



Cruiser Division Newsletter

May 2024



Refuge Bay BBQ Raft Up

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A Line from the Captain

Darren Sutherland

There is a chill in the air, day light savings has ended, and unfortunately Summer is over. Thats not going to stop us from going boating and having fun. There are lots of great events planned, please check the calendar, book yourself in and we will see you there.

Over the last few months, we have had some excellent boating weather and for a change we were blessed with perfect Easter weather for our trip to Spencer.

If you weren't there you missed out on some great events you will read about below.

Over the last few months, we have had a few changes on the committee. Unfortunately, Fiona Lake is no longer able to continue on as Treasurer and on the Committee. We the committee and the members would like to sincerely thank Fiona for all the great work she has done during her time on the committee, and we look forward to sharing lots of great times at our future events on land and on the water.

On the positive side we would like to welcome Jill Darchy, a new fresh face to the team with new and exciting ideas, and we welcome back Phil Jackson who has worked on the to the team is the past. Phil in the background has been organizer of our upcoming Hunter Valley Land Cruise, which as I write is almost fully booked. When you see them on the water or around the club please say hello.

Your committee is always looking for volunteers to help organize events or keep us on track, if you would like to be part of team, please let us know.

See you on the water soon.

Kind regards

Darren



Darren Sutherland
Cruiser Division Captain

Hawaiian Night – Friday 16th February

Our Cruiser Division Dinner in February transported us to the scenic setting of Hawaii, hosted at the Waterview Terrace.

The event garnered a notable turnout, featuring a delightful mix of seasoned members and newcomers alike. Against the backdrop of post-holiday chatter, attendees relished the opportunity to reconnect and unwind. Adding to the ambiance, Keff serenaded the gathering with his captivating musical talents, further enhancing the evening's allure.

Special congratulations to the winners of the best-dressed award, adding a touch of aloha to an already memorable occasion.



The Peter Haig Trophy

On Saturday 17th February 2024 the Cruiser Division held The Peter Haig Trophy, the second of three navigational events for the 2023/24 season on the Pittwater. So far we have had a total of 8 vessels compete across the two events.

The Peter Haig Trophy had 6 vessels entered and they were Anegada - Skipper Darren Sutherland, Good Paddock - Skipper Graham Pickles, Pelara - Skipper Peter Haig, Water Lou - Skipper Tom Muir, Larissa - Skipper Matt King and Obsession - Skipper Fraser Douglass with a total of some 26 guests and crew on board. The event started from Longnose Point in the Pittwater and made it's way around the bay to finish off Great MacKerel Beach. The weather was very pleasant with a light easterly breeze, on a low tide. After finishing the course the fleet moored in Towlers Bay for the results and some well earned lunch and refreshments.

Bruce Morgan, Club Director, announced the results and presented the trophy and awards to the place getters. The winners received a bottle of wine and gift vouchers of \$100 to winner, \$75 to second place and \$50 to third place.

Results were as follows;

Event Placing	Vessel	Skipper	Navigator
Winner	Obsession	Fraser Douglass	Darren Lake
Second	Larissa	Matt King	Astrid King
Third	Pelara	Peter Haig	Brad Robinson

So, after the running the first two Navigational Events for the 2023/24 season, The CEO Trophy and The Peter Haig Trophy, the results are as follows;

Order	Vessel	Points
1	Obsession	7
2	Jay Jay	6
3	Water Lou	5
4	Larissa	4
5	Pelara	3
6	Good Paddock	3
7	Anegada	2
8	Escape Now	1

Congratulations to place getters and all entrants for a great day of navigational excellence! As you can see the placing are very close and any boat could make the podium after the final event.

We look forward to welcoming all Cruiser Division vessels to the RMYC BB Cruiser Division Navigational Series in May for the final event in the Series, The Clae Trophy, scheduled for Saturday 18th May 2024. It's not too late to enter the series, so for those interested on how to compete in the event, please contact Fraser Douglass, mobile 0435 770 599 or via email at fraser@douglass.net.au.

The overall winners of the RMYC BB Cruiser Division 2023-24 Navigational Series will be announced at the Annual Cruiser Division Gala Evening in July 2024 with awards for the "Vessel of the Year" and "Navigator of the Year."

Author: Fraser Douglass





Refuge Bay BBQ Raft Up

Another awesome Cruiser Division event went down at our annual Refuge Bay BBQ on Saturday, March 9th. It was a blast seeing over 30 members show up ready for a good time. Big shoutout to Water Lou, Anegada, and Escape Now for hosting us all and grilling up some tasty BBQ treats. After lunch, we hit the beach for a hilarious game of Finska, with the boys taking home the win and bragging rights. Good times all around!



Future Events

Friday 17th May 2024

Cruiser Division Monthly Dinner & Drinks from 6pm

Sunday 19th May 2024

The Clae Trophy

Saturday 8th June 2024

Progressive Lunch, Refuge Bay - Apre Ski Theme

Saturday 22nd June 2024

Save the Date! Gala Dinner - Disco/Studio 54 Theme

Friday 26th to Monday 29th July 2024

Land Cruise to the Hunter Valley (Almost Sold Out!)



THE RMYC BB CRUISER DIVISION 2023-2024 NAVIGATIONAL SERIES

THE CLAE TROPHY

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

Your mission should you choose to accept it, is to motor your boat at 8 knots with all your electronic navigation instruments turned OFF!

