



NYS Commodore's Newsletter September 2022

Dear Members

It's amazing how time flies, here we are already in September 2022 and springtime. Many members have been away over the winter and those who stayed in Melbourne and Phillip Island will attest it has been a fairly cold and a wet winter. Despite this we have seen more members join the club and many more members coming along to our **Saturday Night Happy Hour**. We have our **Members' Draw each Saturday night**, which increases each week by \$25.00, as I write this the prize now stand at **\$500.00!** We are also looking at sponsors to support club activities and expecting to have nightly prizes for those who come along, starting soon. **Come along and join in the fun and you might also be a winner.** You are welcome to bring friends, have a BBQ and the bar is open and our drinks are available at very low prices for members and friends to enjoy.

The Committee met for our monthly meeting on Friday 9th September. At the meeting matters of interest have been passed by the Committee. It was decided, after a recommendation from the **Marina Subcommittee** that we would attend to the repairs on the eastern arm of the marina in-house, with club volunteers who will be directed by Jeff Shawcroft. Jeff put a lot of work into his submission, and we thank him for his work on this issue and also for those who have volunteered to assist. We also approved a request by the **Building Subcommittee** and Nick Blackmore, to install an air conditioner to the lower level of our club rooms. Nick Blackmore put this out to tender and we agreed to a quote of \$5,425.00 which included servicing all of our existing units.

You will also see new **NYS Merchandise and Apparel** soon available for members to purchase, we are selling our old stock at very reduced prices, please see below. Ray Mascaro has been working on our club's internet and IT issues and has a technician updating our wiring etc. to improve our IT in the club.

On Sunday 11th September the Committee continued with our **Strategic Planning** sessions. These planning days started two years ago, before Covid and over that time we have developed many new and ongoing initiatives for the club. This day was more important than ever, as during Covid many activities had to be cancelled, but now that things are starting to happen again, we are able to put new ideas and initiatives into place. You will be seeing many more **activities and events** over the next year. We will also be looking for **sponsors** to assist in the various activities. There will be opportunities for different levels of sponsorship from **Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsors** with different commitments and packages for sponsorship. If you have a business or have some good contacts who you feel should be contacted, please let us know so that we can give these businesses the opportunity to be involved with our club and various activities. We have a membership of more than 1,000 members including their partners, and I am certain these sponsors will receive great advertising and promotion for their companies if they choose to come aboard. **Training** is another area we are concentrating on; you will be pleased to know that we see this as a priority for the club, from first aid, boat handling, sailing, fishing safety, etc. Members will receive communication about the various training days, and it would be in your interest to get involved. Some of these training sessions will be in-house and free to members and others will have experts in the field run professional days where there will be some charge. Another opportunity that was identified was that we would like to stage more events on Sundays. We already have a **Kids Fishing Day to be held Sunday 16th October** which has had great enthusiasm from members and is fully **booked**. Please keep an eye out for Sunday events coming up. With many people involved with other activities and other sports including children and grandchildren competing with Saturday activities etc, we believe that Sunday events should prove very popular. We also discussed communication within the club, we have resumed sending out printed copies of our **Quarterly** magazine which everyone enjoys. The Spring Edition has just gone out in the mail. I will also continue to send out my **Monthly Newsletter** to keep you as members abreast of what is happening.

In this meeting we also discussed our **Website and Facebook** page, which are not being updated regularly and are often out of date. Unfortunately, our existing volunteers who already do so much do not have the skills or time available to look after this aspect of the club. However, we realise that this is an important part of communicating to our members. Hopefully we have a **member of the club who has the expertise and time**, who would be willing to assist as a volunteer to update and monitor our website and Facebook on behalf of the club. **Please give me a call to discuss this further if you can assist.** We would be most grateful for some help with this, if we cannot find a volunteer, we may need to outsource this activity, which could be expensive. We try hard to keep costs down by doing as much as we can through volunteers from the club, as is the tradition of the club. It would be excellent to have a member come forward to assist.

