



MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
THE COMPASS ROSE CRUISING LOG

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Editor: Michael Mulholland-Licht

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 18TH, 7:30 P.M.
B.Y.O. BBQ 6:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION: QUALIFICATIONS, THE ICC AND OTHER
REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTERING BY
PHIL DARLING



Grotto Pt Light at dawn with full moon setting

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Editor's note:

Deadline for the next edition of the Compass Rose, is **Friday July 29 2016**

The **EDITOR** for the next Compass Rose is **Evan Hodge**

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Opinions expressed in the Compass Rose are those of the contributors, and do not necessarily reflect opinions of either Middle Harbour Yacht Club or the Cruising Division

MHYC Cruising Division Program 2016-2017

July	18 th	Cruising Division Meeting
	21 st	MHYC Annual General Meeting
August	15 th	Cruising Division Meeting
	21 st	Long Lunch / 40 th Birthday Celebration
	25 th	Skippers Briefing
September	3 rd	Club Opening Day and Sail past
	17 th & 18 th	090 plus Sugarloaf Raft-up
	19 th	Cruising Division Meeting
October	1 st to 3 rd	Lake Macquarie
	6 th	Twilight Racing Starts
	17 th	Cruising Division Meeting
November	12 th - 13 th	On Water Event TBA
	21 st	Cruising Division Meeting
December	TBC	Christmas Party (replaces December meeting)

January 2017	16th	Post New Year BBQ and get together.
	26 th	Australia day
	28th	Chaos and Bedlam Point Cup.
February	20 th	Cruising Division Meeting
	TBA	Late Summer Cruise

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN – MAY 2016



Greetings fellow cruisers,

The Cruising Division AGM saw a good turnout including our Commodore, John McCuaig, Club Captain, Peter Lewis and Stanley and Dianne Wachman. Stanley and Dianne gave a brief history of the instigation of the Wachman Trophy in 1987 and how it was run in the early days often on Pittwater.



The new Wachman Award Manual was launched at the AGM and is now available for Alternate Skippers to hone their skills and be awarded the coveted Wachman Achievement Award. I expect that we will see these elegant plaques adorning the bulkheads of cruising boats over the coming season! This manual provides an excellent opportunity for cruising couples to maintain competency in essential safety skills. Manuals will be available at members meetings.

Sincere thanks go to Committee members standing down at the AGM. Trevor D'alton, Gill Attersall and Paul Wotherspoon have been great contributors, volunteering over the past year to make the Cruising Division activities a success.

In Tig Thomas's absence, the Commodore took the role of returning officer and ratified the following committee for the following year:

Cruising Captain, Michael Mulholland-Licht. Secretary, Evan Hodge. Committee members, Phil Darling, Kelly Nun-Clark and Dorothy Theeboom. The new committee has already met to commence planning for the year ahead.

Several boats completed safety audits in June. If you are yet to complete please contact one of the volunteer auditors ASAP so that your vessel is ready to participate in upcoming events. Thanks to the many CD auditors that give their time to ensure that all cruising and racing boats meet the requirements to safely participate in open and closed waters.

At our members meeting on July 18 Phil Darling will explain the pathways available to achieve International Certificate of Competence, ICC, and other awards required for chatering overseas.

Save Sunday August 21 in your dairies for the famous Cruising Division Long Lunch. This year will be a particularly special event, as we will be including a 40th Birthday Celebration for the MHYC Cruising Division.

Club Captain, Peter Lewis, VC Racing Mike Gallagher and I have been discussing a recent invitation to visit Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. We are working on an event around the October Long weekend to Lake Macquarie. We hope to soon confirm a Newcastle Challenge on September 30. Stay Tuned.

See you on the water or at the Club, living the dream!

Michael Mulholland-Licht

Vice-Commodore Cruising. SY. "Bliss"

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 25TH 7:30 P.M.
B.Y.O. BBQ 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENTER: PHIL DARLING – QUALIFICATIONS, THE ICC AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTERING

Chartering requirements, especially for holidays outside of Australia, are becoming more difficult and increasingly you are being asked for evidence of competency. If the charter is in the Mediterranean, or in other European venues, this may be the dreaded “ICC”. If you are going inland (say – canal boating) you may also require a “CEVNI”.

Phil will take you through the various chartering requirements including what the “ICC” and “CEVNI” are, when you need them and how to go about getting them.

