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photo by Elizabeth King

New Members



Margaret and Peter Spencer
Riviera 37' "Indy"

Old new members

Bernard and Kate Kassar joined the club in March 2011 not long after purchasing their Historic MV Lady Daly built in 1867. Bernard's work transfers have kept them away from their Lady, they have not been aboard for approximately twelve months. I have been keeping an eye on her, pumping out the bilges, running the engine and recharging the damprids. Bernard has finally secured a transfer with his work to Windsor and have just moved house from Port Kembla to Richmond.

So they are now close to work and close to their boat. The labour of love can now begin to repair and restore Lady Daly. We will no doubt see more of Bernard and Kate in the near future.

George Herczeg



Boat Rally 2013

Due to a chain of unfortunate events our Boat Rally this year was a non event. Our Commodore Richard had suffered a detached retina on his eye not long before the rally and had to have emergency surgery, so could not set the rally events, and also could not attend. I also had an unfortunate event with Rosie of suffering a massive electrolysis attack and she sprung a leak, we temporarily plugged the leak, but Rosie is out of action until extensive repairs are completed. As a result I **couldn't step in and conduct the rally** either. It was very disappointing for members who spent a lot of money and time dressing their boats for the event. The small number of boats rafted up in Joe Crafts bay and in

real BMWYC spirit forced themselves to try and have some fun anyway. Check out the photos on page 4, do you think they **succeeded? I think so, I'm just sorry** I missed out this year.

George Herczeg



Club News

MOONEY MOONEY MOORING IS NOW INSTALLED

Our new mooring is now installed and ready to use, just upstream from the Workers club, enter from around Spectacle Island.

It is located at the north end of the moored boats, just a short dinghy trip from the Workers Club.

Several of our club members are already members of the Workers Club. A great place for a good meal and a cold beverage.

Your Committee

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Mysterious Blue lights

The committee had an enquiring email from members John and Pat Davis during last week. They wanted to know if anyone knew anything about the blue lights in Joe Crafts bay?? I did some investigating and rang past member Garry Monks, who lives right across the creek from Joe Crafts bay. Gary was puzzled as my questioning was very vague to say the least. Gary said he was home all day and had not noticed anything unusual. I delved further, spoke to more people and finally found

someone who had some interesting information (they wanted to remain anonymous). I was told that there are some creatures who have settled in Joe Crafts bay. They only come out at night and they are in fact called Patagonian Goblins, and was told that it is now breeding season and we should look out to see if they will multiply. I found two above the waterfall in Joe Crafts bay and tried to photograph them when they came out at night. Eti and Britta have witnessed the blue lights while on our club mooring, but they were not aware that they were witnessing a very rare event.

George Herczeg



Treasurer's Report 2013

I table for this Annual General Meeting a report of the Club's financial position for the year ended 30th September 2013, in the form of financial statements -

- Bank Reconciliation Statement;
- Bank Account Statement;
- Income and Expenditure Statement;
- Balance Sheet.

In summary, I highlight the following -

- **Cash in the bank at balance date is \$ 10,358.31 (a decrease of \$ 1,205.10 over last year's balance date of \$ 11,563.41)**
- **Total income for the year of \$ 10,211.10 (a decrease of \$ 629.85 over last year's income of \$ 10,840.95)** The income was made up mainly of Membership fees \$5,013; Club Raffles, \$2,380.10 (Glen & Vicki) & Club Functions \$1,716.00.
- **Total expenditure for the year was \$ 11,416.20 (an increase of \$ 3484.17 on last year's expenditure of \$7,932.03)** the increase mainly due to the new Spencer mooring \$1685.00 also and we have had significant increase in printing & stationary (+629) and items produced for non- sale (+695)

The Club's trading in its Events & Raffles produced a gross trading profit of \$ 405.48. The Hungi event was completely subsidized by the club which dropped profit down by approx 50%

Jo Calleja,

Treasurer, BWMYC,

20th October, 2013.

