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What's been happening in our Club?

It's hard to believe six months has passed since our AGM.....

Club Training Days

In May and August last year, BHCC Skippers and Crew members divided into three groups where we learnt and shared ideas about **Radio Operation, securing our boats when berthing and "In the Poo"** – a sensitive but necessary discussion!

Big thanks to Ngaire for organising the event and to the **Clarkes, Leavers, Uptons and Carmodys** for sharing your information on the day. A fun time learning and sharing each other's experiences was had by the members who could attend.

2017/2018 Boating Season

On Saturday 14 October our boating season was officially opened by **Chief Inspector Gary Raymond APM OAM (Rtd)**. BHCC members participated in the **annual Sail Past of sixteen boats**, which included Flag Officers from surrounding clubs. Members and their guests, 128 in total, enjoyed lunch in the Empire Marina hardstand. Jump onto the link to see many great memories from the day. www.bhcc.org.au/gallery-opening2017

Gone Fishing 2017

Over 85 people attended **BHCC's first "National Gone Fishing Day"** at Bobbin Head. **NSW Fisheries donated free** sample bags and forty rods and reels which were a tremendous success and put a big smile on all the children's faces.

Scott Leavers demonstrated the basics of fishing including how to rig the rod and reel, how to tie an improved clinch knot, casting, looking after the rod and reel, and handling fish. **Scott and Vicki Leavers** supplied the bread, sausages etc for **100 free sausage sandwiches**.

The club also provided the swivels and sinkers to rig the lines.
www.bhcc.org.au/gallerygonefishing2017

Annual Raft-up in America Bay

In **November**, eleven boats and twenty-eight people enjoyed excellent weather and many opportunities to share together.

Follow the link and **read about Trilogy's first Club Raft-up experience**.
www.bhcc.org.au/galleryraftup2017

BHCC Christmas Gathering in Hawaii

Well we did not really go to **Hawaii**, but that was the theme for the night when our club was invited to share the night with **Empire Marina**. It was great to catch up with about 80 people for a time of fun and laughter. The Marina even went to the trouble of turfing the carpark and installing a pool! **Thanks heaps to Darren and Nicky, and the Marina staff.**

New Year's Eve – Gosford

New Year's Eve on **Brisbane Waters at Gosford** was a great place for fireworks to see in 2018. The club ended up with six boats sharing the evening. Check out some great photos and a **review by David Nixon**, one of the three owners of Trilogy. www.bhcc.org.au/gallerynye2017

Port Stephens' Coastal Cruise

A week (**4-10 February 2018**) in Port Stephens at the **Anchorage Marina. Corlette**, was a great adventure, and for some of us our **first experience** of coastal cruising. Three boats travelled up under the **leadership of Greg Rowe, the owner of White Knight**. He spent time with us prior to travelling, to help us understand what preparation was required for our boats, before we left and what we should expect to experience on the trip. This proved to be a wealth of knowledge that ensured a wonderful experience was shared by all. Thank you Greg for your guidance and click on the attached link to read **Kevin and Kathy Gould's review** of the week. www.bhcc.org.au/gallery2018portstephens

So What's Next?

20th Annual Sail For Cancer – Sunday 11th March 2018

Sail for Cancer has been the second most important day on our Club's calendar. This can only be made possible by members believing in the need to ensure our next generation does not have to watch family and friends' lives cut short by this cruel disease.

Even though small, our Club has a big heart and over the last nineteen years donated more than \$250 000 representing 1% of all funds donated

to Cure Cancer Australia which *“invests in Australia’s talented emerging cancer researchers.....to find a cure for cancer and to ensure that some funding is given to support the hard work and dedication of our brightest minds.”*

Our club holds the esteemed records of being their longest supporting contributor.

As members of our small boating community we need to thank the past Flag Officers and club board for their strong focus to ensure this work can continued.

