



## Newsletter 78 - 5,974 "Vice Commodores"

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**Get Ready for Rendezvous 2018 and the SICYC "SEASON OF SAIL"**



**2018 Rendezvous 23 to 26 August in Gloucester Passage**

**A wonderful four days of fun and Frivolity**

**At Cape Gloucester Resort and on Shag Islet..**

**Look forward to a wonderful "meet and Greet" on 23 August**

**With the Saturday theme being "Parrot Head" headlined by the fantastic**

**"BARBARY COASTERS"**

## **DVD of Rendezvous 2017 now available for sale..**

**The lovely folk from WASP NQ covered the SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous 2017 and have now produced a DVD.**

**The DVD is \$30 delivered. If you would like a copy, contact Adrian and Louise on 0428829483.**

**There are sure to be great memories of a fantastic Rendezvous.**



**Thanks to Adrian and Louise for your hard work and commitment.**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR “SHAGGERS”**

**Well Christmas in SICYC was a big deal with celebrations in Hobart, Auckland, Airlie Beach, Mackay, Hervey Bay, Gold Coast, Yamba, Lake Macquarie and Brisbane.**

**The Following is a collage of photos from the various locations..**



**This the annual group photo of the South East Queensland Presentation Christmas Dinner**

**138 “Vice Commodores attended and the cheque for \$102,000 was presented to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.**



**Distinguished Professor Judith Clements AC and Peter Duffy receiving the cheque on behalf of the PCFA**

**Those sponsors who were able to attend were publicly profiles and were presented with**

**THANK YOU certificates from Judith Clements.**



**Our Major sponsors Abell Point Marina, Gold Coast City Marina, and Oceanic Marine Risks were particularly recognised for their extremely generous support.**





**Check out these photos .. Christmas was celebrated across Australia and New Zealand....you will no doubt recognise somebody...**

## **Gold Coast**



## **Airlie Beach**

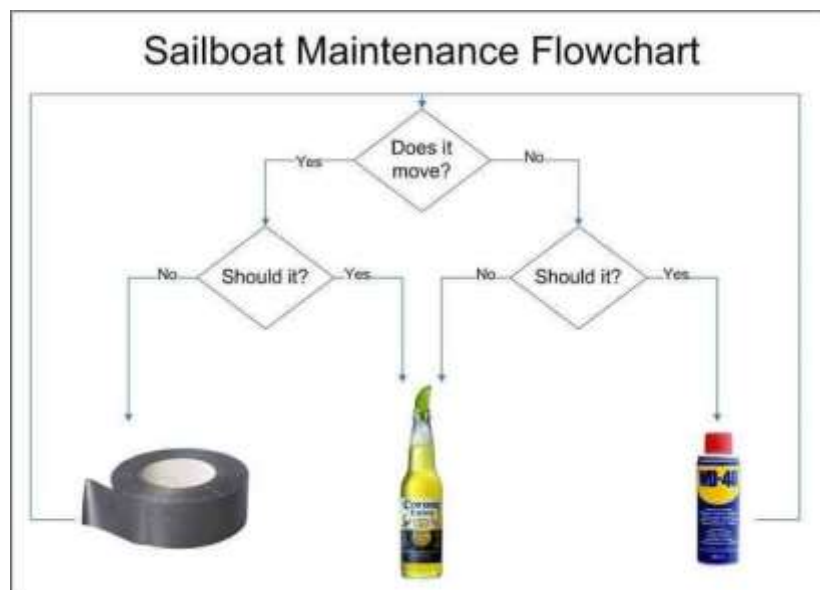




## Auckland



**Just aside a bit of Technical Advice!!!!**





## Mackay





## Lake Macquarie



## Yamba



## Brisbane









**Tassie**



**Thank You to all of those wonderful “Vice Commodores” who made the effort to sponsor these events.**

## **INTRODUCING THE “SICYC SEASON OF SAIL”**

**This is a fantastic new initiative which, we hope, will grow in the future.**

**If you are from Ports South - HOBART, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, SYDNEY, Or INTERNATIONAL CRUISERS**

**You are invited to join this inaugural Season of Sail.**

**By assembling at Lake Macquarie and progress north in company being welcomed by local groups of “vice Commodores” and Sponsors and picking up fellow cruisers on the way.**

