



KMYC – *Your Club*

April 2023 ~ Commodore Chris Jensen

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the newsletter. I hope you have been out and about on your boats.

We have been out a couple of times, but also been travelling. We did a two-and-a-half-week trip to Tasmania, firstly to Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour on the southwest coast for a cruise aboard the newly launched catamaran *Odalisque III* from On Board charters. To reach this remote region you need to sail around from Hobart, hike for six days or catch a light plane. We took the latter option.



It was beautiful and breathtaking, and we had the best weather. We kept our eyes out for Nan V who was also down that way, but unfortunately, we missed them.

While we flew home adventurer John Spry flew down to help Richard bring Nan V back to Sydney. According to John it was a wild trip in a couple of places. We look forward to hearing more from Richard on his Tasmanian adventures.



Keep your eyes out for Briar's article on this trip in the Aug/Sept issue of Outback magazine and also the road trip around Tassie that followed, which will appear in NRMA Open Road magazine.

Back in Sydney the action has continued with a number of social events. Below you will find a summary of what KMYC has been up to.

The next event is the end of season dinner on 20th May. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Cheers Chris.

Fishing Day

Our family fishing day organised and facilitated by Dawn and Garry Sexton saw 26 adults and 18 children participate on eight boats. They gathered early for the breakfast cook up where children were gifted a fishing rod and skippers received a fishing kit and bait. Following breakfast, the eager crews headed out for the day's fishing, returning in the afternoon for weigh-in on the Founders Lounge deck.

And the awards went to:

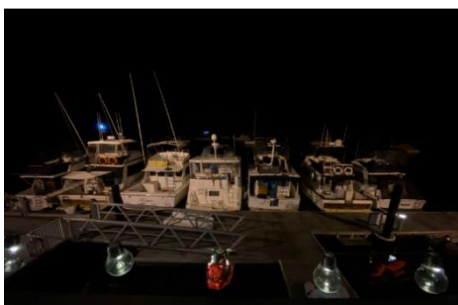
Jim Lendrum – Heaviest Fish
Marlee Astridge – Youngest Angler
Mackenzie Sexton – Champion Girl
Sia Wilson – Merit Award
Patrick Sexton – Merit Award
Oscar Tailby – Heaviest Other Species
Alan Fraser – Endurance Award



A fry-up for the kids was followed by cooking the catch for the adults, supplemented by fish, compliments of Garry. Celebrations continued into the evening.

Thanks once again to Garry, Dawn and helpers who buy the gear throughout the year, coordinate and run the event with assistance from the social group. Well done guys!

Pontoon Dinner



What a big week. Fishing one weekend and the pontoon dinner the next Saturday. For those of you who don't know, this event started years ago as a progressive dinner. Boats moored stern-to-the-pontoon and dinner was provided by each boat owner, with guests moving boats between each course.

This evolved to the social group doing the catering, with meals still eaten on the boats, then as numbers increased, we set up tables to eat on the pontoon. However, with inclement weather often rolling in just as we sat down to eat, we had to rapidly move to the Founders Lounge. Now we bypass all the nerve-racking weather-guessing and set up in the Founders Lounge, but still bring boats into the pontoon to at least make it look like it is a pontoon function.

This year it was Italian themed with the Kiosk providing stunning platters for the first course and pizzas cooked on site for the main.



Started early...



Finished late...

As usual, a great time was had by all. Big thank you to Rear Commodore Jim and of course Julie for organising and for the social committee members who helped set up and clean up. Full photos are on the KMYC website.

Colo River Easter trip

After three years of disruptions due to covid and floods I drove up to meet with property owner Cas to ensure all was okay for this year's pilgrimage. And the property was looking stunning. So for those of you who made the trip up there is nothing to say other than wasn't it great! For those of you who missed it let me summarise the event.

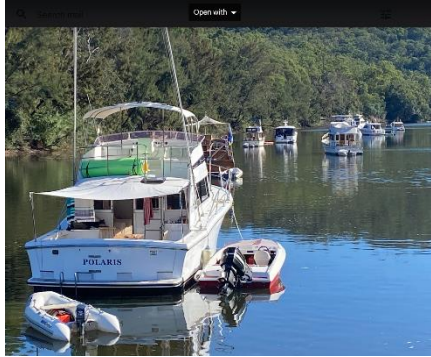


Briar and I drove up on the Thursday (as our mast is too tall to fit under the Brooklyn Bridge) and spent three hours remembering how our tent goes together, as we were out of practice. We had a lovely quiet dinner sitting around our little campfire overlooking the river where we could see phosphorescent silhouettes of fish swimming upriver.

Friday morning as the sun rose and the fleet left KMYC we had a rain shower at the campsite. But this quickly cleared, and Keith turned up with the trailer full of club gear. We unpacked some of it but awaited the flotilla for more hands to erect the marquee. As usual, the

boats were treated to 'scones afloat' as Cathy Astridge cooked and served scones, jam and cream at the halfway point. Delicious was what I heard.

