



# Newhaven Yacht Squadron

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## NYS Commodore's Newsletter December 2022

Dear Members

I would like to wish all our members, family, and friends a very happy Christmas and all the best for the festive season, plus a very happy, healthy New Year for 2023, which as I write this is only six weeks away. 2022 seems to have gone very fast, it makes you think where has the year gone! Hopefully for NYS and our Members we all will have an excellent year ahead of boating activity and social events.

**SOCIAL:** On the **Social** scene it is pleasing to see many more members enjoying our **Saturday Night Happy Hour**.

I encourage all members to come along and enjoy the fellowship on our Saturday nights, plus we have our **Members' Draw** which as I write stands at **\$725.00**, but you must be present to win. We also have a door prize for those who show up. You are most welcome to bring friends and family and our bar is open for your enjoyment at very reasonable prices. We have a BBQ at your disposal if you wish to throw a snag on the barbie and some Members order take away meals. Saturday nights are a great way to meet new friends with similar interests in boating activity, whether you are into cruising, fishing, or sailing, you will meet some very interesting members, often with a wealth of information about our waterways of Westernport. I would like to thank our sponsors **San Remo Butchers** and the **San Remo Hotel Motel** for their generous support throughout the year and would urge all our members to support these businesses as they support us.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we had our **Annual Christmas Dinner** function as is our tradition. We had around 52 people attend the night, it was an excellent night, a great band, lots of dancing and fellowship.

**New Year's Eve** is our next official function, this will be a fairly casual night, and everyone is welcome including friends and family. There will be a \$5.00 per person cover charge (cash only) and we will have a **raffle for a wonderful meat tray** donated by our very special sponsor **San Remo Butchers**, so please remember to bring a few dollars to win the raffle. We will have live music, supplied by myself and some of my music friends so it will be a fun night, with plenty of dancing, so put on your dancing shoes. The cover charge is to help support the musos who will give up their time to entertain you plus cover their travel expenses. We should also be able to see the fireworks at Corinella from our club rooms. Could there be a better place, with our million-dollar views and our terrific club rooms to see the year out? The night officially starts at **7.30 pm**, but you are welcome to come earlier and make use of the BBQ or bring something to eat. The Bar will be open, and it is BYO food or snacks. We do ask that members clean up after themselves including washing and putting away any dishes that they may use.

**NEW MEMBERS:** It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new members, Peter and Joy Byron, I hope that they get involved and enjoy all the wonderful things our club has to offer. Welcome aboard!

I would like to wish all our Members safe boating and hopefully some wonderful boating activity on Westernport. I look forward to seeing members around the club, mucking around in their boats or on Saturday nights at our Happy Hour.

**KID'S SAILING DAY:** You would have received an email from **The Sailability Team** who have organised two sessions of **Kid's Sailing Days** on **December 23rd** and more sessions planned in the Summer months, so keep your eye out for another email. These are free to Members and families and very well organised by our volunteers and offer a great chance for children or grandchildren of our Members to experience sailing at our club. You can contact either **Alen Garrett on 0429 417 552** or **Stan Jackson on 0417 318 629** for registration and details regarding these special days.

## FISHING COMPETITION & AROUND FRENCH ISLAND CRUISE

For our keen fishing members, you would have received an email about our January Fishing Competition. This is being organised by our Motorboat and fishing officer Ray Mascaro and it is scheduled for **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January**. There will be some **excellent prizes** and the day will finish with some fellowship and a BBQ. It should be an excellent day; a further email will be sent. Ray is also planning **an 'Around-French-Island Cruise'** day later in January, you will receive an email once the day is confirmed, but this is a great opportunity for the motorboat members to experience a unique day boating around this interesting waterway. A great experience and will be a lot of fun. Give Ray a call if you have any queries on 0418 352 534.

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT

As you know, the way we keep our club fees very affordable for members is that we try to do as much as possible through volunteerism by Members of our club. Our fees are one of the lowest in Australia for members and this is only possible by having members stepping up and assisting with the running of the club. I am surprised and a bit disappointed that we still have two positions vacant on the Committee. These are for **Rear Commodore**, which is an important position and a Flag Officer, and for **Boating Secretary**. These positions are mainly to do with sailing but are also important positions making up the numbers required for the main Committee. If you think you have the time available and would like to assist the club, I would be happy to discuss the positions. I know we have many members who have both the time and skills to assist the club and I would like to think we have members who are prepared to give something back to the club and volunteer their services to help the club. You can contact me by phoning 0407 045 525 or by email [peter.buitenhuis53@gmail.com](mailto:peter.buitenhuis53@gmail.com). In the meantime, I would like to thank Michael Dixon for continuing to act for the duties of the Rear Commodore and also Jim Mc William for assisting with communication on race days etc, letting the sailing members know when races are scheduled etc. There is also a team of members who assist with the running of the race days from manning the radio, manning the race boat, doing the handicapping and being on the Sailing Subcommittee; thank you to all those members for their efforts and support.

On Volunteerism, a big thanks to Jeff Shawcroft and his volunteers for their work on the marina repairs. I believe that Jeff has tested the first procedure with newly manufactured bushes, and it worked perfectly and further works to finish the program will commence soon. This has saved the club thousands of dollars. **Once again have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.**

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