



NYS Commodore's Newsletter November 2022

Dear Members,

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. Your club is going very well with lots of activity and plans afoot to create events for your enjoyment.

Saturday Night Happy Hour (which lasts much longer than an hour) is building momentum and we are seeing good numbers attending each Saturday night. We are continuing with our **Members' Draw** which as I write this newsletter **the jackpot is now \$675.00**. Remember you must be present to win. If you have not joined in our Saturday Happy Hour it starts at 5.30pm, the bar is open, well stocked and offers great value, and you are welcome to bring along friends and family. We also presently have a couple of sponsors and give out a door prize each Saturday night. One week we have a meat tray supplied by **San Remo Butchers** and the alternate week we have a meal voucher supplied by **San Remo Hotel**. **Please support these businesses as they support us.** Of course, I remind members that the club rooms are there for your enjoyment, we have coffee and tea available, we have a pool table and table tennis table downstairs and showers and toilets for members to use. You can bring friends just to have a cup of coffee or a glass of wine looking out on our million-dollar view. I do remind members and guests that we run the club with volunteers and we ask that you clean up after yourselves if you use any of our facilities. Dishes should be washed and put away, rubbish put in the rubbish bins supplied and that the club rooms are left as you find them, neat and tidy. We have also purchased and installed a new 86" TV for your enjoyment, we have Wi-Fi so you can enjoy YouTube etc. when visiting the club.

Saturday 3rd December is our Annual Christmas Dinner event, this is one of the best events of the year. As I write this, we have only had a small number of members confirm that they are attending, which is a bit disappointing. Hopefully we will see the numbers grow over this week.

This is an important club event, and **we encourage members to get together a table of friends and family** and make a booking.

We need to get confirmed numbers of those attending so that we can organise catering etc by Thursday 24th November contact admin@nys.org.au to secure your booking and payment is to be made in advance by bank

transfer or you can leave cash in an envelope (with your names) which can be posted through the slot in the door of the downstairs office. Vicki will send out a reminder with payment details, so that you can forward your payment. We have a fabulous live band performing this year "**Carmel Chayne's Black Slacks**" to entertain you, Carmel started her singing career back in 1964 with a group "The Sol Four" with Olivia Newton John and two other girls, (some of you may remember the band). Carmel is an international artist who has performed all over the world. "**Carmel Chayne's Black Slacks**" is a swinging Rock'n'roll band and not to be missed, we are very lucky to have been able to get a band of this calibre to our yacht club for this evening. We also have a fabulous caterer for the event "**Jane Mytendorp**" so it will be an excellent meal, plus a complimentary champagne on arrival. Don't miss out on a great night, a chance to dress up and dance the night away.



There has also been a lot of activity around the club, this included a very successful **Kids' Fishing Day** on the 16th October, some excellent dinghy days and **Sailability** programs, **First Aid Training** and a well-supported **Woking Bee** which was held on Sunday 6th November followed by a BBQ and some fellowship

Our Opening Day and Sail Past was another great event held last weekend. The Opening Day was very well supported with one of best fleets for the Sail Past in many years, having a good fleet of both power boats and yachts saluting the Commodore as the Commodore blessed the fleet.

The day was also to commemorate and celebrate the **Newhaven Yacht Squadron's 60th Anniversary**. We had Past Commodore and Life Member; Hamish Hughes address the members and speak about the history of our club together with a fabulous slide show with lots of photos showing the progress of the club over its 60 years of history. Our special guest for the day was our Mayor of Bass Coast, Michael Whelan who selected the best dressed yacht and motorboat for the day and said a few words congratulating the club. The club was officially opened for the season

by Hamish, and we finished the day handing out a memento gift for all those who attended, a cooler bag with the NYS club logo celebrating our 60-year anniversary, (kindly organised by Noel



Street on behalf of the club). We then opened the bar and enjoyed some fellowship, the slide show being played on our new 86" TV and some music supplied as is our tradition by Island Jazz; in all it was a wonderful afternoon.



