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A beautiful photo of a club  
raftup from top of the hill  
photo by Jo Calleja

## NEW MEMBERS



Shane and Keiron Ceely  
with Chelsea and Lachlan  
Horizon Houseboat "Bacchus"

## NEW ARRIVALS

I have been waiting for a some time to announce the arrival of Ted and Kylie Harrison's new boat, (they purchased their 1992 Fairways 36 some time ago) but the weather conditions have not been kind. Ted has cancelled several flights to QLD, because the seas were just too big to cruise the 36 foot Fairways flybridge cruiser to Berowra Waters from Queensland. While I am writing this article I have been informed they are near Coff's Harbour, and should arrive on Saturday 30th march. I can't wait to see her. I have met the designer and former owner of Fairway's cruisers many times at the boat show, and in my opinion it is the best value medium sized cruiser on the market, a good robust no nonsense, solid, single engined turbocharged 240 hp Perkins, reliable flybridge cruiser, a great choice. Ted and Kylie are very happy with their new purchase.



## CLUB NEWS

Our new Club mooring at Spencer has been installed. X marks the spot on the map at right. A few members have already rafted up on the mooring and said there were no problems with wash from passing boats. It is very handy to the wharf and the shop and the refurbished and upgraded Dunkirk Hotel. The club is having a cruise and raftup on our new mooring on the June long weekend. Details to follow.



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# CLUB NEWS

## Past Commodore Honoured

**Finally the club's very first Commodore Richard Tooker, 1996 to 1999, is presented with his past Commodore's burgee.**

Richard has been patiently waiting for this occasion to honour his hard work in the early years of our club. Do you think Richard looks pleased? what a cheeky grin! Congratulations Richard.



## A Very Special Birthday

Club member Ted Thomas celebrated his 70th birthday at the Waterview Restaurant recently, and the guest of honour was the last to arrive, and you can see why, Ted made a grand entrance dressed for the occasion. Ted had family, past work friends, boating friends present, and proceeded to tell incriminating stories of events long past. Ted was very funny and had us all in stitches all night. Ted did a great job hosting his own party. Ted had a pictorial history on display that we all found very interesting. An enjoyable evening was had by all, happy Seventieth To Ted Thomas.

## "Its a Girl"

### Another New arrival

George and Louise Herczeg are proud to announce the arrival of Tessa Kimberley Herczeg, born on 10/03/13 weighing in at 7lb 8 oz.

**Lucas and Holly are over the moon. Holly's mum and dad and sister has flown out from Canada for this very special occasion. Tessa is our 13th grandchild, and she is a real cutie.**



## 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 up 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 Clothing Catalogue is now online

Check out our new and exciting range of club clothing on our website. The full catalogue and order form are now uploaded **and samples are on display at the 2FM's.**

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ANZAC Day Dawn Service  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
Berowra Waters Western Foreshore



# LEST WE FORGET

This is a solemn ceremony of remembrance, national pride and gratitude for every man and woman who fought and died serving under our respective flags. This service commences at sunrise and individuals are welcome to lay commemorative wreaths/flowers during the service.

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**Time:** 0600hrs – suggest you arrive at 0545hrs,  
please supply own chair

**Location:** Berowra Waters Western Foreshore

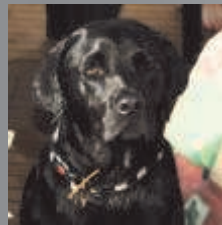
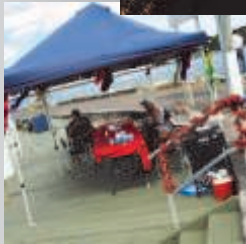
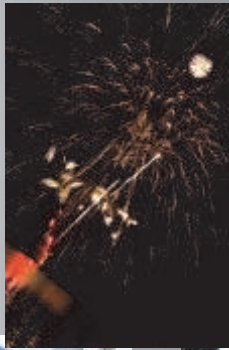
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**Breakfast:** Please stay on afterwards and BBQ  
your BYO breakfast





# Xmas & New Year







# austral







# ia day





# CLUB NOTICES

## CLUB CLOTHING AND MERCHANDISE

Our brand new club clothing and merchandise has finally arrived, a big thank you to Mick Calleja for taking on this project. The catalogue is now on our website for you to view. The order form is also on the website, with instructions for ordering items. The catalogue and sample clothing will also be on display at 2FM Dinners.

