



SHAG ISLET CRUISING YACHT CLUB

Newsletter 66 - 4,473 “Vice Commodores”

Members from 15 nations

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SICYC – “A FLOTILLA OF FRIENDSHIPS AND FUN”



Keeping in contact on the water:

VHF RADIO

Put VHF 72 on Scan

Keep in contact with other “Vice Commodores” at anchorage, in transit, or in marinas....

Look for the SICYC burgees and make a general call to arrange Sundowners or just make new friends while you cruise...

Skipr Net

Keep in contact with family and other "Vice Commodores" while you cruise.....

Join Skipr Net online and register on the SICYC page ... update your location on the site and leave notes for other "Shaggers and Friends"

High Frequency Radio

"SHAGGERS NET" 2016

The "Shaggers Net" will operate from 20 May 2016 to 21 Oct 2016 on the East Coast of Australia on 6516 mhz at 0745 hrs ... which immediately follows the BOM weather daily forecasts for the Queensland Coast.

Dereck Howie (SV Rendezvous) will be listening out each morning from late April and will formally open the "Shaggers" Net on 20 May ...

If you have a HF radio and would like to assist Dereck by way of participating a net control roster ... contact us on

info@sicyc.com.au

An opportunity to Donate without spending money

You can assist in raising money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia through Allianz CPT insurance ...

Click below for all the details .. Just spend a few minutes and arrange a donation of \$20 to the PCFA.

<http://thinking.1am.com.au/how-you-can-support-sicyc/>

Thanks to Llewellyn Motors for administering this initiative... Get your friends behind it !!!

Vale Steve Bell " Vice Commodore" Todd River Alice Springs



Steve became a shagger in 2014 whilst sailing on SV Camelot as a deckie with Joan & Alan Huitema for 6 months. Steve fought throat cancer on his return to Alice Springs then bought a new home in Urunga Mid NSW Coast. Steve was a retired teacher and he moved into his home a few weeks ago. He suffered a massive stroke and passed away January 20, 2016. Steve loved the ocean and felt blessed every day he spent on the water. He was a happy soul who was filled with lots of laughter.

Our thoughts are with his family and his shagger friends...

RIP 25-07-1955 - 29-01-2016.

Website Upgrade

www.sicyc.com.au has had a minor upgrade...

The home page side show and the gallery have been updated.

The Major Sponsors on the home page have been updated and linked to their respective websites.

There is a link to SICYC Boat Insurance.

Progressive membership totals are displayed on the home page.

Photos on the Rendezvous 2016 page have been incorporated to reflect the 2016 themes.

RENDEZVOUS 2016



Rendezvous 2016 Logo...

The 2016 Rendezvous will be held from 25 to 28 August 2016



Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) Inc. is the fastest growing cruising yacht club in Australia with over 4,380 "Vice Commodores" (members) originating from 14 countries.

The strength of SICYC is in its charter, which is to create and maintain a network for cruising yachtlies while being a not-for-profit organisation raising money for prostate cancer. Over \$228,000 has been raised for prostate cancer awareness and research over the past six years.

As SICYC has grown in numbers, so have the benefits of being a member, with an ever-growing number of organisations sponsoring the charity and providing specific discounts to the membership.

SICYC holds a "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous in the Gloucester Passage in the Whitsundays each year on the last weekend in August. The annual Rendezvous attracts in the order of 200 yachts and also attracts a significant number of fly/drive tourists to the greater Whitsundays Region.

The major sponsor of the SICYC is Abell Point Marina (APM). For three years, APM have stood firm in very strong support to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA), the logistic support of the Rendezvous, and the provision of discounted products and services specifically to SICYC members.

NEW ADDITIONS TO SHAGGERS CLUB

SICYC boasts its own pleasure craft insurance policy, providing its members with a solid insurance option at a very competitive price with five percent of annual premiums going to the PCFA. The insurance package has been developed and is managed by Oceanic Marine Risks, another major sponsor of SICYC and the PCFA.

More recently, SICYC has released its own wine, the Shag Islet Wine, which is distributed under the Shag Islet Wine label by "Excelsior Peak Wine"



with 10 percent of sales going to the PCFA.