On Sunday 20th November we held a **Maritime Safety Training Event** covering topics such as safety equipment, servicing life jackets, flare demonstration, weather apps etc. another excellent and very informative day.

Another great night to be had will be our '**Welcome to New Year's Eve 2022/2023**' which will be a great night to finish the year. I will be entertaining you on my trumpet with two muso friends who I have persuaded to join us for the night, Neville Drummond on Double Bass and Clive Budd on Guitar and vocals, we will be playing and singing some mellow jazz melodies for your entertainment. In between we will have some Rock 'Roll music so the theme is "Jazz meets Rock ". The night kicks off at **7.30pm**, but you are welcome to come earlier and make use of the BBQ's or kitchen and have a meal. It is BYO food, but the bar will be open,

so no need to bring drinks. **Bring your family and your friends to celebrate New Year in**. There will be a small cover charge to support the musos of \$5.00 per head.

Some of you who have visited the club may have noticed our new 86" TV, this is the latest smart TV and has YouTube available, a great new asset and can be used to entertain or have background music, for training and for interesting programs on sailing and fishing etc. On Opening Day, we used the new TV for a slideshow prepared by Hamish Hughes on the history of the club and the large screen is fabulous for our large club room. We have also installed a new air conditioner in our downstairs area, where we have a pool table and table tennis for members to enjoy.

Nick and the Building Committee are working hard behind the scenes to get permits for the works on the west end of our club rooms; if you have not seen the proposed concept plans, they are available in the foyer for you to see. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in volunteering your expertise or quoting the works please give Nick a call, you can contact him on 0409 708 685.

Many of you may know that the club has a small fleet of dinghies, these are used for **Sailability and Sailing training**. We have two scheduled Sailability events Wednesday 23rd November and also Wednesday 7th December. There is always an opportunity to assist with these days and it is also great fun. In January we would also like to run a series of **Dinghy Training Days for Youth**, this is free, **but we need volunteers** to help Alen Garrett and Stan

Jackson who have organised this event in the past. Please contact Alen on 0429 417 552 or Stan on 0417 318 629 if you are available and prepared to help. If you have young children or grandchildren who would like to experience sailing in an organised and safe environment this is a wonderful opportunity not to be missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members **Stewart & Leonie Goldsmith, John & Baryczka, Dave & Lisa Manning, Robert & Pas Harvie, Kevin Lister & Elaine Ferteis, Nat Eisen & Rebecca Ludbrook** and **Kevin & Kay Hart** to the club, please make them feel very welcome if you meet them around the club or at our Saturday night happy hour events.

I would like to wish all Members safe boating and would encourage members to come along to events and join in, making the best out of your membership. Newhaven Yacht Club is a friendly family club, we are so lucky to have a wonderful location, beautiful club rooms for members to enjoy, a boat ramp, marina and one of the lowest membership fee structures in Australia, making the opportunity to become a member affordable for everyone. We do **rely on volunteers** for our club to remain affordable to all, so please consider getting involved and if you have skills that could help the club, please let us know.

On volunteers, we have a Committee that manages the affairs of the club; the members of the Committee are all volunteers and all work hard to maintain and manage the club at no cost to the members. **We have two positions vacant.** These are both important positions. One is the position of **Rear Commodore**. This is a Flag Officer position and organises all sailing events and the Calendar of Events. The Rear Commodore also assists the Commodore in his duties and is obviously a prestigious position on the Committee and for the club. If you have an interest in sailing and could come on Committee, please give me a call to discuss the position, my number is 0407 045 525. The other vacancy is that of **Boating Secretary**, this position assists the Rear Commodore in his duties, this is a more clerical function and is important with communication and organising events.

Please keep well and I look forward
as always to seeing you around the club

SAIL PAST 2022

Best Wishes

Peter Buitenhuis
Commodore Newhaven Yacht Club.