As well as being a long time Cruising Division member, Phil is a Yachtmaster Instructor and examiner for various overseas qualifications including these two. He will also place them in the overall context, from beginning to sail to Yachtmaster, and comparing commercial and non-commercial requirements in Australia and overseas.

CHEESE PLATE JUNE MEETING: DICK WILLIAMSON

**ENVELOPING AUGUST COMPASS ROSE:
MICHAEL MULHOLLAND-LICHT**

FUTURE EVENTS:

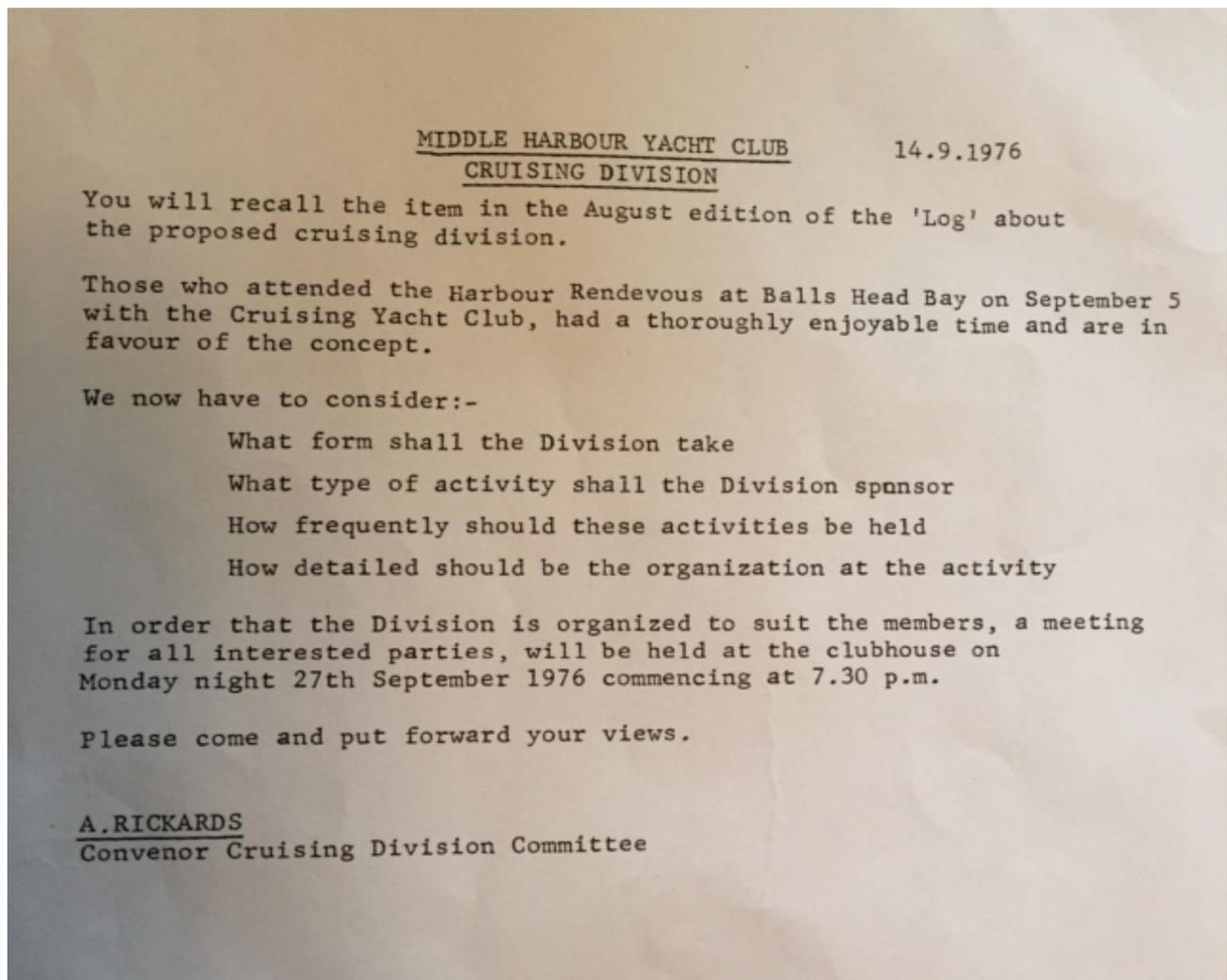
MHYC AGM JULY 21

**LONG LUNCH AND 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF
MHYC CRUISING DIVISION. SUNDAY AUGUST 21
FREE ARRIVAL DRINK, TWO COURSES PLUS BIRTHDAY CAKE
BOOK AT THE CLUB \$55 MEMBERS. \$60 NON-MEMBERS**

**NEWCASTLE CHALLENGE (TENTATIVE) SEPTEMBER 30
TO PRECEDE THE LAKE MACQUARIE CRUISE OCT 1-3**

MHYC CRUISING DIVISION - 40 YEARS OLD!