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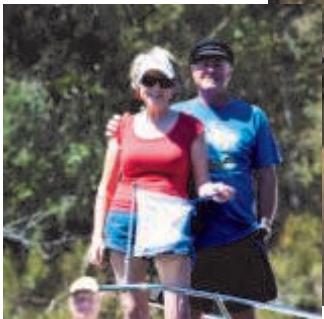
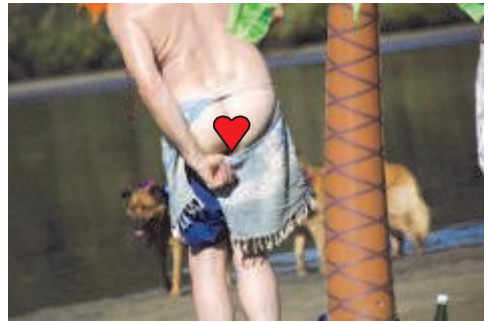
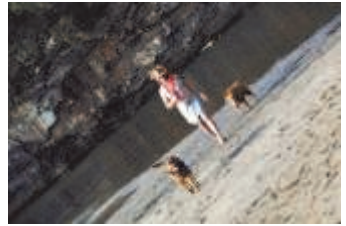
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International Fleet Naval Review/Tall Ships Festival

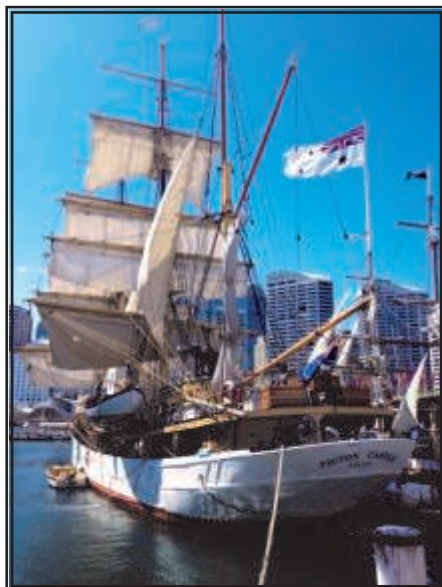
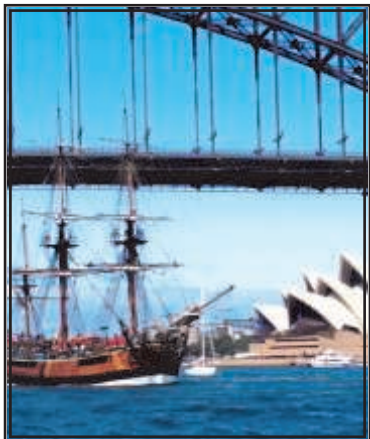


