

Newhaven Yacht Squadron
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NYS Commodore's Newsletter March 2023

Dear NYS Members,

I hope you and your families are all well and enjoying life. There is lots going on at NYS and it would appear that after the lack of activity during the Covid pandemic and its accompanying restrictions members are making the best of our club and all it has to offer.

SOCIAL

Certainly, the **Saturday night Happy Hours** have been fantastic with up to 70 people turning up and enjoying fellowship with other members of the club. As I write this, our **Members' Draw** has still not been won and now stands at **\$1,000.00**. Perhaps this also has some bearing on lots of members showing up, with the hope of winning the draw, drawn each Saturday at 6.30 pm and you must be present to win. We open the bar around 5.30pm and our drinks are sold at very reasonable prices. You are also welcome to bring family and friends. We now have three wonderful sponsors and each Saturday night we have a raffle, the prize one week being either a **voucher** from the **San Remo Hotel Motel**, a **voucher** from **Saltwater Bar and Restaurant** and either a **tide clock** or **cooler bag**, the alternate week a fabulous **meat tray** supplied by **San Remo Butchers**. Please support these wonderful businesses as they support us.

Mim Kershaw has also increased her number of volunteers on the Social Sub Committee, and they are doing a splendid job, with lots of activity coming in the next few months including;

Friday 24th March NYS Movie Night, bring some snacks, the bar is open and popcorn supplied;

Saturday 8th April Easter Bunny and easter egg hunt followed by a free sausage sizzle;

Friday 5th May a free wine tasting event, cheese supplied.

There is also a planned **Music Trivia** night coming up and a **Murder Mystery** night later in the year. Flyers for these events are posted in the club rooms and you will also receive an email reminder of social events coming up.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that Marcus Bond has volunteered to join the Committee as **Rear Commodore** and is to be voted in at our next Committee meeting. Marcus is a keen sailor and will be a great asset for the club on Committee. We are still looking for a suitable candidate for the position of **Boating Secretary**, as this position is still vacant.

Our committee is as follows; Myself as Commodore, Florian Andrighetto as Vice Commodore, Marcus Bond as Rear Commodore, David Tonkin as Secretary, Denis Loweth as Treasurer, Mim Kershaw as Social Secretary, Bill McIntosh as Safety Supervisor, **Boating Secretary vacant position**, Ray Mascaro as Motorboat and Fishing Officer, John Baragwanath as Training Officer, Nick Blackmore as Building Officer, and Ray Frith as Casual Berthing Officer.

SAILING AND BOATING

Alen Garrett, Marcus Bond and Ray Mascaro with the support of their volunteers have been busy with Sailability programs and youth programs for our club. We determined some time ago that we need to increase youth activity in our club, and we now have a **Junior membership category**. This is to make junior sailors and junior fishing girls and boys feel like they belong to the club. We hope that if we create a junior membership and junior programs that these young people will be our future leaders. We have our Hansa Dinghies which are excellent for both people with special needs as well as training boats, plus a fleet of dinghies for our young people to learn about and sail.

With our **Sailability program** we are conducting a **young adult fishing day on Tuesday 4th April**. We will have 12 participants plus their carers, **10am to 11.45am** and then another group **12.15 to 2.00 pm**. The idea has been popular in the past and **we need at least 6 power boats to volunteer for the day plus helpers onshore**. Participants will have a range of special needs; some may have difficulty with balance and may need to be seated. The idea is for these young people to experience power boats and perhaps a bit of fishing. This is a big day but very rewarding, so if possible, please set the day aside so that you can assist. For further information contact either **Ray Mascaro on 0418 353 534** or **Alen Garrett on 0429 417 552**. It is fabulous to see the team of volunteers who support our Sailability program, they are to be commended for their enthusiasm for these programs.

On **April 22nd** we see the return of the **Winter Series yacht races**; if you are still lacking confidence with your yacht, these are an excellent way to learn how to sail your boat on all different courses. The **Winter Series** is a stern chaser series where each boat leaves at a set time dependent on their handicap, slow boats first and faster boats last. This means each boat starts on their own time. These are great fun, and I would encourage all sailors both experienced and novice sailors to participate. Over the winter there are some fantastic days and often fairly calm seas. If you wish to learn more about these sailing days give our new **Rear Commodore Marcus Bond** a call. You can contact him on **0428 725 675**.

KEEP UPDATED ON NYS NEWS

Over the last week or so you will have received our **Autumn Quarterly**, it is once again an excellent production, and we congratulate Peter Watson on his sterling efforts in putting the magazine together. There is lots of information and interesting articles for members to read. Our Quarterly magazine is the envy of many Yacht clubs. If you have interesting articles or inclusions for the winter edition, Peter is always looking for content or photos to add, and you will find his details on the inside front page if you wish to contact him.

GRANTS UPDATE

Many of you know Peter Smith is looking for potential available grants to assist the club and is working hard behind the scenes trying to obtain grants for our various projects. Last month he attended a Bendigo Community grant night. **Bendigo Bank** of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville

operate as a Community Bank- this means that 80% of the profits earned from local customers are retained locally and made available each year through a generous grants program. NYS is a customer of the San Remo Branch. Every year, a local volunteer board of directors meet to consider applications for grant funds. Applications are received from sports clubs, service clubs, health services, community groups and many more. An important consideration in assessment of this year's NYS grant application is the number of bank customers who identify this club as their choice for local funding support. If you have not already completed a community banking card at your local branch, it will be of great benefit to us if you could complete one during March.

NEW MEMBERS

Each month we welcome many new members, I am pleased to welcome the following new members to our club;

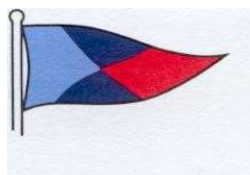
Simon & Jessica Kirton
Nick Kostelac
Murray & Di Pinal
Peter & Miranda Shaw
Alan & Susan Foon
Jay & Linda Young
Ross Eldred – Reinstated
Liam & Caitlin Killeen
Stephen & Amelia Trappett
Warwick & Cherie Brown
Warren & Imogen Flentje
Kirk & Tammy Humphry

Please make them feel very welcome when you meet them on Saturday night happy hours, at a function or around the club.

Please keep safe when out boating and prepare your boat and safety gear before you go. As always, I look forward to seeing members around the club, and I hope you have an excellent month.

Best Wishes

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