A feature of the SICYC Rendezvous 2016 will be the donation sponsored by Llewellyn Motors of an iconic Holden vehicle, which will be wrapped in a skin depicting the "Parrot Head" theme of the Rendezvous. The vehicle will be the first prize in the annual Rendezvous raffle.

There will be 20 other fantastic prizes in the annual Rendezvous raffle including a \$5,000 yacht charter in the Whitsundays, sponsored by Cumberland.

In 2016, SICYC welcomes the active participation of Boat Works in Coomera, not only by way of provision of discounts to SICYC members, but actively supporting the Rendezvous and preparing the "Parrot Head" vehicle.

To join SICYC or get more information about SICYC go to www.sicyc.com.au.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are available through Ken Thackeray. Contact Ph: 0428-716-243 or info@sicyc.com.au. Tickets will also be available at various SICYC activities and functions throughout the year, and of course you can buy tickets at the Rendezvous.



SCHEDULE:

The 2016 Rendezvous will be held 25 to 28 August with the major theme being the Jimmy Buffet "Parrot Head" theme. Activities during the Rendezvous include:

1. "Meet and Greet" on Thursday 25 August.
2. An Islet Party (on Shag Islet) Friday 26 August.
3. Saturday, 27 August - Participants will link hands in their tenders, "Holding Hands Across The Blue," for prostate cancer awareness and research sponsored by Abell Point Marina. It culminates with a huge "Parrot Head" beach party at Montefiore Reef Resort, with prizes for the best-dressed "Parrot Heads", best-dressed boat awards, along with a fireworks and raffle draws.
4. Sunday, 28 August - Rendezvous farewell luncheon hosted by Cape Gloucester Resort, the theme "A Pirate's Parley," along with prizes for the best dressed Pirate and Pirate Queen, walk the plank for prostate cancer and finishing in the draw of the "Parrot Head" vehicle.

Other activities during the rendezvous are:

1. The operation of SICYC "Parrot Head Radio FM" each day of the Rendezvous
2. The operation of courtesy boats in the anchorage/mooring areas
3. Helicopter scenic flights
4. Jet Ski Tours
5. Fishing excursions
6. Montefiore Reef Resort and Cape Gloucester provide meals and entertainment over the period of the Rendezvous.
7. A bus service operates from Airlie Beach each day. If you are planning to cruise the Queensland coast this winter, make sure that you include the SICYC "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous in your itinerary.

Extract from Boats Gold Coast Feb 2016 issue ...

Friday 5 February 2016

Ken Thackeray and the members of the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) have been given authority to fundraise in support of the work of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). As PCFA receives limited government funding we rely on the generosity of our supporters and the general community to fund out vital projects such as:

- **Building a Vibrant Support Group Network**
PCFA co-ordinates and funds over 180 Support Groups across Australia. These groups provide a valuable forum for men with prostate cancer to meet with others and share the latest news, treatment and developments in the area of prostate cancer. Partners and other family members also attend and play a vital role in these Support Groups. PCFA also supports a telephone service which puts newly diagnosed men in touch with a Support Group contact in their local area and funds an Annual Conference with updates on the latest international trends and developments.
- **Directing Funds to the Innovative Research**
PCFA funds research for the prevention, cause, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. Under the PCFA's Research Committee, comprising top researchers from all round the country, PCFA will continue to fund innovative research. Such ground breaking research is underway under the supervision of Dr Kristen Radford who with her team at the Mater Medical Research Institute is investigating the potential of a novel prostate cancer protein. They hope to prove this protein is the key to stimulating the body's own immune system to attack and destroy prostate cancer cells.
- **Ensuring Quality Care for Men with Prostate Cancer**
PCFA funds scholarships to ensure that a new generation of specialised nurses will have the skills and training to provide quality care for men with prostate cancer as well as support for the families affected.

Any assistance or service that you can provide to Ken and SICYC, will go a long way to ensure a successfully campaign and the achievement of the aims and objectives of PCFA.

I commend their efforts to you.

Kind regards,



BIG NEWS !!!!!

