

#### Club News and Upcoming Events

#### Lunch at Twin Beaches

Saturday 30 May.

This is becoming one of the highlights of the year. A special lunch will be provided at this magical venue. Details of the menu will be emailed nearer to the date. Large boats will be anchored off the beach and dinghies used to reach the beach. There will be a cost of \$20 per person.

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#### MV Jess for Sale

Sadly, also for sale is Warwick and Karen Savage's 40 foot classic timber cruiser MV Jess. Jess is most certainly the most well-travelled boat in the club, having undertaken two voyages to Queensland. Of course, this makes her owners our most intrepid voyagers. Check out The Adventures of MV Jess on the club website. Jess received a new engine in between her voyages and has always been looked after with loving care. Price is already low at \$79,500 (see page 245 May TradeABoat) but talk to Warwick on 0425 256 696 about a special deal for members.

#### **New Members**



Austin and Mary Vella Mustang 38' Rego AUSTN

#### Greg & Kerry's new boat

Greg and Kerry Weatherby are celebrating their new boat, a beautiful Marina 4300 Flybridge, in absolutely immaculate condition. It is very impressive and a major change from the houseboat. Greg says he has lots to learn about it, Kerry says she doesn't care as it's just beautiful, the boat that is, not Greg. Greg also says he is the man to talk to if you are looking for a very nice houseboat, he might know of one going for the right price.

#### Recipes

We are indebted to Kate Kassar for the following recipes. How does she stay so slim, being such a good cook? We would love to see contributions from other members, or even tips for good products that store well and make it easy to produce a meal on board.

This could be a useful boating recipe, being mostly preprepared, then cheese added later and then reheated on the boat.

#### **BLUE VEIN POTATOES**

Boil large potatoes until just tender, cool until just warm, not cold. Wrap in baking paper, then foil. Cut a deepish X in the top and fill with blue vein cheese. Close up baking paper and foil and bake in 180 degree oven approx. 15 - 20 minutes OR heat on a BBQ.

#### TRIPLE DIPPED STRAWBERRIES

Wash strawberries gently and pat dry. Leave tops on as a handle, as long as they are fresh. Dip them in dark melted chocolate and cool on baking paper. Redip in white melted chocolate, cool again on baking paper. Finally re-dip in melted milk chocolate and roll in crushed pistachio nuts. Refrigerate.

For an indulgent twist, before dipping, pierce the strawberries with a toothpick and soak in a little rum or brandy for 30 minutes. Then pat dry and proceed with the dipping as above.

#### The Bygone Days of Berowra

The earliest known records indicate that in July 1789 Captain John Hunter surveyed and charted Berowra Creek up to approximately where the Woolwash is now

The road to Berowra Creek was commenced in 1900 and completed through to Arcadia in 1902, and a small hand operated punt for pedestrians and horse drawn vehicles, operated by Jack Smith, enabled the crossing of the creek.

The punt grew in popularity with orchardists from the Galston Dural area using it to take their produce to Berowra Station which had opened on 17th September, 1886.

The boat shed on the eastern side at the ferry approach was built by the aforementioned Jack Smith in 1898. It had been rumoured that it would be demolished in 1980 but luckily it still exists today and is the oldest building in the area. Jack Smith had originally asked for a lease of 4 acres,

Jack Smith had originally asked for a lease of 4 acres however the surveyor deemed that 1972 square meters was sufficient!

In 1914 a shark approximately 4.3 meters long was reportedly seen near the ferry, that's a big shark!

Regards, Graham Gow

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014







The Club Christmas party held in early December 2014 was very successful and well attended. We were blessed with the weather for an outdoor event. We did hold our breath a little with new caterers coming on board but they proved to be a great success and we shall be booking them again for next year. The buffet was of traditional Christmas fare and proved to be very popular and nobody went hungry, in fact, some of us over indulged!

