

FREEDOM NEWS

(A PUBLICATION FOR SAILORS & VOLUNTEERS)

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A NEW PUBLICATION

For some time now there has been a request for us to have a newsletter that provides us up to date information on our activities and also what is coming up. So here we are with our first attempt.

The problem with such publications is providing the content and also finding the time to attempt putting it together. Such things will only work if we all contribute to the input.

Initially we will attempt to put this together on a bi-monthly basis and see how we go. If this is successful we can then have a go at increasing the frequency. This will only happen if we have contributions provided by all and sundry.

You do not have to be a wordsmith just put on paper a few words and we will brush up the grammar, if it needs it!!!!

Joan Wade has agreed to accept all contributions which should be with her before

the end of the month for inclusion in the next issue. With that in mind we will endeavour to have the next issue out for the beginning Feb 2002, just after our return from the holiday break.

We would also welcome suggestions as to how we could improve and use this publication. Can anyone suggest a better name for than the one we have chosen?



A Day on the Water

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Special Points of Interest

- Volunteer Awards 7th Dec
- Break up Tues 11th Dec
- Start up Tues 22nd Jan.
- Committee Meeting: Date to be agreed
- Dories for Sale
- ASPAC Games



FROM THE LOUNGE ROOM

The season is going very well with more sailors than ever coming down and using the facilities we have been able to provide at SYC Hollywell. It is also pleasing to see a good number of regular and new volunteers being available each week.

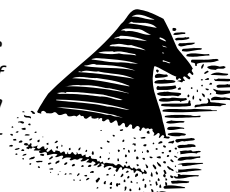
We depend on two major items to be successful. The first is finances to keep us equipped and operational and, thanks to Wyn's great efforts of the past years, we have a good base to work on. The second is volunteers and we are blessed with some great stalwarts who each week put in a large effort, for which we are very grateful.

We continue to need new faces to help us so I would ask that you talk about what we do and encourage friends and acquaintances to join us.

Operational success of how well we run Tuesdays is conditional on us spreading the workload, sharing responsibility and having good systems. There have been some changes as to who looks after what and we are working on making further changes to make us more efficient.

Primarily, we should all recognise that the Officer of the Day (O.O.D.—the guy with red jacket) has first and last say on operational issues.

May I, on behalf of the Committee, wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

Sailors, Volunteers & Carers are invited to join us on Tuesday 11th Dec at 3.30pm for a Christmas Break Up Shindig. Christmas is all about the coming together of family and friends. Come and have fun and lots of laughs.



Food and drink is supplied

(All we ask is a small entry fee of \$2.00 per person)

SAFETY ISSUES

We need to continue to be vigilant on safety in everything we do. Up to now our record has been very good. A couple of issues that need more careful control are:-

- Wheel chairs should not be left on the jetty whilst their owners are on the water.
- Every sailor going down to the boats must be accompanied by a volunteer or carer.

Should any person see an incident, have a concern on safety or indeed see a way we can improve please let Barry Lefevre or Terry know.

FOR SALE

Recently we were given two Dorries, which we have decided to sell. At this time we have a price on them but they are not moving so we have reduce the price and will be happy to let them go for

\$1500 each.

They would be great for fishing or just mucking about on the Broadwater. Please try and help us move them as the cash would be more useful to the Association.

SALVO OPERATIONS

A number of people have raised concerns about the operations and maintenance of the Salvos. There are a number of issues to be clarified and therefore all interested people are invited to an open forum to discuss these points after sailing on 27th Nov. Some of the issues are:-

- Responsibility for Salvo Operations
- Profitability of Salvos
- Maintenance, cost & responsibility
- Shortages of competent crew
- Skipper qualifications
- Salvo Racing

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

We have benefited from Government involvement in this the International Year of Volunteers.

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binoculars and some wet weather gear for those rainy days.

All Volunteers are invited to

Hollywell on Friday 7th December at 4.00 pm to receive an official Government Certificate to recognise the great effort they have put in to assist our sailor friends to enjoy the water.

The presentations will be made by our local State Member Peta-Kaye Croft who has kindly agreed to come back and visit us.

Following the presentations you and your partners are welcome to join us for a good old Aussie platter or two, as well as a few ales.

Please make an effort to be there with your partners.

SAILABILITY RACING NEWS

Over the past year we have been very successful in the dinghy sailing events we have entered, with great wins and placing's by many of our entrants.

Special mention should be made of **Sonja** who has continued to take Gold Medals and become a real talent on the water!

(Ok you racing people lets have your newsy items for this section as well as those of you on Salvos).

15th & 16th September 2001

Div 1 : Gary Fludder : Silver.
Div 2 : Kevin Mowberry : Gold.
Gerry Dyst : Silver.
Div 3 : Peter McGee : Gold.

Highest Score Greg Williams
Kevin Mowberry had 6 wins from 6 races

Top Gun : Barry Newton - Coates : Silver
Kevin Garcia : Bronze.
Top Bird : Dawn Blake : Gold
Julie Dyst : Bronze

A team with 5 dinghies will be going to Lake Coothrabra on the 1st & 2nd Dec.

Good Luck To You All

Results from Lennox Head



Some Recent Medal Winners

Breaking News

Southport Yacht Club have won the right to hold the 2002 AUSPAC Games

22nd - 29th September 2002