



## NYS Commodore's Newsletter July 2022

Dear Members,

I hope once again that you and your families are keeping safe and well. With the new variants of Covid still creating many new cases and a severe Flu epidemic, many people throughout Australia are not well over this Winter. We were all hoping that the pandemic was coming to an end but unfortunately even though we are all trying hard to go on with our lives in a normal fashion this stubborn Covid just won't go away. Please remain vigilant and stay safe as best you can.

At the club we are also trying to get back to normal and cranking up our planning of events as we move out of Winter and into Spring. We are hoping to resume all our activities for the on-coming Boating and Social Calendars.

### SAILING

We are still having our Winter Series Stern Chaser Yacht Races with one more race to go on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, due to weather or lack of participation we have only been able to stage a few of the races scheduled for this year's Winter Series.

### NYS AGM October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

This year we have scheduled our **Annual General Meeting for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. This is a very important date so please try to attend as we need 10% of Senior/Life Members to form a Quorum. Without a Quorum the meeting cannot go ahead and must be rescheduled, which is a waste of everyone's time and resources. Each year at our AGM there is an opportunity for Senior Members to join the Committee as Committee Members and assist in the running of the club. Being on Committee is a responsibility but also very rewarding and very important for the success of our club. Under the rules we have 12 members on the Committee and each year six of those positions come up for election for a two-year term. Committee Members can re-nominate for their existing positions however other members are welcome to stand if these positions are available for re-election. The positions that are becoming available under the rules for 2022 are as follows: **Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Boating Secretary, Motorboat & Fishing Officer** (which was recently taken on by Ray Mascaro), **Training Officer** and **Building Officer**. The position of Rear Commodore would not normally be up for election this year but we have been notified by Michael Dixon that he would like to retire at the AGM so this position will also be available for a willing member of the club. Michael has done a great job and he is still very keen to remain on the Sailing Subcommittee and assist with sailing events etc. You will be notified in writing well before the AGM, but please put this in your dairies so that you can plan to attend, and you are encouraged to nominate for a position on the board.

### SOCIAL SCENE

#### ANNUAL SQUADRON DINNER

The night was a great success! We were down a bit on numbers, we could have had up to 80 people attend but ended up with only 45, so it was a bit more intimate, but those who did attend had an excellent night. We had the night catered for with an excellent two course meal, the guests were welcomed with a glass of Champagne on arrival as well as some nibbles.

We had "Rock House" a wonderful band who entertained us with great songs from the 60 and 70's Rock'n'Roll era and there was much dancing and fellowship throughout the course of the evening. It was excellent to see some of our newer members attend as well. During the night we held our Super Raffle Draw for a wonderful 160W solar panel donated by Ray Mascaro; the lucky winner was William Dunstan (Grandson of members Phil and Jean Dunstan). Well done, William. During the night we also had a lucky seat prize with a secret sticker underneath one of the chairs. The prize for this was a beautiful patchwork quilt donated by the Newhaven Patchwork ladies, and the winner of this was Yvonne Brown and she was surprised and delighted by her prize. Thank you to Ray Mascaro and the Patchwork ladies for their kind donations. Thank you also to the Pat our Social Secretary and her Social Subcommittee and other members for organising a first-class evening. Also thank you to Joy DeJonge for supplying beautiful flowers for the evening.



## SATURDAY EVENING HAPPY HOUR

On the social scene, it has been great to see more and more members enjoying our Saturday evening Happy Hour. Remember that each Saturday we have our Members Draw held at 6.30pm and at the time of writing this has jackpotted to **\$275** and increases by \$25 per week unless the lucky member is present to collect their prize. But remember, **you must be present to win**. Saturday nights are a great way to meet other members of the club, a chance to make new friends and learn more about the club, maybe learn some new fishing spots, chew the fat and exchange boating stories and just have a good time making the best out of your membership. We also have two billiard tables downstairs for those who wish to have a game of pool. Our bar is always open on Saturday nights with very reasonable bar prices for you enjoy a beverage or two. The BBQ is available for those wishing to cook a snag and the kitchen is also available to heat up a casserole etc. I look forward to seeing you there, and you are always welcome to bring family and friends: the more the merrier. Come along and join in the fun.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new members and families who joined the club throughout June / July they are Doug O'Brien, Gavin Masterman-Smith & Tegan Doherty, Jacob Maher & Gemma Newall. Please make them feel welcome when you meet them around the club.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS

We have started our training programs once again.