Vic and Christine from Hawkesbury Marine Services, as a special raffle prize, generously donated a free mooring service. Had the winner not had a mooring then the Club would have given the winner the value in cash. As it turned out the lucky and very happy winners were Eti and Britta from 'Good Vibrations' whose boat is on a swing mooring, congratulations Eti and Britta!

Other raffles were held on the day, 5 prizes in all, which created a lot of interest and more happy winners!

Again this year there were prizes for the best and worst Christmas hat, see pics... It was lovely that so many members supported the Club at this very busy time of the year.









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About 12 club boats attended the Gosford public marina to watch the New Year's Eve celebrations which included a spectacular fireworks display adjacent to the marina.

The boats began arriving from Boxing Day through to the 31st and the weather remained ideal throughout as no southerly buster eventuated.

Members were able to try out the new Iguanas Restaurant formerly Iguana Joe's which proved to be quite a hit with a very reasonably priced menu and excellent service.

Early January saw a group of us attend the circus on the foreshore abeam the marina. We were highly entertained by an extremely high standard of showmanship which incidentally had our Commodore frolicking with the clowns much to our amusement. Possibly a new vocation in the pipeline.

Some of us have made the Gosford trek for nearly 10 years and it is an excellent and easy run of 2 to 3 hrs. Willyweather gives a very accurate and up to date swell condition for Broken Bay for trip planning.

Gosford shops for supplies are only a few minutes' walk from the marina and there is always plenty to see and do.

We hope we can have an even larger boat attendance for the 2016 celebrations as it is a lot of fun to be able to get together and do things as a group over this time. Elizabeth will be handling the bookings which are open in October and bookings are essential

Grant Johnson



## Australia Day 2015





Australia Day 2015 fell on a Monday. The traditional flag parade at the start of our long weekend did not take place this year. We thought it should take place on the actual day, so it was decided to dress the boats up for the weekend but to have a parade on our way back. Eight boats came to the raft up at our club moorings at Joe Crafts Bay. The crews of Silver Lining, Ruby Tuesday, Voodoo, Good Vibrations, Marcia Marie, Foxy, Sea Change and K.D. Avanti had a pleasant time with drinks and lots of laughter, heaps of sun shine and a pool party at back of K.D. Avanti.

Sunday was ladies' race day. Every boat crew had one rubber ducky at the start. The crew of Sea Change took the trophy home leading from start to finish. All participants of the race shared the price money (a couple of bottles of Champagne) and the festivities continued all day.

Monday morning greeted us with cooler temperatures and drizzle, a good excuse to stay in bed a bit longer or to start the day slowly .... until we were all called on board K.D. Avanti. K.D. Avanti was packed with guests up to the rafters and Annette pampered us with home made cupcakes and coffee, the right energizer to get us under way to conduct our flag parade back into Berowra Waters. It was a weekend in great company with heaps of fun and activities.

Eti Scheller















## Doggy Day Olt

Someone came up to me one time and said "you know we have some proud dog owners in this club" and this small observation prompted me into putting my thinking cap on, maybe we should involve man's best friends a bit more, and hence the idea of a Doggy Day Out was born.

Only a few ingredients were needed to get the mix right. An appropriate low tide at Joe Crafts, some dogs and their keen owners, good weather, and also the makings of a sausage sizzle for the doggies and possibly the odd human if needed.

Well everything fell into place, it was a wonderful afternoon with a great bunch of mutts toing and froing on the sand. Lots of wet noses and dangling tongues. There was not one bit of aggression or infighting from anybody,

everyone was in great spirits and having a ball. What we hadn't expected though was the amount of territory marking that the males felt was required, You couldn't put your esky down in safety. I know it is an old joke but I'll repeat it anyway, that was just from the humans, the dogs seemed to be doing their own thing.

We thought we should be safe by over catering for the event and taking down four packs of 24 sausages, sizzled to perfection on the new club barbie, and by the end of the afternoon all 96 sausages had been consumed. Hungry little canines?

We even collected another couple of dogs from strangers on the beach and one was particularly keen to stay with us, as when his owner trudged all the way across from the other side of the sand flat to retrieve him, he promptly turned around and came back, forcing his owner to make another trip. He must have figured out we were the best "mob". All in all it was a wonderful day.

