



Nine Dragons

From the Helm



Dear fellow members, 2019 is proving to be a very exciting year for our club and so it should be as we are well into celebrating our 80th year.

Our year on the water has been successful and invigorating. Some highlights include a World Championship in the Etchells to Martin Hill, success in the Junior fleets with Archie Cropley and Max Paul winning the 29er World Championships in Lake Garda, Italy and our one design fleets, Adams, Super 38s and Farr 40s continue to represent the club superbly. Our cruisers have held some major events and completed some epic voyages. Chris Canty circumnavigation of the world - 7,000 nm of which was solo.

The on water volunteers have been committed to excellence in race management and are an important part of our ability to go sailing. We host the most and biggest Charity regattas on the Harbour and continue to raise money through the generous donation of boats and time to our skippers. Our feature events and in particular the Sydney Harbour Regatta and SSORC continue to show how our committed sailing staff and our volunteers can professionally come together and run successful events. One feature event gaining great support is the annual Women's Regatta which was a great success with 23 boats in a highly competitive fleet.

The board and flags have used the 80th year to reflect on the past but now focus on the future and the next 80 years. Through a strategic planning process the board has launched several new initiatives. Following the establishment of the new constitution last year a new strategic plan has been developed. Integral to this is to form a strategic advisory board. This group is looking to develop a plan of strategic renewal of the club and the precinct to set our future for the next 80 years. It's hoped that plans will be developed over the next 6 - 12 months that can be proposed to the members to gain support and input. From there, sometime in the next 7 to ten years the financial backing to develop these plans will be put in place with a view to implementation. To address the financial aspect of the club's future we have launched the Middle Harbour Foundation which will aim to raise funds for club development and facilitate member development through Frank Likely grants and other grants the trustees see fit to approve. These long term plans will be subject to regular updates for members to understand and give input. These are exciting initiatives.

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We are in the meantime committed to continually improving our club and facilities. It is hoped to makeover the Harbourview room this winter to modernise and improve our function capability. Further we will be engaging in some major refurbishment of our marina. These are not insubstantial costs but necessary ones. We, in conjunction with the Foundation will be looking to raise money through donations, bequests and fund raising.

I commend the 80th celebration Commodores dinner this year to be held on Friday June 21st. We invite you to this event which will be very special in terms of scale and entertainment. We continue to look for items that can be auctioned and sold or raffled to help with the fundraising. This is of course an important event, but we are hoping to make every event a celebration of our 80th year. Some events that are nearing are the Seniors lunch and the Long Lazy Lunch. Keep an eye on the news to learn more!

Further work has been carried out focusing on our present and future sponsors. Our sponsorship committee is looking to develop our offering to sponsors. This ties to our social media and the need to develop our social media. We are needing member help to point us toward potential sponsors that we can approach and present to. Without the support of sponsors we don't go sailing and the sponsorship dollar is an ongoing challenge for the club.

Sadly we have lost a few members over the last quarter. They were all characters and volunteers at the club. They will be sadly missed but always remembered. Unfortunately death is part of life, but it is a great sadness when it comes.

Our club is in an exciting era. We continually face challenges, but the club and the spirit of the club and volunteers is palpable. I want to thank all our committees, volunteers on and off the water and the tireless work of our staff ably lead by our CEO Karen Baldwin. I commend volunteering at the club to you. It is of great reward and is necessary for our club. We survive on the efforts of our volunteers. Please continue to support the Middle Harbour family as it is core to our future.

In the meantime happy sailing, be safe and enjoy the sport that brings us together

Peter Lewis (Commodore)

Chairman's Report



John McCuaig (Chairman of the Board)

A huge thanks to Julie Hodder for assisting us in getting this newsletter together. Its people like Julie who are the heart & soul of the club and without supporters like this the club would not survive.

