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BACKGROUND PHOTO THE BEAUTIFUL COLO RIVER, BY RICHARD BELL



NEW MEMBERS



Tony & Gwen Sinclair Glastron 26' "Wine Knott"



Bernard & Kate Kassar "Lady Daly" 1867



Bill & Cheryl Holden "Ruby Tuesday" Bayliner Ciera 27

and on the water. Welcome aboard, see you at the next 2FM Dinner (2nd Friday of the month at the Waterview Restaurant)

SICK BAY

club members have come to love and respect Col and Pam. We will certainly miss seeing them on the while Pam was the treasurer and also looked after club clothing. Their beloved Mariner 34 "Porphyry Pearl Quatro" has now been sold and their boating years have come to a close. Over the years many down three committee positions at the one time for a number of years. Colin was Vice Commodore home and we wish them well, Colin and Pam have been very dedicated workers for the club holding extensive treatments Chemo and radiation therapy, while Pam has had a back operation, both are now Colin and Pam Woods, have both been in hospital at the same time, Colin was in for some time having

NEW BOAT ARRIVALS

is magnificent, can't wait to have a tour, congratulations Richard and Marianne. an "Ocean Trek Sky Lounge 53" down the coast from Queensland to good old Berowrie, I believe she (see feature story page 9) Richard and Marianne Tooker, have finally cruised their recently purchased Power Cat "Conquest";

• RIVER HAPPENINGS

crop of marine spawned mushrooms was harvested a couple of weeks ago. Don't believe me, check this thought they would start up a small marine based business aboard "Lady Daly" built in 1867, their first out. Welcome, Bernard and Kate. To help pay for casual berthing fees, new members and old friends of ours, Bernard and Kate Kassar,







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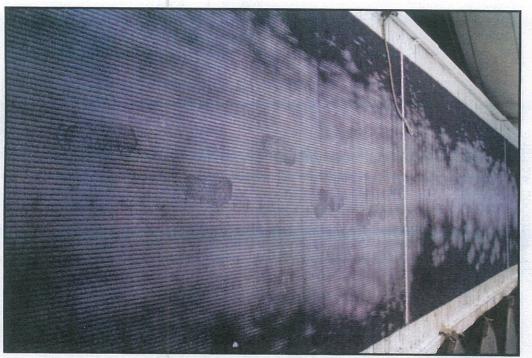


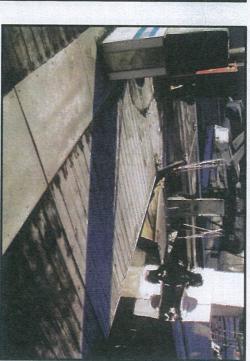
RIVER HAPPENINGS

and look forward to seeing them on their return to Berowra. arrived safely and are enjoying 32 degree days and sunshine. We will miss them and we wish them well, Dick and Annie, Mason and Mia Mars, have left our shores for a three year stint in Singapore, they have

THE BIG CHILL

hoping for a miracle, Berowra Waters Motor Yacht club to the rescue again. Its all about helping out. the owners launched it, they discovered they forgot to tie their rope on. They threw the rope at the boat ramp taking very small steps and sliding all over the place. I was called to rescue a runaway dinghy, when wharf, the new carpet on the walkway was white. There were people walking down the ramp at the boat ice under the canvas bimini on the flybridge, check out the photos. You could have ice skated on the we saw on of the biggest frosts we have seen at Berowra for a long time, there was ice over Rosie's decks, After the July 2FM, Louise and I stayed overnight on "Rosie" tied up to the fuel wharf, and in the morning







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BWMYC EASTER 2011 COLO RIVER TRIP REPORT

opportunity to explore the river in their dinghies or runabouts. celebratory drink was called for with everyone just lapping up the wonderful sunshine. Some took the 17 boats rafted up in small groups without a hitch. co-operative and waved us through which diminished the risk of some "running" the ferry lines trip and history notes made for a very informative journey -Once we reached the Colo River, Florence took the lead and led us to the most magical of spots where all way at a steady 8 knots. weather could not have been better for a trip upstream via Spencer and Wisemans Ferry. Friday morning dawned and the flotilla assembled at Peats Bite in "BWMYC time" for an early start. The The incoming tide pushed all along nicely without using too much juice. The holiday weekend had begun without incident and a - thanks Geoff. The ferries were very B & B led the

showed just what can be done with an old fishing trawler. they could drink bubbly with the best of us. The beautiful Dorado proved to be a tourist attraction and Our guests from RMYC Broken Bay just slotted into place as part of the BWMYC group and proved that