I would particularly like to thank Bill and Danny for remaining with me on the beach as the ever deepening tide consumed everything. Finally the water was too deep, it was too cold and too dark and we were forced to abandon our tentative position and dinghy back to the raft up. Idiots.

Woof

Paul King





# PHOTO GALLERY





















### MULLET CREEK

Rain, rain, Biblical rain...

Leaving the marina at about 10.30, it was overcast but dry on Good Friday and arriving at the entrance to Mullet Creek about an hour later and two hours post high tide, (note to self, must get up earlier). Sea Change pensively followed Eti and Britta aboard Good Vibrations into the channel at idle, eyes fixed on the charts and the depth sounders. Eti managed to find the mud by following the chart rather than advice;- the deepest water is right in the middle of the channel. Constant relaying of depths over the VHF provided safe passage to the destination, the shallowest depth I saw was 1.8m.

We moored up alongside Paul and Elizabeth aboard Voodoo, we were also joined by Mel and Fleur later who had no such issues with the channel depths.

An afternoon of fine wine, food and good company ensued, Biblical rain was pounding on the cabin top by midnight that evening.

Saturday morning saw us wake to torrential rain, a brisk current of fresh water flowed seaward under the boats, a cheap antifoul I thought, this was accompanied by the roar of the water jetting through the sandstone drainage tunnel under the railway at the very end of Mullet Creek. (that's a must see). A few diehards braved the dinghy over to Wondabyne station for the train to Brooklyn and a club luncheon at the Anglers Rest Hotel, given the weather this event was very well attended with 15 at the table, not surprisingly most arriving by car. By chance I happened to reacquaint myself with on old work colleague of 30 years ago who now happens to be the publican. The pub was warm and cosy, we all

enjoyed the company, fine food and wine. Sunday morning saw a few hangovers as well as the end to the rain with us waking to a gorgeous sunny day, the Easter Bunny's droppings were also evident, thanks Liz.

The advent of beautiful weather again saw much activity as well as some sightseeing in the dinghy, this is an interesting destination with much history. The girls decided to head into Brooklyn for some retail therapy returning with prawns and oysters about an hour later, add some fine wine and life's good! Later we were joined for the afternoon by two more boats being Manfred & Jo and Peter and Anna who also had some visitors from the UK, it was a nice afternoon all round.

Monday treated us to another glorious start, following breakfast, we warmed up and headed off at the top of the tide for Berowra Waters arriving back at home port around midday.

As a side note; Mullet Creek is a terrific club mooring with no passing boats and in close proximity to the railway station which makes a long term stay possible with supplies available conveniently from Woy Woy or Brooklyn via a short and inexpensive train ride, must say the train was very comfortable as well as efficient.

All up a very enjoyable weekend notwithstanding the rain, I suggest everyone to take a look at the Mullet Creek mooring on a long weekend.

#### Cheers Steve Hughes







#### "CLUB NOTICES"

#### Club Clothing & Merchandise

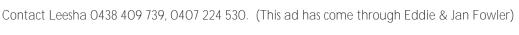
Our new club clothing and merchandise is now available, a big thank you to Bill Holden for taking over this project at short notice. The catalogue is also on our website for you to view. The order form is also on the website with instructions for ordering items. The catalogue & sample clothing will also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

#### Savings for Members

Don't forget that there are some excellent discounts available for BWMYC members at the Berowra Waters Marina. Secure parking is available for \$20 per night (usually \$25), buying more than 100 litres of fuel gives you a discount of 8.75% and there is a flat daily rate for casual berthing of \$30 (usually \$35/\$45/\$55, depending on boat size). To use berths at the marina you will need to provide proof of insurance. These great deals are available to club members only.

