



Happy and safe boating

# MLAC Bulletin

*"Respect the Past - Create the Future"*

SEPT 2019

## NEXT OUTINGS

### K O R S M A N 's SPIT ROAST

**Saturday  
19 October**

**More details  
to come**

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**A G M  
and  
Christmas  
Party**

at

**Myall Shores  
on  
Saturday  
16 November**

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### Boat Show

Saturday, 3 August 2019

Another fantastic outing for the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club with a group of 35 members and friends visiting the Sydney Boat Show. The trip to and from Sydney was smooth and stress free - our awesome driver and coach were supplied by Port Stephens Coaches. The weather was picture perfect which certainly contributed to a very enjoyable day.



*It's always hard to keep Paul away from the helm of a boat, and the Boat Show was no different.*



*It also happened to be Shorty's birthday, so there were songs, smiles and cake to share all round.*



*Mal and Rebecca soaking up the sunshine at the Sydney Boat Show*



### BOATING SAFETY

Unfortunately, we weren't as lucky with the weather for our next event in Tea Gardens. The wind was gusting from the west as our members arrived at the wharf for morning tea onboard *Toy Ship* and *Bobcat*.

When the pub opened, we all ventured over there. No, not for an early drink, but to hunker down in the much more comfortable Silver Dolphin Room, out of the wind and in the warmth, to listen to an excellent boating safety presentation by Gavin Beck, Maritime Boating Education Officer for Port Stephens Myall Lakes area.



# More Club News

MINUTES of the MLAC Management Committee meetings dated:

- ⚓ 1 April 2019
- ⚓ 20 May 2019
- ⚓ 31 July 2019

are now available on the MLAC website for your interest.

You will need to log into the Members' Area using your agreed surname as your username (all lower case), and your MLAC membership number as your password.

If you have any problems with this, please contact Paul on 0400 123 639.



## MLAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Please,

Save the date

And

Spread the word

Saturday evening

28 March 2020

Email:

[fiftyyears@mlac.org.au](mailto:fiftyyears@mlac.org.au)

## Boating Safety

Saturday, 7 September 2019

Gavin explained the items required to have onboard your boat for both enclosed and offshore waters, the use of flares, bucket and lanyard, how to check your inflatable life jackets, and much more.

Because of the wind, our plan for a lunchtime sausage sizzle was abandoned. Instead, the club organised an array of delicious pub pizzas.



The afternoon session included a variety of presentations by Rod, Mac, Linda and Paul on antifouling, batteries, first aid, moorings, motor maintenance, PropSpeed and radio etiquette.

Knots and rope splicing were put aside for another time as we launched into our regular members' update via the afternoon "Huddle".

### KEY POINTS FROM THE HUDDLE:

- ⚓ Karuah Motor Yacht Club event was a success
- ⚓ Tamboi Captain's Stew was cancelled due to lack of numbers and weather
- ⚓ Sydney Boat Show was a success - coach driver was awesome.
- ⚓ Sydney Wooden Boat show - suggested outing for next year
- ⚓ The IMPORTANCE of advising your attendance in a timely manner for MLAC outings was stressed. Please consider the caterers.

Commodore Rod advised that the management committee has appointed a sub-committee to take charge of organising MLAC's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. The sub-committee consists of Allan Tennyson, Melissa Blanch and Dylan Tennyson.

Rod invited the sub-committee to provide the meeting with a progress update.

- ⚓ 978 invitations have been sent out
- ⚓ 140 acceptances received from members and past members
- ⚓ 105 members are deceased
- ⚓ 6 inability to attend
- ⚓ 549 have not responded

Allan encouraged all members to talk about the event with their boating friends, and to check with anyone they see if those people have responded to their invitation. Children of past members are also encouraged to attend. They are hoping for at least 250 attendees. The Hawks Nest Golf Club looks likely to be the chosen venue. Dylan is working on a Facebook page for the event.

Rod made comment on the hard work and long hours that this sub-committee have already dedicated to planning and organising this important celebratory club event.

*Tony and Christine purchased a new engine for River Gypsy as a result of their day with MLAC at the Sydney Boat Show. They wish to thank all involved for their help on the day.*



*Many hands make light work - lifting out the old engine in preparation for the new.*

