 make room for other items for sale.

## 2FM DINNER ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS

AUGUST 11th RIVER DANCE, (no 2FM this month) Approximately twelve club members joined the Ladies' committee for their annual fundraiser for the Santa Boat. The restaurant was a sellout.

SEPTEMBER 14th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Di Sheehy, congratulations to Di. There were 37 members & guests in attendance.

OCTOBER 12th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Glenn Rapson, congratulations to Glenn. There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

NOVEMBER 9th 2FM. BBQ in the park, no raffle on this occasion. There were 40 members and guests in attendance.

DECEMBER 8th Annual Christmas Party, Winners of the three raffle prizes were: Bruce and Mavis O'Connor, Geoff and Cherie Brooke, and new members Peter and Vicki Welsh, who drew their own ticket, a good start to club membership, welcome Peter and Vicki. There were 47 members and guests in attendance.

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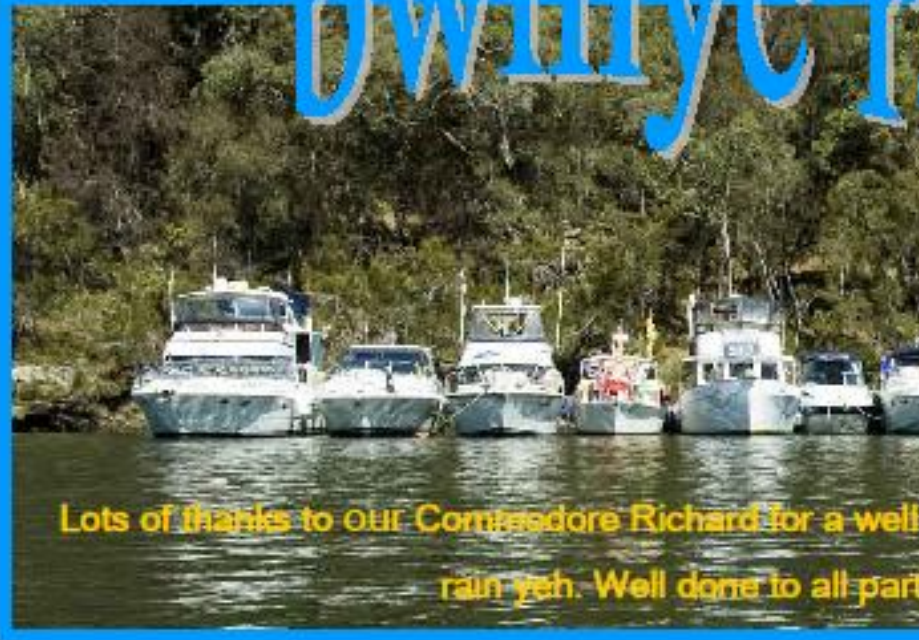
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Lots of thanks to our Commodore Richard for a well  
rain yeh. Well done to all part



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# Rally 2012

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# Xmas 2012

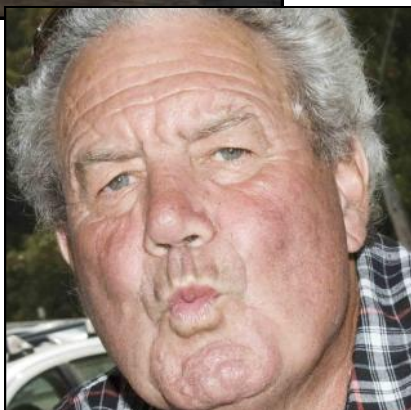




# Xmas Bloopers



Mmmm, look at what the Cat dragged in.....



# “Humour and History”

## Quote of the Quarter



## RIVER HISTORY

### 1. The Hawkesbury –

The second expedition by Governor Phillip to locate a fresh water supply for the new settlement of Sydney Cover left Brisbane Water (the North Arm of Broken Bay) on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1789. The party consisted of about 20 men in two small boats who proceeded to a campsite on Dangar Island (which they named Mullet Island because of the large number of mullet caught there). On the 11<sup>th</sup> June, they discovered Mullet Creek, which they decided was shallow and only navigable by small boats. Two days later, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, they continued upstream to a section which would have been the MacDonal River, noticing that the water was becoming quite fresh. However, their supplies were low and they had to return to Port Jackson for a few days to rest and to re-supply. On the 29<sup>th</sup> June, the third expedition by Governor Phillip left Port Jackson and proceeded to the junction of the MacDonal River. After numerous days spent exploring the Colo and MacDonal rivers, they returned down river and noticed some smaller branches of the river. It is believed they spent the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> July in Berowra Creek. They then returned to Dangar Island and then down to Pittwater, where they left their boats and proceeded back to Sydney Cove. Phillip had achieved his purpose in locating the mouth of a large, fresh water river which had been sought by him since he arrived in New South Wales 18 months earlier. Phillip named the river to honour Charles Jenkinson, First Earl of Liverpool, England and the Baron of Hawkesbury .

