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Newsletter 37 – 1,974 “Vice Commodores”

Only 26 to go ... to our 2,000th member (Who would have thought?)

From AFLOAT

“On the Water” page 44 (December 2012 No 278)

Photo of Presentation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA), at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.



[Pick up AFLOAT at your nearest Chandler or Marina, it's free.](#)

The subscript reads “Vice Commodores of Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) gather for the presentation of \$30,120.70 raised through Donations, Raffles, and Auctions for the PCFA. SICYC is a network of cruising yachtys. They meet in the Gloucester Passage each year for the SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous”

Christmas Greetings to SICYC from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia



Thanks

Thanks to all those "Vice Commodores" who have hosted events during 2012. We have seen formal gatherings in the following locations: Townsville, Montes, Dingo Beach, Airlie Beach, Bundaberg, Tin Can Bay, Hervey Bay, Moreton Boat Trailer Boat Club, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Hogs Breath Raby Bay, Southport Yacht Club, Coffs Harbour, Lake Macquarie, Middle Harbour Yacht Club (Sydney), Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (Kirribilli), Hogies Mindarie (WA), Canada, Turkey, Christchurch (SICYC Motorhome Tour of South Island New Zealand), Pancor Malaysia, along with those "Vice Commodores" who have personally organised fund raisers for the Prostate Cancer Foundation ... as well as those who have organised the literally hundreds of impromptu gatherings on beaches, marinas and on board for SUNDOWNERS... Well Done to everybody for putting in the effort to host your fellow "Vice Commodores"

Thanks, also goes to all of you fantastic sponsors of the 2012 "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous. What a great SICYC year ... your support was instrumental in the raising of over \$30,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Well done and a big thanks go to, one and all.

Skipr.net upgrade

The 2013 version of Skipr.net

Skipr.net are working on a substantial update of the software underlying Skipr.net. While the existing code has served them well for many years (much of it was written more than 5 years ago), the world has moved on and mobile phones and tablets are having a real impact on boats and those who sail in them. They are looking for a cross section of Skip users to help us test the new code before we deploy it on the website.

[Enrol in our test programme.](#)

For those "Vice Commodores" who have joined recently SICYC You are able to register on skipr.net at www.skipr.net and have your boat position displayed on

[the SICYC page](#)

A Big Thanks to Hogies from the Westies



To Miles, Vice Commodore Destin, Florida

Shona and Donna and the fun bar staff of Hogs Breath Mindarie in Perth

Thank you for allowing we Westies from the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club to have our home base at your restaurant

We enjoy every get together we have there and hope we have many more

You and your staff make our nights fun and they in turn share in our crazy dress up nights and antics

Merry Christmas to you all

And a very prosperous 2013



Out and About

The last SUNDOWNERS at Cleveland Hogs Breath Café before Christmas ...

This event is well attended on every Wednesday ... so if you are ever in the Brisbane area, you will be made very welcome.



Coffs Harbour



The Coffs Harbour “Vice Commodores” gathered for their first SICYC function, lunch at the Sailing Club .. moves are afoot to create a regular Coffs Event ..

Christmas on the Gold Coast





Seventeen “Vice Commodores” meet for Christmas Dinner and drinks at the Southport Yacht Club on 7 Dec ... Phone numbers and email addresses were exchanged and future events are being planned. Let us know what is planned Guys!

Thanks to Lynette and Daryl “Vice Commodores” Pacific Beach and Port Hughes SA for doing the ground work for this event

A story from Rhonda

Reflect on this ...

A few nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with Carolyn (that hussy) and had a few too many and then topped it off with a margarita - not a good idea.

Knowing full well I was over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a “Redlands Yellow Cab” home.

Sure enough I passed a police road block, but because it was a taxi, they waved it past.

I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise as I have never driven a taxi before and am not sure where I got it from ...

Airlie Beach Christmas Dinner

The Whitsunday "Vice Commodores" celebrated Christmas at Hogies Airlie Beach on 15 Dec
Thanks Sandra from "Grotty Yachty" for the Photos ..