Anxious and Gipsy Rose were the first boats to arrive around 12.00, a new record for Bill. The rest of the fleet Bali Hai, EmJay, Kalinda, Liberty II, Kara Kalinga, Polaris, Stingray Bay, Sanyati and Quick



Smart followed in the next hour or so. On shore we had Briar and I in our tent plus the Kennedys in their caravan. Set up of the marquee and camp kitchen was quick and with the firepit dug and a huge supply of wood provided by Cas, we settled in for the afternoon and dinner.

Saturday day morning Jim Lendrum and I took the club dinghy up river to check on flood changes to our usual picnic spot.

While the river had changed, we now had a sand bar and beautiful sandy bank for lunch.



Gathering the dinghy flotilla 11.30 we all set off up river. A great picnic followed and around 2.00 as the tide turned we

115 tied all the dinghies together for the traditional drink-and-drift home. A wonderful day was followed by dinner on shore and bonfire.



Sunday various activities both onshore and offshore were followed by the well renowned water fight. Any trepidation about cold water was immediately dispelled during the absolute drenching that followed. I think we can declare Nick and Alice from Polaris as the winners, as even though they only had buckets they zoomed around soaking us all.

The weather was fine all weekend, but the wind onshore was gusty. We had to tie the marquee down with heavy logs during the day, but thankfully the wind died back in the evening in time for dinner.



Monday everyone came ashore for breakfast and pack up. Again, this was pretty easy, but we did have a minor drama. We took all the ground supports out of the marquee and moved it out into the sunshine to dry. As we ate breakfast a strong wind gust picked it up and hurled it down wind. We chased it (hilarious) but it landed heavily

and some of the poles broke. I will see what is salvageable, but we may have to look at buying a

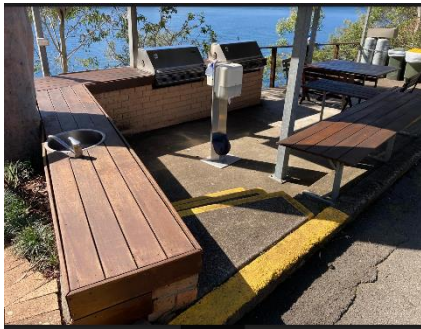
(sturdier) replacement. Considering it was bought cheaply for our 60th Colo anniversary, which was around seven years ago, it has lasted quite well.

Boats started departing around 9.30 – 10.00 but we and the Kennedys stayed Monday, enjoying a beautiful day on the pontoon and huge bonfire to see the night out. Oh well, back home to reality and of course the caravan and camping show.

Looking forward to next year and thankyou to Cas and Margaret for the generous use of their land and pontoon.

Too cold for boating?

Remember our club grounds and Kiosk can provide a fun family day for members and their guests, and our Achievers Group, along with Keith, ensure the place is looking neat and tidy.



Recently the Achievers took on the BBQ area and seating up near the club house. A clean and paint has it looking fresh and inviting, and surely it has the best view of any BBQ in Sydney!



If you don't feel like hopping on your boat, why not set up a BBQ and picnic here.

Again, thanks to those members who worked on the day.

Envirocycle

So, after many, many months we are nearly there. The excavation was completed only to learn the concreter laying the slab was now delayed by six weeks. Luckily, we found another contractor who could step in. Dincell then set the tank up and poured the concrete and the roof. Following that we had the inside joints cold sealed as double protection against any leaks. Kim Higgins will now install all the electrical and technical bits and reconnect it back into our system.



We will need to backfill the site and put in drainage, which Keith and Alan are doing in conjunction with Kim, followed by landscaping. Then the club system will be back in action, hopefully for the next 40 years. Thank you to Vice Commodore Bruce Quick who stepped in to oversee the contractors as Briar and I headed to Tassie in the middle of the build!

Now we are turning our attention to the driveway down to the kiosk, so they can finally get deliveries back down there, which means we can move their storage container out of the upper carpark. Then it's removing the mess that has been dumped on what is to be the overflow carpark, which is where this whole project started, seal the carpark and install a boom gate to keep the public out.

Kiosk

Trent and Angela and of course Sia have advised changes to the Kiosk opening times for you to note.

The kiosk will be trading 6 days a week from now until Sunday June 4th being closed on Tuesdays.

They will be closing the Kiosk for a short break from Monday 5th June through until Thursday 29th June and this will also give the chefs some time off.

It will then be open again from 30th June in time for the school holidays running 7 days a week. Have a nice break guys.

Save the Dates

End of Season	20 th May
Raft Up Weekend	10 th – 12 June
AGM	21 st June
Off the water weekend	28 th – 31 st July

And later in the year St George visit.

While we have no reciprocation rights with other yacht clubs, there has been a tradition of St George Yacht Club visiting us and vice versa. Covid has been an interruption, but this year we are scheduled to visit them. I have reached out and we agree that a visit in the later part of the year when the weather is warmer would be more fun. So if you haven't seen this part of the world it's a great opportunity to get out on the water there while enjoying the hospitality of their members. Make a note in the diary for October. Details will be ironed shortly.