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Life Members

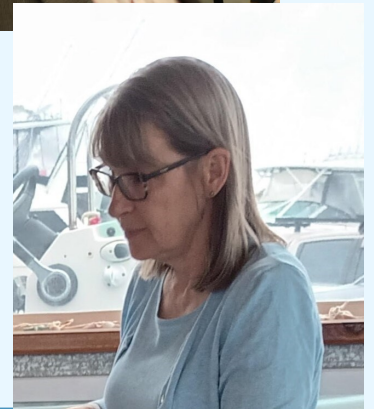
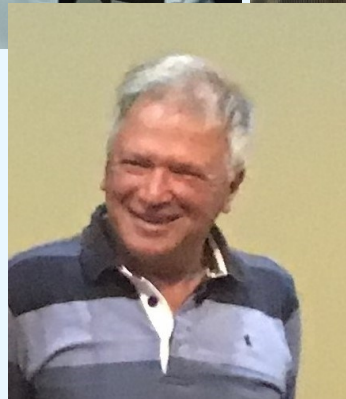
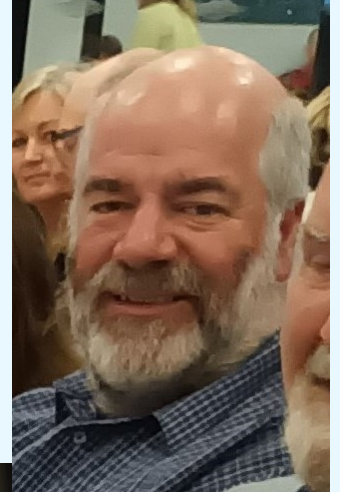
At the Annual Dinner and Trophy Night in April, two new SBBC Life Memberships were awarded: to Don Elliott and Graeme Elphinstone. Both very well-deserved, some might say overdue!

Congratulations to both!

Committee Notes

The Spring Bay Boat Club Annual General Meeting is coming up in September. Please consider whether you can make yourself available for two hours a month (it's not much!) to be on the Committee. Over the next few years we will be looking for all sorts of Officers as the "old guard" drifts into obscurity and it's important that anyone taking on some of the more responsible roles has had a bit of experience on the Executive Committee first.

Here's a little challenge for you: can you name all of the current Committee members?



Notices

- ♦ Photos and articles for future *Bay Sprays* always gratefully received.
- ♦ Please ensure your contact details are up to date on our Club data-base. If you have had any recent changes, inform us at sbbcontact@gmail.com

Annual Dinner and Trophy Night



Please refer to the sailing report (next page) for trophy winners. Congratulations to all. I think Ken, winning the Fluffy Blue Slippers, was the most excited!!



Vice Commodore 's Sailing Report:



Winners of the sailing competitions for the 24/25 season were:

First Twilight Series: *Vite*, skipper Bob Wilson

Pennant Series: *Baiame*, skippers Ray Coope & Ashley Emmerton

Second Twilight Series: *Baiame*, skippers Ray Coope & Ashley Emmerton

Long Distance Races:

- 1) Lachlan Island Race: *Zebedee*, skipper Greg Maddox
- 2) South Maria Race: *Marika*, Skipper David Catt
- 3) Darlington Race: *Sagittarius*, skipper John Hall

Overall winners: *Marika* and *Sagittarius* (equal points)

Pacer Challenge: Bruce and Frances Palmer

Cock of the Bay Series: *Sagittarius*, skipper John Hall

It was a very interesting season with plenty of challenging conditions and the occasional spell of settled weather, thus no one competitor was advantaged by the weather. Several competitors did significant works on their yachts over the last winter, and this was visible in their performance. The handicap results in most instances were decided by seconds not minutes, suggesting that the "Topyacht" handicap is working fairly on our disparate fleet. Suffice to say, a rigorous analysis of the movement of the "handicap" showed no anomalies.

I look forward to the next season.

Two other awards on the night:

Club Person of the Year:

Tim Geard

Blue Slipper Award for Outstanding Wetness in the Pursuit of Boating Excellence:

Ken Draper.



Vite



Baiame



Sagittarius



Zebedee

Tim Geard



Pacer champions



Marika

Mystery Tour

18 Spring Bay Boat Club members and invited guests took part in the 2025 Mystery Tour.

Luckily we were greeted with a sunny and crisp day.

We kicked off at Alimento Swansea where Andrew and his team spoilt us with scones, jam and cream.

Next we headed to Lake Leake and into M Road where we took in the forest and heard an informative talk from Graeme Elphinstone about the history of the Triabunna Chip Mill and the history and future of forestry in the area. A great group discussion followed before we moved onto the next stage at Lost Falls. Sylvia Elphinstone spoke about some of the challenges facing the Native Forest space politically. Lost Falls saw us enjoy a log fire and lunch and lots of great discussions and laughs. The adventurous among us took a hike to Lost Falls before returning to the fire and a coffee and the odd vino.

Our final stop before we exited the forest included a stop to look at a great example of thinning and selective logging.



We eagerly anticipate 2026's Mystery Tour.

Sylvia Elphinstone.

From your Commodore:



Since last report, the sailing season has wrapped up (see Tim's report).

