

- **NEW MEMBERS**

**Gillian Amos and John Kehoe**, Scruffy Marine, Scintilla 7.6 mtr., Water Music.

Welcome aboard, see you at the next 2FM Dinner (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month) and on the water.

- **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

**Kissin goes to Brooklyn.** Geoff and Cherie Brooke have booked a marina berth on Brooklyn Marina and will be cruising to and fro to Berowra Waters to their mooring. The comforts and convenience of a marina has won them over. Even more recently Kissin has gone back to Bayview Slipway to have her paintwork finished off, I can't wait to see her finally finished.

**Downeaster Alexa crashes off slipway cradle.** I'm sorry to have to inform you all that Graham and Denise Oliver's boat was delivered to Dolphin Marina at Brooklyn for a scrape and anti-foul about a month ago, and something went wrong and she came crashing off the slipway cradle landing on her keel and eventually laying on her side. A lot of damage occurred and is currently being repaired. She should be back in the water in 2 to 3 months. Our thoughts are with the Olivers, we can only imagine what they are going through.

**Guess who?** left an esky and bags on the boat ramp pontoon and got all the way up to Old Northern road before a following motorist stopped them to give them the bad news, they have a very very shiny boat, Davits, a rubber duck, and a beautiful bright red life buoy, and BWMYC logos on their Fender covers, need more clues???

**Miss Karen** the secret womens business instructor, after teaching her pupils to check fuel levels before setting out in their dinghies, ran out of fuel herself in her rubber duck. Miss Karen, practice what you preach!!

**Aphrodite will be going to Bayview Slipway for a full makeover.** I have heard from spies at Bayview Slipway that John and Vicky Tentomas have decided to take Aphrodite to Bayview for a full paint and makeover. I am sure John and Vicky will be thrilled with the result. Just have a look at the quality workmanship on MV Jess, she is stunning.

**Joint Birthday celebrations** were enjoyed by family and friends at the Waterveiw Restaurant on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Robert and Robyn were celebrating their joint 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays, (does that mean that they are both 30???). Many happy returns to Robert and Robyn we hope you had a good time.

From your friends at the BWMYC.

- **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

**BEROWRA WATERS MARINA AND CARPARK**

I have just had news that the proposed developments have been approved by council, I don't know how soon building works will commence, but I'm sure we will soon see some action.

**SICK BAY**

**Vicki Read has knee surgery**, after a fall a couple of months ago. She has promised not to fall again. I hear all is OK now, but recovery is a slow process, all the best Vicki see you on the water soon.

**Graham Rowell** has had a bout with an over active thyroid, (caused by too much varnishing) he was off work for a few weeks, but all is now under control (with medication, more Coke) and he is back to his former active self, varnish brush in hand and ready to go.

**George Herczeg**, yours truly went into hospital for a routine Prostate Biopsy in late May, came home the same day, and by next morning was shivering and “shaking all over”. Back to Hospital for a three day stay, (Foxtell was good) because infection had set in, after about 100 panadol and a couple of litres of antibiotic all is better now. However the results of the Biopsy mean that I will be having PSA blood tests quarterly and another biopsy in October, but I feel very positive. Thank you to the committee and members for the flowers and concern. (Who authorized that anyway??)

**Jan Fowler has shoulder surgery**, I saw Jan a week or so ago, arm in sling, but smiling as usual, just settling into their new marina berth on the west side. All the best to Jan, we hope you and Eddie like your new surroundings.

**Maureen Bollins has back surgery**, Maureen has been suffering with a numb leg for quite a while, because of a pinched nerve. I hear the operation went well and Maureen is recovering. Best wishes to Maureen, see you on the boat soon.

**Amanda Robinson**, has had a short stay in hospital. (Secret womens business?) I hope all is well, best wishes to Amanda.

**Gordon McCreadie** was feeling unwell on the day of the Christmas in June night. He was having chest pains, so Jenny took Gordon to hospital. They admitted him and we found out later in the week that Gordon has had a Five by Pass procedure. I spoke with Jenny at the 2FM Dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and Jenny told me that Gordon was coming home on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> July. We wish Gordon a speedy recovery, from all of your friends in the BWMYC.

