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THE SOLDIERS POINT MARINA NEWSLETTER



Another Excellent Award

Soldiers Point Marina has been awarded a coveted Award of Excellence at this year's marina awards ceremony conducted by the Marina Industries Association of Australia. This prestigious award is another gauge that Soldiers Point Marina continues to be one of the most highly regarded marinas in the country. On receiving the award, Darrell Barnett CMM paid tribute to his loyal and dedicated staff for their tireless efforts, particularly in regard to customer service.

Darrell Barnett with the Award and the ever smiling Marina Supervisor Jim Duncan

Supporting Our Local Youth

Soldiers Point Marina is very excited and proud to be the major sponsor of the Real Futures Program, conducted at Tomaree High School and St Philips Christian College, for the next three years.

The Program's focus is on assisting young people transit from school to the workplace and integral to the Program is a pledge by Year 10 students to either continue in full time education, training or employment by March 2010. Through the Real Futures Program, students are provided with assistance to ensure their individual needs are met and that they set realistic goals for their future. Strategies such as industry workshops, Ready for Work Programs, Work Placement and Work Experience enable students to experience as much "hands on" activity with employers as possible so that they gain understanding and knowledge of the work place that is real, relevant and up to date.



Cr Bob Westbury, Darrell and the Beacon Foundation Ambassadors at the Pledge Signing Ceremony at Tomaree High School.

SPMC Manager Gains International Status

During the recent Marinas 2009 Conference on the Gold Coast, Clive Howes, Service Manager of the Soldiers Point Marine Centre, became the first of only two in Australia (and only eleven world wide) to be awarded status as a Certified Marine Service Manager (CMSM). The internationally-recognised career award formalises an individual's status as a professional service manager and signifies a commitment to providing consistent, high quality and thoughtful marine service. "Certification as a Marine Service Manager is the only credential of its kind in our industry, and being one of the very first in this country to be accredited is a great honour", a proud Clive said.



Steve Sammes CMM of the MIAA presenting Clive with his special award



Clive Howes with the staff of the Soldiers Point Marine Centre

Peace of Mind Boat Check



**50
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safety check**

The smart way to go boating
Book your boat in for a check-up today

\$99.00 (RRP)*

Your boating should be fun and relaxing. As the skipper you should ensure that you have done what you can to protect the safety of your passengers and yourself whilst on the waterways.

Adding the 50 Point Safety Check to your yearly routine will help to keep you and the crew safe on the water.

The 50 Point Safety Check can only be provided by trade qualified members of the Marine Industry Mechanical Repairers Association.

A fresh set of professional eyes may see problems that everyday boaties are unaware of, providing peace-of-mind and better awareness of vessel safety.

AUTHORISED PROVIDER
Soldiers Point Marine Centre
Soldiers Point

www.50pointcheck.com.au * Conditions apply

The Boating Industry Association (BIA) has introduced a 50 point safety check list of things to get looked at when having your boat serviced. "Its peace of mind to know that you have done your best to ensure the safety of you and your passengers" said Clive. As a member of the Marine Industry Mechanical Repairers Association, Service Manager Clive is qualified to do this check for you.

Phone: (02) 4984 6300
Email: admin@spmcentre.com.au

Mercury now offers the largest range of EFI 4-strokes!



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Murray's Brewery Now in Port Stephens



Aussie Ales With Attitude!

Australia's most extreme brewer, Murray's Craft Brewing Co, now calls Port Stephens home and has been busy brewing up a storm at its new headquarters at Bobs Farm – which it shares with Port Stephens Winery.

Murray's Brewery features a fully licensed restaurant and beer bar where visitors can taste up to 7 Murray's beers on tap. Positioned in a beautiful vineyard and eucalypt setting, wine buffs can also enjoy complimentary tastings of estate wines at the property's popular Cellar Door. There's a regular program of special beer events; bands play each Sunday to cap off a great family day out; and guided Brewery Tours take place at 2pm daily.

Visit: www.murraysbrewingco.com.au

Call: 4982 6411

Open: 7 days, 10am til 5pm

At: Murray's Brewery, 3443 Nelson Bay Rd, Bobs Farm

A Roundup of the Port's First Class Golf Courses

Why not enhance your stay in Port Stephens with a round of golf at any one of four local excellent courses catering for all levels of expertise. Tennis lessons with a professional tennis coach are also available on request for marina customers at the nearby tennis courts.