## **Lake Macquarie (assembly destination 2018)**

**The First Year of the SICYC " SEASON OF SAIL" Will commence with the Sail and Drive Beautiful Lake Macquarie.**

**15 to 18 April 2018.**

**the concept is to provide a Sail in company for SICYC cruisers on their way north for the cruising season.**

**SICYC " Vice Commodores" from ports South are invited to converge on Lake Macquarie on or before the 14th of April.**

**Our hosts Geoff and Ellen King in cooperation with the Local Vice Commodores have created a programme of activities to introduce the group to the Beautiful Lake Macquarie.**

**If you are not planning to sail north, you are invited to attend by car and or caravan.**

**So if you are planning a passage north from ports south for the season or would like to join the season of Sail by car and or caravan**

**To register contact Geoff or Ellen..**

**The programme**

**Sunday 15th April 2018 - Welcome lunch at Club Catalina commencing at 1200 hrs. (PAYG). Participating yachts to be anchored either side of Styles Point.**

**Monday 16th - 0900 SKED on VHF72 followed by a lake sail to a lakeside park, (hopefully south), for a picnic/BBQ lunch. 'Land lubbers' to be hosted on local sail boats. Fleet to then anchor either side of Wangi Wangi depending on wind. Caravans to Wangi Wangi Caravan Park but note there has been a request to Council from Rathmines locals to reopen the old RAAF base carparks to casual caravan parking. This may be resolved by April.**

**Tuesday 17th - 0900 SKED on VHF72 followed by a sail , to a lakeside park for a picnic/BBQ lunch. Then sail to an anchorage adjacent to a lakeside restaurant or bistro for a closing dinner. (Lubbers may have to follow the fleet by car on this day. Yet to be determined).**

**Wednesday 18th - provisioning for vessels travelling north. Local VCs will assist with ground transport to supermarkets as required. Water is readily available. Fuel is available from two marinas but deep keeled boats are limited to Marmong Point.**

**This will be followed by a fully hosted tour of the Clarence River ...**

**Geoff & Ellen King**

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**Thanks Geoff and Ellen and the Lake Macquarie “Vice Commodores” for your effort and participation in the process**



## **The Clarence River (What a cruisers Paradise)**

**Stage Two of the 2018 "SICYC SEASON OF SAIL" 30 April to 7 May**

**This will follow the Sail Drive Beautiful Lake Macquarie which will conclude 18 April, allowing AMPLE time to cruise in company to Iluka, taking in the ports of the NSW north coast.**

**Participants should arrive at Iluka no later than 30 April.**

**SICYC Classic Clarence Cruise May 2018 – 6 days. This is a very well organised cruise, an opportunity not to be missed.**

**Your hosts for the Classic Clarence Cruise are Glad and Rick Smith.**

**Meet at Iluka in Iluka Bay (can anchor free of charge). Contact Rick Smith on “JAKE” (VHF Ch. 72 or 04 2828 1418) for anchorage information if required. We will be there to assist if needed.**

**If you would like to fly / drive in... and hire a house boat to join the fleet or to catch up with friends contact Glad on 04 2828 1418.**

**The Cruise includes welcomes in townships along the water way and a comprehensive welcome pack.**

**Experience welcomes by local traditional land owners, the Mayor or representative, a piper at Mc Lean, a bush poet and band at Brushgrove.**

**Some members may wish to sail north to the Clarence to experience this wonderful 6 days..**

<b>Tuesday 1st May</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Iluka to Harwood Bridge</b>	<b>Bridge opening ( Early morning by special arrangements)</b>
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		<b>Harwood Bridge to Maclean</b>	<b>Night Stop</b>
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**(approx. 3nm)**

<b>Wednesday 2nd May</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Maclean to Lawrence Ferry</b>	<b>group crossing (approx. 6nm)</b>
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		<b>Lawrence Ferry to Brushgrove</b>	<b>Night stop</b>
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**(approx.5.5nm)**

<b>Thursday 3rd May</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Brushgrove to Grafton</b>	<b>Night Stop</b>
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**(approx. 10.5nm)**

<b>Friday 4th May</b>	<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Grafton to Ulmarra</b>	<b>Lunch Stop</b>
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**(approx. 6nm)**

		<b>Ulmarra to Lawrence</b>	<b>Night Stop</b>
<b>(approx. 9.5nm)</b>			
<b>Saturday 5th May</b>	<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Lawrence to Harwood</b>	<b>Night Stop</b>
<b>(approx. 9nm)</b>			
<b>Sunday 6th May</b>	<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Harwood to Bridge</b>	<b>Bridge Opening</b>
<b>(approx. 300m)</b>			
<b>Bridge to Yamba or Iluka</b>	<b>Night stop</b>	<b>(approx. 9nm)</b>	

## Notes

Early birds are able to take the ferry or book a berth at Yamba marina, Courtesy Cars are available to "The Tavern" PH 02 6646 1888 and "The Bowls Club" PH 02 6646 2305. Yamba is a pretty little town with a lot to see on a day trip.

