

# NEWSLETTER

## Noosa Yacht and Rowing Gaff Rig Regatta June 2022

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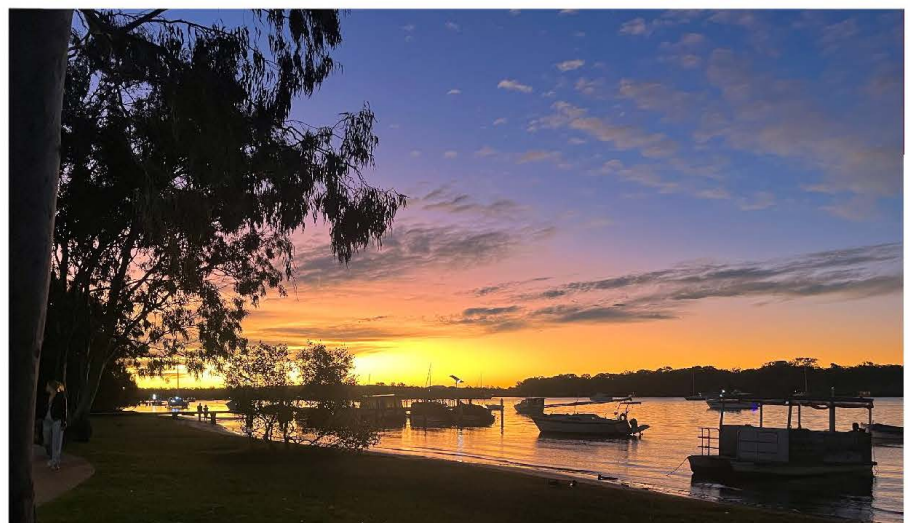
June 2022



This was the 2nd time Cygnets have entered this special event. 1 day of cruising and 1 day of fun racing. This year saw 6 Cygnets enter which was a great turnout !

- Cygnet
- Dreamkumtrue
- Amethyst
- Cirrus
- Geoff Boulten
- Neil Patchett

What's fun about this get together is the beautiful surroundings, warm weather, locals especially Frenchman Val Oddoux from the Noosa Yacht Club sailing his Petit Bateau. He really made us feel welcome and gave us plenty of competition sailing through the moored boats was the highlight for me ! Thankyou Elaine for crewing race day.



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## QCYC Vintage Yacht Regatta July 2022

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July 2022



This was the first time I had entered this race/rally at the invitation of Michael Shannon #3 Hopewell. What a fantastic event whereby all manner of classic sailing yachts and power boats can come together to celebrate these lovely craft. The winds were very light over the 2 days and the course was shortened to make sure everyone finished ! I really enjoyed Michael's company and had a great 2 days interacting with Hopewell's crew. 3 boats really stood out for me.

- 1.- Flotsam (poly 16' extended to 18') professionally built with a lot of features similar to our Cygnets, gifted to David Parker to look after her !
2. Wrath of Odin, a 56' ketch that was very quick as well had an unbelievable restoration
3. Gaff rigged dinghy sailed by owner for 46 years and his fishing dog !

It was such a generous get together of boat lovers and enthusiasts. I look forward to next year's get together.



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## Sydney Amateur Gaffers Day October 2022

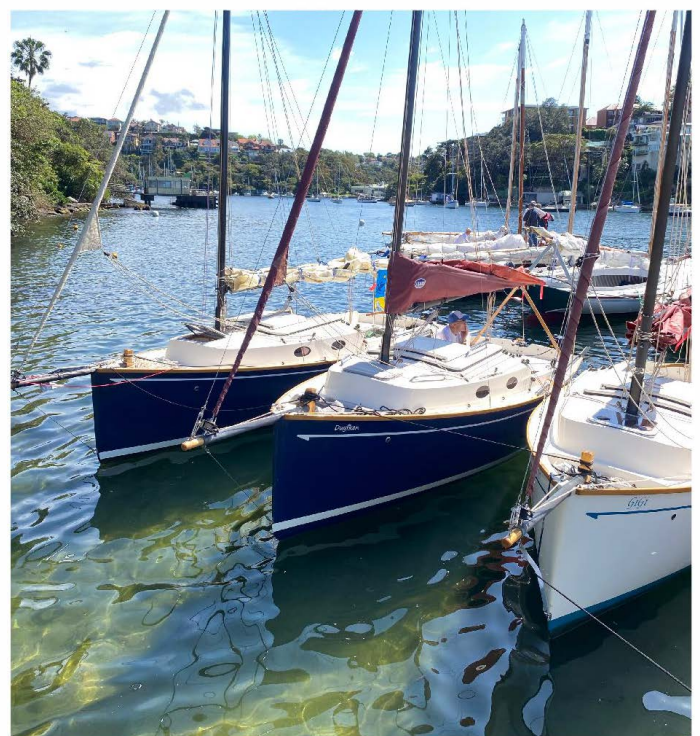
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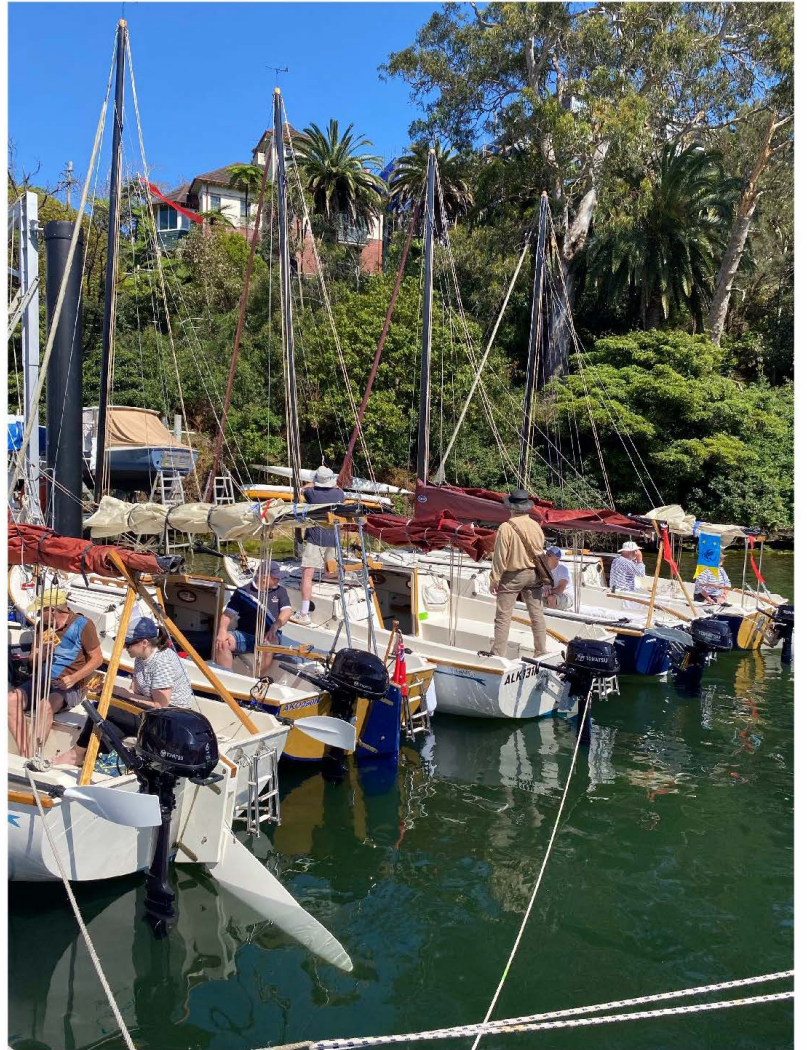
October 2022