#### For Sale

Walkerbay 3.1 mtr with a rigid floor purchased brand new O8/2013. Has 10 months registration. Comes with a 15hp Yamaha 2 stroke with a new prop. features include centre seat, cup holders, and glove compartment, the boat weighs a total 114kg. which is ideal for davits with a 200kg lift capacity. The hull is HMIC composite and is very light. The tender is complete with: Boat cover, fuel tank, oars, portable nav lights. Boat has recently been serviced. Will deliver within Sydney metro including Brooklyn free. Asking price \$4200 or near offer.





#### Glenno's Tips

An alternative way to clean your inflatable is to use a citrus hand cleaner with pumice grit in it. It is also a good way to clean cables and wires

A good way to get rid of mould in your boat is to use vinegar. It is also good for cleaning a number of different things like windows and floors and makes your boat smell like a fish and chip shop, yum! The vinegar smell doesn't stay around for long.

Oven cleaner will remove adhesive residue from gelcoat surfaces without affecting your gelcoat finish. Spray a little on a rag rather than directly onto the gelcoat. Wash it off after the adhesive is removed. It will also remove some paints so make sure your boat

hasn't been resprayed.

Panty hose, stockings and reinforced duct tape make good emergency pulley belts but the best thing is to carry a spare replacement belt.

Coat your carpeted trailer runners in dish washing liquid before you leave home.

This will ensure your dinghy slides off the trailer easily.

Check your gas detector by holding an <u>unlit</u> bic lighter under the sensor.

Let some gas out without lighting it. This should set the alarm off if all is working OK. See you on the water and safe boating.

Cheers... Glenno

#### Happy birthday, Macquarie Princess

The lovely old ferry Macquarie Princess is often to be seen taking visitors out on our waterways. Considering her age, she is very hardworking - she recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The celebrations included a number of VIPs - local identities and several local politicians, plus previous and current owners. The Macquarie Princess has had a varied career. She started her life collecting milk along the Nambucca River, had a stint as a naval vessel and worked as a ferry on both Sydney Harbour and Pittwater. Since 1983 she has been working in her present role in Berowra Waters, with several owners. Going back a few years, BWMYC had our Christmas party aboard, until we outgrew her. The Macquarie Princess is the oldest commercial vessel operating in Australia!

#### 2FM Dinner Attendance & Raffle Winners



#### 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

#### Club Mooring - GPS Positions

Club member Peter Smith has kindly contributed the following GPS positions for the club moorings. This should help to make life a little easier for those of us who are not always familiar with the moorings. Each mooring is serviced annually, but if you find anything amiss, be sure to contact the committee. Thanks for doing this, Peter, and also for helping out the newsletter with photos.

Joe Crafts 33°34'59.8"S 151°8'7.5"E 33°34'59.2"S 151°8'10.1"E

America Bay 33°35'47.3"S 151°15'27.6"E

Spencer 33°27'28.8"S 151°8.1'55"E

Mooney 33°31'6.7"S 151°12'16.6"E

Mullet Ck 33°29'23.1"S 151°15'42.2"E

#### Anzac Day Dawn Service

#### Berowra Waters remembers the sacrifice

#### of those brave ANZAC's... 100 years ago

In the early morning light, with the fog & mist as a backdrop, as the importance of the occasion hung in the air, about 150 people rugged up on the Berowra Waters foreshore to pay their respects to the men and women who have given, and are still giving, in our Armed and Supporting Services, all that is theirs to give, in order that the world may be a nobler place in which to live.

Just a small preview of the centre page spread to come in our next newsletter...





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#### Committee Reports Autumn 2015

#### Commodores Report - Autumn 2015

It's hard to believe that I have been in this role for 6 months now and it has been a very busy time, with a great deal of effort amongst the new committee who have had to find their feet in their roles, and that's not to mention all of the club activities.

Firstly, we had Doggy Day Out, which was a huge success, with lots of happy mutts charging around on the sand, and I believe the dogs also had fun. We followed this up with a tremendously successful Xmas party. Not only did we have good weather but great caterers as well, and I think the party was still going into the early hours of the morning.