At the June Meeting Keith Watson, who is a regular contributor to the Tech Corner segment, shared with us a letter that was the initial invitation to attend a meeting to form the MHYC Cruising Division. The inaugural meeting was subsequently held on September 27 1976. Hence the 40th Birthday Celebration of the Cruising Division will take place at the Long Lunch this year on August 21.

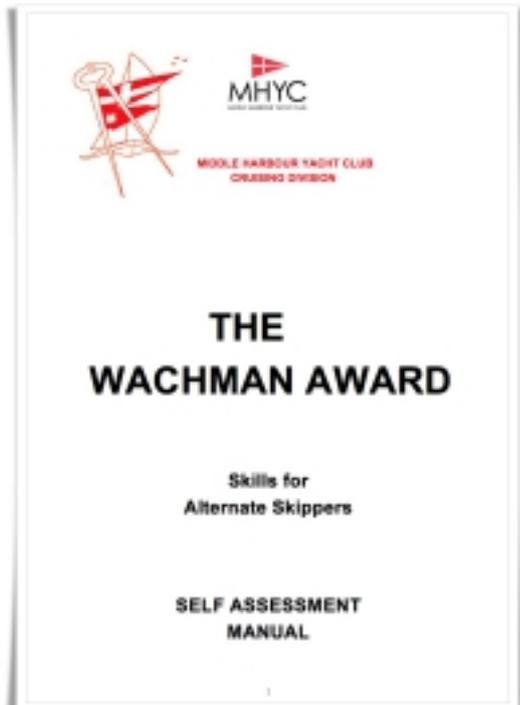


**Join the festivities at the Long Lunch and 40th Birthday Celebration on
Sunday August 21.**

**Enjoy a complimentary glass of bubbles or beer on arrival, then a sumptuous 2-
course winter meal followed by birthday cake!**

Book at the Club \$55 Members. \$60 Non -members

WATCHMAN AWARD



The Wachman Award was relaunched during the June Cruising Division meeting, An exciting new format aimed at equipping the alternate skipper with the skills needed to confidently navigate a sailing vessel to safety unassisted if the need arises. The new manual has exercises in: 1) Knots and Marks, 2) Boat Handling, 3) Safety (VHF and MOB) and 4) Sail Handling. Once you have worked through a series of self assessed skills, each level attained is engraved into your own Wachman achievement plaque.

On the club awards night each year members who have completed all four stages of the Wachman award and received their achievement plaques during the year will be in the running to have their name added to the Wachman trophy as most improved.

This is for everyone, alternate skippers and skippers alike who want to brush up on the skills required for single-handed sailing.

There is a small cost involved to cover the cost of the plaques and engraving and producing the manuals.

COSTS:

\$20 for the manual

\$40 for the plaque and engraving (You do not have to purchase the plaque if you don't want to, you can still participate in the program by working through the manual)

NEW

MEMBERS PLANNED CRUISES:

Adventurers here is your chance to announce to your MHYC community upcoming cruises you are planning. The idea behind this section is to allow the possibility of others heading in the same direction to cruise in company to destinations near and far. These are not MHYC CD events but cruises being undertaken by members inviting others to join them in the spirit of adventure and camaraderie.

TASMANIA MV FLEMINGO NORTH BOUND JULY 2016

Flemingo is departing the Spit in the second week of July for another relaxed dawdle north. We'll probably be pausing at Southport, Moreton Bay, Mooloolaba, Tin Can Bay and Great Sandy Strait, before drifting around Hervey Bay for a bit of whale watching. Returning around mid-August.