We had a well-attended working bee which saw a variety of jobs undertaken including tree-trimming and gardening. Thanks to all and to the social committee who provided a delicious morning tea.

Members had a successful camping weekend at the Douglas River for those with self-sufficient camping facilities. The Douglas River site was thought so peaceful and sheltered that it will definitely be visited again. A well-attended Mystery

Tour to bush sites on the East Coast hinterland was organised by Graeme and Sylvia Elphinstone and we thank them very much for their efforts.

Ben West is proceeding well with the pontoon jetty at the boat ramp. After construction of the concrete abutment the jetty can be assembled which is likely to be the result of a working bee to be organised in the spring. That should be fun and hopefully with more scones, jam and cream.

We have three more committee meetings over winter before the AGM which will give people the opportunity to put their hand up for positions becoming vacant.

Malcolm Fergusson.

...and your Rear Commodore:

It's been almost six months since our last Bay Spray and in that time the social side of life at the Club has been following a fairly standard annual cycle.

Some spontaneous post-race barbecues and get-togethers have been enjoyed; in February, many members attended the Wooden Boat Festival and were welcomed aboard Deseado as part of their festival experience (it was a fabulous Wooden Boat Festival and Malcolm and I thoroughly enjoyed participating); also in February, members spent a weekend camping at the Douglas River, an outstanding site and a very successful Club outing; the March social event was a barbecue at the completion of the Cock of the Bay racing series which was very well-attended and provided a nice end-of-season event to this year's official sailing program; the SBBC Annual Dinner and Trophy Night was held at Riverside Café and Providore in April; and the May social gathering was the Mystery Tour to Lost Falls.

In this my final report I wish to thank the other members of the social committee for their support, their ideas and their ongoing efforts to keep the Club social scene alive and thriving: Alison Wheaton, Heather Wilson, Pam Keygan and Sue Morgan. And I want to wish the next Rear Commodore all the best with what is a sometimes challenging, usually fun and always rewarding Club role.

Leanne O'Brien



Photo Gallery- AWBF 2025



A few photos to remind you of the wonderful spectacle and atmosphere of the **Australian Wooden Boat Festival**. It happens every two years in Hobart so the next one will be in February 2027. We hope to go again! The 2025 festival (featured here) was the seventh one we've had a boat in and they seem to get better and better.

Above and Left: find *Deseadó*! We were lucky enough to be parked right next to that cute little tug *Minuscule* so probably appeared in the background of hundreds of photos!
Malcolm & Leanne.

Dogs of the Eastern Seaboard

During my cruise from Hobart to the Cumberland Group (Whitsundays) fourteen years ago I was entertained by the sight of many seaboard dogs.

I managed to photograph only a small proportion of dogs I saw, but below are some of the canines I captured.

Depending on your browser you might need to copy and paste the google maps location link given in the text.

Huskiisson is a now very popular holiday location within Jervis Bay. At first I was reluctant to broach the river mouth but with the encouragement and knowledge of a local whale watch boat I finished up in the very protected lower reaches of Currambene Creek.

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I finished up spending four weeks in and around Huskiisson having a jolly good time, but also getting some work done on the boat such as fitting the wind generator.

Anyway, one quiet evening a chap in an open boat headed out to do some fishing with his very contented looking first mate on the foredeck...



Dogs of the Eastern Seaboard cont.



Also at Huskisson this lucky pooch doesn't seem to realise how lucky he is!



Further up the coast at Port Stephens these two are looking very sheepish. Perhaps they didn't appreciate being photographed while looking a bit bedraggled...

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Dogs of the Eastern Seaboard cont.



Inside Fraser Island is a popular anchorage behind Stewart Island for boats having just crossed Wide Bay Bar northwards, or waiting for conditions to cross it southwards.

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How happy does this dog look?!



Immediately inside the Gold Coast Seaway, just north of Southport, is a bay known as Bum Bay. I gather the reason for this name is that in the past it has been home for some less seaworthy, though still homes, for some budget driven boaties. There were still some of these less attractive vessels when I spent a few days there, but also some of a different grade.

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(see photos next page)

Dogs of the Eastern Seaboard cont.



In Pearl Bay I got to know a fella who had worked for the Natural Confectionary Company, (think Snakes, Jelly Babies etc.). He was cruising on a 30 footer with his dreadlocked dog who was something of a chick magnet, or so the owner told me. Anyway, they seem to have a pretty good rapport...

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Text and photos by Greg Maddox

Photo Gallery



Thank you, Sylvia, for all the **Mystery Tour** photos. And thank you to Heather Wilson for the **Annual Dinner** photos. I'm afraid we're fairly light on for SBBC boat-related photos in this edition of Bay Spray. Please send any recent (and future) ones of your boating exploits and adventures to: sbbc.social@gmail.com

Photo Gallery



Mystery Tour photo of the day! It looks so toasty and welcoming.



Above Left: Long Distance Race aboard *Marika*.



Above Right: *Kooranya* and *Zebedee* in a very atmospheric twilight shot. Not much wind!!

Photo Gallery



Who can you spot,
in the bush and at
the dinner?