The Whitsunday "Vice Commodores" with the Certificate of thanks to SICYC from The Prostate Cancer Foundation



Holiday Exercise Plan from Jan "Vice Commodore" Island Head



Pancor Malaysia



*A bunch of SICYC "Vice Commodores" having drinks at the
Pancor Marina Malaysia. We will catch up with you guys on the SICYC Sail Away Langkawi
/ Phuket in Feb 13.*

*The Sail Away is shaping to be an exciting SICYC event .. Thanks to Mariner Boating
Holidays, both for their sponsorship of SICYC and for the organising of the Sail Away.*

Who is this "Vice Commodore?"



A Rubber Duckie .. No less !!!!

Send your "guess" to info@sicyc.com.au

The photo from Newsletter 36

Quentin "Vice Commodore" Poverty Point guessed correctly ..

Well done Quinny ...

The photo is of a much younger Carolyn "Vice Commodore" Cassim Island. The third guess picked it.. The first was Julia Gillard and the second was Linda "Vice Commodore" Steephholm.



Send in your baby photo !!!!

Apps available for I Phones and Androids

You may find the following apps useful ... for iPhones and Androids

Knot Guide, Anchor Watch, Navionics (Charts), Rain Radar, Anchor Watch, Au Tides, Tides, Seabreeze, Buoyweather, Rain Radar, Compass, Theodolite, Ship Finder, Go Sky Watch, Pocket Weather, Ray remote, First Aid.

If you are aware of others ... send an email to info@sicyc.com.au and we will publish them in future issues

14 Day SICYC "Vice Commodores" South Island New Zealand Motorhome Trip



Report by Sue “Vice Commodore” Newport Waterways, and Photos by Mark “Vice Commodore” Gilligans Island. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Lindsay and Leigh “Vice Commodores” Bona Bay and Olden Island for hosting this fantastic experience for all involved.

14 “Vice Commodores” attended travelling in 8 motorhomes.

Our New Zealand holiday began in Christchurch and on our arrival we were greeted with a warm welcome from our hosts Lindsay and Leigh Smith.

Our first night was a ‘meet and greet’ welcoming dinner held at Lindsey & Leigh’s home in Christchurch. It was a superb get together with dinner comprising of baked ham, various sides, selection of salads, baked potatoes and if you were still hungry you could indulge in profiteroles and chocolate tarts for dessert. Lindsay spoke briefly about ideas on places to visit and gave us our detailed itinerary of the trip including some pointers on Motorhome driving etiquette.

It wasn’t long after leaving Christchurch on our way to Omarama that we began to discover the beauty of New Zealand region. Ice capped mountains dominated the landscape as we travelled along the Canterbury Plain to the Rakaia Gorge. It was a magnificent drive through Mackenzie country to Lake Tekapo. The aqua blue water of the lake is magnificent; what a disappointment it was to find out it was too cold for a swim. It’s a leisurely drive and you have plenty of time for coffee and lunch stops. Make sure you stop at the salmon farm for some freshly caught salmon or visit the Clay Cliffs just before Omarama. There are numerous fishing spots along the way where you can practice your fly fishing, just ask Lindsay he knows them well.



Lake Pukaki



Bendigo Old Gold Mine

The drive to Queenstown took us over the Lindis Pass, the highest pass on the State Highways of New Zealand. An option before Queenstown is to visit the old gold mining settlement of Bendigo on top a bleak hill. Spectacular views from the hill, it is certainly worth the trip. Queenstown is a tourist Mecca. It’s difficult to choose what to do next: scenic cruising, Slyline gondola & luge, bungee jumping, jet boating or just a relaxing walk around town. Restaurants, cafés, pubs are in abundance, the hardest part is choosing where to go.

Leaving Queenstown we found ourselves on a magnificent drive around Lake Wakatipu stopping along the way for photos trying to capture the best shot of the lake. We are on our way to Te Anua which is the gateway to Fiordland National Park. Our camp site had spectacular view of Lake. Te Anua hosts a large variety of activities, you can visit the famous Milford Sound, a lake trip across Lake Manapouri, visit the glow worm caves by boat, view the Fiordland by sea plane or visit hydro-electric power station. A two day stopover is required in Te Anua this gives you a chance to see a little of the area. We are well into the South Island and the temperature is cool.



COOL !!!! KIWI SUMMER !!!!

Retracing our steps back to Queenstown and then drive up the steep winding road to the Crown Range where we stop briefly for photos and to take in the splendid view. We continue on to Lake Wanaka and stop for lunch at Cardrona Historical Hotel. Our campsite at Lakeview Park was spacious and picturesque. The park owner's hospitality was commendable; he went out of his way to help us and supplied wood for a bonfire and BBQ to cook on. Sun downers by the lake with great company watching the sunset, what more could you ask for?