**We are excited to announce the release of tickets in the
Rendezvous 2016 raffle..**

We are also please to announce the partnership with Llewellyn Motors who have donated, as First Prize, a HQ Holden Kingswood station Wagon.



The vehicle is being presented in an Iconic "SICYC / Parrot Head" wrap donated by Boat Works and PRINT IMAGE Signs



When completed, the Vehicle will be presented complete with roof racks and this ICONIC Surf Board below :

Hand painted by Heather “Vice Commodore” Funnell Bay...



This is a magnificent raffle with the second prize being a \$5,000 boat charter in the Whitsundays donated by Cumberland Charter Yachts Along with 20 other fantastic prizes ..



Proceeds of the raffle go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia ...

Tickets are now available for sale by contacting ken on 0428716243 and from a growing number of ticket sellers ...

If you would like to help in the sale of tickets, your support would be greatly appreciated...

Get your "Parrot Head" gear together..



Be entertained by the Barbary Coasters

Suit up for the pirates Parley on Sunday



Dress your Boats for both Day and Night



Buy your Kite .. For the “Shag Islet” Party



Rendezvous 2016 Accommodation..

For those who have yet to find accommodation in the Gloucester Passage for the SICYC "Vice Commodore" Rendezvous 2016 ...

There is limited land based accommodation during the period of the Rendezvous ...

Here are some options

Hydeaway Heaven



Stunning 7 bedroom, 3 bathroom luxury getaway with water views at beautiful Hydeaway Bay.

around the corner in the estuaries. You can anchor your boat right out the front of the house.



For Details Phone Airlie Beach Transfers & Tours on 0438 089 682 or 0400 032 234

Prices start at \$100 Queen Suite, \$120 King Suite, \$700 whole house

Other possible alternatives are holiday homes in Dingo Beach and Hydeaway Bay (contact local real estate agents online), Dingo Beach Hotel Motel, and the Hydeaway Bay Caravan Park.

Contact the caravan park on 07 4945 7170.

For those flying and requiring transfers from Proserpine airport to the rendezvous call 0438089682 for a transit option.

Those living in the Airlie Beach or planning to take accommodation in the Airlie area, a bus service will be scheduled for each day of the rendezvous (not for Airport Transfer). The Airlie Beach / Gloucester Passage bus schedule will be promulgated closer to the rendezvous...

A final alternative is a yacht hire from Airlie Beach to the Gloucester Passage for the period.. Contact our sponsor Cumberland Charter Yachts ...

Get your bookings in early To ensure your accommodation

You may find that putting your name on a waiting list at Montes or Cape Gloucester Resort may be worthwhile.

Leave a Clean Wake...



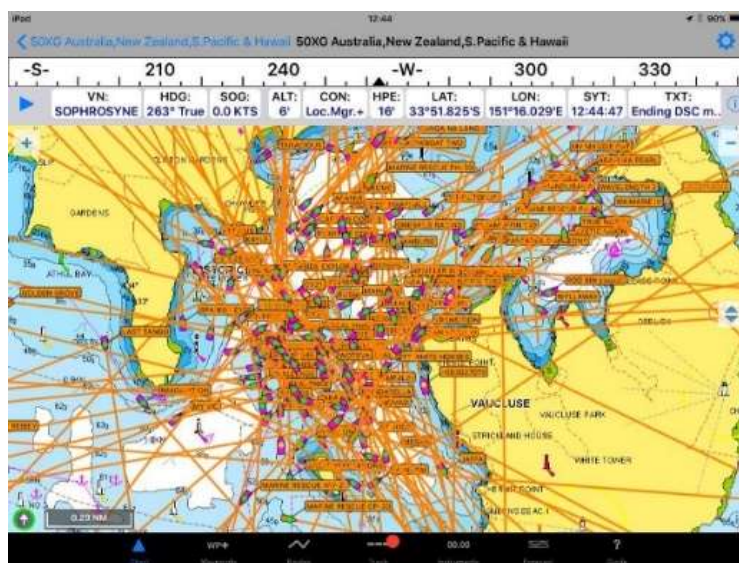


Our Major Sponsor... Special Prices and Special Service to SICYC

APM our destination in the Whitsundays ...

