

# Newhaven Yacht Squadron

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## NYS Commodore's Newsletter December 2023

As this will be my last newsletter for the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

### Christmas Dinner & New Years Eve

The recent **Christmas Dinner** held at the club was booked out and a resounding success. Thank you to Mim and the Social Subcommittee who worked extremely hard to ensure the room looked great, the food was excellent and the entertainment from Peter Buitenhuis was amazing. Thanks again.



Come and celebrate **New Years Eve** with us, **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** with festivities to start from 7.30pm. Our Social Subcommittee have organised a Live Band for entertainment along with BYO nibbles and the bar open its sure to be a great night! Please RSVP and make payment, \$15 per person, to confirm your booking.

### Happy Hour

It seems that with every week that passes **Saturday night Happy Hour** at the club between 5.30pm and 6.30pm continues to grow in popularity. Not only do the number of members attending continue to grow, but also the members' draw. As I write this the draw stands at **\$1875**. As you know you must be in attendance for the draw to be eligible to collect the money. Win or lose, having a few drinks and nibbles provided by our fantastic Social Subcommittee with friends old and new always makes for a pleasant night.

### Clubhouse Use

Your committee has recently discussed the policy for member use of the clubhouse. It is as you would agree a beautiful space with the best outlook for a gathering with friends or family and I encourage you all to consider taking advantage of the wonderful space for your next gathering etc. Contact Chloe in the office or Secretary and booking officer David Tonkin, for availability including weekends when not required for club purposes.

## Maintenance Yard

Your committee, and particularly Vice Commodore Bob Sterling, in unison with Yard Manager Glenn Botterill, have been improving the system for the hauling and launching of boats into the boatyard for maintenance work. Just a reminder that if you are looking at putting your boat into the boatyard you must fill out a form obtained from Glenn or the Office which places your boat in the queue so that you know exactly where you are in queue.



## Fishing Day 20/01/2024

Save the date for a mammoth fishing day on the **20th of January** next year being organised by Ray Mascaro, motorboat and fishing officer. Some good prizes will be there for the taking so stay tuned for further bulletins from Ray in due course. Also, thanks to Ray for running the kids fishing day last month which despite some unfavourable weather was well attended and very much enjoyed by the families that did attend.

## Power Boats around French Island Cruise 07/01/2024

The around French Island cruise originally set down for 7 January next year has by necessity been **postponed**. Unfortunately, the tide prediction for that date indicates a very low high tide which would make it difficult for the safe circumnavigation of French Island. A new date is being discussed and will be published as soon as possible once confirmed.

## Certificate of Currency

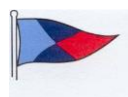
There has been some confusion about submitting a Certificate of Currency for your boat. The owner of every boat whether in the marina or a ramp user, must provide a Certificate of Currency to the office when the boat insurance is renewed. No exceptions. These certificates are readily available from your insurance company by making a simple phone call to the broker who will instantaneously email a copy to you. Be prepared for a follow up from Bill McIntosh our Safety Supervisor if the new certificate is not lodged. In those cases, your access to the marina or ramp will be suspended until such time that the certificate is received.

## Syndicated Berths

Notice is hereby given that within 30 days of this notice syndicated berths will be grandfathered and no longer available. The committee has made the decision on the basis that the provision has rarely been used and there has been no interest for many years.

Keep safe over the Christmas break and happy boating.

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