Unfortunately we awoke to rain on Saturday so the Cobb's Campsite trip was postponed until Monday

Ted still managed to take a punt trip upstream during a clearing in the afternoon weather.

Easter eggs for all the "big" kids. taking over the dining room completely. Patrick, our host, provided a Sunday roast and even included only "rocked" by the various ski boats on the river. Our Easter lunch was a great success with 53 people Easter Sunday treated us more kindly weatherwise and the trip downstream to South's Juniors Resort was

complete with the last post, reveille, wreath laying, flag lowering and national anthem. the foredeck of Florence with the attendees in their dinghies. This was the most moving of services The weather held off just long enough for our Anzac Day dawn service which was conducted by Mick on

from Is A Beau took the prize to add to their list of BWMYC winnings. competition was just amazing and after a taste test by the judges the winner was announced. The team on various boats and all assembled on B & B for drinks and judging at 5 pm. The innovativeness and The yet again postponed Cobb's Campsite trip did not stop the damper making competition from happening

their activities program and the dawn Anzac Day Service. in all a really great weekend was had by all. Our very special thanks must go to Jo and Mick Calleja for The trip home on Tuesday was interspersed with rain and occasional glimpses of the sun and blue sky. All



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BWMYC June Long Weekend Trip to Akuna Bay Report

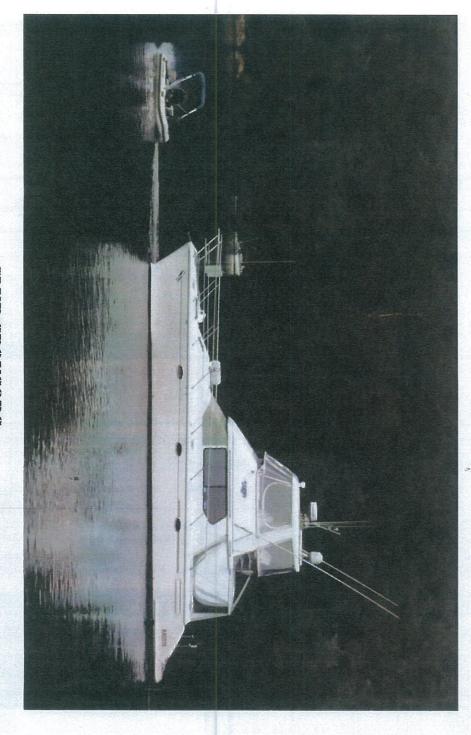
those members who were planning to come did not brave the storms. did not eventuate due to the weather. Both extremely strong winds and heavy rain was the forecast and Unfortunately the BWMYC Saturday June 11th to Monday June 13th Long Weekend Trip to Akuna Bay

A last minute alternative plan was not possible.

Hopefully we will have better luck with the June long weekend weather next year

"STING RAY" GOES WALK-ABOUT!

rubber duck struggled to tow "Sting Ray" back to her own mooring where she was re-attached and told himself. "Sting Ray" was put on the police mooring at the Wool Wash temporarily and then Richard's severely not to go walk-about again !! yellow mooring in the interim but what they really wanted was Murray's telephone number. A startled got loose. It all started with a call from John Fordham to Graham Rowell to say that "Sting Ray" had Murray Forman was told of the mishap and had to leave his packing to drive down to Berowra to see for bringing "Conquest" back from the Gold Coast. The Marina had rescued "Sting Ray" and tied her to a Graham was with Di Sheehy, and Richard and Marianne Tooker at RMYC Newport after their trip broken loose and drifted through the moored boats, ending up on the north side of the ferry cable. Murray and Wendy Forman were packing for their trip to the US when they got the call. "Sting Ray" had



