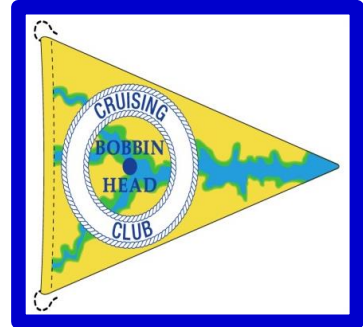


# DRIFT...



**Are we ready?**

**It is nearly here!**

**Lots of great opportunities upon us.**

BHCC 2019/2020 boating season is less than 40 days away. That's right! September 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of Spring. So, cast off the ropes and join the fun.

## **CALLING ALL MEMBERS**

Final shout out that all 2019/2020 Memberships were due on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have missed your renewal, NOW is the time to act.

Should you be unable to find the email sent out on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, please call or email Mark Eames or myself to finalise your Memberships

## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB?**

### **ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT**

**BARBECURE HAS SERVED UP MORE THAN SAUSAGES ONCE AGAIN**

**600 HOURS RESEARCH FOR CURE CANCER AUSTRALIA!**

**ANOTHER SPECIAL DAY FOR MEMBERS**



At this year's Annual Charity event it was exciting to see the support of more Club Members, even if they could not attend, and for those who did, it was another Club history-making moment with twelve boats rafted up in America Bay near the Club's south-eastern moorings.

Cure Cancer was represented on the day by the Chairman, Philip Corne; Researcher Mark Pinese and staff members, Sarah and Emma. They took the opportunity to move from boat to boat, bringing a face to face encounter with the organisation.

Jump on the Club website [BarbeCURE March 2019](#) to see the great photo memories from the day and the full report. It will make you smile for three good reasons.

Large group of boats and people showing boating at its best

Privilege to be a small cog (BHCC) that helps drive a big wheel (CCA)

Great win for Cancer Research funding!

### **PEATS BITE – WEEKEND OF 6/7 APRIL 2019**

If my memory is correct, nine boats and 29 people from the club shared in a feast of food over 5 hours, with the occasional beverage. That was the start – but day turned into night and people were still saying goodnight some 10 hours later.

Thank you, Marcia Geekie from “Isola”, for sharing your experience from the weekend. Follow this link to [Marcia's Report](#) on the event and memorable photos. Note the weather in the photos, that truly sums up the weekend from the start.



### **WINNERS ARE GRINNERS**

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> was a great afternoon. Eight members shared a lovely experience of High Tea at Hornsby RSL, while another eight shared in sledging and hitting the occasional golf ball straight at North Turramurra Golf Club.

Very pleasant afternoon had by all. Shout of thanks to Scott Andresson for making an idea happen. This will become a regular feature on the Club calendar.

Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! I'm not going to even mention the team that won the 4-ball Ambrose golf game, but all I can say is Ron, Scott A, David and myself were the gridders.

## **MEMBERS' NIGHT – WHAT A GREAT THINK TANK**

While our committee meetings are open to all members, we made our June Meeting a strong focus on inviting both new and long-term members to come along. From the committee's point of view, it was a huge success. The great BBQ before we started to the more formal part of the evening saw ideas of things that had worked previously, as well as new opportunities for our coming season, shared.

## **MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LAB TOUR JUNE 2019**

Eight members of BHCC joined Kate Christian and Stuart Gebbie from Cure Cancer Australia on a tour of the clinical research Laboratory at Macquarie Hospital. With blue gowns donned, we had the pleasure of meeting Dr Esther and Dr Inge and their team of dedicated researchers working specifically in the investigation of melanoma.

The painstaking project involves observing cells isolated for the purpose of measuring changes. Along with microscopes and scalpels, there are machines that help with classifying and dividing cells, and other machines that simulate the temperature of the human body.

Confronting as it was, it was fascinating to see the masked and gloved researcher process a patient's freshly excised melanoma ready for testing with the cells from the patient's own immune system.

Both Doctors, Esther and Inge were generous with their time and happily answered our questions. It was inspiring to be in the presence of the Doctors and their research team in their passionate and busy quest advancing towards the cure of melanoma.

