

Bay Spray - Aug, Sep, Oct 2019



A message from the Commodore, John Hall

Hi All,

Firstly I would like to acknowledge those who have stepped up for our committee for the coming year. We have a number of new faces and there is plenty of enthusiasm.

Key roles are filled by: Tim Geard-Vice Commodore Sail, Nathan Hardy-Vice Commodore Power, Malcolm Fergusson - Rear Commodore. Malcolm and Tim have been working hard on their portfolios. We have a very full boating roster and Malcolm has formed a social sub committee who have been very busy. Malcolm and others have also been working hard arranging clubhouse improvements.

Opening day was a success with quite a number of boats taking part in the sail past. As mother nature would have it, a fresh North Westerly kicked as we were nearing the official boat (Thanks Graeme and crew) with one yacht suffering some sail damage. There was a good attendance at the clubhouse afterwards, a great way to start the new season.



The sailing season has started off enthusiastically, although with a limited fleet. Fortunately the gale force winds have left us alone, although the heavens opened one evening and a few Drowned Rats returned to the clubhouse.

Some exciting news, the club has taken delivery of the Safety Pickup boat which we purchased from Triabunna District School. This was in poor condition but has now been refurbished and will be a huge asset to the club. We plan to have a Christening and Launch sometime soon— watch this space.

As usual, please be safe on the water, have an enjoyable season of boating.

A club champion, Ray Coope



Those who race or frequent the clubhouse will know Ray Coope who is a stalwart of the club. Ray joined the club about 45 years ago and in 1979 bought his beautiful Vanderstadt Spirit 28 yacht "Baime" pictured overleaf. Apart from being a fierce competitor on the water Ray has always been available to roll his sleeves up when there's work to be done around the clubhouse. Ray is an affable and helpful character who is also well known for his cooking skills—if there's a roast on the menu or a snag from the barbecue, there's a good chance Ray has had a hand in it. Well done and thanks Ray for all you do—the club wouldn't be the same without you!



Baiaime at the Opening day sailpast October 2019



Spring Bay Boat Club on a gala evening in May this year

Activity Reports

Sailing:

by Vice Commodore Sail, Tim Geard



Yachts gather for the opening day sail past

The SBBC sailing season is now underway. The season opening was well attended, and all concerned had a delightful sail past. Dennis Bennett took the salute. A spiteful little weather change then complicated the return to the club. Two stand alone highlight races have since been held, with Baime victorious in both. Two spring series twilight races have been held, the victors being Baime and Spirit one each

Power boating:

by Vice Commodore Power, Nathan Hardy



Early work on the boat ramp

An ongoing concern of members with power boats has been the club's limited launching facilities and I'm pleased to announce that the widening and modifications to the ramp has made boat launching much easier. This is opportune as the club is seeing a welcome expansion in members who own power boats to the extent that the hard stand area is now close to its capacity.

Fishing in the Spring Bay area has been poor this season and the ability to throw a line over for a feed of flathead seems to decrease

each year. In saying this, I am receiving reports that fish sizes seem to be on the increase particularly further out beyond Maria Island.

One of my aims is to write to fishing clubs in Tasmania to invite them to join us in this wonderful area for a weekend of fishing and social activities later in the year—so watch this space.

The Spring Bay Boat Club has many on water social activities and a great social calendar and I encourage all power boat owners to keep an eye on the club's website springbay-boatclub.com.au for upcoming events. And a reminder to all members that picnic tables and a barbeque is available in the newly refurbished barbeque area at the rear of the clubhouse. This is ready for use to members at all times

Activity Reports

Social:

by Rear Commodore, Malcom Fergusson

Hi all,

I'm your new Rear Commodore. Most members probably already know me. I'm a bit apprehensive about my new role but luckily have been assigned a great team: Penny Davidson, Deb West, Vonda Hall and John Hall. Please feel free to talk to any of us if you have ideas for Club activities or improvements. I'd like to thank David Read for the great job he has done in the role over the past few years. Also, thanks to Jan Read and Ray Coope who have done a surprising amount of work behind the scenes. Ray keeps the club site tidy and organised, ensures supplies are replenished and even, at various times, has provided fish, fresh veggies and cake (!) as well as his culinary skills at various social events.

It has been decided to have a winter recess (in the social calendar) this year as so many people go away during the winter month that it's quite hard to get a crowd together. Therefore, there will be no Friday night social gatherings in June, July and August 2020.

We have plans to make a few more improvements to the "old tin shed" as we're keen to make the best of what we have until we can afford to put up some amazing architecture. We plan to install controllable lighting, some sound absorbing panels in the ceiling, re-arrange the permanent fittings and do a paint job. The new kitchen is working well and will remain much the same.

The Annual Dinner at the end of the boating season looks like being moved forward to April 18 next year so save that date and we will let you know when it's all firmed up.

In the meantime, we are working on ideas for our monthly Friday night gatherings. In November, the plan is to have a Quiz Night (Nov. 8th). More information will be emailed to all members shortly.

December 20th will be the date of our Christmas Party, following the Triabunna Christmas Parade. Because of this, there will be no other social function on the second Friday of December.

On the club website (www.springbayboatclub.com.au), you will find a comprehensive, beautifully colour-coded Activity Calendar, thanks to Tim and Greg, covering all known events for the year ahead. They include some off-water activities (eg camping weekend and picnic road trip) that might interest a wider section of the membership.

Spring Bay Boat Club is very excited to be taking over the responsibility of the Triabunna School's rescue craft which actually involves buying a new hull.

This development should increase our involvement with the new Council boatshed, a wonderful facility including showers, toilets, power and boat storage at Raspins Beach which will, in turn, support our ongoing association with the Triabunna School sailing program and hopefully lead to greater involvement with other clubs who will want to take advantage of both the facility and the wonderful sailing arena.

Regards

Malcolm Fergusson.

Nautical terms

One needs to be a boating person for some time before one can start to come to terms with the thousands of nautical terms and definitions which have joined the English language since it was first spoken. So for those who are a little rusty on nautical language, the following definitions have been provided:

Aboard	A Piece of timber
Adrift	A method of moving across the water when nothing on the boat works. If you are adrift, you don't normally have a lot of input as to where you are going
Anchor	Underwater hook for latching on to anything too heavy for the anchor winch
Astern	The kind of look your spouse gives you when you attempt to buy things for your boat
Bilge	A storage area beneath the floor boards for anything dropped mixed with oil, sink water, and toilet water
Bilge pump	An electrical device designed to remove power from your battery They usually only work when the boat is not taking on water
Bow	A gesture you make to your banker when you need the money for a new boat
Bridge	A thing you cross when you haven't got a boat
Buoy	A navigation aid that these is something worth noting beside or under it
Capsize	They ask this when you go to a shop and buy a boating hat
Cockpit	The area in a boat where people sit to get showers of cold salt water
Deck	This is what your spouse does to you after you spend too much money on a trip to the chandlery
Dock	A medical professional. Also what happens to your finger if you get it caught under the jib sheet
GPS	An electrical device which allows you to know where you are before the batteries expire
Gunwale	The part of a boat for supporting one's midsection while spewing over the side
Hatch	Similar to a mousetrap however for dropping on your head or fingers
Head	A part of your body which sits on top of your neck. You shouldn't really be buying a boat if you didn't know this
Heave	What you do when the water's rough—best done on the lee side
Keel	A stopping device for your boat and works by contacting the bottom of the water
Keys	A device for opening locks—usually found in the water beneath your boat
Line	What you feed your spouse to convince her or him that the new purchase for your boat was essential
Mess	Descriptive of the way the galley usually looks straight after the meal is served
No wake zone	An area of water where you must be quiet so as to not wake any nearby residents
Overboard	A term describing the final resting place of anything expensive dropped from the boat (doesn't include inexpensive items).
Port	What you drink when on a boat. Also the left side and a place where you sometimes tie up

Nautical terms (continued)

Propeller	An underwater high speed winch for winding in ropes that have fallen overboard
Rudder	A device for steering a boat. Usually the first thing that comes off when you hit a rock
Yacht race	Two or more yachts which happen to be sailing in the same direction
Stern	A flat and sometimes pointy back end of a boat to give you a place to paint the name of the boat. Also a look your spouse give you when you've spent too much at the chandlery
Wake	A funeral party boating people partake in (as guest of honour) if they don't practice safe boating

New members

The Spring Bay Boat Club welcomes the following new members

Stuart Norris

Shane Blackwell

Lenny Gallagher

Colin Brookes

Stephen Newitt

Kenneth Paton

John Cody

Quinton James



These days it is not as well recognised that Triabunna has a strong boatbuilding history. The picture shows the construction of the 60' Ada Hardy by Bernard Wilson. It was taken in 1987.