## “Nautical Trivia and humour”

### • TRIVIA QUIZ

Okay, here’s one you can put a little thought into and you still might be surprised at the answers. From 1 to 10, which countries of the world have the most coastline?

### • BWMYC BBQ RULES??

As we are “ALWAYS” in BBQ season on the river it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

#### Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert .
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
- (4) The woman remains outside the compulsory three metre exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.

#### Here comes the important part:

- (5) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

#### More routine...

- (6) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
- (7) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat.

**Important again:**

(8) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

**More routine...**

(9) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.

(10) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

**And most important of all:**

(11) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

(12) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

• **PREPARING TO GO CRUISING ??**

*Here's a good way to prep yourself for the cruising life...*

Okay, toss all those air fresheners and scented candles. Instead, place a small pan of diesel fuel in each room. For extra credit, put a damp, mildewed towel in your cupboards, closets and drawers. Ahhh, now that smells like cruising!



• **INCREASE YOUR NAUTICAL VOCABULARY**

**Nautical Terms (continued from last issue)**

**Leeward**

The direction in which objects, liquids and other matter may be thrown without risk of re encountering them in the immediate future.

**Life jacket**

Any personal floatation device that will keep an individual who has fallen off a vessel, above water long enough to be run over by it or another rescue craft.

**Mizzen**

The shorter aft mast on a yawl or ketch. Any mast that is no longer there.

**Moon**

Earth's natural satellite. During periods when it displays a vivid blue colour, sailing conditions are generally favourable.

(To be continued next newsletter).

• **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

A balanced diet is a slab of chocolate cake in each hand, (right Geoff??)

Living beyond your means sounds so ordinary. Why not live beyond your wildest dreams?

# "CLUB NOTICES"

## • LOST PROPERTY

After the picnic on Gilligans island (boat ramp), a timber Directors chair somehow found its way onto "Escape" (lost or stolen?) the homeless chair's photo is in the photo gallery, will the owner please claim it from Greg and Donna Weatherby, phone 9456 2626.

## • CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

**NEW PRODUCTS; "Finally"** we have available the sets of club logo stickers in 2 sizes, large and small and the club logo fridge magnet, available for \$15.00 per set.

**BOAT CARD SAMPLES NOW AVAILABLE**, see Warwick. He now has the costing and order forms available and they have been added to the merchandise catalogue.

**OTHER NEW PRODUCTS;** Have arrived and in stock, are Club ties and Club Scarves. The ties are blue with the logo about one third of the way down from the top of a knotted tie. The scarves are blue with a gold band along each long side and the Club logo on one end. They are available for \$25.00 each. Also available are: stock flags, blue and red ensign and city of Sydney etc. and new club Burgees at a reasonable price, plus the usual, Shirts: Polo, Tee and formal with epaulettes, long and short sleeves all with the Club logo, and with the option to add your name and your boat name are available from your Club. Other clothing includes fleecy jackets either sleeveless or with long sleeves, and a range of women's tops and singlets and men's shorts. Accessories include plastic name badges, caps and visors together with poly can holders with your boat name on them. The range of both clothes and accessories is being constantly expanded to meet Members' needs. A full catalogue showing the current range with prices is available at all Club functions and on our website, just ask any committee member. Prices start at \$6.00 including GST. Payment by cheque, money order or cash is required before orders are processed, and delivery is normally within three weeks of processing.

## • CLUB WEBSITE

Have you had a look at our club website? It is very informative and is frequently updated. Have a look. Uploaded you will find, The Club Merchandise Catalogue & order form, New Club Rules, Application for Membership form, Renewal of Membership form, Club Newsletters and Photo Galleries, Nomination form and Proxy form, Welcome to the club flier and The Adventures of MV Jess, 2008 Social Calendar, have a look and give us some feedback. [www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc)

## • FOR SALE

- 14 foot Hobie Cat with sails and accessories and a new trampoline \$500.00 contact Graham Oliver on 9985 9210.
- Magma Marine Kettle BBQ, never used, cost \$398.00, sell for \$260.00, includes new gas bottle with fittings, contact Vicki Read. Phone 0429 808 280 or 4580 8280.
- Latronics Sun Power inverter, 350VA surge to 1050VA, \$100.00, contact Eddie Fowler. Phone 4572 3109 or 0407 703 143.