Bruce, Ngaire, Grant, Louise, Rachel, Andrew, Robert and Maria were joined in convivial friendship later for dinner at The Ranch by Darryl, Jenny, Peter and Barbara. It was indeed a very worthwhile and much appreciated BHCC event.

(WRITTEN BY MARIA MCDUGALL)

## **SO, WHAT'S NEXT?**

### **DARLING HARBOUR - WHAT'S ON SHOW**

Boats of course. Come and share the dream of being a boat owner. Next Friday sees the opportunity to share the day at Darling Harbour Boat show. Follow the link for further details and register your interest.

**[BHCC Sydney International Boat Show](#)**



## **BHCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - YOUR CLUB, YOUR SAY**

Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> is our review of our club activities and financials for the previous 12 months but more importantly provides an opportunity for us all to contribute to our next twelve months. All skippers and crew encouraged to attend.

A preliminary notice regarding the AMG was sent out with your BHCC membership renewals on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, seeking nominations for elected positions in the club before preparation of an AGM agenda, to be forwarded to you by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

In the event, a nomination for any particular position has not be received, then late nominations may be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

If you are available, please come and share in nibbles and drinks from 3.30 pm for the meeting to commence at 4 pm. Following the meeting there is an opportunity to share in a BBQ tea to catch up with both new and long-term members.

Follow the link for further details. [\*\*BHCC Annual General Meeting\*\*](#)



## **RADIO COURSE “COPY THAT”**

As part of the Club's technical and training program, we will be running a Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) Radio licence course on the September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The SROCP course participants will gain:

- the ability to use correct marine radio operating procedures when using 27Mhz and VHF, including DSC; and
- an understanding of the operation and controls of typical marine radio equipment; simple maintenance practices; and the regulations applicable to ship radio systems.
- Limited places so please RSVP as soon as possible

[\*\*BHCC Marine Radio Certificate Course\*\*](#)



## OPENING OF THE BOAT SEASON SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Be part of your Club's special day of the year and follow the link for further details and to register your interest.

### BHCC Opening of the Boat Season 2019

Invite your family and friends, dress your boat and join in the flotilla, be part of the Sail Past and Salute visiting Commodores.

After the short cruise we will return to the marina hardstand to share a meal and hear from our guest speaker **Paul Moggach from the Royal Australian Navy. Paul has served in the Navy for 33 years and is currently Director, Navy Culture.** Paul grew up with every man's dream job of flying helicopters, as well as operational aviation command roles.

## MOORINGS UPDATES

Please note that moorings are serviced annually during August and September.



Due to the process involved in servicing the moorings, the blocks when lifted can take a couple of weeks to settle on the bottom. Should the mooring be used during very strong winds shortly after they have been serviced, there is a chance that the mooring could be dragged. If you notice any issues with any of the moorings, please notify the Club immediately either by email [info@bhcc.org.au](mailto:info@bhcc.org.au) or messaging a Committee Member.

### NEW RED MOORING CONES

For many years our Club has taken the initiative to paint our moorings red with white tops. RMS has now instructed all Club/commercial moorings must be red in colour. The club will this year plan to place 10 of our oldest moorings with new red cones, with the plan to try and make the top of the mooring white using white reflective tape.

The aim is to meet the compliance of RMS as well as to reduce our annual maintenance of repainting the existing yellow moorings that are tending to look rather tired during the season.

## IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP LOOKING TIRED?

Many of have been in the club for many years and during that time we have weathered. I'm referring to our club burgee that we have the privilege of flying to indicate we are part of Bobbin Head Cruising Club. For the month of July and August we have the commodore' special. Old for new. Trade in your weathered Burgee for a fresh new one for only \$30.00

## TIPS TO MINIMISE BOATING ISSUES

- Regular spray of anti-corrosion spray such as Lanox on electrical connection points can minimise corrosion and help prevent issues.
- During the cooler months, if not using your boat often, try to at least get to the marina every 2-3 weeks.
- Start the engines and then run all your systems including lights, turn on instruments to check and give them a run.
- Switch on the air-conditioning for a while too to circulate air through the boat.