NASHIRA — TASMANIA MID-LATE JANUARY 2017

Kelly and Evan on Nashira are planning a cruise down the east coast of Tasmania starting Mid-Late January 2017 for a duration of 6-8 weeks coinciding with the 2017 Hobart Wooden Boat Festival. Current plan is to have stops in Jervis Bay and Eden on route to Tasmania then take a leisurely coast hop down to Hobart for the Wooden Boat Festival from 10-13 February. After the festival proceed down the east coast to Recherche Bay and, depending on the weather and time available, the possibility of going further round to Port Davey and Bathurst harbour. Contact: Evan at ehodge@ibt.com.au

Email the editor with information about your next cruise so that others may catch up with you along the way.

THE NEW CRUISING DIVISION POLOS AND SOFT-SHELL JACKETS HAVE ARRIVED!



Men's and Women's style polos

Polos come in both women's and men's styles in either white with navy trim or navy with light blue trim. They are made from a high quality quick dry bioweave fabric. Price \$45

Soft shell jackets are quite stylish in black with a reflective silver trim and have a hood and inside pockets including a phone pocket. There is a front zip and zippered side pockets. Price \$85

Women's sizes 10,12,14,16,18. Men's sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

Several members have already ordered and received their items. A second order will be placed after the July meeting so please give Michael Mulholland-Licht your orders at the meeting or email to osteo@vitallifestyle.com before July 18. Those orders will be available for collection at the August 15 meeting.



Soft Shell Jacket

THE AFTERMATH OF CYCLONE PAM. MARCH 2015 VANUATU. BY MIKE MCEVOY



Carnage from Cyclone Pam in Port Vila, Vanuatu

Recently we travelled to Vanuatu for a mid-year break for Sara. We had planned to do this last year but Cyclone Pam got in the way. Cyclone Pam ripped through the islands of Vanuatu in March 2015, causing massive devastation. It was classified as Cat 5, no, not Cat 5 safety, a Category 5 cyclone. Maximum wind speeds over 108 knots. Port Vila recorded wind speeds of 116 knots gusting to 185 knots between 2200 on Friday 13 and 0200 on Saturday 14 March as the eye passed to the east. The resort on Efate (the main island), about 30 mins drive north of Port Vila, had been severely affected by the cyclone. Fortunately the airline (Air Vanuatu) "held good" our tickets for 12 months so we re-booked for end of May into June. The resort "The Havannah" on Samoa Point, Port Havannah, was very happy to hold our booking over. So five nights and six happy days of bliss awaited.

Day one I went for a sail on a Hobbie Cat, available as part of the free marine equipment at the resort. Port Havannah is created by two islands, Lelepa and Moso which, in effect, make a safe harbour. A harbour big enough that it held the US 7th Fleet during WWII. The remains of the seaplane hangers are still there albeit overgrown.

On that first sail my objective was to get closer to a large yacht lying on its side at the northern end of the harbour. The breeze was from the NE at 10 to 14 knots and it took me about 1.5 hours to reach the yacht. The yacht turned out to be the ketch Blue Gold, a charter yacht of 50 metres that had been caught in Cyclone Pam. She was on her starboard side up on the coral with her masts over the land she was that close to shore. Both anchor chains could be seen extended so I assume that they had been deployed but did not hold her, with the cyclone forcing her up on to the coral reef, which runs just off the shore of Moso Island. Rumour from the locals is that Blue Gold is owned by an Australian who is in jail, which might explain why the yacht has not yet been salvaged. On the Efate shore about 400 metres from Blue Gold is a pile of equipment which looks

like an army engineers' pontoon bridge, perhaps in readiness for a re-floating when the time is right. Given the carnage in Port Vila, Blue Gold was lucky.



Blue Gold aground on coral

The next day I went for another sail, this time taking my camera inside double ziplock bags to keep the water out. Just as well I had the camera protected because the only place to store it on the cat was in a pocket on the trampoline. This time the NW breeze was a bit stronger but constant so I was able to get to the Blue Gold in about 45 minutes on three tacks. I deliberately sailed about 500 metres past her so that I could run downwind to take the photos you see here.

Given Blue Gold has been on the coral for 15 months she is in remarkably good condition and does not seem to have been picked over for all the equipment on board. Apparently someone sleeps on board and there must be some sort of security guard, possibly the local villagers. It is such a waste of a beautiful vessel but she does provide a point of interest in an otherwise beautiful harbour that has so few boats on it, compared say to Port Vila.