Nelson Bay Golf Club...Nelson Bay

A 27 hole golf course set in beautiful surrounds with a new multi million dollar club house refurbishment, including a new pro-shop and restaurant.

Fees: Visitors: Weekday 18 holes \$39pp including complimentary drink,
Weekend 18 holes \$44pp including complimentary drink, Carts 18 holes \$38

Operating hours: 6am to 7pm (Eastern daylight savings time) 6am to 6pm (Normal times)

Private lessons are available. For bookings and enquiries call the Pro Shop on 02 49812073.

Le Meilleur Horizons Golf Resort...Salamander Bay

A par 72 Graham Marsh designed championship golf course.

Fees: Visitors: Everyday 18 holes \$74pp. Twilight 18 holes \$59pp (after 2pm in summer, after 1pm in winter) Carts \$30

Operating Hours: From 7am. Driving Range: Open 7am-4pm

Private lessons are available. For bookings and enquiries call the Pro Shop on 02 49820474

Pacific Dunes...Medowie

An architecturally master-planned golf and residential community situated approx 30 minutes from the marina.

Fees: Weekdays 18 holes \$59pp, Weekends 18 holes \$79pp, Shared Golf Cart \$15pp

Private lessons are available. For bookings and enquiries call the Pro Shop on 02 49160500

David Graham Golf Course... Anna Bay

An all inclusive facility including a 9 hole par 3 golf course, an 18 hole Putt Putt course & a 27 elevated tee practice range.

Fees: 9 holes \$10pp, Putt Putt \$8pp, Driving Range from \$7pp

Operating Hours: 7.30am till late

Private lessons are available. For bookings and enquiries call the Pro Shop on 02 49821960





Award Winning Local Photographer

This stunning photo of Soldiers Point Marina above was taken by newly local photographer Brent Mail. Brent runs a successful photography Studio – Capture Imaging Photography in Anna Bay with the focus on creating unique lifestyle portraits for local families and couples. Brent won a silver award in the 2009 NSW AIPP (Australian Institute of Professional Photographers) in the

portrait category as well as another silver award in the portrait category in the 2009 APPA (Australian Professional Photography Awards). If you would like to look at more of Brent's spectacular photography please visit his website:

www.moodsportstephens.com

Romance in the Air

"A" Arm at Soldiers Point Marina was the chosen site for the April wedding of Melbourne couple, Andrew and Kristy Smith. Andrew and Kristy, who have been visiting the area for many years, chose the setting for its gorgeous location and the many happy memories of leisurely days spent at the marina. Although rain threatened during the day, the late afternoon produced a stunning sunset providing the perfect romantic backdrop for the ceremony which was followed by a delectable dinner reception at The Point Restaurant.



Well known couple Nick and Lisa from The Deck Café/Waterfront Bar restaurant announced their engagement at Christmas with Nick popping the question on bended knee in front of all the family. The big day is planned for October this year with the celebrations naturally held at The Deck. A big congratulations to them both and their family and we all wish them the very best for the future.

For insurance enquiries please
call Soldiers Point Marina on
02 4982 7445



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This stunning evening shot of Soldiers Point Marina was taken by Brent Mail

Energy Saving Tips for Boaties

Whether you are plugged into the mains at a marina or running your engine to charge the boat battery at sea, your boat will be using energy, costing you money and producing emissions, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), that effect the environment.

There are a number of things you can do to reduce this impact without having to change much at all.

Use natural light and wrap up warm!

The temptation when down below is to turn on all the lights even if they are not really necessary. Make sure you keep you windows and hatches clean and free of salty residue to make the most of the light that does come in through them during the day. If you need a light then use one and make sure it is turned off afterwards. This will help towards saving precious battery power and in turn the fuel bills.

Wrap up warm and try to refrain from turning on the boats heating (if it has some). When on board the boat try and prevent getting cold in the first place by wearing suitable clothes and having enough extra layers to put on if it gets chilly. Check over the boat for drafts coming in through hatches or windows and fix any old or worn out seals to keep warmth in a nd water and cold drafts out.

Tips Out on Deck

- A running hose pipe uses 540 litres of water an hour. When washing down boats, sails or equipment gather everything you need to wash together before the tap goes on and remember to turn the tap off when you have finished.
- Trigger nozzles on hoses in marinas, sailing clubs and your gardens can save water by using it only when needed. This can save up to 225 litres a week.
- We're more likely to notice leaky taps indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor taps, pipes and hoses for leaks at your sailing club or marina.
- When washing down your boat or filling your water tank, try not to leave the hose pipe on pouring water over the side. An easy alternative is to fill buckets for the cleaning and scrubbing instead.



