

THE SOLDIERS POINT MARINA NEWSLETTER



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NEW WATERFRONT 'RESTAURANT 2317' NOW OPEN!

Restaurant 2317, sister restaurant to renowned Little Beach Boathouse, is now sitting pretty overlooking the marina and our stunning surrounds. Open for lunch and dinner, the restaurant boasts a plethora of succulent seafood dishes and a divine selection of beer and wine. There is no finer way to enjoy our famous sunset. Full story p.3



BOAB BOAT HIRE – EXPLORE OUR WATERS WITH EASE

Make your day memorable with Boab Boat Hire. Visit a secluded cove, swim at a pristine beach, or head offshore on a fishing trip with Boab Boat Hire. Choose from a huge range of watersports equipment to help you and your crew make the most out of your day on the water. More details p.8

THE BOATSHED BECOMES SEA SALT SOLDIERS POINT

The marina is set to get a brand-new café from the much-loved team at Zenith Café in Shoal Bay. SEA SALT SOLDIERS POINT has taken up residence in the incredible location formerly occupied by The Boatshed. Floating in the middle of the marina with 360-degree views of our pristine surrounds, SEA SALT is truly a unique destination. Read more p. 9

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WELCOME BACK TO SCUTTLEBUTT

It's been a busy 12 months of changes and improvements to the marina precinct, and we are eager to share these developments with you.

Restaurant 2317. We have said goodbye to The Point Restaurant, but we are thrilled to announce that the team from the renowned Little Beach Boathouse has opened a sister restaurant, Restaurant 2317, in the same stunning location. They have carried out some beautiful renovations, and their mouth-watering menu is the perfect complement

Lexus limousine. As part of our VIP valet service, we are excited to welcome a new Lexus limousine to the marina. Luxury chauffeured transfers

to and from Newcastle/Port Stephens airport are now available for our guests. Guest eBikes. For a bit of fun, fitness and sightseeing ease, we have purchased some eBikes for our guests to use whilst they are staying

with us. It's a great way to explore our pristine pocket of paradise. Sail with SV Sovereign. We are thrilled to announce that we will soon

welcome a brand-new Beneteau Oceanis 38.1 to the marina. SV Sovereign is joining our SailTime fleet alongside our 35' Swift Trawler, MV Independence. SailTime is a popular way for water lovers to experience sailing or cruising without the cost or time burden of traditional boat ownership.

Super-fast EV charger. We have upgraded our EV charger to a super-fast charging station for the benefit of our visitors and guests. Enjoy our facilities and our scenery while you wait.

As always, we are driven to provide you with best-in-class services and facilities, and we hope you enjoy reading about how we are delivering

Thank you for being part of the Soldiers Point Marina family.

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RESTAURANT 2317 Stunning new restaurant now open



The beautiful new Restaurant 2317, sister restaurant to the highly acclaimed Little Beach Boathouse, has officially opened at Soldier Point Marina.

Boasting a delectable menu, a scrumptious wine and beer list, and breathtaking views, Restaurant 2317 is the new belle of the Port Stephens' dining scene.

Located upstairs in the spectacular venue previously occupied by The Point Restaurant, Restaurant 2317 is owned and operated by the same owners as Little Beach Boathouse who are renowned for creating exceptional food and fine dining experiences.

Their menu focuses on fresh local produce and seafood, and to complement your meal choose from an array of local and international wines, tap beers and bespoke cocktails.

Visit for an afternoon drink or a sunset meal with amazing views.

Bookings are now available via their website: *https://restaurant2317.com.au/*

Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for mouth-watering inspiration.

Spoil someone with a gift voucher, available for purchase from their website.

Soldiers Point Marina guests who hold the Moor Benefits loyalty card get 25% off food up to \$40.

MARINA NEWS

THE MAGICAL MYALL

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT

Winding its way through unspoiled national parks, the Myall Lakes is a vast system of coastal lakes and pictureperfect beaches, accessible from Soldiers Point Marina via the Myall River which flows into Port Stephens.

The Myall Lakes is a very popular destination for our marina guests over the summer holidays, many of whom venture up the 'Lakes' every year. Some travel from Sydney and Lake Macquarie, stopping at Soldiers Point Marina on their way through.

The extensive waterways of the Myall Lakes system offer an excellent range of boating opportunities. When full, it covers an area of around 5,800 hectares of coastal brackish waterways, located within the Myall Lakes National Park. The waterways are made up of three major lakes: the Myall Lake, the Boolambayte Lake and the Broadwater. The three lakes are connected by the 'narrows' and are fully navigable. The lake system is recognised internationally, with the National Park being listed as a RAMSAR wetland.