Personalised service and berthing discounts to “Vice Commodores”

AIS Signals in Sydney Harbour on New Years Eve ...



A Big Thanks to Cruising Helmsman Magazine

***For their ongoing sponsorship and support of SICYC
and the Rendezvous***

OUT AND ABOUT

Westies BIG Breakfast



Sandy Vice Commodore Direction Island (Cocos Keeling) is putting on a BIG BREAKFAST on Sunday 20 March 2016, 9am onwards at her home by the sea in Perth WA

Take along your bubbly, and orange juice, a big appetite and a fold up chair

Dress: SICYC Polos..

For acceptances and address

please email Lorraine Vice Commodore Ocean Reef Marina at

brentlor@bigpond.net.au

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Get your SICYC Boat Insurance quote...

Contact Lizzie on 07 3370 2555

Or lizzie.wickham@oceanicmarinerisks.com.au

Read about SICYC Boat Insurance at www.sicyc.com.au

Lunch At Illawarra Yacht Club

On Friday 22 Jan Christine and Mal “Vice Commodores” Catalina Bay and Kilaben Bay NSW hosted a Sundowners for “Vice Commodores in the Wollongong / Illawarra / Shoalhaven Areas..



It was held at the Illawarra Yacht Club....

Sundowners at Hervey Bay Boat Club

If in the Hervey Bay area drop into the Boat Club any Friday and join the local “Vice Commodores” for Drinks and Dinner ...

Wear your SICYC Polo



Sorry about the bleary photo . could they be drunk?



Hogs Breath Café .. the first sponsor of SICYC ... providing 25% off all meals to “Vice Commodores”

Must present your “Frequent Diners Card”

A free dinner on your birth month and donations to the PCFA

Winter purchases online

Get your order in for the SICYC 3 in 1 Jacket / vest....

These are new to the SICYC online shop ... you can wear it as a vest, as a jacket without the vest as liner or with the vest as a liner..

This great value at \$100 including handling and postage.



Go online at www.sicyc.com.au and go to shop ..

Follow the measurement instructions .. add a couple of cm ...

Pay by credit card and it will be delivered to your door..

Country Music by the Lake

A Lake Macquarie SICYC pleasant Saturday was hosted by Barry and Lynette "Vice Commodores" Marmong Cove and Speers Point at the Gwandalan Country Music Festival ...

The group photo includes Dianne Lindsay and Peter Simpson "Vice Commodores Taylors Point and Frying Pan Bay....

Peter and Di were the organisers of the festival ...



They Just Keep Coming

The Cleveland "Vice Commodores" turn up every Wednesday for Sundowners



This Sundowners has been running every week for over 6 years ...



If you are in the Southern Suburbs of Brisbane .. drop in any Wednesday to
Hogs Breath Café about 5.30pm

Some positive thinking from Jan “Vice Commodore” Island Head

The average person walks
913 miles per year, and
drinks 556 glasses (27.8 gallons)
of wine per year.



Which is 33 miles to the
gallon; which is pretty good.

The Pecking / Droppings Order.



Guess these guys worked it out eventually.



Dennis "Vice commodore" Key West



Dennis at Puerto Jimenez, Costa Rica

Dennis and Lori are planning to attend the Rendezvous 2016

Camping on Direction Island

Sandy is “Vice Commodore” Direction Island (DI) Cocos Keeling 12 05. 924’ S, 96 52.815’E to Sandy Paradise. She recently visited her nautical location .. There are no inhabitants, a million stars, and hundreds of ferel chooks.



Sandy wished us all a wonderful and safe 2016. She would like to say that she is grateful to SICYC for enabling her to meet so many likeminded people who love the sea and boating as much as she does.

Gypsy Rose

Peter and Carla “Vice Commodores” Blue Water Marina Cairns and Port Franklin have swallowed the anchor....



Many of you would have shared a sundowner with Peter and Carla over the years ..

All the best Guys ...

