



Pittwater Aquatic Club

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Yeah!

PAC will be opening up soon with just a few weeks to go before the NSW Government allows us to get back to normal. We're planning the Christmas party for Sunday the 19th December – so **save the date**. Phil O'Leary has taken the lead on this so give Phil a call if you think you can assist. We intend to hold it downstairs around the BBQ's so there will be plenty of "Social Space". If you can lend and set up a marquis for the day it would be appreciated. We will close the ramp for the event to allow for the slip users' space.

On behalf of everyone I thank Noel Phelan for delivering such an informative presentation on the sinking of the USS Indianapolis. Not only did we gain insight into the plight of so many men, we also learned lessons on the machinations of the military bureaucracy that exacerbated it. The presentation also gave us a welcomed opportunity to catch up with one another.

Philip Cornwell has managed our finances through a very difficult transition to a new

accountant and has achieved a successful audit – the books are ready! **This is a great result**, thanks Phil. The report is available through the website at the top of the page here -

<https://www.paclub.com.au/fees/>

Philip has also applied to RMS for a mooring in Winji Jimmi for us, fingers crossed.

We have had two board meetings since our last Journal and aside from the usual administration discussions we have decided to trial the use of Stand-Up Paddle Boards. This initiative was derived from quite a number of requests from members. We will be purchasing 5 boards and a suitable rack, all branded the PAC. Members and their guests will be welcome to use them at their leisure for up to two hours at a time. You will use them at your own risk however you will be required to wear your own personal floatation device (PFD). Thanks to Kevin for taking the lead on this project.

Work continues on replacing the sliders on the marina (thanks Rich) and Lindsay negotiated a new deal with URM that will save us about \$6000 pa. John Wynen has been going through our insurance and set us up for renewals.

We have a number of disparate systems that we need to integrate if we are to future proof ourselves. We have engaged Matt Byrne (an IT Scientist) to develop a

scope of works that we can take to market for expressions of interest in developing our systems. Thanks to Philip Fontaine for introducing Matt the PAC.

Kevin has been working with Steve Crosby to produce a high-level project view for the Marina Expansion Project. We now have a very broad understanding of likely costs for a Development Application (DA) and the tasks required for a DA submission. We will share this with everyone at our next AGM in February.

As many of you know, long-serving Sailing Captain, Noel Phelan has turned in his whistle and I suspect he intends to take more adventurous activities on land (but don't tell him I said that). Following suit Life Member Ron Baxter along with his beautiful bride Marilyn are also hanging up their shingles as Chief Supporters of the Pittwater Sailors. Congratulations to the three of you for ensuring a Pittwater tradition lives on.

On that note the Sailors are looking for people to continue tradition so if you have the following skills:

- Secretary/Treasurer,
- record race entries,
- conduct safety audits,
- organise post race festivities,
- maintain financial records and communications,
- purchase trophies
- Load results onto the website

then drop a line into the club.

Similarly if you know when, where and how the wind is going to blow, know the rules (and the handicapper) and can make a call then the Sailors need you.

RTM Discounts

Club member Stuart has secured discounts for PAC members at RTM. This is a great Australian company with a local outlet in Warriewood. Stuart has negotiated discounts of between 5% and 10% on certain RTM brand products (including some Jaycar products). Thanks Stuart, this is greatly appreciated

WORK BERTHS

To cancel a work berth notice must be given at least one week before the booking date.

This is to give other members a chance to make a booking on those dates.

Some members have requested a cancellation at one or two days' notice.

In future if less than one weeks' notice is given of the cancellation, the fee will still be due for payment unless there are extenuating circumstances

Safety Message

Check your bilge before you start your motor. LPG and petrol fumes are heavier than air and can ignite in your bilge when you start your motor. Install a bilge fan and use it before you start your engine.

FOUND

A number plate has been retrieved from the end of the ramp (not the only thing dropped off the edge I'll bet). If you've lost your number plate then see Alan Barnes

For Sale and Wanted

For sale Cruise Craft Explorer 625. This 2005 model is in excellent condition and comes with a new 2019 custom made aluminium trailer.



All engine/boat/trailer serviced every year and no expense was spared on maintenance or upgrades. Can provide a list of features/extras as required. Located in the club storage yard. Price \$62,500.

Contact Alex (Sascha) on 0420-575-171