Blue Gold aground, village to the right



Blue Gold as she appeared in an advertisement available for charter

The super yacht Athos also visited Port Havannah and we sailed up the bay using her as a rounding mark on a sunset cruise on an old catamaran from the resort just to have a sticky beak.



Athos motoring past the resort. She is 62 metres of luxury.

Mike McEvoy Jabiru

LAUDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE IN NOR FOR 2017 AROUND AUSTRALIA RACE PLASTIC BAN

Ian Thomson is a sailor and educator who is passionate about getting plastic out of our oceans – and I think we all applaud that initiative. As organiser of next year's Around Australia Yacht Race, Ian has inserted some very good regulations in the NOR. You won't be able to use plastic bags to supply the vessel and one-use plastic bottles are also banned. Instead Ian suggests a large container of water and repeat-use metal bottles for each crew member. Ian's regulations make sense for all ocean racing and cruising boats – please read the article if you need to pick up a few ideas.

There will also be a limit on the amount of diesel able to be carried for recharging batteries, so alternative methods will need to be used.

Hydrogenerators have been carried on Round World racing yachts recently and for those contemplating the Around Australia Race or just planning a bluewater cruise, I've attached some details on a product I spotted at Southern Seas Marine on the Gold Coast a few months ago. I was impressed with the styling and design.

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LOCAL LIGHTHOUSE GROWTH



I have phoned Sydney Ports on a couple of occasions informing them of the Banksias growing on the Southern side of Grotto Point Light. While the foliage does not obscure the light itself, I mentioned that mariners use such prominent landmarks as navigation marks while training and other exercises like swinging a compass. Contractors were promptly sent out to cut the grass inside the fence, but

the Banksias grow ever taller.
Michael Mulholland-Licht, *Bliss*

CD Quiz –July 2016 by Phil Darling

1. You are chartering in the Whitsundays and the charter operator says “you will have an easier trip if you are careful of the tidal gates”. What does this mean?
2. Considering the last question – what is an Overfall?
3. What tide height is the overhead clearance of an object such as power lines or a bridge taken from?
4. Off Sydney – does the sea breeze normally back or veer during the day?
5. When navigating -what is the term for the effect of the wind in blowing a boat sideways off her course?
6. The phase of the moon is in the first quarter. Are the tides Springs or Neaps?
7. You see a vessel displaying three black balls in a vertical line. What does this mean?
8. What is the difference between a ketch and a yawl?
9. A navigation mark has the chart characteristics Fl(2). What does this look like in daylight?
10. Where on a boat do you find the roach?

PHOTO CORNER COMPETITION 2016

July Winner.....

.....Photo of the Month.



Each Month the best photo received by the writer will go into the running to win a prize to be announced at the end of the year.

The panel of judges will deliberate and award a bottle of hand selected wine to the eventual winner. To be eligible you must submit your photo *before* the closing date for contributions. Only one photo per month may be submitted.

This month's winner could have been ***You..!***

*If you wish to be in the running for the Prize at year's end,
you must enter !*

Your Photo could have been here ...!

Sadly, no Photos entered this Month.

Your Title would have been here.....;

Remember, ... to be in the running to win the prize you must be in it.

Hint ..Give your favourite photo a Title and Place taken.

Submit your photo to <paul_wotherspoon@bigpond.com>.

