

Newhaven Yacht Squadron  
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## NYS Commodores Newsletter May 2023

Dear NYS members,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying Autumn and still out enjoying the waters of Westernport. Winter will soon be upon us but activities at the club will continue. There are still many social activities planned plus of course our very popular Saturday night drinks and fellowship.

### SOCIAL

It is amazing how fast the year has gone, it is fantastic to see lots of activity around the club, **Saturday nights** we are seeing as many as **70-plus members** turning up to enjoy our wonderful facilities. Mim and the Social subcommittee members are to be congratulated on their efforts in making Saturday night drinks and the other social actives so vibrant and enjoyable.



As I write this, the **Weekly Members Draw** held each **Saturday night** has still not been won and now stands at **\$1,150.00**. To win members must be present, and some lucky member will probably win this soon. We also have our **raffles each Saturday night** which are very popular.



We thank our sponsors **San Remo Butchers, San Remo Hotel Motel and Saltwater** for their sponsorship of the weekly prizes. Please support these businesses as they support us. Admin will keep members updated by email each week regarding social events plus the results of the weekly members draw.

We are also starting to see some events on Friday nights and on Sundays, such as the **Wine Tasting** night held on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May**, the film nights, etc. These activities are designed to help members make the most out of the club and to also increase friendship in our club.

As members you are also welcome to bring friends and family along, as many people do on Saturday nights and at various social functions. If you are a member and have not joined in,

come along and enjoy the fellowship, meet new friends with similar interests and make the most out of your membership. On **Saturday nights** the **Bar opens at 5.30pm**, we are probably the best value bar on Phillip Island, and I would like to offer a big thank-you to those members who volunteer to help serving drinks behind the bar during our events. It really is excellent to see members getting involved and volunteering to assist in making our club such a great place to be.

We do ask on social nights that members clean up after themselves, bring empty glasses back to the bar, and wash any dishes that they may have used. We have no paid staff, so it would be good if we all pitch in to make events light work for everyone.

## SAILING AND BOATING

For the sailors we have a series of Winter races planned, our **new Rear Commodore Marcus Bond** and his sailing committee will keep members up to date with details of the races that are scheduled, starting times etc. If you have a yacht, these races are what's called **stern chasers**, and this is an excellent way to learn how to sail on different courses and in different conditions. Join in and experience these great sailing opportunities.

We are still looking for a **Boating Secretary** to join the committee and assist Marcus and Ray with sailing and fishing events. If you have some spare time to assist the club and assist with these activities, please come forward and volunteer to assist your club.

## KEEP UPDATED ON NYS NEWS

Many of you will be aware that we now have **new Tractor**, this Tractor is larger and is a great asset for the club. Our old tractor is being detailed and repaired by Jeff Shawcroft, who has volunteered his expertise and time to do the work, this is a commendable effort for the club well done Jeff, I am sure everyone appreciates your wonderful contribution. The old tractor will be sold as soon as it is ready, and we already have had some offers.

## MARINA WORK UPDATE

Florian, our Vice Commodore, has been busy organising **working bees** around the marina and club with the marina subcommittee; many improvements are being achieved so well done to all those members who have volunteered their time to help around the club.

## BUILDING UPDATE

Our **building expansion** and **renovation** plans to the west of the club and the front of the club are now almost finalised and ready to go tender. If you have not seen what is planned, you will see a **copy of the plans in the foyer** of the club rooms. The plans look fantastic and will make the **west deck area** and **new stairs** much more user friendly and make great use of the extra space for members to enjoy.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful location and views over the marina and Westernport. **Nick Blackmore** and the **building subcommittee** have worked hard over many meetings to bring this concept to fruition and hopefully the plans will go out to tender soon so works can start and perhaps be ready to enjoy next summer.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new member [Claudio Robles](#) to the Club.

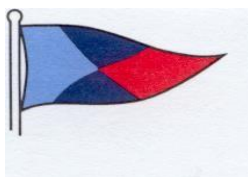
We hope that he enjoys our club and all it has to offer and makes many new friends along the way. When you meet our new member, please make him feel very welcome.

On a sad note, many members would have known club member Mark Rich who sadly passed away recently, and our condolences go out to his family and friends, he will be sadly missed.

I look forward to seeing members around the club, either at our social events or just around the club mucking around in boats. Keep well and keep safe.

Best Wishes

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