Yamba Port Yacht Club is considering a casual cruiser yacht race prior to the commencement of the program.

Tides for Yamba/Iluka are the same as Sydney

Maclean 2- 1/4hrs after Yamba

Brushgrove 3-3/4hrs after Yamba

Ulmarra/Grafton 4-1/2 hrs

Volunteer Marine Rescue Iluka/Yamba Ch 16 first then to Ch 19 (02 6646 6311). They will give Yamba Bar information and local weather report. Ch 72 to chat to friends

Yamba Airport Shuttle (Ballina Airport to/from Yamba, Maclean, Iluka) ph. 02 6645 3200 (\$50pp one way)

Clarence River Ferries go to/from Iluka Yamba. 4xday- last time is 16.45pm from Yamba to Iluka.

Ph. 0408 664 556 or [info@clarenceriverferries .com.au](mailto:info@clarenceriverferries.com.au)

Welcome pack, given Iluka April 30th containing, Clarence River Sailing and Cruising Guide, individual town information and other relevant histories of the Clarence compiled by Clarence Valley Council.

Iluka – Fuel and water (no pump out facility) at Iluka Boatshed & marina. – 02 6646 6106 (Steve)

Ferry leaves from here.

Fuel is also available at the Clarence Fish Co-op. Iluka (6646 5366) S.E end of harbour (24hr credit card facility)

**Ph– 04 2966 1388 (Max) may be able to slip boat by arrangement**

**IGA store (approx. 1km) Chemist, Hardware, Craft, eateries, Sunday Markets at Iluka..**



**Thanks Glad and Rick for your fantastic organisational skills and commitment.**

## **Gold Coast**

### **Welcome to the cruisers and Celebrate SICYC's 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

#### **Third Stage of the SICYC Season of Sail On the Gold Coast**

**The fleet participating in the SICYC Season of Sail will be welcomed to the Gold Coast by the local "Vice Commodores" at an "ANCHOR UP AND PARTY" celebrating SICYC's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12 May 2018. The Fleet will be joined by the local "Vice Commodore Fleet" and those who may be joining the Season of Sail at this point.**

**The ideal anchorage having entered the Southport Bar is in Bums Bay, if not there is adequate anchorage space in front of the Southport VMR and Sea World.**

**The "ANCHOR UP AND PARTY" will be held at the VMR facility, a short dinghy Pay as you Go for a spit roast meal The VMR is a Licenced Premises. Be formally welcomed by the local Shaggers and dance the night away. Wear your SICYC Polos.**

**Your Dinghy can be secured a short walk from the Southport VMR facility.**

**Participants in the season of sail will be presented with information on local attractions, transport, and shopping options while in the area**



The days following the ANCHOR UP AND PARTY the fleet will be at leisure to take in the local attractions. Sea World is a short walk from the anchorage.

The Anchorage is very good however, if you plan to be away for the day, get a fellow cruiser to anchor watch your boat.

Local "Vice Commodores" are planning a roster of members who may offer transport to local clubs and facilities

Thanks to Ronnie, Evan, Tony, Derek and the Goldie Shaggers.

### **The Broadwater**

Stage 4 of the SICYC Season of Sail will be "A Casual Cruise of the Broadwater.

Departing the Gold Coast on 17 May 2018. This will be an escorted cruise hosted by Tony and Vicki Little.

The feature of this casual transit will be a visit to Dux anchorage for a Sundowner or two before progressing into Morton Bay.

### **Welcome to Moreton Bay**

Stage 5 ... 23 May 2018 "SUNDOWNERS" at Hogs Breath Café Cleveland from 5.30pm. Anchorage on the Raby Bay Northern Beaches 27deg 30.66' S 153 degrees 16.507' E (well protected anchorage with good holding off three beautiful beaches with BBQ / Picnic areas. The Eastern Beach is a Doggie Beach.