### 2. Joe Crafts Bay –

Is situated on the western shore of Berowra Creek opposite Collingridge Point. It is named after Joseph Craft (1770-1839) who arrived with the Third Fleet in 1791 and after several brushes with the law acquired 60 acres at Milkmaid Reach about 1811. He married Sarah Robinson in 1810 and had a son, also named Joseph. About 1821 he and his wife moved to “Primrose Hill” in Mangrove Creek where he became known as a skilled sawyer.

### 3. The Woolwash –


Is situated about one kilometre up from the Berowra Waters ferry crossing. It was named because early settlers brought wool here by boat where it was washed in spring water and then taken by boat to Pittwater or Sydney.

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT ~ December 2012

I write this note at the start of my second year as Commodore, which is once again a great honour, but I must thank the committee for their support throughout the past year. A big thanks to Jan Fowler for her unique contribution to the committee last year and by the same token a big welcome to Elizabeth King who replaces her.

We had a fantastic attendance at the AGM and there was much discussion on a range of topics – not least of which was our proposed new mooring locations. More information will be sent to members in the coming weeks with regard to future club mooring options.

Last week we enjoyed our club Christmas party in the park and I have heard nothing but positive feedback on the day. We had decided to go with a different caterer and I must say their menu was well received.

A big thanks to the committee for all their hard work in preparation and on the day itself. We also welcomed our latest new members on the day – Peter and Vicki Welsh – who promptly drew their own ticket in the raffle!

As a committee we shall be sitting down in the new year to plan our social events for 2013. We have some traditional events like Australia Day coming up, but we shall also be looking at something different – hopefully something for everyone. Once again, we encourage feedback and suggestions from our members.

Lastly, let me wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year and hoping 2013 is another good year for the club.

Richard Bell

Commodore BMWYC

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

A big thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter. Especially to Jo, Glenn, Elizabeth and Melissa.

Please keep the articles & photos coming, they are very welcome, and help make your newsletter interesting.

Members, if you know anyone who may be interested in taking up a sponsor ad, please let me know. The cost is only \$100.00 per year, and is very good value since the ads are now also on our website, giving a much wider exposure for the sponsors. It is very cheap advertising and helps to pay for the printing of your newsletter.

We have a very special item for sale in this issue of the newsletter, it is a shame I don't

have any enough money. Many years ago I was on my way to an appointment (Trade a boat in hand) to inspect a Cheoy Lee boat for sale at Castlecrag marina, only to get a call on my mobile that the boat had just been sold. It was bought by Kel and Kylie, who later sold Lune de Miel (Kissin) to Geoff and Cherie Brooke. I still had the torn out page which I gave to the Brookes when they purchased Kissin. Looks like I miss out again. It would be nice to see Kissin remain in the Berowra Waters area. (I'm on my way to buy a Lotto ticket).

George Herczeg

Editor and Vice Commodore

## GLENNO'S TIPS



- 1.To keep potatoes from growing buds put an apple in the bag with the potatoes. Or you can eat instant mashed potatoes
- 2.When a cake recipe calls for flouring the cake tin use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.  
Or you could go to a cake shop. Hell they'll even put the icing on it.
- 3.Put celery in tin foil before putting it in the fridge. It will keep for weeks. Or just don't eat it.
- 4.A good headache cure is to take a lime cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.  
Or you could add the lime to tequila and all your aches will go away.
- 5.Don't throw out your left over wine. Freeze it in ice cube trays and use it in future cooking of casseroles etc.  
Left over wine. HELLO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy boating and stay safe over the Festive season

## BWMYC 2013 SOCIAL CALENDAR January - June

Friday 11th January

**2FM DINNER**

A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks

Saturday 26th January

**AUSTRALIA DAY BOAT PARADE AND RAFT UP**

Departs from the Woolwash at 10.00am. Followed by a raftup in Joe Crafts bay. Show your Aussie spirit and dress your boat with flags, kangaroos or just wear your "Speedo and Thongs".

Friday 8th February

**2FM DINNER ~ "VALENTINES DAY"**

Celebrate this special occasion and show our wives, partners or girlfriends that we appreciate and love them, flowers will be presented to all Ladies present. A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.

Friday 8th March

**2FM DINNER**

A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks

Friday 29/30/31st March

**EASTER GOSFORD CRUISE** Details to follow.

Friday 12th April

**2FM DINNER**

A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks

Friday 10th May

**2FM ~ MOTHERS DAY**

A special night to honour the Mothers in our club, usually a very popular night, flowers will be presented to all Ladies present. A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.

Friday 14th June

**2FM DINNER**

A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks