



## NYS Commodore's Newsletter March 2022

I hope you and your families are keeping well and now that we are starting to live with Covid you are enjoying new freedoms and getting back to some semblance of normal life. I also hope this means that you are once again enjoying your boating activities and our wonderful facilities at Newhaven Yacht Squadron.

### NYS QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

We, as your committee, are trying hard to get things going again with social and boating activities. We are also pleased that we once again are sending out printed copies of our Quarterly Magazine to our members. The summer edition was very well received and Peter Watson, our new editor, is doing a terrific job. He would be delighted to hear from you with any articles or newsworthy items that you as members could contribute. If you wish to discuss something or advertise in our Quarterly, you can contact Peter on 0412 828 073 or email [admin@nys.org.au](mailto:admin@nys.org.au).

### NEW SAFETY SUPERVISOR

I am pleased to announce that Florian Andrighetto has joined the Committee as our new Safety Supervisor. Florian will be responsible for safety and compliance within our club. This is an important role, and his responsibilities will include Safety Declaration completion and boat compliance, ensuring NYS numbers are displayed on all boats, ongoing audits on boats and floating devices, ensuring electrical cords are safe and comply with electrical safety standards, inspection and conditions of proper mooring lines and encouraging safety and proper safety equipment on boats. We congratulate Florian for volunteering for this important role and we are certain he will be a great asset to our organisation.

We are still looking for another volunteer to join the Committee to bring the Committee up to 12 members. If you are a Senior Member and feel you have something to offer the club, this is a great opportunity to get involved and assist with the important task of the management of our wonderful club. We are particularly looking for someone who would like to assist with **Motorboat and Fishing activities** and who would be working closely with the Rear Commodore and Boating Secretary. Please give me a call on 0407 045 525 to discuss the position and any questions you may have regarding working on the Committee. We have over 500 Senior Members plus their Associates so I am certain that amongst these members we must have someone who would like to get involved and assist with the running of our club. I look forward to hearing from you.

### NYS 60 YEARS OLD!

The club is celebrating 60 years this year and traditionally the club has always been run by volunteers; this ethos continues today and because of this we can offer very reasonable rates for membership and continue to offer fantastic facilities for our members. It also means that financially we are in a sound position going into the future. We have no borrowings, and we own our assets.

Nick Blackmore is the Committee member who looks after our building works; he has been working hard on compliance and looking after issues relating to our club house. He has a hard-working Subcommittee and over the past two years has been working on plans to expand our clubhouse facilities. These plans are nearing completion and soon we hope to have something to present to members. This is very exciting and even though the project may be done over time in stages this is a wonderful project going into the future. We believe there may be opportunities to procure various grants to assist with the funding of this project and we will be actively looking for members with skills in this area to assist in obtaining the various grants available. If this is an area in which you feel you have the knowledge or skills, we would very much like to hear from you. I see this as a great benefit for the club and I know other clubs have appointed members to be Grants officers who have been instrumental in getting projects off the ground.

## NEW MEMBERS

We have had a number of new members join our club over the past couple of months and it gives me great pleasure to welcome them. I hope that these new members and their families enjoy our club and all it has to offer so please make them feel welcome when you meet them around the club.

## SOCIAL

Our social scene is starting to ramp up and Saturday night Happy Hours are seeing more new members attending each week, which is excellent. Remember that **Happy Hour now start at 5.00 pm**, our bar also opens for members at this time. On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> March we held a BYO Dance with live music and those who attended had a great night. Please have a look at the social calendar in this magazine so that you don't miss out on the fun. Our club rooms are usually available for you to use, and you are welcome to bring friends along, as long as you sign them in. There is usually milk in the fridge, coffee or tea facilities and our BBQ's. We only ask that you clean up after yourselves if you use our facilities.

## Easter Bunny is coming to NYS (see attached flyer)



## FISHING COMPETITION

In the lower deck of the Clubhouse, we have our Fishing Competition board. We have already had a few members record their catches. There are scales below the board to weigh your fish. If it is bigger than the fish written up, record your catch. There is a folder to record the catch as well a place for a someone to witness your catch. Please enter: you may win a prize later in the year.



As your Committee we continue to meet on the second Friday of every the month. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of these dedicated club members who put their time into the running of our club. These members of our Committee volunteer their time freely so that you, the members of the club, have a fantastic, safe, and friendly facility to enjoy. I know that the hard work that goes into the running of the club is appreciated but not often acknowledged. I would also like to thank the partners and families of the committee members for allowing these people to dedicate their time way from family activities to assist with the running of the club. I would also like to thank the Subcommittee members for their input to the club, in addition there are a number of other people who do work around club, such as gardening, etc. who I would also like to thank for their efforts. Volunteering is a wonderful and rewarding thing and the more you put in the more you get back. We welcome all volunteers; this after all is your club and the more you get involved the more you will enjoy what the club has to offer. We have wonderful people in our club, all in the pursuit of happy boating, social activity and great comradeship. Come along to the functions and meet your fellow members and make new lifelong friends with similar interests. That is what being a member of NYS is all about.

I wish you and your families all the very best, safe boating and I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Best Wishes

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