If you have anything to sell, send me the details and I'll include them in the next issue. If you have sold any of these items above, please let me know so I can delete them.

## • 2FM DINNER RAFFLE WINNERS

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2FM. "SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER"**, Winner of the flower arrangement and basket of handmade chocolates was a very happy Ira Borg-Safar. There were 60 members and guests in attendance.

**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2FM. "FREAKY FRIDAY DINNER"**. Winner of the winter warmers raffle prize was Leonie Cox, I believe it's a first raffle win for Leonie, congratulations. There were 44 members and guests in attendance.

**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2FM.** Winner of the folding basket full of fishy glasses was Cindi Monks, Congratulations. There were 21 members and guests in attendance. "Global Warming" has struck, keeping members away.

- **TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS**

Number 1, and by a big margin with 56,453 miles of coastline, is Canada. After that comes Indonesia, Soviet Union (when it was all one country), Greenland, Australia, Philippines, United States, little bitty Norway at number 8, New Zealand, and then large as it is, China at number 10.

- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### BOAT CLUB OUTING TO "*GILLIGANS ISLAND*"???

What were we doing on Gilligans Island? We were supposed to be on a dinghy outing to Crosslands on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. The boat club committee had everything organised. Leonie had sent the emails out, the tides were right, the moon was nearly full and the dinghies, tinnies and kayaks were at the ready. Of course what we can't do is organise the weather. It looked like rain so the Commodore, Vice Commodore and others got on the phone and did a quick ring around. At the last minute we were all invited to set up our picnic right at the Berowra boat ramp.

Look at the photos. What this Club is good at is having a great time. True to form and living up to our reputation everyone made the most of being together. It wasn't raining when we got to the boat ramp but it looked like it could. Poor George was wondering if he had done the right thing. If it doesn't rain we missed out on Crosslands. Nobody cared. We were at the boat ramp, there were boats everywhere and the good ship Escape was tied up at the public wharf. We were ready to party. And we did.

Around the corner from over in the ferry direction came this little floating island. Here was our picnic island complete with Gilligan and his "purty" little Maryanne. No other Club has a Commodore like this Club does. Our Commodore arrives sitting on an island, what do other Club Commodores arrive in, aren't we lucky. The island was made steady and we all set up our tables and chairs. Not every island is a dry desert island and a few of us started to wonder about those weather forecasts. There were big clouds around and we were out in the open with only the palm trees to give us shelter. Better do something real quick. "Greg and Donna, have you got that portable canvas carport that Geoff and Maureen Bollins had at Gosford on the wharf?" So out of Escape came this meccano set contraption (Lego set nowadays) to keep the boys busy, (thanks to Geoff and Maureen Bollins for the loan of the carport).

Have you ever tried to put together all these different size metal legs to hold up a six metre tent? The boys certainly hadn't done this before, that was pretty plain to see. George led the way with the funny looking Commodore (Gilligan) helping. What a laugh. Every time they got the leg pieces sorted out on the grass along came the "purty" little Maryanne to help. She was a real great help! George put a piece down on one pile and she moved it to another pile. She shouldn't have tried to help. Poor George. The rain held off (just as well) and after about an hour with almost all the Club members helping, giving advice or rolling about on the grass laughing the tent was up. The Club flag was on show and with another tarp tied up, just in case, we settled down again.

We got some attention, a tent for a clubhouse and members arriving pushing a wheel barrow, a rusty one too. Suzanne and Ian you looked just the part walking across the car park like that. An island needs a fire so Graham and George in the now "bone" tinnie (bones to her friends) went and collected the old Club barbecue. Some timber was dragged over and soon the Club on the island had a roaring open fire. About that wheelbarrow, another couple, locals living just near the ferry, used it to go home later in the day. To give you a clue, he is tall, looks young for his age (he's not old). Didn't Carol look great sitting up in this old wheelbarrow being pushed across the carpark by Derek.

We had lots of good talk, lots of food and drink and some of us played with the ball on the 'stringy thingy'. Some just couldn't make it happen but have a look at the picture of Mari, she knew what to do. Others played bocce over on the other side of the boat ramp. We sure know how to take over Berowra when we get together.

