

Galley Gossip

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Marina News

Clean Marina

Fenwicks Marina has again received Clean Marina status after an audit in February. The marina achieve 100% on the Clean Marinas checklist during a site inspection.

"This marina has been one of the pioneers in NSW in environmental achievements," says Paul Burgess, Environmental Auditor. "This marina provides access to Pittwater and the Hawkesbury River; protecting the environment and improving the quality of the surrounding waterways is a corner stone of its plan of management. Staff and clients are all encouraged to ensure environmental goals area achieved."

Hornsby Mayor, Nick Berman, will present the Clean Marina certificate and flag at the 2010 Estuary Community Open Day.

Boat Cleaning

Products used to wash boat hulls and decks often contain toxic ingredients such as chlorine, phosphates and ammonia. Degreasers dry the natural oils fish need for their gills to take in oxygen.

We have produced a list of alternatives to toxic products on page 3 of *Galley Gossip*.

Contractors

All outside contractors who wish to provide services at Fenwicks Marina are required to complete a registration form, supply certificates of currency for Ship Repairers Liability, Public Liability and Workers Compensation

tion or Sick & Accident. (see our website for further details).

Contractors must then complete an induction prior to commencing work and report to the office to sign the contractors book each day.

Marina clients who use contractors without insurance will be liable in the event of an accident so we urge you to advise the office and have your contractors following the correct procedures.

Disposal of Flares

At last the NSW Government has addressed the problem of disposing of marine flares.

Flares can now be placed into special containers at NSW Maritime centres where they are stored for collection and transported to the Sterihealth facility at Silverwater, Sydney.

CMS Yanmar Dealer

Callaghan Marine Services has recently become an authorized Yanmar Marine dealer for diesel engine sales, service and parts. A lot of their customers have Yanmar engines and now they offer a more comprehensive service.

CMS Website

www.callaghansmarine.com.au will be launched on May 1.– check it out and give Steve & Leanne some feedback!

Andrew Fenwick

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Please note

- Fenwicks is an approved Prop speed Applicator
- Hard copies of Galley Gossip are available from the office
- There is a 5c per litre discount for clients who purchase over 400 litres and pay for it at the time of purchase.

'A day in the life of the Hawkesbury River'
Estuary Open Day



When? Saturday 8 May, 10am-2pm
Where? Fenwicks Marina,
 31 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn NSW

"A day in the life of the Hawkesbury River" Community Information Day

Hornsby shire Council is holding a free community information day to showcase the work being done by local industries to protect and conserve the Hawkesbury River. A prawn trawler, oyster punt, houseboat, Rural Fire Service fire fighting boat and marine rescue boat will be on show throughout the day. Samples of local seafood will also be on offer. Representatives from local marine industries and government agencies will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the river and how it is being managed. For more information phone 9847 6899 or visit www.estuary.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

NEW FACES



Luke Dwyer is our new Operations Manager, taking over Phil's role now that Phil has moved to Operations Administrator in the office. Luke is a qualified shipwright with 11 years industry experience. Luke previously worked at Sandbrook Inlet.



Ryan Manning has joined our team as a General Hand. Ryan previously worked at Hawkes Nest Fishing Charters as a deckhand & was responsible for repairs & maintenance of the vessel. Ryan has moved to Mt Colah with his fiancée, Rebecca



Collin Cini has also joined us as a General Hand. Col previously managed the West Gosford Truckwash. Col's buffing experience will ensure he is an asset to the team. Col, together with fiancée, Michelle, live at Gorokan.

A WINTER COAT!



Brooklyn Takeaways... For all your pizza, pasta and rib orders phone Monks at Brooklyn, 9985 8476. If you would like fresh veggies delivered to your boat *Lets Get Fresh* will do your veggie shopping at the markets ready for same day delivery to your boat. For more information go to www.letsgetfresh.com.au.

BOAT CLEANING

Toxic

Detergent & Soap

Bleach

Scouring Powders

Floor Cleaners

Window cleaner

Varnish Cleaner

Head Cleaner

Shower Cleaner

Aluminum Cleaner

Chrome Cleaner/Polish

Fibreglass Stain Remover

Mildew Remover

Alternatives

Elbow grease-often

Hydrogen peroxide

Baking soda or salt

1 cup white vinegar in 7.5 ltr waters

1 cup vinegar in 1 ltr warm water

Wipe with ½ cup vinegar & ½ cup water solution

Put in baking soda & use brush

Wet surface, sprinkle baking soda, rub with scouring cloth

2 tbs cream of tartar in 1 ltr hot water

Apple cider vinegar to clean, baby oil to polish

Baking soda paste

Paste using equals parts of lemon juice & salt

Propeller—underwater winch designed to wind up, at high speed, any lines or painters left hanging over the stern.

Pier—Harbour landing place that goes crack or crunch when hit.

Greenwich Time—the incorrect time in London

Hazard-1. Any boat over 2 feet in length. 2. Any body of water. 3. Any body of land within 100 yards of any body of water.

Current— Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desired destination or toward a hazard.