Australias 1st Low Carbon Marina



Australias 1st Clean Marina



All Seasons Port Stephens Salamander Shores Hotel

- Accommodation with the veivs of Internationally renowned Port Stephens
- Located right on the water with 3 acres of manicured gardens
- Family friendly property with an abundance of grass for the children to run around
- As part of the International Accor group, we offer great value packages & benefits for families & couples



Soldiers Point Marina, now a proud Club Marine Agent

As readers of this newsletter know, Soldiers Point Marina provides the ideal hub for exploring the magnificent waterways and hinterland of Port Stephens. And now, Soldiers Point will provide the ideal coverage for those boats – as a Club Marine agent.

Club Marine Insurance is proud to be a supporter and active participant in the great Australian marine lifestyle. As Australia's largest provider of pleasure craft insurance, we're also proud to say that we've been protecting the insurance needs of Australian boaters for more than 40 years.

Club Marine is unique. When you arrange Club Marine insurance for your boat with Soldiers Point Marina, you are not just a number on a policy -- you become a member of a Club and you receive an individual card that entitles you to a whole range of exclusive services and benefits. And policyholders can also receive

Club Marine Magazine six times a year. A quality publication covering all aspects of the great Australian boating scene, Club Marine Magazine is acknowledged as Australia's premier marine lifestyle magazine and is read by over 80,000 subscribers each issue.

This is all part of joining the Club -- but the most important thing is that you can enjoy your boating knowing that you and your family are well protected and that your insurance plan has been designed by boating people for boating people.

And for added peace of mind, it is reassuring to know that Club Marine Insurance is underwritten by one of Australia's largest insurers, Allianz Australia Insurance Limited (ABN 15 000 122 850).

To learn more about the advantages of Club Marine, contact Darrell Barnett on (02) 4982 7445, or visit the website: www.soldiersptmarina.com.au.

New Boat Licensing Laws

People applying for a power boat licence in NSW must now show they have practical 'on-water' boating experience under new licence regulations which came into force in June this year. Anyone wanting a licence will have to complete a Boating Licence Practical Logbook or attend a registered training provider course. This practical component is in addition to the compulsory boating safety education course.

Obtaining a General Boat Licence now involves three steps: the new practical component, completing the Boating Safety Course, either on-line, by CD or at a training course and a theory test which can be undertaken at a NSW Maritime office.

For more information check out their website: www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

An Invitation for all Boat Owners to Enjoy Fun & Music on the Water

Following on from the success of last year's Music on the Water, more rousing afternoons of great music are planned through the summer with the combined local marinas providing bands positioned on large boats at popular anchorages in Port Stephens. It's a great opportunity for boat owners and their guests to gather with friends and enjoy an extremely pleasant afternoon of entertainment. One of the hits this year was popular local duo "Full House" who provided a great sound as happy boat owners and their guests launched themselves down the water slide of the MV Spirit at Fame Cove. With giveaways such as bottled water, ice creams and sun visors available, and the Holbert's boat supplying oysters and prawns for sale, there's something for everyone!



Dates for boat owners and their guests to enjoy this carefree "get away from it all" events are :

December 5th and 27th, and April 4th (Easter Sunday).

Please call the marina office on 0249827445 for more details.



The Burton Family

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Two of the Best Restaurants in the Bay right here at the Marina



The Point Restaurant

The multi award winning seafood restaurant The Point has a reputation to be proud of. The very talented chef Paul Simpson created this fine dining experience to emphasise the very best local seafood and fresh produce. From private romantic dinners to family gatherings and other special events, The Point provides the perfect setting and the perfect meal.

The large deck surrounding the restaurant and overlooking the marina, is also the perfect spot to enjoy a quiet drink and gaze at the stunning sunsets the area is famous for.

New Years Eve at The Point is an evening purely to kick back your heels and rave. Starting with a superb dinner while listening to the fantastic live entertainment 'Highly Strung' (back by popular demand), the pace picks up as we grow closer to the end of the year. As the clock chimes we finish with a spectacular fireworks display. New Years Eve dinner is \$150 per person, bookings are essential so please call Julie on 02 49847111 for more information.