A couple of birthdays were celebrated under the tent Clubhouse. Leonie had brought along a cake to wish Derek and Susie a happy birthday. Leonie and Denis were also celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Leonie and Denis.

It did rain but not too much. We just huddled closer together and talked our heads off. The barbeque kept a lot of us warm too. It looked like a mini bushfire with the Commodore throwing on whole trees, well, big branches anyway.

It was almost dark when, sadly, we had to pack up. The tent Clubhouse came down in minutes, we were all experts at pulling it down. Another Club outing was over. It was a great day on Gilligans Island.

Ted Thomas

## **Mothers Day 2FM Dinner 9<sup>th</sup>. May 2008**



What a great way for the club to celebrate Mother's Day. All the Mums were surprised when Commodore Graham gave each Mother a bunch of white Chrysanthemums as they arrived for dinner. For the 60 guests that made our Mother's Day 2FM Dinner such a success we thank you so much. It was certainly a night of celebration. Our raffle was for Mum too, a Large Bouquet of Flowers with a Large Basket of Hand Made Chocolates. The lucky winner was Ira Borg-Safar (Syd Borg's Sister). Congratulations Ira, you were the envy of all us girls, flowers and chocolates, yummmm

Leonie Cox

## **Freaky Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008**



Another fantastic "Freaky Friday" these are always a fun night for everyone. With the restaurant dressed in black the scene was set for a great night. There were a lot of very freaky people there with The Phantom, Darth Vader, Dracula, big witches, little green witches, a large scary spider, a devil and a cat all making an appearance with the freakiest being, Mari Edwards and Warwick Savage. The raffle was won by Denis Cox

Congratulations Guys, well done.

Leonie

## **SECRET WOMENS BUSINESS**

Well, I can't really report anything, It was a secret after all, **wasn't it??**. I was told **nuttin'**! I don't know if it involved a bridge or an island? But the mind boggles, Di left in Graham's rubber duck dressed in a Belly dancing outfit, complete with tassles and coins. (**See the photo gallery for the evidence**). Whatever went on must have worked, because Suzanne Williams drove her tinnie back to good ol' Berowrie all on her own. She did have an escort in Miss Karen and Miss Cherie, but Suzanne did a great job, what

confidence! Ian Williams was ready and waiting at their pontoon bellowing instructions, but the secret womens business crew told him to **BUT OUT AND SHUT UP!** Suzanne berthed the tinnie with perfect precision. Well done Suzanne, and Congratulations to all the graduates and to a very professional instructor in Karen Savage. We already have names on a waiting list for the next Secret Womens Business session when it is next on. **(Belly dancing outfits optional).**

**I have asked Karen for a more indepth report, and here it is.**

On Saturday the 7th June a small group of members met at Joe Crafts for "Secret Woman's Business" training. The plan was to introduce the team to their dinghies, train in safe management and operation of their dinghies, perfect starting, stopping, direction control, coming along side, practice manoeuvres and formations as a team and to execute a military precision formation and water ballet. This was to be achieved in approximately 1 - 2 hours! It was also about being Queen's of the Dinghy!!

We had 9 people and 5 dinghies and everyone demonstrated competency in starting, stopping, direction and coming alongside. We did attract a little attention from residents in Neverfail Bay when we went there to practice on a vacant pontoon. Although competency was achieved, it was not before a number of "loud sounds" were created when contact was made between dingy and pontoon - very little damage done to the pontoon and all in a good cause!

While we did practice manoeuvres, we were not able to develop the ballet for a number of reasons including insufficient skill, fear, time, aching backs, hunger and general need to rest. However we shall continue and I would like to encourage all female members to think about joining in - maybe we could aim for the ballet at the Boat Rally?.

Members who attended were Cherrie Brooke, Suzanne Williams, Inga and Sarah McClelland, Amanda, Melissa and Tanya Robinson and Di Sheehy - well done everyone. Anyone who would be interested in joining in for the Boat Rally please contact us.