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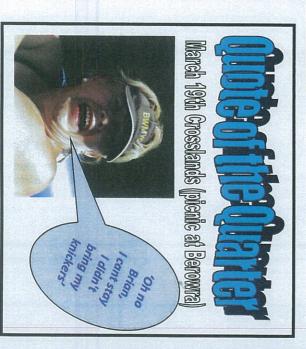
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members boats, club sponsor page, club forum etc and we are adding to it all the time. If you would Have you had a look at our recently updated club website. Trip reports from our adventurous duo, like to add a photo of your boat, send it via email to one of the committee members. Have a look and New members for 2011 are also uploaded as well as the usual items and forms are there along with Warwick and Karen are now uploaded. Have a read and you will look forward to the next installment.

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2FM DINNER ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS

APRIL 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Annie Mars. Congratulations to Annie There were 32 members and guests in attendance

There were 30 members & guests in attendance MAY 13th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Helgrit Bell. Congratulations to Helgrit.

JUNE 10th 2FM. No raffle tonight. There were 27 members and guest in attendance

There were 38 members and guests in attendance JULY 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Geoff Bollins. Congratulations to Geoff

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Richard and Marianne Tooker with crew bring "Conquest" to Berowra Waters

re-acquaint ourselves with the boat. By the end of May, we couldn't wait any longer so on the June long weekend, we flew back up to Gold Coast to catamaran, at Coomera on the Gold Coast back at the end of January and fell in love. But we decided to leave the boat at Coomera for some additional work to be carried out, such as installing a new bow thruster, new inverter, satellite TV etc. We were on a mission ... it was time to bring "Conquest" home to Berowra Waters! We found "Conquest", our 53ft Ocean Trek

to join us also. the bit to join us for the trip back down the coast! Not leaving anything to chance, we asked a mate by the name of Phil Gnauck We thought his experience might come in handy !! week later, our "Conquest" crew flew in, namely Dianne Sheehy and Graham Rowell who by all accounts, were champing at Phil owns an ocean going catamaran which he has sailed down from Broome across the Great Australian Bight.

afternoon at Sea World!! provisions and generally enjoy the marina life at Mariners Cove. Graham and Di (big kids as they are!) really enjoyed their berth at Southport at the southern end of The Broadwater on Thursday 16 June. As Coomera is over an hour's motoring time from the Gold Coast Seaway, we prepared for the return trip by taking a marina This gave us time to top up with fuel, shop for

as the seas became rougher and the wind stronger, we had to reduce speed to around 9 knots. south however, we had starboard engine problems and lost steering but didn't know why. heading south-west until approximately 5k off shore. Seas were around 1.5m swell and light winds. The first leg of the trip was Gold Coast to Yamba. Before sunrise, we left Southport and motored out through the Seaway We had to steer with the motors, and That was a long, Once we changed course long day

through, but seeing a fishing trawler ahead of us successfully motor through, we took heart! between two sea walls which were only showing inches above the water line. negotiate "The Hole in the Wall"! We crossed the bar at Yamba as the sun was setting, very tired and hungry. But we weren't in safe harbour yet as we still had to To reach Yamba Marina, you have to motor through what appeared to be a very tight break It really didn't look like there was room to get

during the rough day's motoring from the Gold Coast and filters needed changing, urgently. At Yamba, we investigated the steering problem and found the fan belt on the starboard engine had come loose. That was easily But the main problem was still with the starboard engine and its fuel supply. With "Conquest" lying idle for so long waiting to be sold, the growth in the fuel tanks had now been stirred up The dreaded diesel tank growth had clogged

make sandwiches !! several packets of Arnotts biscuits - not very nourishing, but there was no way I was going down to the galley on the first day to and organised soft drinks in the fridge. the previous day. The next day we motored to Coffs Harbour, a trip of about 7.5 hours. We were more organised too (by that I mean, I was more organised!). Today, we made a supply of sandwiches On the previous day, not being so organised, the five of us munched our way through This was a fantastic day's motoring, being calmer than