Then there was the New Years raft ups. We attended the Gosford tie up , which was nothing short of brilliant, while others rafted up everywhere from America's to Spencer. Some members tell me they had a equally great time down in Jerusalem Bay, saying theirs was the best. Maybe?

Australia Day's celebration and raft up then came along with the holding of the inaugural ladies dinghy race. I wasn't quite sure as to how this would pan out, but at the race end when all the girls were standing in a big group on the stern of one of the boats, all laughing and chatting together, swapping war stories and talking about who cheated and who didn't, I realised all the organisation was worth it. What a great team building event, even though we didn't have any boat rally prizes the following day as 2 of the crew managed to find the reserve champagne, and drink that as well. In between all of this we have had our regular 2FMs, with some great attendances and some happy times, a tie up at Peats Bite, and several impromptu raft ups in Americas and Joe Crafts Bays. It would be amiss of me to not take this opportunity to thank our current committee. They are all firing away at their respective roles with great gusto. Our committee meetings are all very pleasant and constructive. Thanks guys for your support.

One of the really nice things that my role as Commodore is also giving me, is all the quick emails that I get from the club in general, with simple suggestions, recipes, anecdotes and general good ideas for the club. Some of you I haven't seen in a while and the quick communication is much appreciated.

That's basically it from the Skipper's desk and I will see you at an event, or out on the water.

Paul King - Commodore

#### Vice Commodores Report - Autumn 2015

Its only been a short period that I have been Vice Commodore but we have had a lot of activity in the club.

The Christmas Party was very successful and it was said by many that the catering was the best ever, and I have to agree. It was enjoyed by all. We had a great raft up on the Australia Day long weekend and the inaugural Ladies Tender Race contested by some very competitive drivers.

We have also had The new "Dog Day Afternoon" event which was reasonably well attended and enjoyed, in fact after interviewing one of attendees at length she made the following comment "Woof, Woof, Woof, Woof."

Thanks Annie, we will keep that in mind for next year but steak is a bit expensive.

We have had a couple of informal raft us as well which were enjoyed by all and it is clear that there are many new friendships growing in the club.

The 2FM nights have also been popular both in the Restaurant and on the foreshore and your Committee is working on some new and exciting events in the future that we hope you will enjoy.

See you on the water

Bill Holden - Vice Commodore

#### Secretary's Report - Autumn 2015

Congratulations to all those members who renewed promptly earlier this year. There are just a few who we are waiting to hear from. Due to a variety of circumstances some members have reached the point where they have sold their boats or have moved away from the area and will therefore not be renewing their membership. We do have some new members in the process of joining, but it would be great to have even more. If you know there is a boat near you, either on the marina or on a swinging mooring, maybe take a few minutes to introduce yourself and mention the club to them. Don't forget we have a website where they can obtain further details.

If you change any of your relevant details, such as your address, phone number, boat name and especially your email address, be sure to let me know, so that we can keep in touch.

Regards, Loretta Thomas - Secretary

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#### 2015 Social Calendar March - August

Friday 3/4/5/6 April

**EASTER RAFT-UP** 

Please refer to Paul's previous email. This raft-up at the club's newest mooring in Mullet Creek includes a train trip from the unique Wondabyne station to Brooklyn for lunch at the Anglers Rest Hotel. Contact Paul to let him know you are attending.

Friday 10 April

**2FM DINNER** 

Join us for a wonderful hot and cold seafood buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts, all for the special price of \$47.50, which includes wine and soft drinks.

Saturday 25 April

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Join us for this special 100 year anniversary ceremony on the western foreshore at Berowra Waters. Starting time is 5.30 am, but please arrive by 5.15 am. We envisage that a breakfast will be provided after the ceremony by the Berowra Waters Ladies Committee and the BWMYC.

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Friday 12 June

2FM DINNER

This month our 2FM dinner will be at the Fish Café, Berowra Waters. We hope to try out the new Surf 'n'Turf.

Friday 10 July

2FM DINNER, CHRISTMAS IN JULY at the Waterview.

Join us for this special event with a special menu and decorations.

Friday 14 August

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