



MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
THE COMPASS ROSE CRUISING LOG

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B.Y.O. BBQ 6:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: DAVID PAYNE
AUSTRALIAN REGISTER OF HISTORIC VESSELS

WE ARE BACK TO MONDAY MEETINGS!



'Arawai approaching Balls Pyramid'
Photograph by Evan Hodge – winner 2018 Photo Competition

CRUISING DIVISION OFFICE BEARERS – 2018 - 2019

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Safety Coordinator	Phil Darling	0411-882-760
Maritime Group	Mike McEvoy	9968-1777
Sailing Committee	Evan Hodge	0419-247-500
Guest Speakers	Committee Members as required; Royce Engelhardt (winter months)	
On Water Events Coordinators	Phil Darling, Evan Hodge	Phil 0411-882-760
On Land Events Coordinators	Kelly Nunn-Clark	
Committee Members	Martyn Colebrook, Royce Engelhardt, Phil Darling, Dorothy Theeboom, Max Theeboom, Kelly Nunn-Clark, Evan Hodge, Mike McEvoy, John Tregea, Dallas O'Brien	



Editor's note:

Deadline for the next edition of the Compass Rose is **Friday 1st March**.

The **EDITOR** for the next Compass Rose is **Maralyn Miller**.

Please forward contributions via email to the editor at cruising@mhyc.com.au or darling.maralyn@ozemail.com.au

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 2019		
February	24 th – 2 nd March	Late summer cruise to Pittwater
March	9 th & 10 th	Harbour night pilotage exercise and raft up
	18 th	Cruising Division meeting 7.30pm (byo bbq 6.30pm)
April	15 th	Cruising Division meeting 7.30pm (byo bbq 6.30pm)
	19 th to 22 nd	Easter cruise to Port Hacking
May	19 th	On land event tbc
	20 th	Cruising Division Meeting 7.30pm (byo bbq 6.30pm).
June	2 nd	Cruising Division Long Lunch
	8 th – 10 th	Queens Birthday long weekend raftup
	17 th	Cruising Division meeting 7.30pm (byo bbq 6.30pm)

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Cover photo: By Evan Hodge, this was the winner of the 2018 photo competition. Taken from “Nashira” just after dawn, it shows “Arawai” approaching Balls Pyramid, approximately 12 miles SE of Lord Howe Island (400 miles from their starting point in Sydney) in January 2018.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN – FEBRUARY 2019



Happy New Year fellow cruisers. I am writing this as we sail down the east coast of Tasmania, towards Schouten Island on our way to Hobart.

Flemingo and Bundeena, from MHYC CD, are also in Tasmania joining a fleet of over 20 yachts from

Sydney and surrounds.



This time Bundeena and Nashira visited Deal Island which is a magic destination in the middle of Bass Strait. We had a glorious day there before a stiff NE breeze kicked in making it rough enough to prevent us from lifting the dinghy onto the davits. This then changed to a 35+ SW blow which arrived at about 2am as forecast.

The wind bullets coming over the hills were intense and directions changed constantly. These flipped our dinghy twice during the night, outboard included. Still in the morning during in a quieter time we managed to get the dinghy up on the davits and the outboard where I could dry and clean it out. It is running again now though so no harm done.

This may be one of the reasons Deal Island is little visited but it is a worthwhile destination. Just be prepared to hunker down for a day or so to read a book or more likely catch up on maintenance and cleaning.

The January bar-b-que had a great turn out with a number of new members coming along and swelling the numbers of our Cruising Division. We look forward to a great year of fun, adventure and learning how to stay safe when cruising to various destinations.

February meeting is on Monday 18th byo bbq at 6.30pm with the meeting commencing at 7.30pm. I look forward to catching up with you all. At this stage Kelly & I may be back in Sydney for a few days around the 18th before returning to Tasmania for the return passage.

Until then enjoy the summer sailing season and stay safe on the water.

Evan Hodge
Cruising Captain. SY. Nashira

EVENTS:

Wooden Boat Show – Hobart February 2019.

