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Beautiful Berowra Waters

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your radio is turned "on".

New Members



Steve Kouspakidis & Eleni Katris
Griffin 40' "Inele"



Anna and Peter Smith
Campion 28' Casper



Cameron Daly and Danny Vance
Riviera 37' Silver Lining

Farewell Old Friends

Geoff and Cherie Brooke have finally sold their beloved "Lune de Miel" affectionately known to us as "Kissin". They have now well and truly settled in to Nelson's Bay, and have put their boating years behind them. Geoff and Cherie have decided not to renew their membership and have retired from the club. They will be sorely missed by all, but we hope to see them occasionally as guests of the club when they venture south. Geoff and Cherie have been tireless workers on the committee over the years, filling positions of Member,

Treasurer and Secretary. I would like to congratulate them for their valuable contribution and fellowship to the Club and its members. We all hope to see them soon.

George Herczeg



Sick Bay

A very unexpected thing happened some six weeks ago, when on Sunday evening Louise had this massive headache which she couldn't shake. She had it for a few days, but when she started to throw up, we decided it was time to go to hospital. After all sorts of tests, they decided that it was caused by blocked sinuses, for which they gave her some antibiotics to clear it up. By midnight Louise said to the doctor, so I can go home now. Not quite, he said, we have found that you have a slow heart rate of 42bpm. So you have to stay until we fit you with a pacemaker, after more consultation with surgeons and heart specialists, by Friday night I could bring Louise home.

Louise now has a new lease on life and has a spring in her step. P.S. We are told by the Biotronik technicians that the battery will last 13 years, (but we are ready anyway)



George Herczeg



I have just heard that Warwick Savage has had an operation on his eye. Hope all went well with the procedure, and we all hope to see Warwick back on the water as soon as possible

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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Club News

Mysterious Blue lights

EXPOSED

The committee has had several enquiries re these mysterious blue lights in the darkness in Joe Crafts Bay. Well someone has gone investigating and found a very strange looking creature sitting on a rock. Can this be our elusive Patagonian Goblin??? Surely not. We will need more than one confirmation of this discovery, it may be a plant, can't be too careful you know.

George Herczeg



Daly Delicious

FLOURLESS ALMOND AND COCONUT CAKE

1 1/2 CUPS (180G) GROUND ALMONDS
3/4 CUP (60G) DESICCATED COCONUT
1/4 TEASPOON SALT

1 1/4 CUPS (250G) CASTOR SUGAR... I USE RAW SUGAR
4 LARGE EGGS

1 1/2 TEASPOONS VANILLA EXTRACT
1/4 TEASPOON ALMOND ESSENCE

200G UNSALTED BUTTER, MELTED AND COOLED
2 TABLESPOONS FLAKED ALMONDS
RICH CREAM FOR SERVING (OPTIONAL)

PREHEAT OVEN TO MODERATE (180oc/ 160o fan – forced). BUTTER 23-24cm SHALLOW SPRINGFORM TIN, LINE BASE AND SIDES WITH BUTTERED BAKING PAPER. DUST TIN LIGHTLY WITH FLOUR OR RICE FLOUR IF PREFERRED. PUT GROUND ALMONDS, COCONUT, SALT AND SUGAR INTO MEDIUM BOWL AND WHISK GENTLY TOGETHER FOR ABOUT 40 SECONDS. IN SEPARATE BOWL, WHISK TOGETHER EGGS, VANILLA AND ALMOND ESSENCE UNTIL THOROUGHLY MIXED, THEN MIX IN COOLED BUTTER UNTIL IT DISAPPEARS. TIP WET MIXTURE INTO DRY INGREDIENTS AND STIR TOGETHER. SHAPE MIXTURE INTO PREPARED TIN AND SPREAD OUT EVENLY, SCATTER FLAKED ALMONDS OVER THE TOP. BAKE CAKE FOR ABOUT 40 MINS OR UNTIL TOP OF CAKE SPRINGS BACK SLOWLY WHEN YOU PRESS IT GENTLY. WHEN CAKE IS READY LEAVE IT TO COOL IN TIN ON WIRE RACK. ONCE COOL REMOVE FROM TIN AND SERVE WITH CREAM IF DESIRED.

