



An invitation to join
**HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT
CLUB**

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Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc. is a Yachting Australia affiliated club and operates out of Brooklyn on the Hawkesbury River, north of Sydney. It is a non-profit making private club – owned and operated by the members – it is not a commercial organisation. The club has been in existence since 1993 and in this time it has established a membership fleet of some 25 sailing boats and a unique floating club house. Club Members come from as far away as the Blue Mountains and reside in areas scattered across the northern and western Sydney metropolis. Membership is open to families as well as individuals – whether you own a boat or not and whether you want to race or not. The Club is managed by a Management Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All members are encouraged to play a part in the operation and maintenance of the club.

Round The Buoys Racing

Our racing calendar is not 'full on' but the club does organise serious racing on average about once every three weeks.



We conduct a Spring and Summer Point Score Series plus a Winter Series just so crews can

keep their skills honed. If you want to race but do not want to commit to sailing every weekend, then the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club may be the answer for you.

On the other hand, for members who want to race more frequently than our own racing schedule allows we have forged links with the Sailing Division of the Pittwater Royal Motor Yacht Club and the Gosford Sailing Club by competing with these clubs in a four race Inter-club Fellowship series throughout the season

Trophy Races

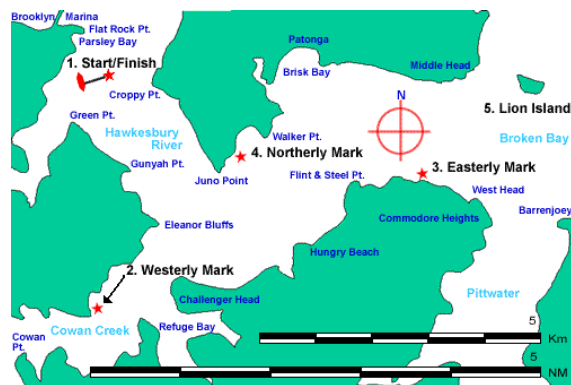
In addition to the Spring, Summer, Winter and Inter-club Fellowship Series, the club also has a Trophy Series which further extends the opportunity to race more frequently if you so desire. The Trophy Series provides for a bit of fun and the opportunity for a brave crew member to skipper a boat. Trophy races include events such as the Three Islands Race – around Lion, Scotland and Danger Islands, the Ladies Day Race where a female must skipper the boat, the Crews race where a member of the crew must skipper the boat, and the much coveted Rhumb Race which starts with a crew member on land having to down a toddy of rum before rowing to an anchored boat, lifting anchor and competing in the race - normally a couple of times around Danger Island

Social Races and Cruising

The first Saturday of each month is generally dedicated to Social Races or Cruises and may consist of a hastily organised race by those present, or a cruise to one of the many beaches or bays in the area for either just lunch or an overnight stay. Each year there is a 'cruise in company' event to Bird Island - between Norah Head and Lake Macquarie, returning to Broken Bay the same day. There are always boats looking to cruise in company down to Sydney Harbour for New Years Eve or other special events.

Courses

The club has a number of set racing courses defined by permanent marks laid in and around the area bounded by Lion Island, Cowan Creek and Brooklyn. Some Trophy races and the Fellowship Series extend beyond these limits.



About The Club House

The Club house is a unique facility moored on the river due south of Parsley Bay. A converted ex-munitions barge, it provides some of the comforts of home with its own power generator and cooking facilities.



The Annual General Meeting, Committee Meetings, after race BBQ's and some, but not all, social functions are held at the Club House. Club

Members are entitled to make use of the barge for any worthwhile special purpose.

All races generally finish at the club and are usually followed by a barbecue for which a very small fund raising fee is charged – currently around \$5.



About Where We Sail

Many people feel that Sydney Harbour is the most beautiful stretch of water in the world, but don't believe that until you have had a chance to compare it with the lower reaches of the Hawkesbury River, Broken Bay and Cowan Creek. Hemmed in by bushland, this large expanse of water is little changed from the day, in March 1788, when Captain Phillip arrived by cutter from Port Jackson on his first expedition, searching for land suitable for cultivation. Constant heavy rain made exploration difficult for him, but he still named several features including Pittwater, and caught

large quantities of fish off what is now Danger Island, and duly called it Mullet Island.

About Brooklyn

Brooklyn is often referred to as the place that time forgot. It has changed little in over 70 years and many of the homes are original fishing shacks used by early visitors and settlers to the area. It is set on the south side of the Hawkesbury River, east of the F3 Freeway and Pacific Highway road bridges and some 20 minutes drive from Hornsby



Members of the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club are anxious to share the many moods of the Hawkesbury River and the pleasures of racing, cruising and socialising with you. We extend the offer to join our small and unique sailing club so that you can enjoy sailing in and around this beautiful area.

Try visiting the club's website for more interesting information – there are lots of photos on sailing and on some of our social activities.

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