Early 2019 has been a busy period for the division, with many of our members in Tasmania for the Wooden Boat Festival including Nashira and Flemingo.

Flemingo, being both timber and (slightly) historic, is in the festival as an exhibit after being taken down by owner John Eastway, assisted by Mike McEvoy. Nashira, being more modern and built of fiberglass, has just enjoyed the sail down (see comments in the Captains Column – more detail in their blog page onelegatatime.com.au).

A number of other members have taken the opportunity to fly or drive down, with our Taswegian members Frank and Jan Banks acting as local guides.

Club Christmas Party – December 2018

Once again the Division took a leading part in the club Christmas Party. A great night was had by all, and a highlight this year was that Max's brother provided the music – and very good it was too!

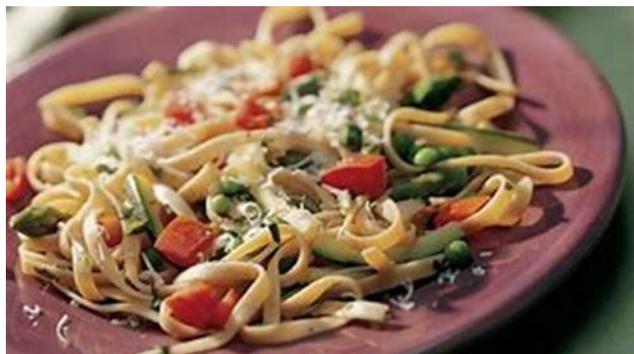


CD Quiz – February 2019 - by Phil Darling

1. You are taking a three point fix while underway. Which bearing should you take last, and why?
2. For the fix in Q1, which bearing should you take the most care with and why?
3. A yacht's steering compass reads 121 degrees. We are just off Sydney Heads, and the vessel's deviation card on this heading read's "2W". What is the true heading? (warning – requires local knowledge of the Sydney area magnetic variation).
4. For those interest in celestial navigation - at what time(s) of the year is the sun's declination zero?
5. What is the Angle of Vanishing Stability? Do you know your own vessel's AVS?
6. According to the rules (collregs), when is a vessel "deemed to be overtaking"?
7. At night time – is there an easy way to know when you are "deemed to be overtaking"?
8. You see a navigation marker painted red and black (horizontal stripes). What is it, and what lights would it show if lit at night?
9. A yacht navigator switches on the tricolour, steaming light and pulpit bicolour light. From the starboard bow the vessel is now showing the lights of what type of vessel?
10. On which tack is it best to heave to?

CHEF'S CORNER.....WITH MARALYN MILLER

Crispy prawn and noodle salad with spring vegetables.



Ingredients

- 150g sugar snap peas, trimmed
- 2 bunches asparagus, trimmed, halved lengthways
- 500g packet noodles
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 zucchini, peeled into ribbons
- 1/2 cup smooth ricotta
- 1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 200 grm peeled green prawns

Dressing

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 or 3 drops of tabasco sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon roughly chopped fresh chives

Method

- Cook peas and asparagus in a large saucepan of boiling, salted water for 1 minute or until bright green and tender. Using tongs, transfer to a bowl. Refresh under cold water. Drain.
- Add noodles to the boiling water. Cook for 5 minutes or until soft. Drain well.
- Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add peas, asparagus, tomato, zucchini and prawns. Stir to combine.
- Quickly remove from heat to a serving plate. Season with salt and pepper.
- Mix dressing ingredients oil, sauce, lemon zest and juice, then add chopped chives
- Dollop the dish with ricotta. Drizzle with dressing and sprinkle with parsley.
- Serve.