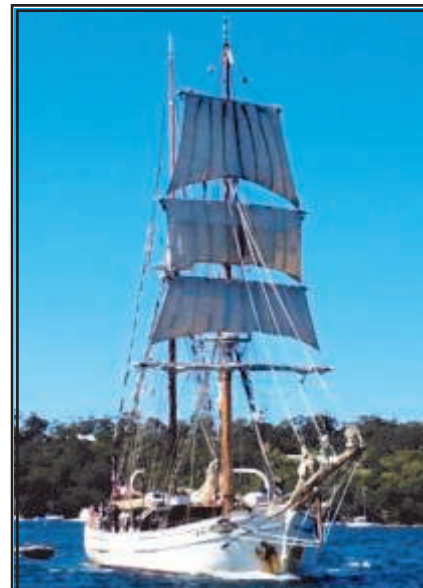
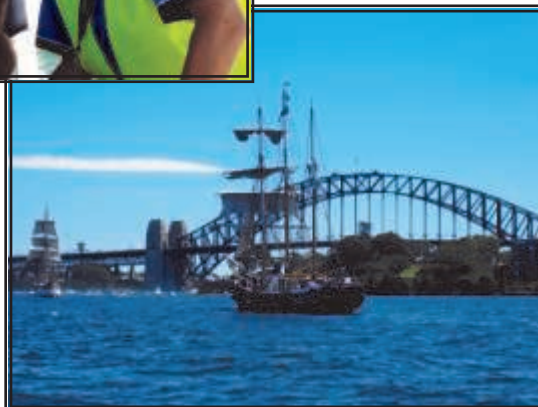
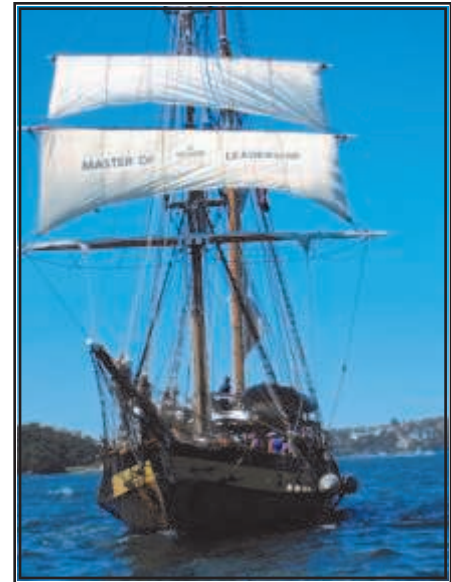
Recently four of our club members, Paul and myself and Melissa and Fleur, had the opportunity of a lifetime by taking on official roles at the International Fleet Naval Review/Tall Ships Festival in Sydney on the 2nd to the 6th of October. Sixteen Tall Ships and 45 Naval Warships from around the world came into Sydney Harbour to celebrate 100 years since the **Australian Navy's historic cruise into Sydney in October 1913. A client/friend of Fleur's sent out** a distress call desperately needing people with boating skills to assist as senior liaison officers to the 16 Tall Ships that were arriving from all corners of the world.

Mel and Fleur received the enviable allocation to the "Lady Nelson", one of the smaller but beautiful tall ships from Hobart, with the friendliest crew, and Paul was issued to the actual "Bark Endeavour" itself. The role of liaison officer entailed at first being ambassador to Sydney for all the boats and their crews and then other more mundane things like coordinating sullage, fuel and medical needs etc. The downside to this was having to be on deck with the crews before 7 am before they sailed every day to fulfil their needs, but the real positive was having access to all of the Tall Ships fleet to explore the ships and getting to meet their captains and **crews, most days culminating in "shouting" rounds of drinks with the crews in the Pyrmont Bridge Hotel every afternoon. Lots of good company, camaraderie and good friendships were made.**

Accommodation in Darling Harbour was at a premium for the event, but by booking early, Mel and Fleur managed to score a lovely apartment in Cockle Bay. Paul, meanwhile, entered into lengthy negotiations with the event coordinator and struck a deal for free berthing and fuel for **our boat "Voodoo" in exchange for taking on the role of press boat for the event. Paul and our son Eddy ran "Voodoo" down to Sydney on Tuesday morning, having an uneventful run,** except for masses of whales, 40 in total, and arrived in Cockle Bay to be tied up next to the South Steyne, arguably the most premium berth in Sydney.

An early start on Thursday saw myself and Paul, along with 3 cameramen from the NSW Maritime Museum, head out the heads on "Voodoo" at 6 am to meet the Tall Ships as they arrived off Sydney. With a 2 metre swell in full flow, Paul still says it was the beginning of the **hardest 8 hours he's done in a long time. Coordinating over radio with the Captains to run past their ships, which were doing about 10 knots, with cameramen yelling instructions so as they can get the "best shots" and then having to turn behind the ships and accelerating hard, up to 25 knots, to catch them again to take more of the "best shots".** Paul finally called it quits at about 9 am when he announced we were 15 nautical miles off Cronulla and that it was time to **head back. A good thing too, as we were instructed to return to Watson's Bay to collect 2 more officials from AUSTA.** Just as we were picking them up from the wharf, the predicted southerly hit, bringing 25-30 knot winds, just to add to the mayhem.