What a spectacle to be part of ! Perfect Sydney weather, sun and 10-12 kts SE breeze. The day started with everyone gathering and tying up to one another. Family and friends and new Cygnet customers arrived and we all took in the atmosphere. Scottish bagpipes and firing the cannon gave a great sense of nostalgia on top of the period clothing that was being worn. The boats looked magnificent and the Cygnets fitted in nicely with the full timber classics. We all peeled off one by one and got some practice prior to the start. The harbour was a buzz.

Malcom and Hamish Boyd, Jolie Brise #30 got off to a good start and held off Will Hardcastle's Amethyst # 11. My boat Cygnet # 1 and Tim Dingles Gigi # 6 were neck and neck for the last half of the race which I finally prevailed after I deployed my jib pole a little quicker. Exciting finish ! Then followed by Steve Oehlmann's, Dreamkumtrue #8 and Matthew Gralton's, Duyfken #5. It was great to see everyone and the other Cygnets.



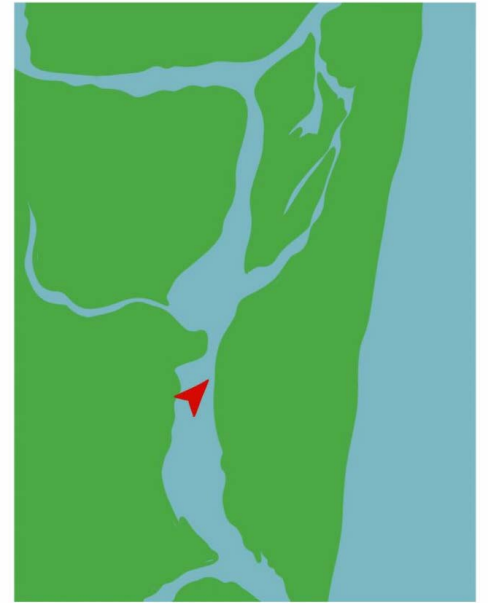


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## Southport Raid October 2022

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David Simonds Bacchus #18 suggested to me would be a great way to cruise Cygnets from Paradise Point to Canaipa Point and back over a 4 day period in mid October. The date was set and 7 Cygnets put their hand up to participate in this inaugural Southern Raid. As it turned out the winds were favourable for 5 boats leaving from Paradise Point heading north but not for the 2 leaving from Moreton Bay into gusting 30kt southerly. So as it turned out 5 Cygnets participated. The sailing and facilities were amazing and I particularly enjoyed sailing single handed in company. For those that have thought about single handling this is the way to go and offers a chance to learn and test your skills while still enjoying camaraderie on the water. Special thanks to David Simonds who did an amazing job of organising the Raid, and I look forward to next year ! Great to catch up with David, Bacchus #18 Southport, Mark and Kathy, Tide Rider #2 Central Coast, Geoff and Louise, Missee Lee #20 Myall Lakes , Darryl, Chere Mia #13 ACT .



Sailing was leisurely with the jib only for the first 2 days, then reefed the main the next 2 days. The facilities provided by Southport YC and QCYC were excellent and gave us a resort experience with the convenience of being able to retire and sleep on our Cygnets at the end of the day. As much as these were excellent it was the sailing that was always the highlight and interacting with everyone on the water was so much fun !