### FIRST AID COURSE

You will have seen that Florian Andrighetto, our Safety Officer, has organised an upcoming First Aid Course for August. This has been enthusiastically taken up and is now fully booked. Given the enthusiasm and interest for the First Aid Course, Florian will organise another course shortly. Give him a call on 0419 435 367. if you are interested so that he can register you for the next session.

### VHF RADIO COURSE

Michael Dixon has also organised a VHF Radio Licence Course through Yacht Master, which still has places available; please talk to Michael if you have interest in getting your VHF Licence. You can contact Michael on 0408 343 319.

## BUILDING/GRANTS

We have had a few quotes to install solar panels to our Clubhouse and made a decision at the last Committee meeting that we will go ahead and have these fitted both to start saving some electricity for the future and also

help the environment. There are some good Government Grants for this at present to assist with the cost and we believe it is a good investment for our club.

## MARINA REPORTS

### MARINA MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Marina Subcommittee had a meeting last week and are continuing to work through the best outcomes to repair the damaged area of the marina, including an ongoing maintenance program. They are preparing a Scope of Works so that a clear path can be determined as to what activities are required and the best options to proceed. This project can be handled in a number of ways, and once the Subcommittee has determined the best course of action and obtains quotes, the Committee will approve the works to begin ASAP. On closer inspection it would appear that not only the affected area on the East side as identified needs repairs but some of the timbers on Stage One of the marina are also failing and need attention.

### BOATS IN DISREPAIR IN THE MARINA AND VACANT BERTH

The Marina Subcommittee are also looking closely at the state of some of the boats in the marina, and also looking at the Marina By-Laws. During the last couple of years due to Covid we have been lenient with members who have been finding it difficult to maintain their boats, mooring lines etc. Each member in the marina will have been supplied with a copy of the **NYS By-Laws** or view it on our Website [www.nys.org.au](http://www.nys.org.au) under the Membership Section as per below.

 [By-Laws and Procedures of The Newhaven Safe Boat Haven - January, 2018](#) [Download](#)

**It is up to each member to understand what is required and to adhere to the rules as set out. If you have not visited your boat of late,** I would urge to come down and inspect your boat. Some boats have been neglected for some time and need urgent attention, in some cases some boats may even be starting to become unsafe and unseaworthy. Glen in our Work Yard is always willing to assist and offers many services, give him a call if you require a hand, you can contact Glen on 0419 514 395. Also, if you are no longer using your craft and have neglected to give it any thought due to other commitments, perhaps it may be time to sell your boat and marina berth and allow a new member on the waiting list to obtain your berth, so that they can have the opportunity to enjoy the advantage of being in the marina. We have a long Waiting List, and under the rules you will be refunded the money you invested in the marina. Under the rules if you currently have a vacant berth and should the berth be unoccupied by the nominated boat for a period of twelve (12) months you need to write to the Committee and have written consent to retain the berth. This rule has not been enforced for some time, so if you are in this situation, you will be receiving a letter asking you to follow up on this and also to see if you wish to continue with the berth or would prefer to have your money refunded, so that the berth can be on-sold to a member on the Waiting List. If you have misplaced your Marina By-Laws booklet, please let us know by writing to [admin@nys.org.au](mailto:admin@nys.org.au) and we will forward you a new copy so that you can understand your rights and responsibilities under the rules.

If you wish to discuss positions on Committee or on Subcommittees, I am always available to discuss opportunities and explain what these positions mean; just give me a call on 0407 045 525. Remember the club is run by Volunteers to assist in keeping costs down for members and making the club very affordable, so the more members who volunteer to assist the better. Something that we do need urgently is someone to assist with our IT needs, be it our web page, face book or systems; we are currently weak in this area and need someone with good IT skills to come aboard and assist with this important aspect of the club; again, please give me a call if you can help.

Wishing all members safe boating, good health and I always look forward to hearing from members or seeing them around the club.

Best Wishes

**Peter Buitenhuis**  
**Commodore NYS**