Fishing is a relaxing pastime and the Myall Lakes offer a number of eatable species including bream, whiting, Australian salmon, flathead and mullet; however, it is important to note that parts of these waters are protected as part of the Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park. Please check at https://www.dpi.nsw. gov.au/fishing/marine-protected-areas/marine-parks/portstephens-marine-park to ensure you only fish in the appropriate location. Being a marine park it is essential that we take care of the environment. A mobile sewage barge, funded by the maritime arm of Roads and Maritime Services of NSW, operates on the Lakes and is free to private boat owners. A wharf-based sewage pump-out facility is located at Bombah Point and is also free.

While the Myall River is marked with navigational lights and markers, it is recommended to travel during daylight hours and at high tide.

Dean and Bernadette from 'Balance' are long-time marina customers who make the 5-hour trek up the Lakes every year. This is their story and their top tips for making the most of it.

We are often asked "why do you keep going to the Lakes?" and "don't you get sick of it year after year?"

My answer in a word is "Never".

The Lakes is a unique and beautiful location. It's a place where white sand meets fresh water, where visitors appreciate and respect the pristine environment, and vow to keep it that way for future generations. Until you see this place you may never understand what I am saying.

We go there because everyone respects each other; simple courtesy matters up at the Lakes. If you want to make heaps of noise, and party, that's fine, be as loud as you want and enjoy yourself; just don't do it where people are trying to relax. If you want to make a wake, knock yourself out if you are in the right area. If someone needs a hand you step up and help; you say hello as you pass someone. I call this being a good human.

Time doesn't matter on the Lakes. The sun rises and it sets, and each one is spectacular (make sure you see at least one of these!) What you choose to do between these times is up to you. The mornings are so different to the afternoons, enjoy them both.





The depth of the lake is fairly constant at around 2m – perfect for almost anything you want to do on the water. Over the years we have acquired all the toys such as paddle boards and kayaks which are great to leisurely explore the endless kilometres of banks and enjoy the many sights.

We have inflatables for the kids for fun and others for the adults to just laze around and enjoy a drink. We have all the basic snorkelling gear you would need. As the kids have gotten older, we have acquired larger toys such as jet-skis and powered tenders, and sail- and battery-powered kids' toys.

The kids love it on the lakes. They have the freedom to be kids, and the freedom to learn how to be responsible. There is plenty for them to do; give your kids some trust and the older kids look after the younger kids. Yes, we allow devices, but the kids decide for themselves that being outside is much more fun.

Let's talk about people. I have met some of our closest and most trusted friends on the Lakes. They are people I talk to often, may see less often, but share the same values. Every year we plan, we catch up, we raft up, we celebrate, we laugh, and we cry. These people mean the world to me and if wasn't for the Lakes our paths would never have crossed.

The Lakes are a special place. If you're a good human who respects the natural environment, it's worth a try at least once.



DEAN & BERN'S MYALL TIPS river tips:

The river can be a little tricky. It's always changing and, to be honest, has more shallow spots in recent years. Know the tides – the higher the better. If this is your first trip, follow someone with more experience. The boat with the smallest draft goes first and be on the radio. Take your time, keep your wake to a minimum as you head up the river, enjoy the view and look after the banks.

TIDE TIPS:

Be at Tea Gardens at high tide for the trip up and be at Tamboy 2 hrs before high tide for the trip down. I draw 1.2m and my minimum tide is a 1.5m high tide.

TOP 5 LAKES TIPS:

- Be a good human.
- Take your time around other boats.
- Watch out for shallow spots leading into and out of Violet Hill SLOW DOWN.
- Effluent Pump out, call Mack and Linda, know when they will visit Ph 0417 621 122.
- Watch the weather. If everyone is moving and you are not, ask yourself: WHY?

If you have any questions about heading up the Myall River and into the Myall Lakes system, please don't hesitate to call Darrell for his top tips.



TRAVEL IN STYLE

BERTHING CUSTOMERS RECEIVE ROYAL TREATMENT

Introducing our new Luxury Lexus Limousine. Travel in first-class comfort and style with complementary transfers to and from Newcastle/Port Stephens airport.

Marina berthing customers now have access to our chauffeur-driven limousine, a beautiful new Lexus LS500 with TV screens, massage and reclining seats, driven by one of our professional staff members.

Book your transfer with the office. * Conditions apply



Introducing our brand new eBikes



ALLOWING YOU TO EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE

Roam our beautiful region to your heart's content with our comfortable, brand new eBikes.