## MEMBERS INTERVIEW – ROD AND KIRSTIE MCGIBBON



### WHAT TYPE OF BOAT DO YOU OWN?

50ft Symbol Pilot House Cruiser

### ITS NAME?

“Harlequin”

### TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?

Two boys Nic (14) and Gus (12) and Bethany who's about to turn 10. Rod loves just about anything on the water, so boating has become our family favourite activity.



### WHAT ARM ARE YOU ON OR WHERE ARE YOU BERTHED?

A arm Bobbin Head

### HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN BOATING?

Initially through scuba diving and surf lifesaving.  
My first boat was an old commercial dive charter boat that I ran for a while.

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF BHCC?

3 YEARS

### DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BHCC EVENT?

BarbeCURE Raft up for Cure Cancer Australia in March.  
We also really enjoyed the Sydney Harbour Vivid cruise last year.

### DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE ANCHORAGE?

Refuge Bay – It's an hour cruise up there  
and you could be a million miles from anywhere.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE BOATING RELATED EXPERIENCE?**

Taking our kids for their first ride on our previous boat. We headed out to Patonga for an early dinner from Brooklyn. A massive thunderstorm rolled in and we had to find our way back on a dark and stormy night in an unfamiliar boat. The kids thought we were going to die. It made berthing a bit challenging too.

**WHAT IS YOUR DREAM BOAT AND WHY?**

Fleming 65 – looks beautiful and has the long-range cruise capability to go anywhere.

**WHAT IS THE BEST LESSON YOU HAVE LEARNED WHILST BOATING?**

Always go slowly when docking or berthing.

**DO YOU FISH AND IF SO WHAT'S YOUR BEST FISHING STORY?**

No, we don't really fish, but my favourite fishing story involves a friend who was fishing with kids off the back of my old boat. He fell in trying to untangle the line and took the BBQ and gas bottle with him... it was funny at the time!

**IF YOU COULD TRANSPORT YOUR BOAT AND CREW TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD FOR A MONTH'S HOLIDAY, WHERE WOULD YOU GO AND WHY?**

Amalfi Coast with all those stunning little villages, blue water, great food and wine – to enjoy.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL ONBOARD?**

Nothing beats a BBQ.

**WHAT ONBOARD ITEM COULDN'T YOU SURVIVE WITHOUT?**

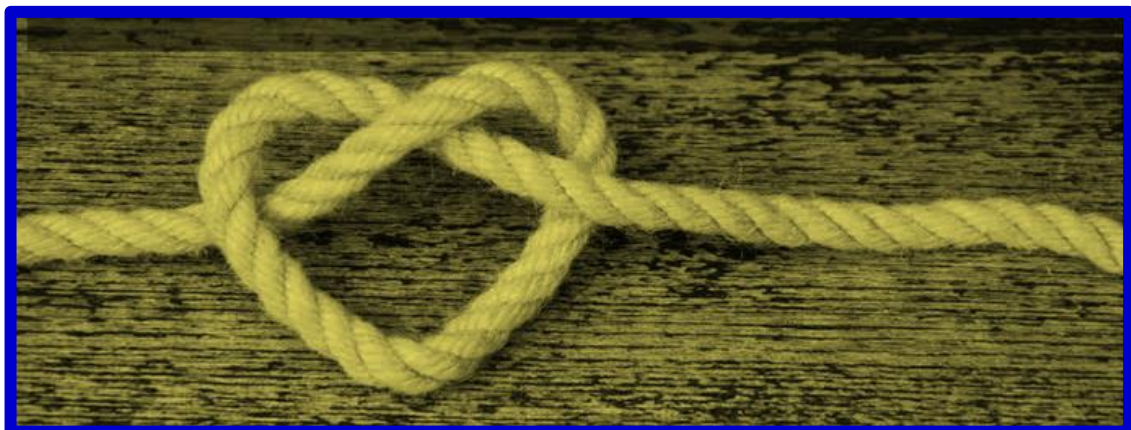
Bottle Opener. Pretty sure we have at least one in every section of the boat.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**KIMMUS**

Ian and Sarah Bovington

C arm Bobbin Head



**Bruce Callaghan**  
**Commodore**  
**Mobile 0413 838 603**