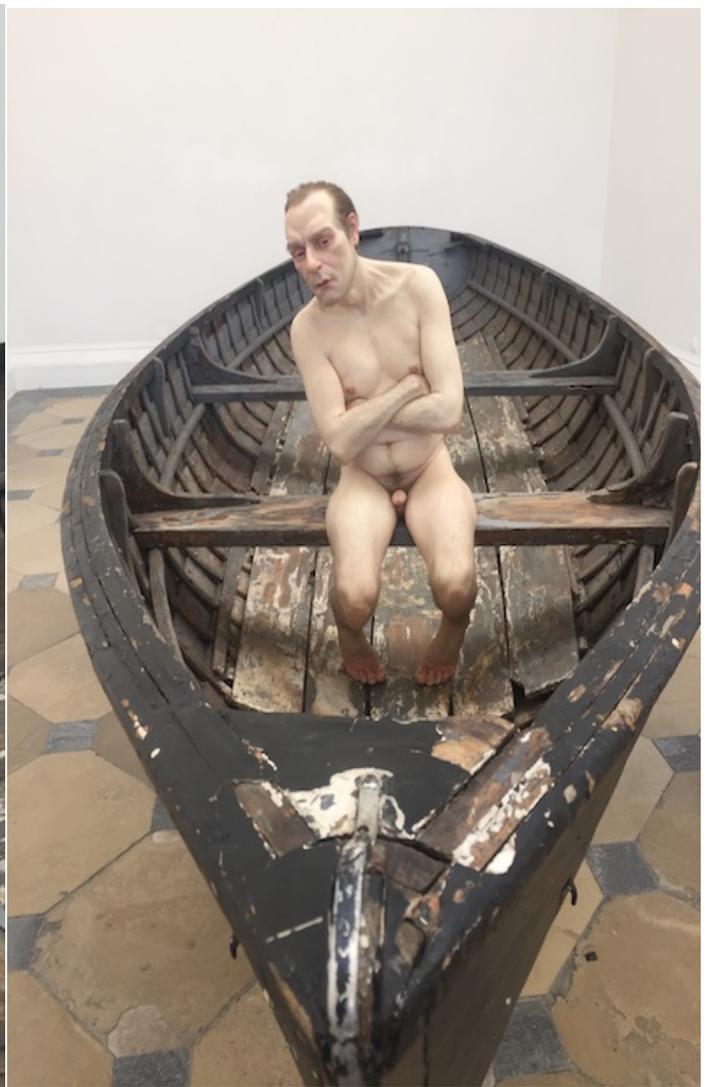
Good Shooting - !!!



BOAT ART.

MAN IN A BOAT, FOLKS GARTEN VIENNA 2016

While teaching in Vienna last month, I stumbled across a sculptural piece by a Melbourne artist, Ron Mueck, during a residency at National Gallery , London. Man in a boat is an intriguing, half life size, realistic naked man sitting in his wooden boat without oars or a sail. He is craning forward to look at something. What is he looking at or for? Where is he heading? Where has he come from? He seems quite calm, yet vulnerable, naked in his small craft. So ambiguous. As a sailor we bring our own interpretation and story to the art. Some of us may consider a pair of Budgie Smugglers! He's not looking good for Cat7, but does raise a lot of questions. Michael Mulholland-Licht, *Bliss*



USE YELLOW CELLS ONLY		CRUISING DIVISION PARTICIPATION POINTSCORE CALCULATION SHEET													
		JAN - DEC 2016										CompassAttendance Technical			TOTAL
DATE =		Feb 15-21	Mar 12-13	Apr 23-25	May 21-22	Jun 11-12	Sep 17-18	Oct 1-3	Nov 12-13	9th	10th	Rose	at	Corner	TOTAL
EVENT =		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Feature Articles Points	Monthly Meeting Points	Projects complt'd Points	CUMUL' SEASON POINTS
ENTER CREW FOR EACH		Gosford Cruise	Wish & Raft up	Anzac Cruise	Lane Cove River	Check Safety	090 & Raftup Sugarf	Lake Macq	TBA						
YACHT		No. Nights	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	1		2	1	3	
Sanctum	Crew											0	4	0	4
	Noel & Jean	Nights													
Bliss	Crew				2							2	4	0	9
	Michael & Astrid	Nights				1									
Breeze	Crew											6	2	0	8
	Bill & Helen	Nights													
Dignity	Crew											0	0	0	0
	Peter & Sue	Nights													
eXpresso	Crew											2	5	0	7
	Phil & Maralyn	Nights													
Flemingo	Crew		2	1		1	1					0	3	0	15
	John Eastway	Nights	2	1		1	1								
Galan	Crew											0	0	0	0
	Mike & Hilary	Nights													
Jabiru	Crew											0	4	0	4
	Mike & Suzanne	Nights													
Jenzminc	Crew											0	0	0	0
	Andy & Jen	Nights													
Kachina	Crew		2									2	3	0	11
	Trevor/Lena	Nights	2												
Mereki	Crew											0	1	0	1
	Richard	Nights													
Nashira	Crew		2		3	2						6	5	0	21
	Evan & Kelly Clark	Nights		1		1	1								
Rapture	Crew		0	1		1	1					6	5	0	17
	Paul & Anne	Nights		1		1	1								
Simply Irrestible	Crew				2							8	3	0	14
	Glynne & Gill	Nights				1									
Shazam	Crew											0	0	0	0
	Colin & Scott	Nights													
Galaxy 3	Crew		2		2							0	3	0	12
	Chris & Diane	Nights	2			1									
Slack'n'Off	Crew		2	2		2						4	4	0	20
	Gabriele & Martin	Nights	2	1		1									
Caviar	Crew		2			2						0	5	0	11
	Max & Dot Theeboom	Nights		1			1								
Altair	Crew											2	5	0	7
	Kieth Watson	Nights													=====
No. of Boats =		4	5	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	The Leading Boat is....			Points 21
<p>Boat = 1 Point per Night Crew = 1 Point per Night per Person. Skippers are deemed to sleep on their own boat. Crew are averaged, if not present for all nights of the event.</p> <p>Compass Rose Articles = 2 points per feature Representation at Meetings = 1 point per month Technical Projects implemented = 3 points each</p> <p>First 3 Bottles of Wine Second 2 Bottles of Wine Third 1 Bottles of Wine</p>															
17															
Skippers are required to email <paul_wotherspoon@bigpond.com>with results to receive points															