Leaving Wanaka we cross through to Hawea on our way to South Westland. This part of New Zealand is lush and is an enjoyable drive. The lakes have big trout and glacial fed rivers spill out to the sea. Numerous stops are taken for photos and rest stops, it's amazing. You have the opportunity to visit the Franz Josef or Fox Glaciers. Our camp tonight was at the Fox Glacier Holiday Park.



Punakaiki is our next destination on the Westcoast. We travel through Hokitika and Greymouth before following the rocky coastline to Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes of Punakaiki. The blow holes are spectacular in heavy weather. Our beach front camp ground was close to the pub. It worth trying the local brews a very nice drop. A photo shoot on the horses outside the pub was lots of fun, time now for a drink and dinner.

Lake Rotoiti is our next destination and we drive many winding miles via Lewis Pass heading to Murchison, more winding miles up the spectacular Buller Gorge. Don't expect too many straight stretches of road in New Zealand. We cross the Buller River and continue driving to Nelson Lakes National Park. Our camp site was at the Lake Rotoiti Camp Ground. The lake is surrounded by mountains and offers wonderful scenery. Lake Rotoiti has good bush walks, fishing and you can feed the fat eels in the lake.



Our next stop is the famous Wairau Valley where you pass so many vineyards it's hard to know where to stop. Lindsay and Leigh recommended 'Cloudy Bay' and Allan 'Scott Winemakers' both are well known for their Marlborough Savignon Blancs, we weren't disappointed. Our camp tonight is at the Top Ten Camping Ground at Kaikoura on the East Coast. On our way to Kaikoura we stopped to see the seal pups. The seal pups stay in a fresh water stream for several days while mum hunts for food. The seal pups are born in November & December on the rocky seashore either side of the stream.



Seal Pup

Warwick "the morning after"

Lindsay and Leigh have invited us to join them at their holiday home at Goose Bay for a BBQ and bonfire by the creek. Entrée' consisted of Lobster and more Lobster. We had so much food. It was another great evening with the Shaggers we thanked Lindsay and Leigh with a gift.



The Last Supper!!!! Lobster supplied by Lindsay and Leigh

We left Goose Bay knowing it was our second last day before heading back to Christchurch. Hanmer Springs looked like a great stopover. It is about 135KM north of Christchurch. It was another picturesque winding drive to get there. Several of us spent time soaking in the warmth of the mineral waters of Hanmer Spring Hot Pools. Next day is back to Christchurch.

Lindsey and Leigh put together a great tour and deserve a big thank you. The itinerary allowed enough time for lunch stops, tours etc. The Holiday Parks were very comfortable with excellent camp kitchens. We were spoilt with spectacular scenery and the hospitality from our hosts. We did so much in a short amount of time including sampling the famous New Zealand seafood – Lobster and Salmon.

Thank you Lindsay and Leigh.. What a great tour !! Well Done !!

Changing the Anodes

Hugh Harvison VC Twin Waters found the only hole at Pancake Creek when he beached the boat to replace the anodes.



No Hugh! you won't get it back in the water like that!!!

A Senior Moment

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure..'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

Westies Christmas Party



Well the Westies have done it again!!!! Poor Santa!!!



SICYC Christmas at Hogies Raby Bay

As usual the Brisbane "Vice Commodores" came together at short notice to celebrate Christmas in style.

Everybody arrived in theme dress and the Secret Santa's were a heap of fun.



The Christmas in Brisbane was held at Hogies Raby Bay



Inaugural Dinner and Drinks at Tin Can Bay

Ken "Vice Commodore" Mornington Island is to be thanked for getting the local "Vice Commodores" together.... A group of Hervey Bay "Vice Commodores" drove down to join the dinner and really enjoyed themselves ... Hugh and Julie were cruising through and also joined in. Ken is planning this as a regular event, so during the next cruising season make Tin Can bay a stopover and meet the locals

An email from Ken "Vice Commodore" Mornington Island

Hello Ken & Rhonda,

When I thought of having a few drinks & dinner at the Tin Can Bay Marina Bar & Grill, I thought that we might get about six or eight people at this being the first such occasion, WRONG!.

