

Newhaven Yacht Squadron

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NYS Commodore's Newsletter October 2023

Greetings all,

This is my first newsletter as your new Commodore. I'd like to start with thanking the members of the Committee for their contribution over the last year and also thank them for renominating once again. I look forward to working with them and continuing all the good things happening around the club.

Annual General Meeting 14 October

Our AGM was held on Saturday 14th October, and all went well. Thanks go to all those who attended, it was very pleasing to achieve the mandated quorum well before the advertised starting time which enabled the meeting to start on time. Something which hasn't happened for a few years and saved the need for last minute phone calls. A complete list of the members of the 2023/2024 Committee will appear in the next Quarterly magazine with all their contact details.

Working Bee - Saturday 28 October

If you are planning to come along to this year's working bee this **Saturday 28th October**, please make your intentions known by a brief email to admin@nys.org.au. Please also include any work preference you may have and any equipment or tools you can bring with you. I thank Mim Kershaw and her social subcommittee for providing the refreshments throughout the day.

No Happy Hour this Saturday

Please note there **will not be a Happy Hour this Saturday** on account of working bee activity all day.

Opening Day - Saturday 4 November

Come along to make this day extra special! Dress up your boats, yachts or motorboats with flags, bunting or whatever, dress yourselves up as buccaneers, or not, but come along!

The day will begin with a sail past the Commodore's yacht which will be anchored in the bay just north of the green starboard post in the channel. Then all boats motor up to the top light and sail in single file past the Commodore led by our Vice Commodore Bob Sterling and with our Rear Commodore Marcus Bond taking up the final position. Makes for a great spectacle. The more boats the better! Following the sail past a wonderful guest speaker Sheree Marris will absolutely amaze you.

Life Membership - Peter Buitenhuis

Following on from Sheree Marris will be life membership awarded to Peter Buitenhuis which will come as no surprise to anyone who has been associated with our club for more than 5 minutes. Peter has been our Commodore for ten years and could not be more worthy of this award. Come along and support him.

Marina Repairs

As advised at our recent Annual General Meeting, one of the fingers on the marina was close to collapse needing urgent attention. The matter was taken in hand by Jeff Shawcroft who planned and directed the job. Taking several full days with many volunteers assisting, a complete overhaul of the finger was achieved with an excellent outcome. My thanks to all who assisted Jeff. As I mentioned at our AGM, we have serious challenges addressing the deteriorating state of the older southern portion of the marina which must be attended to without delay and will be an expensive exercise. Stay tuned.



Pictured: Derrick Kershaw, Hardy Weller, and Colin Diggins commencing removal of rotted material.

Pictured: Bob Sterling, Vice Commodore, inspecting complete repair.

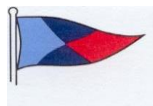
Club Boat

Our new club safety boat has been expertly serviced and prepared for our specific needs by a small group of members and should be in the water within a few days. It is intended to mark the official arrival of the boat with a small handover involving representatives of the Bendigo Community Bank who have been so generous with the amazing grant of \$52,750 towards the purchase.

I look forward to working with you all towards the betterment of our wonderful club throughout the coming year.

Happy boating

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