



## **NYS Commodore's Newsletter February 2023**

Dear Members,

We did not have a Newsletter in January due to the madness of the holiday season, so I would like to start by wishing everyone a very happy 2023, may it be a year of good health, laughter and safe boating.

### **SOCIAL**

The club is in great shape, and it is fantastic to see more and more Members come along on our **Saturday Night Happy Hour**. If you have not been to **Saturday Night Happy Hour**, you should make the effort to



come along and meet other Members and enjoy some fellowship. Our **Members' Draw** continues, but you must be present if you want to win. You are welcome to bring friends to the club on our Saturday nights, we often have a door prize for those who attend, it could be a **meat tray** supplied by our sponsor, **San Remo butchers**, or a **Meal Voucher** from our other sponsor, **San Remo Hotel**. Please support these business's as they do for us. Our Clubrooms are always open to members, so as a member you are welcome to use the facility. We have a great kitchen, we supply coffee and tea, there are BBQ's available to use, and

downstairs we have a pool table, table tennis, toilets, and showers. The bar is always open on **Saturday nights** so there is no need to bring drinks as we are well stocked and charge very reasonable prices. One thing we do ask is that those who use the facilities clean up after themselves which means washing, drying and putting away any items you have used and putting rubbish in the bins provided. The Club is run by volunteers, so it is up to everyone to assist with this. We have just purchased a massive 86" TV that offers YouTube for your entertainment. The club also has WiFi available for members to use when visiting the club. So as members when in Newhaven, visit the club rooms and make the best out your membership, it is a wonderful asset and great facility with million-dollar views for members to enjoy.

**We have had some excellent functions and activities over the past month.**

**New Year's Eve** was a fabulous night with some 70 members in attendance, plenty of dancing and great fellowship, a fabulous way to see out the year.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January we had our annual **Music on the Lawn** picnic event with live music and some 50 members having a very relaxing afternoon, some lovely music and good fellowship.



## SAILING AND BOATING

In December and January, we held 4 sessions of **Introduction to Sailing for Youth** with our fleet of Hansa dinghies. These sessions were organised and run by Stan Jackson, Alen Garrett and volunteers from our club. Each day was well attended and all participants had a lot of fun and are keen to progress. A big thank you to the organisers and volunteers who attended on those days.

On the Saturday January 14th we had a very successful **Fishing Competition** day run by Ray Mascaro and his volunteers. The day offered perfect weather for the event and we had an excellent turn out of members, their families and friends. A **special thanks to John Trigona from BBA Insurance** who sponsored the event as there were some great prizes awarded on the day. Congratulations to club member Steve O'Brien and his family who did particularly well and won the lion's share of the prizes on offer (full story in our next Quarterly).

We once again had our annual **Australia Day Cruise** organised by Jeff Shawcroft, a big thank you to Jeff. We had a good fleet of both yachts and motorboats who participated on the 2 day/night cruise, the weather was perfect and those who participated had a great time.

## COMMITTEE VACANCIES UPDATE

As you know our club is proud that it can offer very modest annual fees, this is due to most activities in our club is being done by members as volunteers. However, over the past few months some of our volunteers on Committee and on the Subcommittees have retired for various reasons. I sent out a call to arms for Members to step up and volunteer for some of these vacancies. Thankfully we have had some response, Florian Andrighetto has moved from his current position as Safety Supervisor to take on the role of Vice Commodore, Bill McIntosh has stepped up to take on the position of Safety Supervisor and Mim Kershaw will temporarily take on the position as Social Secretary, we thank these members for their support and coming forward to assist the club. We have also had a few members come forward to assist on some of the Subcommittees, this is also very much appreciated. **We still need to urgently fill the following positions on Committee, Rear Commodore and Boating Secretary.** These roles are very important in the running of the club and coordinating various events, if we do not have members volunteer for these positions then we will have no alternative but to cancel sailing and some boating activities. Volunteerism is the tradition in our club, please assist the club and come forward and put something back into the success of our wonderful club. If you wish to know more about any of the roles available just give me a call on 0407045525.

## KEEP UPDATED ON NYS NEWS

As we move forward, being able to hope to start planning more events and activities for the club, particularly after the issues experienced with the Covid restrictions. Hopefully you will see much more happening around the club and events are promoted through our Quarterly magazine, my monthly Newsletter, on our website, and also you will see flyers around the clubrooms. If you have not had a look at our website, [www.nys.org.au](http://www.nys.org.au) for some time, please take the time to have a look. We have recently spent some time updating the site as well as making it more user friendly. There is also a link to our camera, allowing those who are remote to have a look around the marina and see their boats and check the current weather conditions.

## BUILDING UPDATE

As many of you are aware that through Nick Blackmore and his Building Subcommittee, have developed some exciting plans for renovations to our Clubrooms. The plans are available for viewing in the upstairs Clubroom. We will be concentrating on the West deck and stairs area initially. We are still awaiting permits and hopefully some grants and quotes so the works can begin. If you have questions or if you are a Commercially Licenced Builder and would like to be involved in quoting the works, give Nick Blackmore a call on 0409 708 685.

## MARINA WORK UPDATE

I would like to congratulate the Marina Subcommittee and other volunteers who have been working hard on the marina painting and needling of the poles, this was a big effort by all. I would also like to thank Jeff Shawcroft and his team of volunteers for the work that they are undertaking on the fingers, repairing the whalers and stabilising the marina on the northeast arm. This team effort and hard work by volunteers has saved the Club thousands of dollars, well done to all.

## NEW MEMBERS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new Members to our club;

Mitch & Kayleigh Bagley  
Vaughan Platt  
Brent & Helen Smith  
Jenni McMillan  
Jonathan & Jessica Egglestone  
Max & Linda Pattinson  
Greg & Joy Chalmers  
Matthew Goodwin & Pachara Ardpakdee  
Gregory Murray  
Geoff & Jean Denning  
Lynda and David Hanlon

Please make them feel very welcome when you meet them around the club or on our Saturday night happy hours.

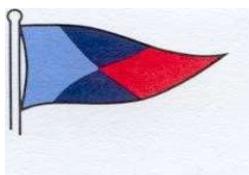
And to our new **Junior Members** we welcome

Sophie Hungerford  
Murdoch Rixon  
Henry Sutton

Did you know we had a category for **Junior Membership** for people under 18 years of age at only \$10.00 per year. If you have children or grandchildren this is a great opportunity, we even hope in time that the Juniors can become more actively involved in the club either sailing or fishing. These new Junior members could be the future of our club!

I would like to wish all members safe boating and a fabulous 2023, I hope that all members make the most out of their membership and enjoy all the facilities that our wonderful club has to offer. I would remind you that as members it is up to each of you to get involved; the more you put in the more you will get out of your membership. I look forward to seeing you around the club, mucking about in your boats, and enjoying great fellowship and social activity.

**Best Wishes**  
**Peter Buitenhuis**  
**Commodore NYS**



Newhaven Yacht Squadron  
Email: [admin@nys.org.au](mailto:admin@nys.org.au)  
Website: [www.nys.org.au](http://www.nys.org.au)