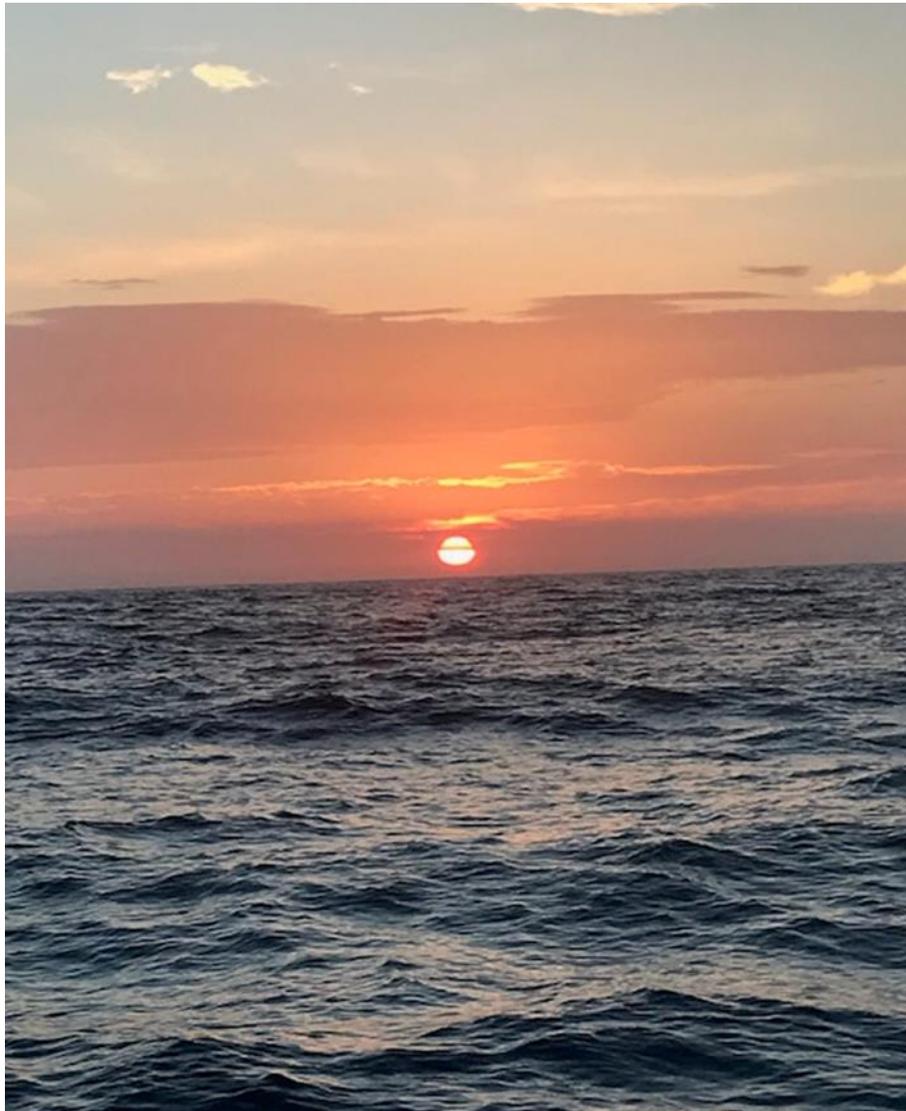
CD Quiz – February 2019 – Answers

1. The bearing most closely abeam (ie at 90 degrees to your course) will change quickest so should be the last one taken.
2. The bearing to the point furthest away will produce the greatest error if you get it wrong so take the greatest care to be accurate on this one (or use a closer point if possible).
3. Compass reading 121 degrees. Deviation is 3W, so magnetic heading is 118 degrees. Current variation in the Sydney region (actually unchanged for many years but check the compass rose on your charts) is approx 12 degrees, so true heading is 130 degrees.
4. The sun's declination is zero at the time of the Spring and Autumn equinoxes (approximately 21st March and 21st September but may drift by a day or so each year -they are on 20th March and 23rd September this year).
5. The AVS is the angle of heel beyond which (in calm water) the vessel will invert rather than recover. I hope you never get there! eXpresso's AVS is 125 degrees which is a long way over!
6. "When coming up with another vessel from a direction more than 22.5 degrees abaft her beam".
7. Yes- look at the lights the other craft displays (assuming they are correctly installed of course). Ahead of this angle you see either the red or green running lights (and the steaming light if it is power driven); abaft of this angle you will see only the white stern light.
8. This is an isolated danger marker. If lit at night it would show two white flashes.
9. A vessel engaged in trawling
10. On starboard tack – you have right of way - however you still have the obligation to keep a good lookout and be prepared to take avoiding action if the give way vessel does not!