We have been for some time wanting to have a vehicle that would enable Board and Flags to provide you with regular updates about what is happening around your Club and to introduce you to key people who are involved and committed to make the club a

The Club has been and still is, working on a Strategic Plan for the next period and the 80th Anniversary is a great time to bring that into play. We have some great visions of what we want the club to look like and want you all to come along the route with us.

The Vision is to make the Club a "Centre of Excellence for Sailing at all levels" and to make it a "Destination" that people want to go to. To do this we need every member to support us along this journey and to do everything possible to promote the club and use its facilities.

We have allocated Board Members heading up key areas of the club operations and whom are working to achieve.

Neil Drabsch	Finance Director / HMYC Foundation
Neil Padden	Finance and Risk / Food & Beverage
Nicola Morgan	Membership / Sponsorship
Sean Lane	Food & Beverage
Rob Aldis	Strategic Planning
Phil Clinton	Volunteer & Senior Membership
Greg Young	Marina Operation
Peter Lewis	Commodore
John McCuaig	Chairman

There are also numerous Club Members behind the scenes that are assisting with their expertise.

I encourage you to participate in whatever way you can.

Why not join Tony Levitt and Richard Hurley (once lead by Lindsay Rose) and his crew of volunteers every Tuesday to help improve our club. There are jobs for all!



MHYC Boats on Fire at Sail Port Stephens

MHYC boats and crews showed their strength in the recent Sail Port Stephens Regatta.



Deborah Lee Allen Photo

Gordon Ketelbey's TP52 *Zen* was a clear winner in **Division 1 of the NSW Championships**.

There were 5 MHYC boats, out of a fleet of 11 in **Division 2 of the NSW Championships** – *Nine Dragons* (Bob Cox), *Sail Exchange* (Carl Craford), *Just a Dash* (Phil Dash), *Khaleesi* (Andrew and Pauline Dally) and *Highly Sprung* (Mark Spring). For 4 consecutive times in a row, Bob Cox in *Nine Dragons* won the NSW Championships – a great effort Bob and crew!



Zen: Nic Douglas Photo

In **Division 3 of the NSW Championships**, *Stormaway* (Jack Stening and Colin Gun) were placed second. Also sailing in Division 3 were *MRX* (Geoffrey Pearson), *Wailea* (Neil Padden) and *Botany Access Cocomo* (Justin Brownbill and Jim Thomas).

NSW Super 12's Championships

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	From
1	LIGHTSPEED	Stephen Barlow	MHYC
2	SWISH	Steven Proud	MHYC
3	LITTLE NICO	Adrian Walters	MHYC
4	LAZY DOG	Shaun/Quentin Lane/S	MHYC
5	Q	Ian Oatley	MHYC
6	RUMBO	Guy Holbert	PSYC/CPSA

Six out of the sixteen boats in **Performance Racing Division 1** were from MHYC. Winning the series by just one point was *Lightspeed*, (Stephen Barlow), *Swish* (Stephen Proud) was third and *Lazy Dog* (Shaun/Quentin Lane) was fourth. Also sailing were *Little Nico* (Adrian Walters), *Q* (Ian Oatley) and *Thirlmere* (Mike Logan).



That division was also racing for the NSW Super 12's Championships and MHYC was placed in the top five of the six boats.

In **Performance Cruising**, *Samarkand* (Walter Carpenter) was third in Division 1 and *Mortgage Choice Rumba* (Robert Carr and Kerry Burke) was second in Division 2. Also sailing in Performance Cruising were *Kayimai* (Rob Aldis), *Macscap* (Peter McClelland) and *Buggalugs* (Jeremy Clark).

In the **Commodore's Cup** which is held on three days beforehand, MHYC also came away with some excellent results.

Botany Access Cocomo (Jim Thomas) has won the **Non-Spinnaker Division** of the three race Commodore's Cup series in the 11 boat fleet. In the 22 boat **Spinnaker Division 1**, *Tempo* (Michael Smith) was 2nd overall, just one point behind series winner *Yarrandi* (David Griffith CYCA) while *Advanced Philosophy* (Mark Hendry) was 3rd, *Lumiere* (Warwick Miller) 4th and *Kayimai* (Rob Aldis) 8th. *Mortgage Choice Rumba* (Rob Carr & Kerry Burke) won the 23 boat Division 3.