Take the load off your legs and keep the sweat off your brow with one of our [two] new eBikes from Summono. The TITAN is designed for both on-road and off-road ridings, whereas the VEGA is more suited to leisurely urban adventures.

With reliable, electric motors, even the steepest of inclines is a breeze, and with padded leather seats, every journey is in comfort.

Bookings are required, so contact the office to get set for your next sightseeing adventure.

Super-fast EV CHARGING

LOOKING FOR THE FASTEST CHARGE ON THE PENINSULA?

We have upgraded the EV charging station to a brand-new ABB 24kw DC EV super-fast charging station. Located at the front of the marina building with easy access to parking, it is currently the fastest on the peninsula.

We extend a warm welcome to all EV drivers visiting Port Stephens. While you're waiting for your car to charge, you can fuel up at one of our eating establishments, enjoy the magnificent scenery, or take a stroll through our renowned Sculpture Walk.



CHARGING YOUR VEHICLE IS EASY: Step 1. Download the Chargefox app Step 2. Find your station Step 3. Follow the instructions & start charging Step 4. Use the app to stop charging

We're Here To Help

As Australia's leading boat brokerage, Flagstaff Marine has a reputation for putting their customers first. We're here to protect your interests, help you achieve the outcome you're looking for, and make the process as smooth as possible.

Flagstaff Marine Port Stephens, operated by Soldiers Point Marina, provides first-class boat brokerage for both new and used boats, and whether you're looking to buy or sell, our mission is to guide you through your boating journey with ease.



CHECK OUT OUR FEATURE BOAT:

Subzero - Grainger 1250 Sailing Catamaran

When you step on board this superbly maintained catamaran, you'll immediately feel the care and love put into the vessel.

This performance cruising catamaran sports a complete 2021fitted mast, boom, rigging and sails so she is very easy to sail, and you have the peace of mind of knowing all is new, safe and sound. Made of composite DuraKore that is fast in light airs, this vessel is very capable of serious blue-water adventures. The Volvo D-130 sail drive diesels give you plenty of power under motor too, so cruising quickly whether under motor or under sail is a joy.

This serious cat comes with all the gear you need to set off on your adventures:

- Raymarine instrumentation with radar
- Watermaker
- Sat-phone system, VHF and HF radios
- Solar panels and inverter
- Window protection and shade covers
- Various spares and safety gear.

Subzero is a brilliant fast cruising option, constantly updated, ready to take a new owner on terrific adventures.

For more information, visit the website, or contact Darrell on 02 4982 7445.



Sail with Sovereign

JOIN SAILTIME NOW!

SailTime Port Stephens is getting ready to roll out the red carpet for SV Sovereign, our beautiful, brand new Beneteau Oceanis 38.1.

Blending practicality, performance and elegance, SV Sovereign will be arriving in Australia in early 2024 to join our SailTime fleet.

SailTime Port Stephens offers membership opportunities on two luxury vessels, with SV Sovereign joining MV Independence, a stunning and supremely comfortable 35' Swift Trawler.

SailTime membership allows you to dip your toes in our pristine waters without all the hassles and headaches of normal boat ownership – at a fraction of the cost!

Membership entitles you to be a regular cruiser with a variety of membership options available to suit your individual needs.

Join now and beat the price rise from just \$600 per month (based on midweek 2023 pricing).

Limited availability – secure your spot on SV Sovereign! Call Darrell for more information - 02 4982 7445



MARINA BUSINESSES

SIMPLE, EASY BOAT HIRE

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Make your day memorable with Boab Boat Hire.

There is no better way to explore our spectacular coastline and waterways than from the comfort and safety of a quality boat, ready to launch and equipped with whatever you need for a day of fun on the water.

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Whether you want to visit Shoal Bay, Nelson Bay or Jimmy's Beach, head offshore to the natural wonderland of Broughton Island – the only island off the NSW coast that offers campsites – or take a leisurely cruise to the Myall Lakes, Boab Boat Hire has the boat for you.

Located at Soldiers Point Marina and open all year round, Boab Boat Hire has a range of reliable, high-quality boats for cruising, fishing, watersports or just relaxing on the water with family and friends.

They also have an extensive range of water sports equipment for hire, as well as eskies and GPS systems which come preloaded with some fantastic fishing locations.

Please note that a boat licence is required for all vessels. Contact Soldiers Point Marina on 0409 333 331 for more information.

Book online at www.boabboats.com.au or email portstephens@boabboats.com.au

Follow on Facebook - Boab.PortStephens

Get Into The

VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS POP-UP

Soak up the Christmas spirit and stock up on stunning decorations at the TREASURE EMPORIUM CHRISTMAS STORE.