ENJOY!

If you want different flavours, same recipe but substitute almond meal and essence and chopped nuts for hazelnut or macadamia....all available at all good health food stores. The Macadamia is to die for!

Kate Kassar.....Lady Daly

Club Trailer

An excellent second-hand trailer has been purchased to carry the club's growing collection of shelters, tables, signs etc. This is a 10 year old 7x4 fully enclosed trailer with a side lift up door and a rear door. It is lockable and now holds all our club gear. Many thanks to Paul King for finding and collecting the trailer and to Richard for the loan of his own trailer in recent years. George has uploaded photos of the trailer on the club website.

Loretta Thomas



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“River History”

SS MAITLAND

Built in 1870 in Glasgow, Scotland, the S S Maitland was an iron paddle wheel steamer measuring 240 ft, weighing 880 tons and could carry 550 tons of cargo. The Maitland was considered a **handsome ship, with maple fittings “polished to glossy brightness” and seats “cushioned with horse hair” were abundant in “her commodious and handsomely finished saloons”.**

Her iron plate hull with paddle wheels, mounted either side, and 250 hp steam engines could push her to the unenviable speed of 14 knots. Fast for her day. Her yacht-like graceful aspect made her the pride of the Hunter River Steam Navigation Company who placed her on a regular Sydney to Hunter River run in 1871. A task she admirably served her entire life until the fateful night of 5/6 May 1898.

She left Sydney with believed to be 63 passengers and crew in the face of a tremendous gale and was soon battling northward through monstrous seas. She was first hit by huge seas inside Sydney Heads, but the master and crew believed her to be very seaworthy and decided fatefully to continue on her journey. Once exposed out at sea the waves took their toll very quickly, heavy deck cargo came loose, damaging both paddle wheels and slamming into the bulwarks where they loosened hull plating allowing water to sweep into the hull. This deck cargo was jettisoned quickly and all hands began to disgorge the remaining cargo in the holds, in an attempt to lighten the ship. In the early hours of the morning, the Barrenjoey light became only occasionally visible through the squalls and the captain attempted to steer the Maitland into Broken Bay, but the hull leakage was too great and finally the boiler fires were extinguished, leaving the Maitland without engine power and drifting in the huge seas. Life vests were donned by all passengers and at 5.45 am the Maitland struck bow first against the reef at the southern most of Cape Three Points, near a bay then known as Boat Harbour.

Upon hitting the rocks, the Maitland broke into two between the funnels, with the bow section where the women and children had been placed for safety, being rolled several times by the giant waves and most of these steerage passengers were drowned. The stern of the ship wedged firmly into the rocks and after several heroic attempts, a shoreline was made fast and the survivors made it ashore, two at a time, down the rope. In total, it is believed 24 lives were lost.

Many locals rallied to help the survivors but there was quite an outcry that other would-be **rescuers were more interested in pillaging the cargo of “grog” than rendering assistance to the injured.**

In 1957 the bell of the Maitland was recovered by fishermen and is now placed in a memorial cairn at the top of the track down to the aptly renamed Maitland Bay. The ship is almost completely gone, but some remnants of steel plate and machinery can still be seen along the rocks at low tide.

The gale that caused this disaster became known as the ‘Maitland Gale’ and was responsible for sinking a further 14 vessels along the New South Wales coast on the same night 5/6 May 1898.

Anyone wishing to visit the beautiful cove should be forewarned that Maitland Bay is a popular nudist beach.....see photographs next page (of the boat of course).