Back at 10.30 Paul blasted "Voodoo" back out of the heads again to meet the Fleet as they assembled and headed in. An amazing sight met us as 16 Tall Ships in full sail appeared out of the mist and gloom. Just then a hail storm hit and the sky took on a bronze/sepia colour which added perfectly to the aura of the Fleet. Being the official press boat we were allowed in amongst the Fleet, so "Voodoo" weaved her way between the ships with cameramen clicking away as fast as they could whilst hanging onto the swim platform, still vying for the "best shot". Because of the deteriorating weather the police finally came alongside and warned us off. The camera guys wanted Paul to ignore them, but after the third visit and the police person using the "f" word, we took heed and headed up the Harbour to photograph the Fleet as they came past Bradley's Head, finally settling off Blues Point to capture the ships under the Bridge with the Opera House as the backdrop. Another amazing thing happened as well. Floating just off Luna Park was a strange shape; speculation amongst us was it was dolphins, but Paul picked it from his experiences with boating in WA, as being a seal. We quietly motored over to it and, lo and behold, there it was, an 8 ft black sea lion, happily just sunning himself on the surface. So, is Sydney Harbour cleaning up? There was the proof. Another hour of photographing and the cameramen were done, returning to our berth around 2 pm.

On Friday, "Voodoo" again departed Cockle Bay, this time with Mel and Fleur on board, to photograph the naval warships arrival, 46 in total. We spent a beautiful day floating amongst these spiky angular beasts, photographing them as they docked and moored alongside. An interesting sight was to see the Japanese ship tied up, with the Rising Sun at full mast, proudly flying over Garden Island. A leisurely motor home had us back in Cockle Bay around 3, and at 5 again in the Pymont Bridge Hotel.

Dinners were spent in the many restaurants in Darling Harbour every night. Saturday we helped out with the Tall Ships in harbour, as it was the Open Day for the public. All of us concluded the day with pizzas on the wharf as we watched the fireworks, with Mel and Fleur staying over the night on "Voodoo", with us. Our official boat duties were now over, so as Sunday dawned as another glorious day, we stocked up on supplies and, along with some other friends, we headed out for a perfect day on the Harbour.

Monday saw a quick blast back to Berowra. Leaving under the Harbour Bridge at 9 am we were at Twin Beaches at 10.30 – only 1 whale this trip. We met up with the club/gang rafted up at Joe Craft's Bay for lunch. The perfect end to a glorious, if busy, memorable adventure.

By Elizabeth King

Club Clothing & Merchandise

Our new club clothing and merchandise is now available, a big thank you to Paul King for taking over this project at short notice. The catalogue is also on our website for you to view. The order form is also on the website with instructions for ordering items. The catalogue & sample clothing will also be on display at 2FM Dinners.

For Sale

Lune de Miel affectionately know 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 \$119,000. Contact Geoff Brooke on 0414 469 670 or Mainsales on 9985 7033.



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 & Raffle Winners

AUGUST 9th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Vicki Read, congratulations to Vicki. There were 30 members and 3 guests in attendance.

SEPTEMBER 13TH 2FM. There were 33 members and guests in attendance.

OCTOBER 11th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Peter & Margaret Spencer. Congratulations to Peter and Margaret. There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

NOVEMBER 8th 2FM. There were 25 members and guests in attendance.