PHOTO COMPETITION for 2019

February WinnerPhoto of the Month is Mike McEvoy

Send your photos to **Maralyn Miller** to enter into the 2019 Cruising Division Photo Competition. Each Month the best photo received will be published and, in the running, to win a new **Mystery Prize** at the end of 2019.



The winning photo for February is called
Bass Strait Sunset 29 January 2019 and taken by Mike McEvoy

Only one photo per month (as a JPG / JPEG) to be submitted. 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 and only to darling.maralyn@ozemail.com.au.

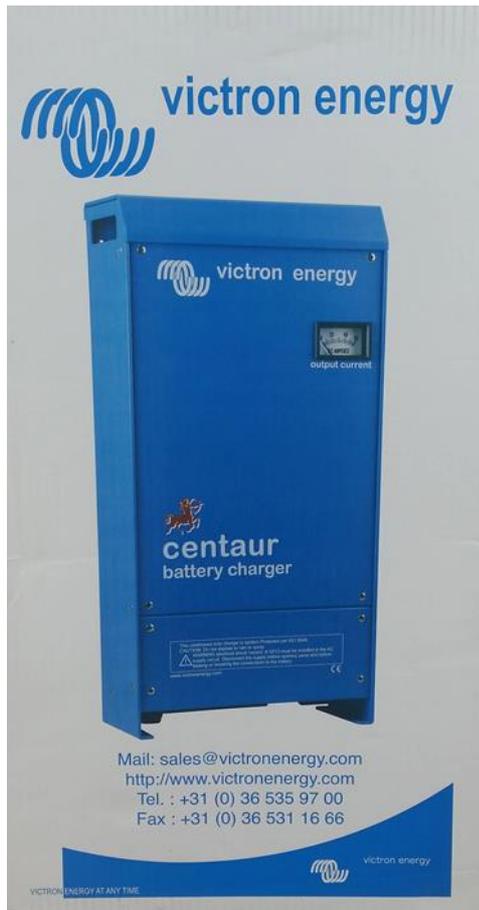
Good Shooting ...!! Maralyn.

BUY, SWAP and SELL

SELL – Victron Centaur 12v 100amp Marine Battery Charger

Purchased but now surplus to requirements.

Brand New in unopened Box. \$1,200 ONO Queries to Trevor D'Alton.



**Middle Harbour Yacht Club - Cruising Division
Treasurer's Report As at 1 February 2019**

Cash at Bank as at 31.12.2018	\$2,323.78
 <i><u>Plus Receipts</u></i>	
<i>Sale of x Wachman Manual</i>	
<i>Donation from Trevor D'Alton sale of rope</i>	\$0.00
<i>Interest</i>	\$0.19
 <i><u>Less Payments</u></i>	
Cash at Bank as at 31.01.19	\$2,323.97
 <i><u>Outstanding Receipts</u></i>	\$0.00
 <i><u>Outstanding Payments</u></i>	\$0.00
 Account Balance	\$2,323.97

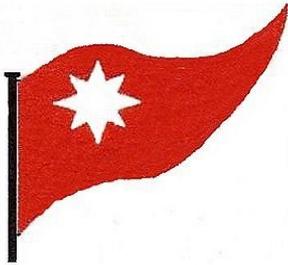
Signed as a true record

Mike McEvoy
Treasurer

Note – in his role as division treasurer Mike has a constant lookout for matters financial. From his current trip to Tasmania for the Wooden Boat Festival he sent us back the following on how Tasmanians retail eggs:



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