Research grants cost around \$100 000 each year which reflects a practical cost of \$50.00 per hour. So let’s get “on-board” and see how long our Club can “float” Cancer Research in 2018.

\$50	=	One hour’s
\$400	=	One day’s
\$2000	=	One week’s
\$8400	=	One month’s

This year, 2018, sees the opportunity for us all, just by attending the day, and inviting some guests out on your boat, to effectively, easily, pay for a day’s research – **Assume 8 people at \$50 per head = 1 day’s research.**

Please don’t let that limit you or your guests! Some people may choose to contribute multiple hours of research by placing your donations on the home page set up for our Club’s contributions under Cure Cancer Australia.

This year we are not sending out raffle tickets but asking all to contribute to Cancer Research so that a tax deductible receipt can be provided.

This year we are following **Cure Cancer Australia’s** theme of hosting a **BarbeCURE** with a few friends and asking them to make a donation to Cure Cancer Australia as a fundraiser for the event.

Therefore, the **BarbeCURE on Water** would offer a different outcome for your day. Not only providing your guests with a cruise on what would be

one of Australia's best waterways, but then to be involved in a raft up to share in a sausage sizzle on board our boats.

Please join us to make this day by

- **Registering your boat** on the Club's website and donating \$100 via the link to Cure Cancer thereby saying yes to supporting research
- **Enlisting family, friends and work colleagues** to ensure your boat is filled to legal capacity.
- **Picking a theme** to dress your boat and/or crew to be in the running for Best Dressed Boat.
- **Trying to collect money** from your boat to be awarded the prize for the boat that can raise the most money. This is done on the size of the boat/number of guests v's dollars raised. Bit like Sydney to Hobart with handicaps.

Now life is busy and we may not all be available for the day, but we can still participate by

- jumping on the **BHCC BarbeCURE page on the Cure Cancer Australia website** to make a donation

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/curecancer/barbecure-2017-18/bhcc-barbecure-on-water>,

- or posting a cheque to

Bobbin Head Cruising Club PO Box 3009, North Turramurra 2074

- or EFT funds directly into the Club's Charities Account

BSB 032837 Account 236038

So What's Planned?

Who wants a Bite of Pete?

The Club's annual trip to Peats Bite is fast approaching on **Saturday 7th April.**

Lunch at Peats Bite is a magnificent event. Jump on one of their swing moorings or for a surcharge you can stay on their marina berths overnight.

The fleet will depart **Bobbin Head around 9.30 am** from Empire Marina linking up with other boats at **America bay around 10.30 am.**

Please register for the event on the BHCC web site to catch all the finer details. www.bhcc.org.au/upcoming-events

Club Training Days

The next member's training day will be held in May and follow the same format as last year – three groups rotating every 40 minutes. Topics suggested for this time are

Anchoring Tips,

How to keep your shiny (detailed)? and

Basic Radio Operation.

Further details will follow in early April.

Vivid – Light spectacular – Darling Harbour

On the **June Long Weekend (9 – 11 June 2018)** we are planning to trek to Sydney and stay in **Darling Harbour for the Saturday and Sunday evening**. Let's see the light display by sea and by land.

These trips are always dependant on the weather but that's what we are planning. Please jump on the club web site for further details and register your interest so we can secure sufficient berths a at Darling Harbour marina. www.bhcc.org.au/upcoming-events

Members' Update

It's great to see some past members returning to the Club, as well as new members joining. Keep an eye out for them and make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club.

Returning Members

SALT	Brian & Deb Salter	B arm Bobbin Head
DAYDREAM		
BELIEVER	Mark & Jean Eames	Church Point

New Members

LA GITANA	Rod & Lynne Laycock	C arm Bobbin Head
UN REEL	Stan & Lisa Suman	E arm Bobbin Head
BLUE FINN	Bashir & Erin Taouk	A arm Bobbin Head
INFINITY	Paul & Jackie Bonnici	A arm Bobbin Head

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