A Milestone for Madge and Ken "Vice Commodores" Coco Bay and Islet of Man



After 5 years of construction they have moved their new boat out of the patio into the paint shop.... Congratulations Guys !!!

A Note for your Cruising Calander

Thanks to the **WHITSUNDAY SAILING CLUB** ... SICYC "Vice Commodores" are invited to join the 2016 "FUN RACE" at Airlie Beach .on 20 August ..

In support of the SICYC Charity, The Whitsunday Sailing Club will donate 50% of the \$15 entry fees to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Plan to be part of it Dress yourselves and your boats have a fun day and raise money for our cause !!!!

Get your anchor out of my spinnaker



Around the world clipper race



The Clipper round the world 15/16 Race transited Abell Point Marina in mid January 2016...



SICYC “Vice Commodores” were pleased to be able to assist the Abell Point Yacht Club by the provision of staff to man the welcome desk and individuals to help dockside.

Thanks Art, Margaret, Marlene and Bruce ...



The race of a life time You can apply to participate in the 17-18 series at clipperroundtheworld.com/apply ... no experience needed





Well Done Guys!!!

**We welcome Justin Taylor, Director of the Clipper Around the World Rally to
SICYC ...**

Jason, pictured is “Vice Commodore” Hambel UK...



**He has skippered two around the world races .. Jason is joined by the race
Deputy Director Mark “Vice Commodore” Yarouth**

Welcome Guys .. Fly the Burgee with pride



“Vice Commodores” having done great things!!

Well Done Tiana “Vice Commodore” Seagull Reef and Rod “Vice Commodore” Rushcutters Bay

Tiana “Vice Commodore” Seagull Reef

Extract from the January 2016



Tiana “Vice Commodore” Seagull Reef is pictured at the Pirate Party Rendezvous 2015 with Distinguished Professor Judith Clements and Professor Adrian Herington

Rod “Vice Commodore” Rushcutters Bay

At the SICYC presentation luncheon at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron 22 November 2014, Rod Wills "Vice Commodore" Rushcutters Bay skipper of SV Great Expectations advised me that it was his intention to undertake a fundraising venture for Prostate Cancer Research.

I can now announce that

He raised over \$77,000 from Corporate and Individual Sponsorship.

YES! \$77,000 !!!!

These funds will go by way of a grant to Professor Vanessa Hayes specifically to investigate genome sequencing of Prostate Cancer.

This is cutting edge research on how best to treat this disease. The crew of SV Great Xpectations are receiving a Garvan Institute Community Award at a presentation on Wednesday 17 February .



They achieved their objective in raising awareness and much needed funds for Prostate Cancer even though they only got as far as Bass Strait before retiring from the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Congratulations Rod and Crew.

Australia Day 2016



“Vice Commodores” celebrates Australia Day in many and varied ways





The Nursing Home of the not too distant future



Tassie “Vice Commodores”

Sharon “Vice Commodore” Scout Hat invites “Vice Commodores” in the Hobart area to join them in farewelling Justin and Judy “Vice Commodores” Kangaroo Bay and Kangaroo Bay II ... apparently they are going on holiday to the big island...

Rock up on Friday 19 February 2016 to Hogs Breath Café at 6pm for Drinks and Dinner if you wish.

Wear your SICYC Polos Just roll up!!!!

Reminder

Don't forget to take time to go to the link below to support the Allianz support to the DONATION OF \$20 to the PCFA.

This will cost you nothing but a little time...

<http://thinking.1am.com.au/how-you-can-support-sicyc/>

Australia Day Award

Thanks to the support of fellow SICYC “Vice Commodores”, I was fortunate enough to be awarded “Senior” Citizen in the Redlands City Australia Day Awards..

Rhonda and I thank you all for your support .. This is recognition of work done by so many SICYC members who just get on with it!



The photo is with Cr Karen Williams Mayor of Redlands City and “Vice Commodore” Tingalpa Creek



As a senior citizen, I know roughly which bottle stage of life I am at!!

Cheers to everybody....

Wishing you all a fantastic 2016 ..



Take Care!!!

Rhonda and Ken

“Vice Commodores”

Caves Cove and Raby Bay