I didn't allow for the power of the SICYC and with your emailing help finished up with a huge gathering of lovely people, who, from all reports had a great time, and a delicious meal, along with the odd drink or few.

And Richard,(mine host TCB Marina Bar & Grill) along with his staff, I think were very happy to almost fill their premises to overflowing, Good job guys!, I think they were beginning to think that we were never going to go home, and that we were determined to drink their fridges dry!.

I want to thank all who attended, and apologies to any I miss or miss-spell, Unfortunately I slipped up on getting everyone present to fill in a "visitor book" so next time I will make ammends.

Firstly apologies from Bruce & Frances,(Catamaran "Swagman") and Patrick & Margaret,(Not yet Shaggers off Catamaran "Mara") and Don & Lorrie,(Not yet Shaggers SY Tien)

Present:- Bob & Julia,(ex Kinta) John & Elspeth,(Galaad) Trevor & Patsy,(Araminta) Robin & Annie,(Joshua C)and their friend Alex, who is visiting from Mexico on his 30 foot yacht, Hugh & Julie,(San Souci) Julie was the official photo taker at the night. Ron,(Dot) George & Marree,(Warp Drive) Thanks so much guys for taking the effort to come down from Hervey Bay, & for bringing Bruce & Liz,(Fraser Bay), and last but not least, Barry & Heather,(Tax Haven), Jo & Sharon (Pelagian) and of course, Bev & Myself,(Mornington)

Once again thanks to all of you.

Ken "Vice Commodore" Mornington

Well Done Ken !!!

Note:

Next function will be an "SICYC and Friends" a dinner at the Tin Can Bay Yacht Club on 18 January at 1800hrs ... Members, wear your SICYC "Vice Commodore" Polos and invite your friends...

Ken "Vice Commodore" Mornington will host the dinner.

Photos of the SICYC Tin Can Bay Dinner Thanks to Julie "Vice Commodore Darlingford Waters





"Vice Commodore" Tin Can Bay just had to be there ...

BIRTH SHARING TRIAL

Reflect on this ...

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labour pain to the father.

He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favour of it. The doctor set the pain transfer dial to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before.

But as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and bump it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine.

But as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and bump it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine.

In due course, the bouncing baby boy was born.

- When the proud new parents arrived back home with bub ... they found the Milkman dead in the front yard.

The Shaggers Net

The High Frequency (HF) "Shaggers Net" is open from June to October each cruising season on the east coast of Queensland Australia.

We would like to recognise "Vice Commodores", John, Kathy and Andy for maintaining the net for 2012.

Opening and operational details of the Shaggers Net 2012 will be notified in May 2013

An email from Andy, Kathy and Morgan:

Morning Ken and Rhonda,

We have closed the SICYC HF Radio Net today as all the boats currently on it are in port and it gets too hard to transmit from the marina with all the interference. The net worked well and we talked to yachts mainly on the coast but also out in New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Solomons and PNG.

We had a great season and met some wonderful people.

Keep up the good work with the SICYC and we look forward to catching up for a Christmas drink.

Cheers. Andy, Kathy & Morgan.

SICYC "Vice Commodores" in Seattle



SICYC get together in Seattle ,

L-R ,

Jan , Tiffany , Clarke , Arnold , Edward ,[Clarkes dad] Charlotte
[Liz Franklin's daughter] Arnie and Jan

British Virgin Islands



The Globe Trotting Dennis (left) “Vice Commodore” Key West FL USA

That Burgee gets around ...

Pittwater



Liz and Jason “Vice Commodores” Tau Kayu and Crystal Bay.

These Guys provided support to the 2012 Rendezvous Thanks!!!

Thanks to the Money Manager ???????



Jan and David “Vice Commodores” Days Gutter and Island Head, being presented with a certificate of thanks by Rhonda. The certificate is being presented on behalf of SICYC and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Jan is the official bookkeeper at the rendezvous and David works tirelessly ... Thanks so much You Two!!!!

Send your photo in to info@sicyc.com.au

The one that didn't get away



Sjani “Vice Commodore” Fame Cove

A Senior Moment

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man.. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

A Blast from the past !!!



Photo taken at Plau Langkawi in November 1985..

John, Gary, and Ken (The now "Vice Commodores" Tiran Island, Ko Lanta Thailand and Raby Bay taken in a past life....)