Alternatively book a berth at Raby Bay Marina. Ph 07 38214144.

From the Anchorage Hogs Breath Café is a dinghy ride to a public pontoon which is located in front of Hogs Breath.

"SUNDOWNERS" at Hogs Breath includes discount drinks and free bar snacks...

Meet this fantastic group of Shaggers.

Very cheap fuel is available at Raby Bay Marina, Supermarkets, a big choice of restaurants are available at the marina precinct while rail to Brisbane is only a short walk.

The Season of Sail will Continue through the Great Sandy Straits and on to ports north.

The Detailed schedule will be advised very shortly.

### **Arrival at Airlie**

On Arrival at Airlie a huge Welcome is being planned for the SICYC Season of Sail at Abell Point Marina On 27 July, supported by the local "Vice Commodores and the Community.

## **SICYC Presentation Ball**

The Annual SICYC Presentation Ball ( with a difference) will be held in the beautiful “Lure” as part of the Airlie Beach Reef Festival

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

The following is an extract from the PCFA newsletter January 2018



### **Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club**

The Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club once again welcomed over 200 yachts and over 800 Vice Commodores to their 7th annual Rendezvous in the Whitsundays in August 2017. After four days of fun and frivolity, both on the water and the beach, the yacht club made a record breaking donation to us and raised vital awareness of prostate cancer.



## Priorities



To update yourself on what is happening go to the SICYC website [www.sicyc.com.au](http://www.sicyc.com.au) and click on SICYC events. If you would like to host an event, contact us on [info@sicyc.com.au](mailto:info@sicyc.com.au) and we will notify "Vice Commodores" in your area and post it on the site.

## EVENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Don't Forget EVERY SUNDAY join the local and visiting "Vice Commodores" at Hoga Breath Café Airlie Beach for Sundowners .. Discount drinks and free bar snacks.

Call in and meet the fantastic staff.



## Mackay

Every Friday at "Sails" on Mackay Marina from about 6pm.

**This is a great and growing group.**



## **Gold Coast**

**This is a really fantastic group of people, which is really growing and I am sure is about to explode.**

**They meet on the First Friday of each month for a BBQ and Sundowners.**





**Yes! That's the ICONIC HQ Holden in the background.. it now resides on the Gold Coast**



## **Raby Bay**

**This event just goes and grows! It's the longest running weekly SICYC social gathering. Between 20 and 45 Shaggers gather each Wednesday at Hogs Breath Café from 5.30pm.**

**If you are ever in the area just roll up, you will be made very welcome. Individual members contribute by hosting other activities .. aver happy and welcoming bunch.**



**Believe it or not?**

**An ambitious Charlotte “Vice Commodore” Edgewater Raby Bay.**

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## **Brisbane Airlie Beach Brisbane long week end cruise**



**Thanks Richard and Carol for initiating the cruise..**

**The SICYC long week end cruise from Brisbane to the Whitsundays Cruise and return now has 30 "Vice Commodores" attending.**

**The Cruise is on Princess and departs Brisbane 8 March 2018. The cruise is now booked out.**

**Those attending meet on the pool deck on departure from Brisbane .. wear your polo so we can identify each other..**

**The group will be ashore at Airlie on 10 March 2018 and have booked into Hemingways for lunch at 1.30pm. Locals are invited to join them.**

## SICYC Pleasure Craft Insurance



### Update your Boat Insurance

If you are renewing your boat insurance, give Oceanic Marine Risks a call to get a quote. Oceanic is a major Sponsor of SICYC and will do their best to get a good policy to cover your vessel

For More Information go to [www.sicyc.com.au](http://www.sicyc.com.au) click on Boat Insurance.

**THE NEW YEAR EDITION OF BOAT GOLD COAST IS NOW RELEASED..  
HOT OFF THE PRESS! INCLUDING A STORY ON RENDEZVOUS 2017.**

For South East / Queensland "Vice Commodores" you can pick up your free print copy. If you are outside of the distribution area go online to Boat Cold Coast

**Congratulations David Isom..**

**"Home is the sailor home from the sea..." Sincere thanks to the Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria (CYAV) for the awards given to me last night on completion of my global sailing circumnavigation**





## Happy Birthday Phil



Phil “vice Commodore” Turramurra recently celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The story is that his work mates bought brownies for him and they ate them themselves. Phil is editor of Cruising Helmsman and if you look over his right shoulder you will see the SICYC THANK YOU CERTIFICATE.