CHEF'S CORNER GALLEY EQUIPMENT



Swift Whip

You can still find a Swift Whip for sale in country flea markets around Australia. The famous ball drive was first patented by Propert Pty Ltd Australia in 1932 and manufactured in Arncliffe and later Epping until 1980. They were also manufactured in New Zealand between 1960-1970. No 12-volt power required. Just a little aerobic activity in the galley for whipped cream, soufflé, or light and fluffy omelettes as seen in Chef's Corner.



This one is for sailors on a budget that want some party music in the galley while whipping the cream. All you need is a toilet roll and 4 drawing pins. If you are seeking more base from a sub-woofer, place the whole assembly into the dream pot seen in last month's edition of Chef's Corner.

Readers can see how much we miss Colin's recipes in Chef's Corner. If you have a favourite "boat food", send the recipe and a photo to our editor for next month's Compass Rose. Please! *Ed.*

CD Quiz – July 2016 – Answers

1. A “Tidal Gate” is an area where safe passage is much easier if you work with, rather than against, the tide. For example, Solway Pass (between two of the Whitsunday islands) is much safer and easier to pass through on Slack Water (ie at the top or bottom of the tide) rather than at mid tide when strong currents and overfalls are common.
2. An Overfall is a turbulent stretch of water caused by a strong current or tide. It may be from a meeting of currents, or from an effect from the shape of the sea bed.
3. Clearance heights overhead are usually taken from HAT (Highest Astronomical Tide). Check the chart notes if in doubt.
4. The sea breeze off Sydney starts from the east, then backs to be more north-east as it strengthens during the day.
5. Leeway.
6. Neaps – the moon and the sun are working in opposition in their tidal influences.
7. The vessel is aground.
8. Both are two masted sailing vessels, with a main mast and a smaller mizzen mast aft of it. The ketch has the mizzen mast forward of the rudder post, and the yawl has the mizzen mast aft of the rudder post.
9. This is an isolated danger mark, so in daylight it has alternating black and red bands, and a top mark of two black balls
10. At the back end of a sail. It is the curved area of the sail outside of the line from head to clew.

Middle Harbour Yacht Club - Cruising Division		
Treasurer's Report As at 30th June 2016		
Cash at Bank as at 30.5.16		\$1,818.43
<i>Plus Receipts</i>		
<i>Less Payments</i>		
Cash at Bank as at 30.6.16		\$1,818.43
<i>Outstanding Receipts</i>		
Wachman Manual		\$60.00
<i>Outstanding Payments</i>		
Account Balance		\$1,878.43
Signed as a true record		
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Evan Hodge		
Secretary		

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES OF APPROXIMATELY 800 - 900 WORDS ON SUBJECTS WITH A SAILING THEME, INCLUDING PERSONAL SAILING ADVENTURES, BOOK REVIEWS, SKETCHES, JOKES, AND SO ON. WRITE YOUR ARTICLE WITH TITLE, YOUR NAME AND BOAT NAME, AND EMAIL TO THE EDITOR.



The Cruising Division of MHYC meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, and uses as its sailing pennant a flag with a white compass rose on a red background.

MHYC Cruising Division members invite a raft-up or cruise in company whenever they fly our pennant, which we refer to as 'the compass rose'.

The Cruising Division newsletter is titled 'The Compass Rose Cruising Log' and is published monthly. The newsletter is also available through the MHYC web-site at www.mhyc.com.au