Another area that we will be focussing on is **Cruising Activities**, this is an activity for both motorboats and yachts and a great way to get families involved, you will start to see planned activities very soon.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Saturday 15th October is our Annual General Meeting for 2022. This is scheduled for **2.30pm** and as per the rules we need a quorum of 10% of the Senior/Life Members to attend for the meeting to take place. (About 50 Senior members) This is an important day to support your club and I urge members to put this day aside in their calendars and come along. You will receive a notice of the AGM shortly. On this day we will have the Election of Committee, we will also be looking for members to vote on works to the West end of the building, which urgently needs a major renovation and is currently causing major leaks. Nick Blackmore and the Building Sub Committee have been working on this for nearly 3 years and have come up with excellent plans to modernise and improve this section of our club house. We will also be looking for grant assistance with this project. We have Peter Smith, our Grants Officer to assist with this process. We will finish the day with an hour or so of fellowship and drinks on the Commodore to thank members for making the effort of attending.

Tuesday 1st November is our **CUP DAY** at the club; this is always a fun day, and you are welcome to bring your friends along. The bar will be open, and you will need to bring some cash, so that you can enter the various sweeps. The day is a dress to impress day with prizes for best dressed and for the ladies' best hats. It is BYO lunch and nibbles; the day starts at 12.30 pm. Come along and join in the fun in our lovely club rooms and watch the races and have a bit of a flutter.



Sunday 6th November, we have our **ANNUAL WORKING BEE**, this is always a fun day where we roll up our sleeves and clean up the club for the season. It always finishes with a BBQ and some free drinks for those who attend. Come along and give us a hand and also meet other members, a great place to make new acquaintances and help the club at the same time.



Saturday 12th November is our **ANNUAL OPENING DAY**. This year is especially exciting as we also celebrate our 60th anniversary, with a free gift to mark the occasion. At **2.00 pm** we have our traditional **Sail Past**, which I urge all members with boats, motor or sail, to join in. (There will be briefing in the lower club house prior to the sail-past for those who wish to take their boats out and join in the fun). Many members dress up, sometimes as Pirates or Vikings or in fancy hats and sailing gear, and also dress up their boats with flags and regalia making the Sail Past a great sight for the spectators who remain at the club house. Each boat salutes the Commodore as they sail past and it all signifies the official opening of the new boating season. We will also have some live music for members to enjoy, and this year we have invited past Commodore Hamish Hughes to speak. Hamish has been a member of the club from its beginnings, and he has a wealth of information about the club and its illustrious history. Make this a must for your calendars and come along to help celebrate this auspicious occasion.



Sunday 13th November you will see in the Quarterly that we have another **First Aid course** scheduled and it is nearly booked out with only 3 spots left, please see attached re details and give Florian Andrighetto a call if wish to attend.



Saturday 3rd December we are holding our traditional **CHRISTMAS DINNER**; this will be a great night with a live band, a glass of champagne on arrival and a scrumptious two course meal. The Bar will be open. We are limited in space for the night and can only cater for around 80 people. Further details re cost etc for the dinner will come out in the next Newsletter (bookings will need to be pre booked and paid for in advance, so we can plan catering for this event).



SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER, we will see the year out in the club and celebrate **NEW YEAR'S EVE**, and you are most welcome to bring your friends. The bar will be open, and you are invited to bring a meal or use our BBQ's. I will be entertaining guests with some live music and there will also be some Rock 'Roll music to dance the night away. There will be some prizes and give-aways on the night and there will be a \$5.00 per person cover charge. It should be a fun night, taking us into 2023.



We have had more members join the club since my last newsletter and would like to warmly welcome **Matt & Lauren Edwards, Marie and Kevin Crossland**, and their families to Newhaven Yacht Squadron, I hope they join in our activities and make the very best out of their memberships.

I would like to wish all members safe boating and good health; I look forward very much to seeing members around the club and at some of the activities planned for the oncoming months.

Best Wishes

Peter Buitenhuis
Commodore NYS.

Apparel Sale

We are in the process of reviewing our stock of apparel at the club. All current stock will be sold for \$5.00 - \$10.00 (valued between \$25.99 & \$100.00).

We have men's ladies and children apparel and hats (not all sizes available).

We have a lot of polo shirts for children and women. Chloe our new office assistant and is wearing a Size 14 (normally a Ladies 10)

All items are available at Happy Hour on Saturday nights, as well as the Fishing for Kids Day and other up and coming events. For any enquiries, please phone Mim Kershaw on 0425 402774.