### 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 now listed with Mainsales at Brooklyn. 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. Asking price \$135,000. Contact Geoff Brooke on 0414 469 670 or Mainsales on 9985 7033.



### 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

JANUARY 11th 2FM. There were 35 members & guests in attendance.

FEBRUARY 8th 2FM. VALENTINES DAY DINNER, Winner of the raffle prize was Theresa Johnson, congratulations to Theresa. There were 37 members & 4 guests in attendance.

MARCH 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Derek Hughes, congratulations to Derek. There were 30 members and 3 guests in attendance.

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# bloopers



...I always wanted to be an angel...

...Now we all know what a 'box head' really looks like...



Helgrit

Mick



...Anything you can do I can do better...



...another fine specimen...

...what happens when you have your anchor hanging down on a mooring...



...some people will do anything to get into the newsletter...

## bwmyc to the rescue



Eti aboard Mighty Mouse together with Mick and the Cappuccino boat push the stranded Hire House Boat off the rocks & onto a mooring

Glenn & Mick the hero's of the day rush to save the stranded Jet Ski with 4 chicky babes on board....no wonder they were in a hurry!!!





# “Humour and River History”

## Quote of the Quarter



## RIVER HISTORY

1. America and Refuge Bays – The name America Bay was first mentioned by Surveyor Larmer as early as 1832. The name probably originated from the use of the bay by American whaling and sealing vessels, large numbers of **which worked along the New South Wales coast in the early 1800's. In 1840 the captain of the “Beagle” reported** that there were between 200 and 300 American whalers working along the coast. The bay offered a sheltered anchorage with a supply of fresh water close at hand and also had the advantage of being hidden from the government back in Port Jackson. In 1942 Refuge Bay was a top-secret training base for the Z force when preparing **for their daring raid on Singapore Harbour. They used the “Krait”, a 20 m ex-Japanese fishing boat. The force’s camp was on the plateau above the waterfall and they used the bay to train in their kayaks. The “Krait” sailed** from Refuge Bay in January 1943 and returned from Darwin in October 1943. The ship is now on display at the National Maritime Museum in Sydney. There is a commemorative plaque of her on the rocks close to the waterfall.
2. Milson Island. Was earlier named Mud Island, but was changed when the island was acquired by the Milson family **during the second half of the 1800's. When Robert Wilson died in 1866 he became one of the well known river pioneers** whose remains were buried at St Johns Cemetery on Bar Island. It is said that the Federal Government **acquired the island in the early 1900's in order to establish a primary industries quarantine station which was later** converted into an isolation hospital for WWII servicemen suffering from contagious diseases. Milson and nearby Peat Island were later used to house patients suffering from mental illnesses. Milson Island was later converted into a low security prison and is now used as a fitness centre for the Department of Sports and Recreation.
3. Ballast Island is a heap of rocks marked by a green mark in Berowra Creek near Twin Beaches at the entrance to **Marramarra Creek. It is submerged at high tide. During the 1800's empty sailing vessels coming up the Hawkesbury** from Sydney needed ballast in their hulls to add weight to their vessels to make them more stable during the **voyage along the coast. Examination of Captain Hunter's 1789 chart shows three tiny islands in this spot. Rather than** creating additional hazards by dumping ballast at random, it made sense to unload rocks on top of an existing hazard here in order to avoid creating additional hazards to navigation.