From now until the end of January, the Treasure Emporium is calling Soldiers Point Marina home. The shop is a festive feast for the eyes and filled with beautiful, high-quality products at affordable prices that will turn your home into a Christmas wonderland.

Follow them on social media for updates on new products.



THE BOATSHED BECOMES SEA SALT SOLDIERS POINT

We are thrilled to announce that the beautiful Boatshed has been transformed into SEA SALT SOLDIERS POINT!

In another coup for the marina, the team at Zenith Café in Shoal Bay are taking over the reins of this truly unique venue, situated over the water with 360-degrees of our spectacular surrounds. Suz and Damien Johnstone, and Joel and Sarah Casey, are now serving up their famous coffee alongside a great new menu at SEA SALT, sister café to Zenith.

The marina is familiar territory to Suz whose parents, Paul and Julie Simpson, ran The Point restaurant for 17 years.

We sat down for a quick chat with Damien to discover their plans for their new venture:

Q. What inspired you to open a cafe on the water and what do you hope to bring to the community?

A. I've always had a love for the water and what could be better than bringing my two passions together – cooking on the water! We can't wait to bring great coffee and consistent food to a fun, friendly and beautiful environment.

Q. Can you tell us about your culinary background and experience?

A. I've been a chef for over 30 years throughout Newcastle and Port Stephens.

Q. Are there any special events you have in mind for the cafe? A. How does High Tea on the Sea sound?

We think it sounds awesome! And with so much culinary experience flowing through their veins, SEA SALT SOLDIERS POINT is bound to be a resounding success.

Email seasaltsp@outlook.com

Phone 0421 933 929

Keep an eye out on the Soldiers Point Marina website and social media for more details.





Fresh Faces At The Deck

NEXT WAVE JOINS THE HELM

THE DECK CAFÉ, RESTAURANT & BAR has welcomed its next generation to this popular family-run restaurant.

Perfectly positioned on the water at Soldiers Point Marina, The Deck offers much more than a beautiful spot to sit and eat and watch the pelicans fly by.

The Pappasavvas family have owned and run the café/restaurant/bar for more than 17 years and is excited to announce that the younger generation is stepping up.

Bambos' son 'Little Nick' is assuming the helm in the kitchen and leading a dynamic young team that has already put its stamp on the menu with a handful of flavourful new dishes. The menu is still retaining its same great focus on fresh seafood and mouthwatering Mediterranean cuisine, and The Deck's regular patrons will be pleased to know that their old favourites are still firmly in place.

For bookings, call 02 4919 1502. Visit the website - www.thedeck.net.au or find themon Facebook - thedeckrestaurantsoldierspoint

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Next time you're visiting Soldiers Point Marina, Jasmine would love to meet you to help you with your skin concerns. www.estskinclinic.com.au





Sail Port Stephens 2023
 Anzac Day at the marina
 Rock Stars at the America's Cup Party
 Jack (Darrell!) in the box
 Murray enjoying Cocktails on his return to the dock
 Steve's catch of the day
 Happy Father's Day Mike
 Santa Paws visits the marina
 Jimmy sporting the new uniform
 Happy Australia Day

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MARINA EVENTS

'WE WON!' 40 YEARS ON

Celebrating Australia II's legendary America's Cup win

Australia II made history on 26 September 1983 when it crossed the finish line in first place to win the America's Cup. It was the first win for a country other than the USA for 132 years!

This incredible victory off the coast of Rhode Island will be remembered forever by those of us who rose before dawn and crowded around the television to watch the final race unfold. This day will also be remembered for Bob Hawke's famous comment, "Any boss who sacks a worker for not turning up today is a bum."

Going into the seventh and final race against the Americans, the races were levelled at three each, after Australia had clawed its way back from a 3-1 deficit. The final race saw the two yachts fighting until the very end, with Australia II winning by just 41 seconds.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of this remarkable feat, Soldiers Point Marina hosted a dress-up party – 1980s style, of course – for our marina guests in our America's Cup lounge. This popular lounge is available year-round for our berthing guests and is the perfect place to meet and chat with other



guests, or simply to relax and watch TV in air-conditioned comfort.

As well as an extensive selection of America's Cup memorabilia, the lounge features a 65" HD flat screen TV with Foxtel, DVD player and an Xbox 360, as well as board games and a small library. Complimentary beer, red wine, white wine, Twinings tea, Nespresso coffee and soft drinks are available 24/7.



We look forward to welcoming all our visiting guests to enjoy our lounge over the summer.

For marina bookings, call Darrell on 02 4982 7445.