Karen Savage

## **SAFETY BOATSMANSHIP PRESENTATION.**

We had a good turn up for Kevin's talk, as a matter of fact if we had any more, we may have been in trouble, just as well that Amandajay was rafted up with boats either side. As usual Kevin had everyone mesmerized with his wealth of knowledge and experience. It amazes me, that every time I hear Kevin talk boats, I learn something new. He covered technical stuff about hydraulics, hull shapes, and structures, and how it all affects us coming alongside, but he explained it in a way that we could understand. He covered rules on the water, discussed some of the recent accidents on the harbor etc. Kevin also explained about single and twin screw drives and the effects of different propeller rotations, and how to use them to our advantage. We were taught some useful knots, splicing etc. Kevin also suggested a good text book, the Small Ships Manual, available from Whitworths.

Thank you, Kevin, we are all looking forward to another interesting talk, sometime in the future, time permitting.

George Herczeg

## • **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

### **BWMYC SPONSORS 2009**

You will have noticed a new page, showing sponsors for 2009. The Committee has agreed that we need to raise additional funds to cover increasing costs for the production and continual improvement of our "Club Newsletter", and also for our "next Club Mooring". It was decided to sell these Business ads or Private notices for \$100.00 per year, over 4 to 5 issues per year. (The cost includes the artwork). Four ads have already been secured by some members, and some hypothetical ones suggested. We invite you to take up a sponsorship and support your club. Bookings, and or enquiries to myself, bookings must be finalised by the end of September 2008.



## TELSTRA

Finally Telstra has shutdown the CDMA network (that's the one that worked in regional areas and at Berowra Waters). We are now in "The Dead Zone" (remember the Front page newspaper article that was emailed to you all, Thank you Cindi Monks and Carol Hughes). We desperately need "The Promised Tower". A few of us have experimented with "Mini" towers that you strap onto your back, these are called high gain aerials that you connect to the right phone, a blue tick phone that has an aerial socket, this works but it is not very portable. These aerials can be expensive, but if you are persistent and jump up and down enough, Telstra will give them to you free of charge, i.e. you pay for them at the store and they credit your phone account. Once "The Promised Tower" is installed we may be able to discard the aerials. If anyone has had any success with a particular phone or aerial, I would be interested to hear about it. Please let me know. I have to report that my two aerials are working very well indeed. I have a small aerial that plugs into the back of my phone which I use in the car at Berowra and in the Dinghy. The large fibreglass aerial I keep on my boat and its lead connects to the back of my phone, it works well.

Until next time, Safe boating

George Herczeg,

Vice Commodore and Newsletter Editor

## • **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

### **NEW CLUB MOORING**

As reported in the Club's last newsletter, we have been sent a letter from NSW Maritime advising us that a commercial mooring is now available in Berowra Waters.

After several phone calls to NSW Maritime confirming our position I gained permission from the club's committee to go ahead and finalise the acquisition. This involved going to the Maritime office at Hornsby with the relevant paperwork and the appropriate cheque, where upon I was told that there had been a mistake in the sending of the letter to grant us permission to fit the mooring, and that we would have to stay on the waiting list.

After much arguing with the mooring officer, I was told that there was nothing I could do about it, and we would have to wait for three other applicants ahead of us to be attended to first.

Before leaving the Maritime office, I urged the mooring officer to check with her boss, Steve Black to see if anything could be done. She was going to get back to me the next day.

The next day came, but no phone call, but another letter arrived from Maritime confirming their position not to grant us permission, even though we have an official letter to the contrary. The committee is still considering our position and next course of action.

Stay tuned,

Graham Rowell, Commodore



# “2008 CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR”

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY OR STICK THESE PAGES ON YOUR FRIDGE

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 **2FM Dinner.**

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 **“1FM Dinner”. Fathers Day Celebrations.** Bookings are essential, ring Leonie on 0411 471 185, there will be a gift for each dad, be there or be square, don't miss out.

September 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008 **“Rosehill Spring Carnival”**  
This event was fully booked in about four hours.

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Sunday, long weekend) **Annual Boat Rally**  
Details to come.

October 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 **2FM Dinner.**

November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 **2FM Dinner.** Will be a BBQ (byo) held in the park, adjacent to the boat ramp. (near Gilligans island).

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2008, Christmas party in the park.

**“MORE TO COME SOON”**

**From the new Committee after the AGM**