**Thanks for your ongoing support mate.**

## Burgee exchange between SICYC and Yamba Port Yacht Club

YPYC is a very small but friendly club, located at the Yamba Marina. If you are visiting, make yourself known.



## SICYC Registration Plates..

If you are a Queenslander you are able to purchase your personal SICYC number plates.

If you would like to get a set for yourself or as gift, fill out the form below and forward it to the address at the bottom of the sheet.



SICYC plates are \$495 each and \$50 per plate purchased will be donated directly to Prostate Cancer research

### Step 1: Choose your Combination

Your choice of 2 numbers followed by 3 letters OR 3 letters followed by two numbers  
Please provide 4 combination preferences:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Step 2: Choose your Size

Do you prefer a Slim or Standard size plate? Please note that the "Slim" size plate will lose the "VICE COMMODORE" slogan along the bottom.

- ☐ Both Standard size
- ☐ One Slim size and one Standard size
- ☐ Both Slim size

<input type="checkbox"/>	Standard (372mm x 134mm)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slimline (372mm x 100mm)

### Step 3: Your Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ QLD Driver's Licence number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address you would like the Plates sent to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Step 4: Payment details

Credit card type: MCARD VISA (please note PPQ charge a 0.4% processing fee) AMEX (1.4% processing fee)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_

Name of Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

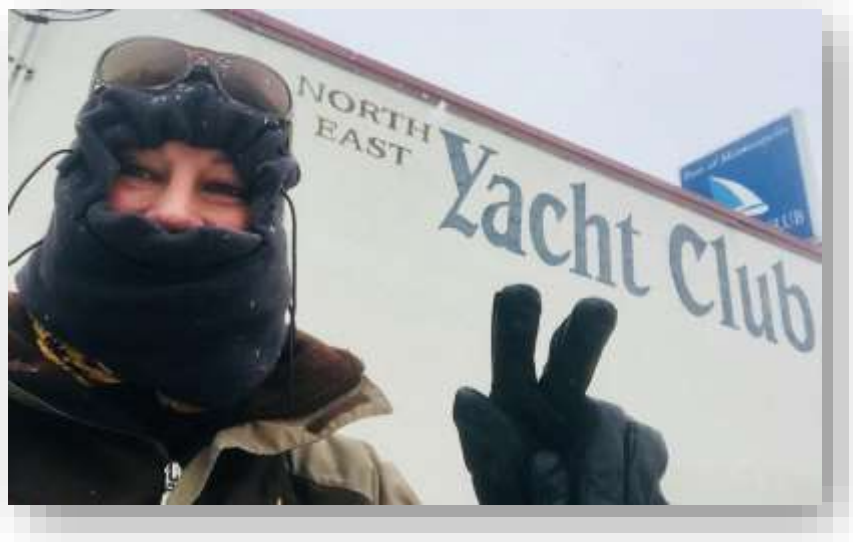
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This fundraiser is supported by Llewellyn Motors, tell your friends and family NATIONALLY that if they or anyone they know is looking for a New or Used vehicle to contact:  
James "Vice Commodore" Llewellyn Bay who is donating \$200 for every car sold.



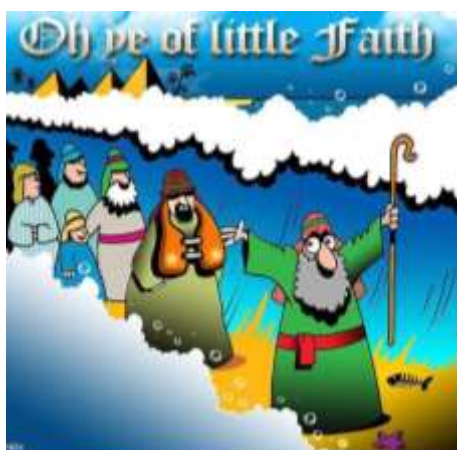
Email this from to: [thinking@1am.com.au](mailto:thinking@1am.com.au) or Post to: Llewellyn Motors, PO BOX 51 Booval Qld 4304

## Heather “Vice Commodore” Bourbon Trail, Ice sailing ?



**Better to be safe than Sorry**

**Keep up to date with your life vest rules ! Why not just wear it?**



**CHEERS AND KEEP SMILING**



**RHONDA AND KEN**

**“VICE COMMODORES”**

**CAYES COVE AND RABY BAY**