The crew arrive



"Conquest" leaving Coomera



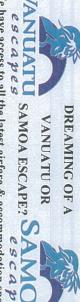
Fender riding on the rough seas



Guess whose feet were cold

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We met up with our friend Neal who owns the slipway at the Marina. Neal is a master craftsman, particularly with anything hours, the filters were replaced and the fuel lines primed. even heard one before we saw him. Out trip was now governed by the frequency of changing filters, particularly on the starboard engine. Approximately every ten what caused the noise, he turned over on his side, gave us the "eye" and dived down into the water. Absolutely awesome! Macquarie was a beautiful day's motoring. Blue skies, 1.5m swell and practically nothing to speak of for waves. By now, of Unfortunately, we arrived at Coffs Harbour well after dark and left before sunrise the next morning so we saw very little of the We wanted an early start to make sure we crossed the bar at Port Macquarie at high tide. Again, the 7.5 hour trip to Port we were well and truly in the path of the north migrating whales One of his most recent jobs was the complete re-fit of "Silver Cloud", a 60ft Halvorsen And keep watch because they don't change course for you! More than once we had to steer out of their way. A large whale came up alongside the boat, blew out of his air hole and as we rushed to see At Port Macquarie, we decided to stay two nights at Port Marina. Covered in barnacles, these fabulous creatures were

she was made water-tight again. effected by our handy crew member, Graham, to bolt the front sections together and with the aid of a couple of tubes of Sikaflex, the boat had opened up and water had been pouring in as the boat had dipped into the oncoming waves. we discovered we had lost about 5ft of rubbing strip from the bow sprit around to the front starboard corner. Beach but we arrived in good time for the 2pm bridge opening at Swansea, taking a marina berth at RMYC Toronto. It was here The next morning, we left Broughton and headed for Lake Macquarie. Again, the seas were rough, particularly along Stockton this leg, the sea and winds were considerably rougher than the two previous legs, so we were very thankful to have arrived safely ing the anchor, temporarily, while we settled our nerves, we decided to ignore the mooring and stay on anchor for the night. reveal itself and for a few tense minutes, with rocks and shoals nearby, we weren't quite sure where we were. bay and what we hoped would be the only public mooring. However, despite floodlights and torches, the mooring would not brought us to Broughton but with no moon, we had to rely on radar and Phil's experienced touch to bring us safely into a quiet preference to negotiating the entrance to Port Stephens which we knew would be done after dark. After our two night sojourn, we left Port Macquarie for the next leg to Broughton Island. We decided to head for the Island in The trip of nearly ten hours A temporary repair was The front section of Opting for lower-

around the prop and it was just co-incidence that the filters on the starboard motor had chosen that very moment to clog the offered full body wet suit, jumped in to the freezing water. It didn't take him long to discover that there was no line Up with the hatches, and while Phil took a well deserved hot shower, the filters were replaced - again caught around the prop, leaving us just one option - someone had to get in the water!! Phil bravely volunteered, and ignoring ting Di across the face. between Richard and Phil, who was driving, got muddled and he reversed, which sent the fishing line flying through the air, hitthe throttle just in time. Meanwhile, the line appeared to have got caught on the propeller. Di worked it loose. Richard was reeling in as fast as he could. As the ferry master finally saw Richard's frantic attempts to reel in, he pulled back on for a catch. Macquarie is delightful and so we spent some time exploring some of its bays and even had the lines out the back hoping A Lake Macquarie ferry was crossing from one side of the Lake to the other at full speed and with his line in its path As the starboard engine had chosen that very moment to die, we assumed that fishing line was indeed But messages - again

thoroughly cleaned. "Conquest" will be going up on the slip at Fenwicks on 16 August for a full repair to the hull and to have the fuel tanks ful and introduced her to "Kuleena", our other boat which we hope to sell to some other wooden boat enthusiasts like ourselves. in time to refuel and enjoy dinner at RMYC. The next day, we finally brought "Conquest" home, slightly damaged, but still beauti-After two nights at RMYC Toronto and two days motoring around Lake Macquarie, we started on the final leg, arriving at Newport If any Club member would like to see "Conquest" or "Kuleena", at any time, we would be more than happy

to share the experience with them, we know that having them aboard made all the difference. Both Richard and I want to take the opportunity of thanking Graham, Di and Phil for all their help on this trip. While it was great