The 43rd Sydney International Boat Show

will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre & Cockle Bay Marina, Darling Harbour, Sydney

DATES: 29 July - 2 August, 2010
10am-8pm Halls, 10am-6pm Marina

LOCATION: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre & Cockle Bay Marina, Darling Harbour, Sydney

Fenwicks will be offering all marina berth clients two VIP tickets to the Show. Please email Jill at fenwicks.office@pip.com.au if you would like tickets.

NSW MARITIME SPEED/NO WASH CAMPAIGN

The Hawkesbury/Broken Bay Regional office continues to receive complaints regarding EXCESSIVE WASH at Bar Point, Brooklyn and Sandbrook Inlet.

Almost any vessel underway can create varying amounts of wave pressure and turbulence when moving through the water. All boat owners need to be conscious of the wash and waves created by their vessels, particularly when near moored or berthed vessels, or in sensitive areas where small craft are in use.

When you see a 'No Wash sign' and a speed limit sign in the same area, such as in Smiths Creek (8kt limit), do not assume that you can travel at the maximum speed shown on the speed limit sign. Not all craft are

able to travel at the maximum speed permissible without creating wash. You should check behind your boat and slow down to the speed at which wash is not created.



NSW Maritime will continue to conduct a concentrated SPEED / NO WASH campaign in this area over the coming months, focusing on education and compliance.

Don't forget that even if there are no signs, it is still an offence to create waves that cause a nuisance, annoyance or danger. If you're the skipper, you're responsible. Prepared by NSW Maritime

CMS NEWS

CMS welcomed 3 members to the team.

Gary Newnham, diesel mechanic, brings with him a diverse set of skills ranging from diesel diagnostics to fabrication & welding. Gary's past experience includes Cummins Diesel, Volvo Penta, Detroit & Mercedes Benz. Gary, his wife Kathy & 2 children live on the Central Coast.



Lto R: Gary , Gavin , Ethan

Gavine Boyce, 1st year marine mechanic, joined CMS after completing year 10 at Kincumber High. Gavin has a keen passion and long association with boating from a young age. He has crewed as a deckhand on fishing charter vessels out of Sydney and Terrigal.

Ethan Collett, 1st year marine mechanic, completed year 12 at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College. Ethan is keen to excel in marine mechanics and engineering. He brings with him metal & woodworking skills & a love of engines!

OME explains the myths and differences of AGM batteries

Many people ask why some competitors can sell AGM (absorbed glass matt) deep cycle batteries so much cheaper than my suppliers.

Firstly, deep cycle batteries should be used for house battery supplies on any vessel. They are specifically designed to be discharged and recharged repeatedly during their lifespan. Standard starting batteries are not. So when choosing your replacement batteries for your vessel make sure you are choosing the right ones for your application.

Standard deep cycle "wet" batteries (i.e: lead acid batteries) are the most economical means of having the correct battery application, however AGM batteries, while more costly, have a higher capacity, and are a sealed battery which is important depending on battery location (wet batteries give off an explosive gas when charging and recharging).

Now, true AGM batteries have 100% recharge ability. That means, if the battery is flat, it can accept 100% of its capacity for recharge. I.E A 100amp/hr true AGM battery can accept 100amps from an alternator or battery charger. This means quicker recharge. Likewise, on discharge, true AGM can supply huge amounts of power for a given period.

The range of cheaper "so called" AGM batteries has different characteristics. They are specifically designed for "standby use" in UPS systems etc. The recharge ability is vastly different, with specs ranging from 20%-30%. This means your 100amp hr "Chinese/Taiwanese" AGM can only accept 20-30amps MAXI-

MUM during recharge. More than this will severely shorten the life of the battery.

Once again, knowing your vessel's charging capacity will be important before choosing this type of battery. Most vessels have at least 40-50amp alternators and quite often the same capacity in Shore Power battery charger systems. Obviously fitting cheap AGM's to these types of vessels would shorten the battery lifespan considerably.

So, at the end of the day, "cheap" is not always the most economical way to go. True AGM, deep cycle batteries, when set up correctly have a 7-10yr lifespan. That's a lot of years of trouble free boating.

For more information, or for inspections of your vessel battery and charging systems, feel free to contact Ocean Marine Electronic.

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OME has employed Wade Wilson as a 1st year apprentice in marine electrics.

Wade is a local from Brooklyn and has been "messing around in boats" for most of his life with dad, Rick, who owned the local water taxi service some time ago. He's a keen fisherman with lots of local knowledge!

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FENWICKS FENDERS



It was nail biting stuff at the recent Brooklyn Rugby Club's 2010 Touch Footy Fundraising Day and it was with much delight that the Fenwicks Fenders relinquished the *Wooden Spoon*. There was new, young energy in the team and, along with Luke, Bill, Brett and Ryan from Fenwicks, Matt, Kane, Jeremy, Gavin and Cassie from CMS created a formidable force. Others to lend a hand were Emma (our only injury on the day!), Rachael, Cassie and Mitch....thanks to everyone who played. Once again the day was a huge success for the still undefeated Brooklyn Rugby Club (having never played at game!) and the funds raised will go towards the new electronic community sign board which will be installed and operated at the Brooklyn Fire Brigade.