Samarkand (Walter Carpenter) also placed third in the RPAYC Pittwater to Port Stephens Race leading in to the event.

Winners of the **Sail Port Stephens Spirit of Port Stephens Trophy for 2019** is the fantastic crew of *Mortgage Choice Rumba* who were chosen because they embody the spirit of participation and fun - and they are just lovely people! 🏆🍷🍹🔧



Kayimai: Nic Douglas Photo



Tempo: Nic Douglas Photo



Nine Dragons

Perfect Autumn Day for MHYC Women's Regatta



Three races were completed for the MHYC Women's Regatta in south-west to southerly breezes mainly 10-15 knots. Race Officer Elaine Fowler and the Middle Harbour Race Management Team had two short windward leeward races in the bag by 1pm, enabling a short rest before the passage race was underway at 2pm.

It was great to have representation from a variety of visiting yacht clubs including Greenwich Flying Squadron, Drummoyne Sailing Club, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Balmain Sailing Club, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Manly Yacht Club and Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

A huge thanks to everyone who competed and the yacht owners who supported this event by participating or lending their yacht to visiting teams.

Major Winners were:

Harkin Women's Trophy (all Female Crew): Div 1 - Kayimai Skye, Eva & Liz (MHYC), Div 2: Alcamy Ruth Lawrence (DSC)

Ron Hyde Memorial Trophy: Div 1 - Kayimai Skye, Eva & Liz (MHYC), Div 2: Ace Janette Syme MHYC

Many thanks to sponsors Helly Hansen, Smooth FM, Chandon and MySail. And to our great team of race management volunteers led by Elaine Fowler.

View results and photos at

www.mhyc.com.au/sailing/regattas-championships/mhyc-womens-regatta#



Action photos by Marg Fraser-Martin



Youth Sailing



Archie Cropley and Max Paul
winning Travellers Trophy at MHYC



Tackers out sailing



Ann O'Brien with her pupils from Stella Maris getting ready for Pacer training. The Pacers are the new Schools teams racing boat and we need more at the club.



The Summer Season for MHYC sailors was very productive with our own Max Paul and Archie Cropley coming home with National and Youth championship titles in the summer holidays. Having started in the Opti's, these guys are now at the top of the tree in the 29er program and poised to continue in the next class they take on. Our Opti and Cadet sailors also travelled and came home with top 10 results in many events both locally and interstate which was great to see.

Youth sailing has now entered the off season; however it does not stop and we have a keen group of 15 sailors on a Sunday still doing the Learn to Sail Program of Tackers (7-12) and Teens (13 – 17). Both groups have been taking advantage of the warm Autumn weather and more consistent breeze to hone their skills.

Our Optimist program has had a large boost with the introduction of Brewer racing lead by the Australian Optimist Coach Rob Brewer offering training sessions on Thursday afternoon and Saturdays. Over 18 kids are doing these programs and its great to see the Opti's lined up on the beach and the keel boat stars of tomorrow training and racing hard out of our club. Both 29er and Cadets are currently realigning the crews but will be back on the water and training for the club with upcoming development programs. The deck is of course too small!

Racing for the winter season has been amended to allow sailors to sail in the RPAYC ice Breaker series as well as **our Winter Series**. See the website for details on the date changes.

The use of club pacers for the school's program has seen numbers expand and 3 schools sailing over the summer Term 1 and Term 4 out of MHYC. We have plans for more schools to join the club and use the facility during the week and join the development and Racing Squads on Sundays. Many of these sailors are already MHYC members so it's good to see them representing both MHYC and their school.

We have had a few changes in staff with the departure of Andrew Phillips who has been of great assistance with the structure and operations of the youth sailing. He has left in place an enhanced management system for the instructors and Sailing Manager and will be greatly missed. We welcome Elizabeth to the Admin role and please take the time to introduce yourself to her and welcome her to our club. We will hopefully have positive news on the Head Instructor role in the coming month....stay tuned.