Elizabeth King

"River History"



The day after – the wreck of the SS Maitland



Remains of SS Maitland (courtesy Matt Hendrix)



Remains of SS Maitland (courtesy Albert Perier)



SS Maitland (courtesy photograph - Gosford and District in Pictures)

Christmas



This year's Christmas party has been well attended, and well organised with an attendance of 57 members and guests. The competition was fiercely contested with some amazing and creative people. The best ladies were Britta Vogel and the best male was Warwick Savage. There was also a prize for the best dog who won this one, you got it, our nautical Christmas raffle prizes were won by King and Kerry Hill. Congratulations to all.



New Year's Eve 2013



A group of club members decided to **cruise to Gosford for New Year's Eve**. They took the club shelters and going by the photos, looks as though they had a ball. Fireworks just across the road in the park, good company, great atmosphere a great way to welcome 2014



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

If you have anything to sell, send me the details and I'll include them in the next newsletter.

Glenno's Tips

If you have the odd dent in your timber on the boat, a good way to fix it is as follows:
Place a wet towel over the dent and apply a hot iron, the moist heat will swell the wood back to its pre dented shape. It works on most but not all timbers.

Don't throw out those moisture absorbing containers. Refill them with kitty litter. I am assured they are just as efficient. Kitty litter in a tray is also good for absorbing odours in the bilge

Keep a metal coat hanger stowed away in a locker.

They are handy to:

- 1- Hook something out of an inaccessible part of the bilge.
- 2- Poke blockages out of hoses.
- 3- Replace a cotter pin at a pinch.
- 4- Can be twisted into a temporary tie down.
- 5- Yes they can even be used to keep your clothes looking good.

6- And finally they can be used to retrieve the car keys that you locked in the car.

This one comes from Paul Kings son Ed. If you drop your phone in the water, pull it out and disassemble as much of it as you can and place it in a bowl of rice completely covering the phone. The rice will attract any moisture in the phone. Ed assures me that this works.

And finally a special tip for women:

If a man says he will fix it, "**he will fix it**". There is no need to remind him every six months about it.

(he is probably waiting for the right psychological moment to come along, it happens).

Happy boating and

I'll see you on the river.

.....Glenno



2FM Dinner Attendance & Raffle Winners

DECEMBER 7th Christmas Party. Winners of the raffles were: Brian Alexander, Elizabeth King and Kerry Hill. Congratulations to our prize winners. There were 57 members and guests in attendance.

JANUARY 10TH 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Vicki Read. Congratulations to Vicki. There were 32 members and guests in attendance.

FEBRUARY 14th 2FM. Valentines Day Dinner. Winner of the raffle prize was Bill & Cheryl Holden. Congratulations to Bill and Cheryl. There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

MARCH 14th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Jill and Laurie Duffy. Congratulations to Jill and Laurie. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

April 11th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Vicki Linfoot. Congratulations to Vicki. There were 15 members in attendance, a very disappointing turn up.

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Club Mooring Protocol

1. Only boats belonging to financial club members are entitled to use the club moorings, and must fly the club burgee.
2. No single member is entitled to exclusive use of a club mooring.
3. Any member on a club mooring shall accept any other club member to raft up along side providing it is safe to do so.
4. It is the responsibility of the skipper joining the raft up to provide the fenders and ropes for a safe raft up. Both the skipper already on the mooring and the skipper joining the raft up should agree on the safe tethering of both boats.
5. The number of boats rafting up on the club moorings will be determined by weather conditions, proximity of other moored boats and common sense. At all times the skipper takes responsibility for the safety of his boat.
6. At all times the skippers in the raft up must ensure that they do not interfere with other boats on nearby moorings.
7. If when arriving at a club mooring you find a non club member moored. (Check your Members' boats list). It is recommended that you inform them that they are on a private mooring and you may politely ask them to leave. If they refuse your request the committee recommends that you contact the local R.M.S. Boating officer or the Water police.
8. It is the skippers responsibility to ensure the mooring is adequate to moor to before attaching their boat.
9. Please remember that you represent the Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club when on a club mooring so be mindful of the comfort of others moored nearby.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE SKIPPER AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

Membership update

As Secretary of the BWMYC, I have found that club membership is always changing. People sell their boats, leave the area or find that boating is no longer part of their lifestyle. It has been great to see so many people renew their membership promptly. Like the rest of the committee, I volunteer my time, so the less time spent chasing renewals the better.

