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# FORECAST

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Monthly Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

### OCTOBER SAILING

With the weather generally improving, we are now well into the sailing season, with all varieties of racing on Saturday having been run. Friday Twilights are underway and Wednesday afternoon racing continues with the usual strong competition. The Wind Warriors have returned to Thursday night as well.

We have several boats intending to join in the offshore racing, with the first weekend being a race to Port Stephens on the Saturday with a return race on the Sunday.

It is not just the racing fleets that have been active. Our Cruising Division had their annual Ivan Irvin weeklong cruise on the lake in early October, and they are now off on a longer 'coastal cruise' with several yachts currently making their way south to Jarvis Bay. This is a first for our CD with the intention of calling into the new Shell Harbour Marina.

LMYC sailing training has begun with a group from Belmont High School on Thursdays. There are also three other high schools considering joining the program in the new year.

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### **DISTRESS FLARE PRACTICE**

Our Cruising Division organised a distress flare hands-on practice at their recent meeting on 14 October. All members were invited with many members attending. CD Safety Officer, Tony Austin, organised all the notifications to authorities.

The evening started off with an explanation of the different flares and when they should be used. Then it was time for practical demonstration.

Everyone present had the opportunity to set off orange smoke flares and red distress flares.

There was quite an assortment of brands of the flares and the operation of the different brands was quite varied. One thing was clear: make sure you read how your flares operate before you need to use them, as it is likely that when you need them, conditions will not be favourable!



Photographs supplied by Eleanor Cunningham



### **HOUSE RULES**

Recently I have observed a few members flouting our Club rules. In particular carrying containers of fuel or pushing marina trolleys through the Club. I am sure you wouldn't like trolleys or fuel taken through your living room.

This is a reminder to all members that containers of fuel are not to be taken throughout the Club, and marina trolleys are not to be taken, loaded or not, through the Club either.

If you do not have a gate key, they can be obtained from LMYC Reception. If you have forgotten your key, there is always someone around to open the gate or borrow one from the office.

On a similar topic, please return marina trolleys - do not leave them laying around the Marina as this causes unnecessary congestion.

See you 'round the Club.

GEOFF EDMAN, COMMODORE  
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## SETTING SAIL AND SIRIUS BUSINESS!

# OCTOBER SAILING

What an exciting month October has been for us at LMYC!

We saw the start of our Friday Twilight racing which has attracted thirty five (35) entries that will showcase our awesome Twilight Sailing. The first of our Combined Windward Leeward Series also started which saw thirty two (32) entries for Division 1 and thirty (30) entries for Division 2 that sailed in very testing southerly conditions on the weekend of the 12th.



Our Wednesday Summer Pointscore is in full swing with thirty five (35) entries having completed nine (9) races so far. Full Results of all of our Series can be viewed on the Noticeboard at the LMYC Racing Office or on line at <https://www.lmyc.com.au/race-results/>.

Please also don't forget that the first race of the Combined Offshore Series will start on the 9th November with the NCYC to Port Stephens Yacht Race and then its return to NCYC on Sunday the 10th November. Full details including Entry Links and Sailing Instructions can be found at <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>.

From Friday the 8th November to Sunday 10th November inclusive, we will see our LMYC Windwarrior's hosting the World Championship Regatta where you will see radio controlled yachts competing from countries all over the world. **If any hardstand yachts are wishing to compete in the sweepstake race on Saturday 9th November, could you please contact the Racing Office to discuss the restricted logistics for the crane launching and retrieval whilst these Windwarrior World Championships are on.**

Our LMYC Discover Sailing Centre is now fully accredited with Australian Sailing which enables us to deliver a variety of Learn to Sail courses, from our Friday Twilight Sailing Experiences through to our Start Racing Keelboat courses. Courses and additional information can be found on our website at <https://www.lmyc.com.au/dsc/>.



Whilst there was no racing at LMYC for the long weekend in October, we still saw over one thousand two hundred and thirty seven (+1,237) people participant in our wonderful Sport of Sailing at LMYC in October!

Finally, Belmont High School is in full swing with ten students coming every Thursday enjoying & learning to sail on the Farr25's - smiles are plenty! See the next page for photos.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water throughout November.

SIMON TURPIN, SAILING MANAGER  
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## HISTORY LOCKER

# LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB THE EARLY DAYS

No written article from the LMYC History Committee this month - instead, take a look at these photos from the very early days of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. This year marks the Club's 95th Anniversary!





## Test your sailing knowledge with this Quick Quiz!

**Question 1)** What term is used for the pointed part of an anchor that is designed to catch in the seabed?

**Question 2)** A Scandinavian word for "beard" gives us the name of what rudder-like lowest point on an outboard motor?

**Question 3)** What is the term for a two-masted sailing vessel with a mizzen mast slightly smaller than the main and stepped forward of the rudder stock or post?

**Question 4)** Commonly used in older ships before being superseded by modern technology, what is usually kept in a ship's binnacle?

**Question 5)** What five-letter "B" word can mean either an open bay on a coast into which a boat might travel, or a loop of rope used in that boat's nautical riggings?

Quiz written by Eleanor Cunningham. Answers found at the very end of this Forecast!

# LMYC CLOSED ON 10/12/24



**Please be advised that the Club will be CLOSED on Tuesday 10th December 2024.**

Both LMYC and Crusoe's on the Lake staff members will be having their Christmas Parties on this date.

Thank you for your understanding of this closure, as we celebrate another fantastic year together.

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# Lake Macquarie

***SHE SAILS  
REGATTA***

***2025***

January 12th (LMYC), February 23rd (WASC) & March 16th (RMYCT)

Enter the tri-series or individual races

## **FIRST RACE**

Hosted by LMYC Belmont

Sunday

12th January, 2025



**RACE ENTRY HERE**



NoR & SI's on the link below

<https://www.lmyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SheSAILS-Regatta-NOR-2025-V1-300724.pdf>

# WHAT'S ON

## LAKELIFE @ LMYC

Our first LakeLife session on Sunday 13th October was a huge success!

Join us at our next LakeLife event on Sunday 10th November, from 12:30pm onwards.

Food & drink specials, live music, DJ, and free entry.

The perfect way to spend your Sunday!

# LIVE @ LMYC

## NOVEMBER 2024

Friday's 6:30-9:30pm  
Sunday's 1:30-5pm



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SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

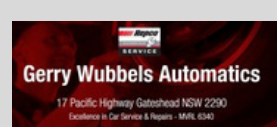
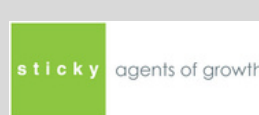
# LAKE LIFE

LIVE MUSIC & DJ | **FREE ENTRY** | FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

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ADA STREET, BELMONT

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Quick Quiz Answers: 1) Fluke 2) Skag 3) Ketch 4) Compass 5) Bight