We are holding a presentation and information evening on Sunday June 2nd at 4pm after Race 1, 2 and 3 of the winter series. A BBQ dinner with a heap of information on the events planned for the upcoming summer season. Rob Brewer will also be presenting his program for the 2019 – 20 season.

Finally we are looking to re-energise the Youth Sailing Committee and need involvement from parents to make this happen. All we are asking is one 1hour meeting every 2 months plus your input to make sailing for the kids great. Please talk to myself, Karen or David if you are able to assist.

Alister Copley (Rear Commodore)

MHYC 80th Anniversary Presentation

Middle Harbour Yacht Club's Annual Presentation Cocktail Party was something special this year as the Club continues to celebrate its 80th year. 140 guests enjoyed a warm social atmosphere and entertainment in between celebrating the achievements of MHYC sailors in club, interclub, national and international competition.

Kirsty Sturrock from Helly Hansen, Glen Wirth from LJ Hooker Seaforth and Russell Waddy from Allsail were on hand to assist Commodore Peter Lewis and President John McCuaig to bestow prizes. MC was Vice Commodore Racing Geoff Charters.

We congratulate all the winners and especially those who won our Special Awards: The Tig Thomas Memorial Trophy was presented to Gordon Ketelbey. Stan Phillips was announced as Crew Member of the Year, Rob Aldis was awarded the Norman G. Booth Trophy and Steve Tucker presented the R.B. Cooper Perpetual Award for outstanding voluntary service.



Tig's family presenting the Tig Thomas award for excellence in sailing which went to Gordon Ketelbey who is overseas sailing.



Ex-commodore Ian Box accepting his Ocean Pointscore prize.



Steve Tucker accepting the R.B. Cooper Perpetual Award



Division 1 Overall winners: Mortgage Choice Rumba (Rob Carr, Stephanie Cook & Kerry Burke)



Nine Dragon's crew accepting awards for 1st in IRC and PHS in Div 1 Ocean Series.



Stan Phillips (Toy Box) accepting the Crew Member of the Year.



Ocean Pointscore IRC winners and second in PHS in Division2: Stormaway (Jack Stening, Colin Gunn & Ian Thomas)



Patrick Delany accepting his many Adams 10 trophies including our old Starters Gun trophy in memory of Ben Nossiter.



Winner of the Slocum and Navigator's Trophies for his circumnavigation was Chris Canty

Club Captain's Report

One of the main goals of the Membership Committee is to increase the club's engagement with you, our members. As such we have reinstated our monthly newsletter again to let you know what is going on. It is still in experimental stages, so let us know your thoughts about our first edition and any ideas on how we can improve it. In particular, we would like to find people who could write articles, provide pictures and help edit this Newsletter. It is a Newsletter from our members to our members.

The membership Committee works in various areas including endeavouring to increase our membership, communication and marketing, club merchandise, volunteers, social events and trying to improve our club décor and facilities.

Increasing the number of members, especially those who will utilise and support the club is our major task and we need your help! Everyone can help by identifying friends or colleagues who have an interest in sailing to become sailing members. Or if they would like to be a member of a club with great views and facilities with its very own beach, they might like to join up as a social member. We have one of the best locations in the world.

Yacht owners and crew: Please check all crew members sailing with you to see if they are actual members. Or are they non-members and are benefitting and enjoying your club without supporting it?

Thought for the Day! The more new members we get and the more current members we get to support our facilities and events, the better the service the club can provide.

Julie Hodder (Club Captain)

Sailing in Asia

It is always fun to catch up with fellow MHYC members and friends who meet up quite regularly sailing in Asian regattas such as The Kings Cup, Raja Muda, The Bay Regatta, Koh Samui, Top of the Gulf and Cape Panwa.