Cruiser Division Boats are invited to compete in the third Navigational Event of the boating season. Boats will be required to navigate their way around a predetermined course starting on Pittwater and finishing near Refuge Bay. Boats will be scored on their ability to maintain a constant boat speed and correct heading throughout the event. Maps, event instructions and data recorders are supplied on the day, so why not invite some friends on your boat and enjoy the day. The event will conclude with boats gathering in Refuge Bay where the results will be announced and BYO lunch and drinks consumed.

This event is the third and last event, making up the Cruiser Division Navigational Series. All boats and navigators accrue points over the three events, with the winners being awarded the prestigious Boat and Navigator of the Year trophies at the annual Gala Event.

This event is free and can easily be undertaken by two people, but the more the merrier. It's about having fun and learning a little more about your boat and basic navigation. All entrants will be provided with all the required information and instructions on the day.

For further information and an event briefing please contact Fraser Douglass, fraser@douglass.net.au or mobile 0435 770 599.

To enter the event please email Jaz, jaz@royalmotor.com.au with your name, email, telephone no. and boat name. Entries close 7 days prior to the event.

We look forward to completing the final event in this exciting 2023/24 Navigational Series.



LAND CRUISE

to the Hunter Valley

26TH TO 29TH JULY 2024

WEEKEND ITINERARY

FRIDAY 26TH JULY 2024

12PM: Lunch at Wollombi Tavern
(Food & Drinks paid individually)

FROM 2PM: Arrival at Mercure Gardens for Check-In

5PM: Wine Tasting Experience, followed by Chefs 'Feed Me' Shared Banquet - Brokenwood Winery

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2024

9.30AM DEPARTURE: Wine, Gin, Cheese & Chocolate Tour with Lunch at Twine Restaurant.
Transported by Rover Coaches

DINNER: At Harrigans Pub



Welcome New Members

Please Welcome 2024 New Cruiser Division Members - we hope to see you all at events and on the water soon.

David Bell, Lloyd Bennett, Clinton Dick, Tim Fairservice, Geoffrey Fieldus, Michael Gilbert, Marl Herford, Trevor James, Patrick Nalty, Venicio Panozzo, Martin Smith, Joel Taylor, Frank Vallone.

New Marine Pollution Rules

Protecting our waterways is a shared responsibility. Respect and care for the marine environment by disposing of waste correctly.

The Marine Pollution Regulation 2024 came into effect on 25 March 2024 and introduced changes to improve the management of marine pollution in NSW.

These changes will help protect our waters and coastal environment from pollution from vessels. Major changes include:

- a broadening of the rules to ensure the Regulation applies to all State waters
- improving recreational vessel operators' compliance with pollution requirements by introducing a new offence for defective, altered or modified sewage systems that can allow for the illegal discharge of sewage
- introducing oil pollution insurance requirements for superyachts (recreational vessels over 24 metres), and
- introducing proactive measures to require pollutants such as oil to be removed from derelict or out of commission vessels.

All recreational vessels greater than 12 metres in length are required to carry

- Garbage placard or sticker
- Garbage management plan
- Garbage record book

Please go to [Waste and sewage disposal | NSW Government](#) and [Garbage pollution prevention documents and signage | NSW Government](#) for further information.

Discharge of garbage into waters is prohibited

Keep all garbage on board until you reach the shore and deposit at facilities on land, at a port or a marina. Garbage includes all kinds of food wastes, domestic and operational wastes, all plastics, cooking oil and fishing gear.

Food waste that has been ground or processed to be smaller than 25mm may be discharged not less than 3nm from land.

Food waste that has not been ground or processed may be discharged not less than 12nm from land.

Plastics, paper and glass should be placed in an appropriate container for recycling.

To report marine polluters in NSW waters, please contact Transport for NSW. Useful information includes:



Description of the vessel
(name, registration number)



Time and place of
the incident



Details of the type of
pollution you see



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Introducing our new Committee Members

Phil Jackson - returning Member

I'm part of the Cruiser Division recycling program, having been on the committee in the past. Our family are life long boaties, having grown up on the Northern Beaches. I'm passionate about our magnificent waterways and it is a pleasure to participate on the committee and contribute to the various activities that enhance our love of boating with a great bunch of people.
.....And now the kids ask to borrow Castaway, a Maritimo 48 (and dad it needs fuel) !

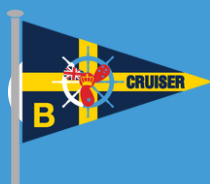
Jill Darchy - new Committee Member

My husband, Michael and I joined the RMYC cruiser division about 8 years ago, with the aim of meeting like minded people and making friends. Over this time I have seen the great work the committee does, having attended many fantastic events, now it's time for me to give back to the division. I'm looking forward to welcoming all our new members and having many more great times with existing ones.

Thank you to Our Contributors

Thank you to the following contributors to this edition of Cruise News: Tracey McCluskey, Tom Muir, Fraser Douglass, Darren Sutherland and Jaz Rowntree. The closing date for contributions to the next edition of the Cruiser Division Newsletter is 30 July, 2024.

For more information, please contact Tracey McCluskey, email tracey@clubmacca.com.au or 0416250308.



Save the Date

Cruiser Division

Gala Dinner

Saturday 22nd June

Royal Motor Yacht Club
Studio 54 Disco Evening Dress

Get your Sparkles and
Dancing Shoes ready to
relive the Studio 54 era