Marianne Tooker



Leaving Broughton Island



Temporary repairs to the rubbing strip

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

nonetheless been undertaking their planning for the rest of the year with some great traditional events plus some new ones on the agenda. Akuna Bay had to be cancelled. It was quite clearly not likely to be much fun. Your committee has The weather Gods have not been kind to us this year and yet another event in the form of our weekend at

our members to work with them for the betterment of all. working relationship with the Progress Association has grown well over the past year and we encourage authorities to ensure that the issues affecting residents and boat owners are properly addressed. The associates and members from the Progress Association have been doing some really great work with local Loretta has prepared and submitted an application for Government funding for additional moorings and our

can be transported readily by boat for functions on the river if required. Mick and Jo at our last Christmas function. It is something that will be used for many years to come and it We have invested in a 6m x 3m quick erection shelter after benefitting from one of them on loan from

are looking at other options for regular gatherings that would suit our members. in the Park option has proven quite popular when we could not be accommodated due to weddings and we 2FM functions as the management works through possible changes to the restaurant operation. Our Picnic Change is the essence of our life these days and we are anticipating potential changes to our traditional

this year- it is time to get started on your boat. lots of fun and good times. The best dressed boat competition for our Annual Boat Rally is going to be hot We have lots of good things planned to see out 2011 so put them in your diary now and be ready to have

Brian Killin

Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

desperately need the tower installed on top of the hill, we are told it is still on the agenda to be installed boat shed, it's about time. The reception is great but I believe it is only for the immediate Berowra the aerial, I couldn't believe it. I was then told that Telstra had installed a repeater station near the old It was a pleasant surprise to see my mobile phone have full service on my mooring before connecting before Christmas 201???? Waters area. Joe Crafts bay had the same reception as before still needing the aerial. We still

NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all the contributors to your newsletter.

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Vice Commodore

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July - December 2011

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Friday 12th August 2011

2FM DINNER – Waterview Restaurant

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Friday 9th September 2011

Picnic in the Park – Berowra Waters Marina picnic area

picnic commencing at 6.30 pm – BYO everything. This is our chance to have a fun The Waterview Restaurant is booked for a wedding so we are having an informal

Saturday 24th September 2011

a raft-up in Joe Craft Bay RMYC and BWMYC Lunch at the Waterview Restaurant followed by

Easter, we have been invited to join them in their annual event at Berowra fter members of the RMYC Timber Boat Division joined us at the Colo River ove

Sunday 2nd to Monday 3rd
October 2011

Friday 14th October 2011

ANNUAL BOAT RALLY and Raft Up Details to follow

2FM DINNER – Waterview Restaurant

desserts is on offer for the special BWMYC price of \$38 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks. A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening

Sunday 23rd October 2011

sandwiches and fruit jaice will be provided between 9 am and 10 am. This will commencing at 10.30 AM. A free BBQ breakfast of bacon and egg ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Berowra Waters Foreshore

Friday 11th November 2011

Picnic in the Park - Berowra Waters Marina picnic area

be followed by the AGM with elections for the 2011 committee.

commencing at 6.30 pm - BYO everything. This is our chance to have a fun night at zero The Waterview Restaurant is booked for a wedding so we are having an informal picnic

Saturday 19th November 2011

accessible by boat only Day Trip to Patonga Blues Festival, Broken Bay Sports Centre

as it is the 10th Anniversary. It is a "boutique" festival and tickets go on sale on details will follow once we know how many are attending. 1st October 2011 so you will need to get in early to secure your ticket. Transport This is the best little blues festival in the land and this year should be extra special

Friday 9th December 2011

NO 2FM DINNER TONIGHT

Saturday 10th December 2011

and laughter. Commencing at 11.30 am with great traditional Christmas fare and lots of fun CHRISTMAS PARTY in the park at Berowra Waters Marina Details to follow.