Ramrod, owned by MHYC members Gordon Ketelbey and Craig Douglas is a registered MHYC boat sailed by a majority of MHYC members. However there are lot of other members who charter or crew on other boats.

As in many other regattas, our members tend to get together socially after racing.



A huge thanks to our Sponsors



MHYC 80th Anniversary Events

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB INVITES YOU TO

VIVID SYDNEY CRUISE

EXCLUSIVE TO MHYC MEMBERS



JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING SEEING THE VIVID SYDNEY SIGHTS FROM THE WATER

THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2019
6PM - 9PM

On board MV Benneleg departing MHYC Marina at 5.45pm.
Includes drink on arrival, buffet dinner and tea & coffee.
Members Tickets \$85 | Kids 14yrs or under \$45

To book call the MHYC office on 9969-1244




Middle Harbour Yacht Club
Invites you to celebrate the

80TH ANNIVERSARY

Commodore's BLACK TIE DINNER

to raise funds for the
MHYC Foundation

With live entertainment from singer & tv personality
Tom Burlinson

Friday June 21st, 2019
from 7pm to 11.30pm
at Orso Bayside Reception, Mosman


Tickets \$170 per person
Tickets available online at
www.mhyc.com.au
or at the clubs reception 9969-15244



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LITERARY LUNCH

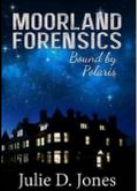
JULIE JONES



The Moorland series is built around a team of sibling private forensic consultants called upon to assist the Devon and Cornwall Police when confronted by a string of baffling homicides.

2 COURSE LUNCH | **JUNE • 18 • 2019** | **TICKETS**
12:00 - 3:00 PM | Middle Harbour Yacht Club | \$60 Members | \$65 Non Members

Tickets can be purchase online at www.mhyc.com.au or by calling the office on 9969 1244
www.mhyc.com.au | 9969-1244 | info@mhyc.com.au | Lower Parriwi Road, Mosman 2088



Julie D. Jones



The 80th Anniversary

SENIORS LUNCH

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club

SUNDAY 14TH JULY, 2019
TWELVE NOON

A selection of speakers will be looking at their

Nostalgic Moments

As members of MHYC

Save the Date
By Invitation Only

More details to follow soon

CLUB RACE OFFICER COURSE 23RD MAY AT 6.00 PM

MHYC will be running the Australian Sailing Course for Club Race Officer on the 23rd May 2019.
The course cost is \$65.00 and runs from 6.00-9.30pm in the Quarterdeck.
The fee includes course materials and the official's shirt which is provided on application after completing the course.

Please register for this course on the link below.
<https://www.sailing.org.au/events/40633/>

Contact the Sailing Office on 8969 3103 or email sailing@mhyc.com.au if you have any queries.

GET CHECKED DAYS

SATURDAY JUNE 15 & SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

MHYC holds two annual Get Checked Days for Equipment Audits, which allows Club Members the perfect opportunity to have their boats audited prior to the new sailing season commencing free of charge.

For PFD checks contact Matt Pyne at the Marina Office or email matt@mhyc.com.au
Bookings for an equipment audit are to be arranged directly through the MHYC Sailing Office or email sailing@mhyc.com.au

HARBOURVIEW BISTRO HOURS

MONDAY & TUESDAY
Closed

WEDNESDAY
LUNCH | 12pm - 3pm SNACK MENU | 3pm - 5pm DINNER | Closed BAR | 12pm - 7pm

THURSDAY
LUNCH | 12pm - 3pm SNACK MENU | 3pm - 5pm DINNER | Closed to the public for Twilight Sailing BAR | 12pm - 7pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
LUNCH | 12pm - 3pm SNACK MENU | 3pm - 5pm DINNER | 5pm - 8pm BAR | 12pm - 9pm

SUNDAY
BREAKFAST | 9am - 11:00am LUNCH | 12pm - 3pm SNACK MENU | 3pm - 5pm BAR | 9am - 6pm

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