[Check out SICYC on Facebook](#)

Happy Birthday Heather



At her Birthday Party Phil and Heather "Vice Commodores" Port of Airlie and Funnel Bay

From Rhonda



50 Years Of Marriage...

After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl".

"Now ... I have a \$1,500,000.00 home, a \$70,000.00 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 74-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems

ACCOMMODATION SICYC RENDEZVOUS 2013

SICYC "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous 2013 will be held in the Gloucester Passage, The Whitsundays Australia

from 22 to 25 August inclusive

If you intend to drive or fly to the Rendezvous, it is time to make your accommodation arrangements

Accommodation at Montes Reef Resort and Gloucester ECO Resort has been fully booked.

Please Note:

DUE TO WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL RESTRICTIONS, TEMPORARY CAMPING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT MONTES REEF RESORT FOR THE 2013 "VICE COMMODORE" RENDEZVOUS.

Caravan and Camping

Those wishing to acquire a caravan or campsite booking should contact Hydeaway Bay caravan Park ASAP.

Powered and unpowered sites are available. There is an onsite Kiosk, Rec room, Pool table, Washing machines and dryers, Camp kitchen, Wood fired BBQ and Camp Oven.

Reasonable Rates

Location: 414 Hydeaway Drive, Hydeaway Q4800

Phone: 07 49457170

Email: hydeawaybay@bigpond.com

Website: www.hydeawaybaycaravanpark.com.au

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Arrangements are being made to organise a bus schedule each day of the Rendezvous to convey passengers from Dingo Beach, Hydeaway Bay Caravan Park and Hydeaway Bay Township to Montes Reef Resort each day of the Rendezvous (pay as you go).

Holiday Home Rentals at Dingo Beach and Hydeaway Bay

Get a group together and book a holiday rental home at Dingo Beach or Hydeaway.... Contact Theresa "Vice Commodore" Champagne Bay Qld, on **0417616382**. Bus pick will be arranged for both areas.

Once again an early booking may be necessary as this is the peak Season.

DINGO BEACH HOTEL AND HOLIDAY UNITS

Motel / Holiday units are available

Some units accommodate 6 people. A number of units have been already booked, so call early.

Location: 1 Deike Cres, Dingo Beach, Q 4800

Phone: 07 4945 7153 (Ask for Tony "Vice Commodore" Dingo Beach Pub)

Fax: 07 4945 7073

Facilities: Groceries, Ice, Meals, Bar, Fuel, and **Courtesy Bus available.**

The Dingo Beach Pub is the location for the Pirate Party on Sunday 25 August...

Charter A Yacht / Get your group together.



*Those wishing to Charter a Yacht / Power Boat ... Contact Cumberland Charter Yachts
They will arrange a suitable vessel to suit your needs.*

*Cumberland Charter Yachts (CCY) is a supporter of the Shag Islet Cruising
Yacht*

*Club's chosen charity, Prostate Cancer, by offering a five day charter aboard
Motor or Sail vessel as the major prize for a SICYC fund raising raffle.*

**Check their website www.ccy.com.au There are already a
few "Shaggers" booked with CCY for the Rendezvous.**

*If you are thinking of joining the SICYC Rendezvous in 2013 and don't have a boat
or don't want to sail that far north, then get in early and be part of the fun on the
water by chartering a Cumberland Bareboat. No licence is required and even if you
have minimal experience you can still charter with Cumberland. A comprehensive
half day briefing is included with every charter.*

CCY can even provide you with a live aboard Sail Guide or crew if required.

**Look at www.ccy.com.au on the World Wide Web or give Cumberland Charter
Yachts a call on
1800 075 101**

***If you plan to get a group together - phone Cumberland on
07 49467500 - ask for Adrian "Vice Commodore"
Whitsunday and let him know that you are a "Vice
Commodore" and go from there....***

Accommodation Airlie Beach

**Those who wish to base themselves in Airlie Beach during the
Rendezvous or wish to extend their stay before or after, we
strongly recommend the Peninsula Airlie Beach, the Sea Star
Apartments and Shingley Beach Resort. These accommodation
facilities are long standing sponsors of the SICYC "Vice
Commodore" Rendezvous and offer special prices to SICYC
members.**



**Have Very Merry Christmas
and a
Fantastic New Year
Take Care !!!**

Rhonda and Ken "Vice Commodores"

Caves Cove and Raby Bay