Open lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday
(closed Mondays except for summer school holidays)

Email julie@thepointrestaurant.com.au

Website: www.thepointrestaurant.com.au



The Deck Café/Waterfront Bar

The big happy Papas family always do their absolute best to ensure your visit to The Deck is one to remember. With their Mediterranean influenced extensive café and a la carte menu, a relaxing cocktail at the Bimini Bar or their famous Greek nights, good food and customer service is always their priority.

The Deck is open for breakfast from 8am, lunch from 12 and dinner from 6pm although they are open all day if you simply feel like a coffee and cake or a drink at the bar. Lucky guests staying at the marina also receive a 20% discount on takeaway meals which can be delivered to their boat.

Christmas Lunch was fully booked out at The Deck last year so it's a good idea to book early this year to make sure you don't miss out. Amazing value at only \$95pp for a delicious 3 course menu with plenty of choices including lobster.

New Years Eve dinner at The Deck is also available for bookings and with an incredible 3 courses including lobster for only \$95pp, live entertainment and fantastic fireworks from the balcony, it is a must book night out.

Please check out their website for more details.

www.thedeck.net.au

Phone: (02) 4919 1502 for bookings

Sail Port Stephens



Photo by Anthony Kelly

In a challenging economic climate, it's exciting to see a start up business grow 160% in 12 months with 64 yachts competing this year in the second Sail Port Stephens.

Strategically positioned in the last week of NSW school holidays, Sail Port Stephens 2009 attracted yachts from as far north as Brisbane and as far south as Wollongong, with associated crew and visitors flying direct into Newcastle Airport from Melbourne, the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

The regatta featured a cruisey start to the week with the Commodores Cup, before the pace and size of the fleet stepped up with the Yachting NSW IRC Championships, the Port Stephens Trophy and the Melges 24 Nationals.

The course was plotted out across the Port Stephens Marine Park, designed to take in the beauty and spectacular landscape of the Bay and surrounding islands just offshore. The social program was also embraced with gusto.

The dates for the 2010 Sail Port Stephens are April 12-18, with plans for it to be bigger and better, with the message from the organisers being a simple one

Sail and Play with us in 1010 ... the best is yet to come!

Soldiers Point Marina is very much looking forward to involvement in next year's event.



Refer to www.whereis.com.au for more locations.

What's On

November 7, 8

Taste of the Bay, Food Wine & Jazz ,
Nelson Bay Foreshore

December 31

Spectacular Midnight Fireworks Display,
Soldiers Point Marina

February 27, 28

NSW GFA Interclub Tournament

March 6, 7

NSW GFA Interclub Tournament

March 26, 27, 28

Club Marine Trailerboat Sportsfishing
Tournament, Nelson Bay

Bookings now open for Gamefish Tournament
...please call Darrell to confirm your berth.

For a full range of upcoming local events please check out
our website www.soldierspointmarina.com.au

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- ✓ ATM
- ✓ Two Superb Restaurants
- ✓ Marine Services and Slipway
- ✓ Boat Valet Service
- ✓ Disabled Facilities
- ✓ Professional tennis coach available
- ✓ Complimentary Tennis
- ✓ Close to Award Winning Golf Courses
- ✓ Beach Access
- ✓ Member's Scuttlebutt Newsletter
- ✓ Summertime and Beyond, Complimentary Cocktails, Coffees and Newspapers
- ✓ Onsite Weather Station
- ✓ Australia's 1st "Clean Marina"
- ✓ Australia's 1st "Carbon Neutral Marina"

Superior Valet Service & Undercover Storage

... Protecting Your Trailer Boat

If you would love to own your own boat but have no where to store it, Soldiers Point Marina has the answer to your problems with their Flagship undercover storage and valet service. Several valet packages are available to make your life a lot easier and get on with the job of enjoying hassle free boating on the magic waters of Port Stephens.

The standard package includes assistance to hitch and unhitch your vessel 7 days a week as well as complimentary day berthing at the marina, discounted overnight berth rates and use of the personal care facilities.

The full package includes the marina staff having your vessel ready for you to step on board, provisioned if you choose, discounted overnight berthing and washed down and returned to the Flagship storage facility after use.

The Flagship storage facility is protected by an alarm system and a security patrol. It offers full protection from the weather, saves

on insurance premiums, protects the asset of your vessel, no antifouling is required and you have increased security.

A courtesy vehicle is available to transport valet service users and berth holders to and from the marina.



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