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Income and Expenditure Statement

for the financial year ended 30th September, 2013

	<u>Previous Year 2012</u>	<u>Current Year 2013</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Memberships-		
Renewals	\$ 4,331.00	\$ 4,033.00
New	<u>\$ 957.00</u>	<u>\$ 980.00</u>
<u>Memberships Total</u>	<u>\$ 5,288.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,013.00</u>
Club Events -		
Club Raffles	\$ 2,759.95	\$ 2,380.10
Club Functions	<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,716.00</u>
<u>Club Events Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,499.95</u>	<u>\$ 4,096.10</u>
Miscellaneous –		
Sundries	\$ 600.00	\$ 550.00
Sale of Club Items	\$ 453.00	\$ 552.00
<u>Miscellaneous Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,053.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,102.00</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 10,840.95</u>	<u>\$ 10,211.10</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Administration –		
Bank fees	\$ nil	\$ nil
Club Burgees/Badges for new memberships		
And items for non-sale	\$ 242.20	\$ 937.82
Club items produced for sale	\$ 597.30	\$ 693.79
Donations /Flowers	\$ nil	\$ 100.00
Insurances	\$ 629.48	\$ 742.83
Postages, Printing, Stationery	\$ 706.20	\$ 1,335.37
Statutory –		
. Club Moorings – annual Licence fees		
. Club Moorings – annual inspections and maintenance	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 1,992.85
. Club Mooring – installation	\$ nil	\$ 1,210.00
. Club Mooring (new) – Application fee	\$ nil	\$ 475.00
. Dept of Fair Trading – Returns fees	\$ nil	\$ nil
Sundries	\$ 30.00	\$ 123.00
Website	\$ 418.00	\$ 114.92
<u>Club Admin Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,426.18</u>	<u>\$ 7,725.58</u>
Events –		
Prizes and Trophies	\$ 801.12	\$ 1,001.96
Cost of Events	<u>\$ 2,704.73</u>	<u>\$ 2,688.66</u>
<u>Events Total</u>	<u>\$ 3,505.85</u>	<u>\$ 3,690.62</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 7,932.03</u>	<u>\$11,416.20</u>
<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>	<u>\$ 2,908.92</u>	<u>\$ (1205.10)</u>
Opening Balance Cash Book b/fwd	<u>\$ 8,654.49</u>	<u>\$11,563.41</u>
<u>Closing Balance Cash Book at 30th September</u>	<u>\$ 11,563.41</u>	<u>\$10,358.31</u>

Jo Calleja,
Treasurer, BWMYC
1st October, 2013

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Commodore's Report 2013

I'd first like to thank all our members, old and new, for making the club what it is today and for your support throughout the year at our social events and outings. We continue to have a healthy attendance at 2FM dinners and also to our planned events and activities on the river.

In particular I would also like to thank our committee members for the fantastic job they have done this year. George for his experience and steadying influence on club matters, Loretta for her administrative expertise, Jo for **presiding over the club's (healthy) finances and our social committee** of Glenn, Melissa, Elizabeth and Kerry for their hard work in ensuring our social events go smoothly. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated bunch of people.

For me the highlights of the year have been the fantastic attendances at our major events of the year. We commenced with our Christmas Party followed by the traditional Australia Day sail past and raft up. At Easter we returned once more to Gosford and I have to say this was a great weekend - well attended and the weather was very kind to us, apart from a big swell on the way round Lion Island. Once again the ANZAC Dawn service was special and moving - a big thanks once again to Mick Calleja, Graham Rowell and Graham Gow.

However, just to prove that not everything goes smoothly or to plan, we have had to cancel two events this year - the original Crosslands trip and the lunch at Sydney Rowing Club. In addition, there was a reduced attendance at this **year's Boat Rally weekend due to a series of unfortunate events** - from the Navy being in town, to people being out of town, broken boats, broken bones, eye operations and other commitments that people had.

One stand-out event this year was the traditional Maori **'Hangi' held at Twin Beaches. It was a lot of work for the boys** (for a change!) and many said it could not be done but if you were there you know that it was a perfect day. There are not many events or meals where you come away even remembering the gravy! A big thanks to Glenn and his band of warriors.

If anyone was at last year's AGM they will remember our initial proposal to look at further club mooring options. So 12 months later it is a pleasure to say that we now have two new moorings - at Spencer [hands up those who have used it] and just recently at Mooney Mooney.