As is the norm, at the end of 2013, several members discontinued their club memberships. Among these were two couples who have been members of the club for many years and who have made significant contributions to its development.

Murray and Wendy Forman have been members of the club since its earliest days. They have served on the committee and contributed in many ways. I believe early AGMs were held on their previous boat. It was a large houseboat, so it held everyone. Murray and Wendy have moved their current boat to Lake Macquarie.

Geoff and Cherie Brooke have also been enthusiastic members for many years. Geoff at one time held both Secretary and Treasurer positions concurrently and was Treasurer until only a few years ago. Cherie helped to organise annual gala nights and used her artistic talents in many ways to support the club. Geoff and Cherie have sold their boat and while they have moved to Nelson Bay, their views of Port Stephens keep them in touch with the boating world.

Loretta Thomas

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Reports April 2014

Commodores Report - April 2014

I'm writing this as we approach Easter and finding it hard to believe that we are this far through the year already. Christmas and New Year are long gone, we had Australia Day and now Easter and ANZAC Day are upon us once more - and over by the time you read this probably!

I hope everyone is using our new moorings? Mooney Mooney has been in for a few months now and Spencer should be well established - please let us know your feedback.

Last year our Hangi on Twin Beaches was a great success so we are heading there again this year (17th May) but for a Spit Roast this time. Hopefully we have the same kind of weather and we get a good attendance.

Thanks to Paul King we have procured a club trailer for all our gear - I now have a free carport! - it looks fantastic and has plenty of room for our gear plus room to expand. Just one complaint - **it does not float so we can't tow it behind a boat to Twin Beaches....**

As usual, any thoughts or feedback to the committee is most welcome and since it is April already there is only six months to the AGM. So if any of you are thinking about getting more involved in the club or maybe serving on the committee, now is as good a time as any to let us know.

Finally, I was lucky enough recently to travel overseas on business to the Czech Republic. Whilst Prague is in itself a beautiful city, I could not help thinking about how lucky we are to have what we have in Berowra Waters.

I think we have one of the world's best kept secrets and being able to wake up on our boats in calm and serene Joe Crafts bay takes some beating. For me this also puts it into perspective when the next repair bill comes in or when we are filling the fuel tanks.

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

Richard Bell - Commodore BMWYC



Vice Commodores Report - April 2014

This being the first newsletter for 2014, you will notice the absence of yet another sponsor. Members, if you have a business or a professional service, or know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Club Sponsor, please let me know. It costs only \$100 per calendar year, but it helps with the costs of the printing of your Newsletter.

We try to make your Newsletter interesting as possible, and I want to thank my contributors, who make my job a little easier. Thanks to Elizabeth King, Glenn Rapson, and Loretta Thomas.

George Herczeg - Vice Commodore, BMWYC


How well do you know Berowra Waters ??



This photo was taken circa 1930 but easily recognised today by anyone who knows and loves Berowra Waters. Do you recognise this location???? Answer on back cover

2014 Social Calendar

April – September

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- 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 LONG WEEKEND COLO RIVER CRUISE**
With Easter Sunday Lunch at the Souths Juniors on the Hawkesbury Lower Portland. Details to follow.
- 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 18th May** **TWIN BEACHES SPITROAST LUNCH**
On the beach, to be confirmed.
- 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
- Friday 11th July** **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 8th August** **2FM DINNER**
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- Friday 12th September** **2FM DINNER**
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