



THE HALVORSEN FAMILY ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

15th February 2025.



This is to give notice of an exciting event that KMYC will be supporting next year so mark your diaries.

The arrival of the Halvorsen family in Australia commenced a great tradition of boat building. The contribution of this family to boat design and building, Americas Cup and offshore and inshore yacht racing, skiing, Australian Rugby, dairy farming and the Norwegian Seamans Mission extends beyond just the classic timber cruisers built at Neutral Bay and Ryde by Lars Halvorsen Sons..

Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club is home to the largest cluster of boats sharing the Halvorsen name ranging from the Lars Halvorsen Sons boats to Island Gypsy's and Halvorsen Gourmet Cruisers.

Empire Marina at Bobbin Head is recognised as the post war home of Halvorsen Boats hire business and is well recalled as the starting point for many an amazing holiday.

Together KMYC and Empire Marina, Bobbin Head are coordinating the Halvorsen Centenary Cruise.

Planning is underway along the lines of :

Friday 14th February

"Halvorsens" Cruise from KMYC to Bobbin Head. Empire Marina will make available a large number of free berths in a raft up style stern too on the "sales" wharf and bow lines to the shore. Around 15 boats up to 42' long can be moored in this space. Longer vessels should indicate their intention to join the cruise and would have to anchor or use the public moorings at Bobbin Head. If possible Empire will try to manoeuvre their berthing to accommodate the larger vessels but so far out, it cannot be assured.

Arrive by 5pm.

Dinner (at individual expense) will be at Waterside Bistro and can be BYO (corkage applies) or from their wine list. We encourage all participants to join this dinner to meet or catch up with other owners as the restaurant will be opening just for us (minimum headcount will be required to confirm the dinner reservation)

Saturday 15th

9.00 - Members and guests not already at Bobbin Head meet at KMYC

9.45 - Remaining KMYC Boats leave club and sail down to Bobbin Head.

10.30 - Invitations will be sent to the extended Halvorsen family to come to Bobbin Head from 9am Saturday to view the boats they may have heard about but few have seen. The Halvorsen Family and their guests will be allocated to available boats (note that at this stage we do not have fixed numbers this will be sorted out closer to the date). Those boat already at Bobbin Head will be released from the raft up.

11.00 - Boats return to KMYC for sail past.

- 12.00 - Boats return to moorings (however we will have some special boats on the Waterfront for viewing).
- 12.30 - BBQ sausage sizzle to be held in the club Grounds. This will be paid for in advance and will be BYO drinks (again details to be sorted).
- 1.30 - Presentation to be held in Club House with short PowerPoint on the History
- 2.30 - Able to view boats on the Waterfront or have a coffee at the Kiosk or wander the grounds.
- 3.30 - Yet to be determined either KMYC Boats could be used to ferry Halvorsen Party back to Bobbin Head or we will look to see if we can lay on a ferry back (this will depend on Numbers).

We already have a number of Members supporting this venture and we thank you for putting your names forward. We will be in contact with you as we firm this up.

For owners of other than Lars Halvorsen, Island Gypsy, Gourmet Cruiser, Broadwater etc, we are hopeful of a special boating experience so you may even wish to come out to Cowan Creek in just to see the Cruise pass or just join us onshore for the BBQ and presentation or even attend the Dinner Friday night – a special present for your valentine (14th Feb...)

So what we need is an indication of numbers especially for the Friday night and BBQ.

On the attached email and below there are a few questions which we need you to respond to if you are planning on attending some or all of the weekend.

Questions.

Your Name.

Boat Name and lengthft

I would be interested in attending Dinner at Bobbin Head - YES or NO

If yes, There would be a party of , How Many for dinner

I would need a mooring at Bobbin Head. - YES or NO

I would be interested in participating in the sail Past at KMYC. - YES or NO

I would be interested in attending the BBQ at KMYC - YES or NO

If Yes, There would be a Party of . How Many for BBQ (cost circa \$20 per head)

If needed I can help run Guests back to Bobbin Head. - YES or NO