The Spencer mooring was given a good test on ANZAC **day when 9 boats rafted up and proved that the 'biggest block on the river' held fast, despite some strong current and a bit of rotation.**

This year we have increased by 6 new memberships - so a big welcome to those members and hope that they have enjoyed their first year in the club. The involvement of new members in the club is what makes it an ongoing success and brings new ideas and vitality to the club.

Our financial position is still very healthy, despite the cost of two new moorings, and your committee has been using funds to provide extra equipment for use at club events. We did raise the joining fee from \$100 to \$250 but we have held the annual subscription at \$84 for the year - continuing to be great value.

Our merchandise and club clothing has been revamped this year and I thank Mick Calleja for taking this on - hopefully we have some examples on show - but there is an extensive catalogue available.

We recently notified members of some attractive concessions negotiated with Berowra Waters Marina. This is good news and a great benefit so I encourage all members to take advantage and show our support.

I have enjoyed my second year as Commodore and it has been a great experience - but it is certainly not all about me as Commodore, it is all about the committee and members of the club making it what is. We hope it has been enjoyable for you and you have benefited from being a club member. If you have not enjoyed any aspect of the club, such as the committee and how it operates and the events it organises, I encourage you to speak freely and openly to myself or any other committee member so we can work together to make things better.

So I look forward to your involvement and support in the coming year, remembering our club objectives - keeping safe, enjoying our river and above all having fun.

Thank you.

Richard Bell - Commodore BWMYC
20th October 2013

Vice Commodore's Report 2013

Another year has sailed past, it seems like only yesterday Louise and I joined the club in 2001. Between Louise and myself we have served on the committee for eleven years, in capacities of Ordinary Member, Vice Commodore and Commodore. We have seen many new members join and many retire, but the club goes on.

I have continued to try to improve the look and content of your newsletter, and I would like to thank all my collaborators, namely Jo Calleja, Elizabeth King, Glenn Rapson, Loretta Thomas and Graham Gow. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to the next issue.

The club website has been established for some time now, but I am amazed at how many members have not had a really good surf. I have asked members if they like some of **the music on certain pages of the website, and I'm told, is there music on there?** Have a good close look and listen to your website. I update it as new things happen, like new members, new moorings, and most recently the new member discounts etc.

Thank you to Paul King for his work with the marina management for achieving this great result.

Many thanks to all our hard working OFF committee members for all kinds of work behind the scenes, namely, Mick Calleja, Paul King, Eti Scheller, Bill Holden to name but a few. I also thank all of our loyal sponsors of the newsletter. It has been difficult to recruit new sponsors this year, the effects of the GFC and a poor economy are still having an effect.

Thank you for all the support from the general membership and also for the support from fellow committee members.

Looking forward to a brighter and more financially rewarding & interesting 2014.

George Herczeg - Vice Commodore, BWMYC

2014 Social Calendar

January – June

- Friday 10th January** **2FM DINNER**
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Saturday 25th January** **AUSTRALIA DAY BOAT PARADE & RAFTUP**
Departs from the Woolwash at 11.45 am. Followed by a raftup in Joe Crafts Bay. Show your Aussie spirit and dress your boat with flags, kangaroos or just wear your "Speedos and Thongs".
- Friday 14th February** **2FM VALENTINES DAY DINNER**
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Friday 14th March** **2FM DINNER**
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Friday 11th April** **2FM DINNER**
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Friday 18/19/20/21st April** **EASTER GOSFORD CRUISE**
To be confirmed.
- Friday 25th April** **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**
Join us for a deeply moving ceremony on the western foreshore at Berowra Waters. All welcome.
- Friday 9th May** **2FM MOTHERS DAY DINNER**
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 \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Saturday 7/8/9th June** **JUNE LONG WEEKEND**
Spencer Cruise and raftup on our Spencer mooring. To be confirmed.
- Friday 13th June** **2FM DINNER**
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks