

# NYS Commodore's Newsletter January 2024

Greetings All,

Happy New Year to everyone and the Newhaven Yacht Squadron got off to a flying start if the success of the New Year's Celebration event is anything to go by. A very good and very loud band played throughout the night providing all with old hits and memories and music to dance to.



## **Happy Hour**

Happy Hour every Saturday Night continues to grow in numbers. The members' draw now stands at a whopping \$1975 and eager to be won. You must be in attendance to win so come and enjoy good fellowship for a couple of hours and join in on the fun. Shortly there will be some important changes announced about the members' draw rules which will make it even better so stay tuned.

# Fishing competition

NYS Fishing Competition this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January with a 9.30am start, no doubt you have all seen the information sheet sent out by Ray Mascaro. With excellent fishing conditions, forecast of 24 degrees, partly cloudy with light breeze, what could be better. Excellent prizes to be won! I'll see you all at the BBQ after the big weigh in the afternoon.

#### Clubroom Refurbishment.

You will be wondering about the progress of the plans to refurbish our existing clubrooms. In essence not a great deal has happened other than the quotation for the project was received late last year. The amount was considerably more than what had been budgeted, which meant that the amount authorised at the 2022 AGM for spending on the project became woefully inadequate. The Committee is very much committed to continuing plans for refurbishing of the clubrooms but as a result of the current climate the Committee will revisit the plans and consider all options from here. All members will be kept informed of developments as they occur.

# **Insurance Certificates of Currency.**

As many members are no doubt aware that our Safety Officer Bill McIntosh has been reminding those who have not provided a current Certificate of Currency for their vessel to do so. This year for the first time, our computer system has been upgraded to alert Bill McIntosh of insurance expiration dates as they fall due. It is for everyone's safety and peace of mind that in the unfortunate event that an incident occurs everyone is protected by current insurance policies. This new system of updating insurance documents as they are renewed is an important decision taken by the Committee and we ask for your cooperation in emailing your certificate of currency when your insurance is renewed.

## **Australia Day Cruise**

Again, this year we are looking forward to the famous NYS Australia Day Cruise. Open to all boats sailing or motor with provision for sleeping on board. Jeff Shawcroft and others, myself included, are planning the cruise. At the moment Jeff has had favourable responses from the Hastings Yacht Club about spending a night in their marina where all could enjoy a quiet night in the marina after a lavish dinner in the restaurant. Also, as is very popular, the tender to shore at Corinella for the BBQ after drinks on board is a must do again. More information will be coming so stay tuned.

Stay safe,

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