Researched and contributed by Elizabeth King

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT ~ March 2013

Sitting here writing this on a cold, wet and windy evening it seems hard to believe that we have just come back from a fantastic Easter weekend in Gosford. Ourselves and ten other boats enjoyed good weather that seems likely to be the last of the summer and everyone enjoyed the organised events. Once again, the Easter bunnies were in evidence early on Sunday morning – I have to admit those pink tights are a bit hard to face at the best of times, but a special thanks to Graham and Di for keeping this tradition going.

Since the New Year we also had a good turnout at the Australia Day parade and raft-up – if I remember the weather was reasonable, however, it was disappointing to have to cancel the Crosslands trip due to what can only be described as monsoon conditions. Enough of whinging about the weather (it is a pommie thing) and for some good news about our new club mooring at Spencer. This is now in place and ready to be enjoyed by all members. Myself, Paul King and Glenn Rapson ventured out (monsoon conditions again) one Saturday with David Lyons from Maritime and picked the spot – a big thanks to Paul for getting this all organised.

I look forward to the June long weekend when we can see how many boats we can get rafted up.

Thanks to great work by Mick Calleja we now have an excellent selection of club merchandise and a process in place for ordering. I encourage you to visit the website, browse the catalogue, get your orders in and start wearing your club gear.

We have some significant events coming soon, not least of all our (now) traditional ANZAC Day dawn service so I encourage you all to attend this very moving event. Also coming up we have something a bit **different in the Twin Beaches "Hangi" feast – let's just say it will be an interesting experience.**

**Hope to see you at upcoming 2FM's, special events or out on the water.**

Richard Bell – Commodore BWMYC

March 2013

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

### SPONSORSHIP ADS

Members, you may have noticed that some sponsors has bailed out, and this leaves us short in the budget for newsletter production. We need more sponsors, 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 higher exposure

for the sponsors. We can also provide a link to the **sponsor's website. It is very cheap advertising and helps to pay for the printing of your newsletter.** A big thank you to all the contributors to your newsletter, especially to Jo, Glenn and Elizabeth.

George Herczeg  
Editor and Vice Commodore



## GLENNO'S TIPS



**Navigation lights on inflatables are always a problem as the suction cups just won't stick properly to the Hypalon or vinyl.** A good way around this is to attach the portable nav light through the "D" ring on the inside of your dinghy after attaching the light to conduit as shown in the photo. The foot of the conduit is secured by screwing or gluing a round metal chair leg rubber cup to the floor of the dinghy just below the "D" ring and pushing the pipe into. Make sure it is a snug fit as this stops it turning. For the stern I have used a small round LED light with a magnet in it that you can pick up from the dollar shops for about \$5.00. I found an old park light lens that I put over the light but it works OK without doing that. I attached an end cap used to seal plumbers pipe to the top of the outboard with Sikaflex and glued a steel washer inside so the magnet would stick and it would be easy to take the light out to change the battery. It works well and doesn't get in the way or get accidentally knocked off.

Rubbish on a boat is always a problem and for some reason it grows quicker than at home. There is a new boat on a mooring near the Inn and he has a good way of lessening the volume of rubbish. He has a can crusher attached to the side of his ladder and crushes all cans before they go in the garbage bag. I know you can stomp on the cans but they do tend to scratch fibreglass and timber. Happy and safe boating.....Glenn



# 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.
- Saturday 23rd February**      **Annual Crosslands Park Dinghy Trip**  
Departs from the Woolwash at 9.30 am. BYO everything. Return trip approx 9.0 hrs with tide and full moon.
- 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 March~1st April**      **EASTER GOSFORD CRUISE** Details emailed to members.
- 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
- Thursday 25th April**      **Anzac Day Dawn Service**  
Join us for our annual dawn service on the western foreshore at Berowra Waters, all welcome.
- 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.
- Saturday 11th May**      **"HANGI" Feast at twin beaches**  
A complimentary (no charge) Hangi Feast will be provided to club members, details will be emailed, bookings are essential for catering.
- Saturday 8th~10th June**      **JUNE LONG WEEKEND at SPENCER**  
Spencer cruise and raftup on our new yet to be installed club mooring. Details to follow.
- 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