SCHOLARSHIP SEES STUDENT SOAR

DALCORP'S LIFE-CHANGING SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 2005, Soldiers Point Marina has been a proud partner of the DalCorp Foundation in offering student scholarships to the independent boarding and day girls' school, Wenona, located in North Sydney.

Each year the needs-based scholarship is awarded to a deserving and motivated student who meets the eligibility criteria. The applicant's family must demonstrate financial need and could not otherwise afford a Wenona education. The scholarship covers 100% of all costs associated with tuition and, if needed, boarding assistance for the duration of the student's schooling at Wenona.

To date, a total of 21 students have been awarded a transformational educational experience at Wenona. Annelise Watkins, from a small country town in southeast NSW, speaks enthusiastically about her time at Wenona as a scholarship student: "I was so excited when I arrived at Wenona in 2017 to commence Year 7. My small hometown offered very limited opportunities. Wenona has widened the horizon for me,

and no matter what type of person you are, Wenona embraces you. It also offers amazing subjects, music, STEM, sports and extra and co-curricular activities. The teachers are wonderful and help everyone. The DalCorp scholarship has allowed me to spread my wings, try new things and discover who I am by reaching my full potential. Thank you for opening up my world."

Since graduating from Wenona in 2022, Annelise has begun studying a Bachelor of Nursing Degree at the University of Newcastle.

Soldiers Point Marina provides 50% of all profits to the DalCorp Foundation to support this program.

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER

- Santa Paws at the marina and live Christmas music from the Port Stephens Community Band Saturday
 9th December 2023
- New Year's music on the marina Sunday 31st December 2023

JANUARY

- Captain's Table BBQ
- Monday 1st January 12noon
- Saturday 6th January 6pm
 Saturday 13th January 6pm
- Saturday 20st January 6pm

FEBRUARY

- Captain's Table BBQ
- Saturday 10th February 6pm
- Don't forget Valentine's Day Tuesday 14th February
- 2024 Garmin Billfish Shootout Friday 16th till Sunday 18th February
- www.nswgfa.com.au/tournament.php?12 • 2024 NSWGFA Interclub State
- Championships Thursday 22nd February till Sunday 25th February www.nswgfa.com.au/interclub.php

MARCH

- Captain's Table BBQ
- Saturday 16th March 12noon

APRIL

- The Captain's Better Boating Clinic Date to be confirmed Bookings Essential
- Sail Port Stephens The Commodores Cup Monday 15th till Saturday 20th April www.sailportstephens.com.au/

FACILITIES

- Luxurious private ensuite bathrooms
- Spacious sauna to relax and unwind
- Private onsite gymnasium
- Onsite laundry and dry-cleaning services
- Customer lounge / library

/ business centre

- Boardroom for private meetings
- State-of-the-art berths
- Filtered water facilities
- 24-hour fuel dock by appointment
- V-Assist (valet) guest assistance
- Onsite ATM and weather station
- Private car park access
- Luxury Lamborghini golf cart
- Onsite beauty therapist
- Two superb waterfront restaurants
- Floating Coffee Shop
- First-class marine brokerage
- Boat hire for exploring waterways
- Boat charter for all budgets
- Undercover valet boat storage
- Kayak and paddleboard storage
- Shrink wrapping for vessels and vehicles
- Visitor dock with easy access
- Disabled facilities
- Beach access for strolling or swimming
- *Conditions Apply

Anzac Day – Homemade Anzac cookies on the marina Thursday 25th April
Sail Port Stephens – continues Friday 26th till Sunday 28th April

MAY

 Sail Port Stephens – The Bay Series Friday 3rd till Sunday 5th May www.sailportstephens.com.au/



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- 40c PER LITRE DISCOUNT -To find out more - contact Darrell 02 4982 7445

SERVICES

- Luxury Lexus Limousine pick-up and drop-off Airport service
- Complimentary summertime cocktails, coffees and newspapers delivered to your boat
- Complimentary Twinings tea, Nespresso coffee, beer, red and white wine, soft drink and filtered water all year round in our customer lounge
- Foxtel, XBox console and game library available in our customer lounge
- Movie and board game library
- Wireless internet
- Complimentary use of e-Bikes, bicycles, kayak and paddle boards
- Complimentary tennis at nearby courts
- Complimentary Lexus courtesy cars
- Complimentary use of iPad
- Parcel and postal services
- Rubbish and recycling facilities
- Dock assistance
- Random security patrols and CCTV security cameras
- VIP valet parking services
- Educational programs
- Moor Benefits Loyalty Card
- Portable defibrillator

• 24/7 camera access to your vessel

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