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### **Editor's Notes**

The work never stops, or so it seems. I am not complaining; just want to let you know that there always is something happening.

- You will see some cosmetic modifications were made to our home page;
- Improved slide show of Noelex 25s in action;
- Reminders to end this years' subscription exercise;
- Notification of Annual General Meeting;
- How to get a copy of this newsletter, and perhaps I can think of some other items as I go along putting this issue together.

The various points listed above will be expanded further on.

Fred Viergever – Editor.

### **President's Report**



Your Association has set July 27 as the date for the Annual General Meeting covering the period 2009/2010 of our existence. You will get full details of what we have done or at least attempted to do and judge what happened to your subscription dollars.

I foreshadowed some further streamlining to our operations previously and to that end the Notice of AGM is displayed on our web site in the new section. I shall include a URL so that you can simply position your mouse over it, left click and, presto, there it is – just select it.

#### **[Notice of Annual General Meeting 2009/2010](http://www.noelix.com/memberweb/Notices/notifications.htm) (click on the URL)**

<http://www.noelix.com/memberweb/Notices/notifications.htm>

Please do the right thing, read the notification and take the necessary action.

You may wish to print it in full as there is an option to express your thoughts to be tabled. In addition, there is an opportunity to also get involved in the Association's ongoings by putting your hand up, inject some new blood and brains, thereby helping to keep us viable and progressive.

It is customary to declare all Committee positions vacant which creates the opportunity to nominate for a position. Please note that there is a specific page for that purpose and that, technically, you must obtain signatures of two other members. At the behest of getting some

flack, it will be understood that this is not always possible hence you are offered an alternative should you wish to nominate but not be able to attend in person. Your alternative method will be to express your interest on the form, nominate the Secretary (David Willcox) and myself (Fred Viergever) as those tabling your nomination and send the form to [noelex@noelex.com](mailto:noelex@noelex.com) I shall ensure that it reaches our Secretary in time.

Because of geographic barriers, you may also wish to indicate your thoughts as to which current serving Committee person you may like to be re-elected for a further term. Those members not being able to locate their booklet Rules of Incorporation of this Association can download a copy by selecting the 'Association' button, scroll down the left and select the button to display the Rules of Incorporation. Please do so as the subject of Rules may rear it's head.

What will your participation as part of Committee entail? Simply, you will get occasional messages that warrant discussion by committee. However it will not be possible to propose, vote or second any motion in such electronic messages as those actions can only be done at a face-to-face meeting. Just the same, having the inclusion of country representation is important and country members are entitled to have their views considered.

The AGM notice also includes a page where you can list any item that you wish to be discussed in General Business. Your input will be tabled and discussed so long as you have send that in writing, addressed to the Secretary and forwarded either by mail or email. As at date of writing there is one specific item to hand that is specifically included in the Agenda.

Members will be aware that some time ago we published scaled drawings of a Noelex25 on our web site. Since publication there have been a number of questions raised concerning the total absence of any figures displaying actual measurements. An opportunity now exists to obtain a set of scaled drawings from Marten Marine NZ.

The original drawings were hand produced back in the late 1970's and would need to be converted into a computer produced set to be of any use. The cost for this procedure is estimated to be around NZ\$500.00.

Whilst there is no specific knowledge as to the future of building Noelex yachts, there is some evidence that there are intentions to have hull and deck units produced in Malaysia and then imported into Australia. It is understood that the drawings have already been exported. If that were the case, we will no longer have any input where it would protect the original design and as a result the original drawings may well be lost forever.

It is proposed that the Association spends the above amount and obtain a set of computer produced drawings displaying full measurement figures of the original design set.

The proposal is included in the agenda as a Special Business item for approval or rejection by members and you are requested to express your consideration when replying to your invitation regarding attendance or apology at the AGM.

I feel confident that the membership-at-large will understand that our Association consists of Noelex owners located far and wide and that there will be difficulty from time to time as to how it is run but there really is little alternative unless anyone member knows of a better method.

Lastly, should any member require official notification of AGM as a hard copy, please send an email request.

Fred Viergever – President.

## Treasurer's report



Results of the past year will be displayed on our web site in the next few weeks, well before the AGM. This will give members an opportunity to submit any questions via email should personal attendance not be an alternative. Members will be advised via email when the details have been uploaded. Those few members without email facilities will receive a copy in the mail upon written request.

A *thank you* to those members who heeded our call to update membership by the end of June at the latest. It is always difficult to get all subscriptions in on time and this year is no different as we are struggling to get the last dozen or so updated at this last stage. Hopefully we will receive those few outstanding ones in the next few days.

David Wilcox - Treasurer

## Website

Assuming that you are reading this issue of Telltales, you are now conversant as to how to download your copy. You will have noted a few improvements to the Home Page. This was necessary because there were a number of errors in the site that accumulated over time and hopefully have now all been corrected. There is the ongoing apparent difficulty experienced by some members when logging on in the sign-in box and nothing seems to happen. With all the Spam and Junk messages now inherent in cyberspace, all reputable program designers include some sort of protection to their clients in programs. The most obvious protection is the inclusion to avoid spam and junk. The end user normally has to make some simple personal adjustments to their system to ensure that email from trusted senders is not treated as such. Our system uses Internet Explorer and Microsoft Outlook and I can comment only on the settings of that software. I am not familiar with other programs.

In your email program you simply add our email address as a 'trusted' site. You do that by selecting 'Tools' – 'Options' and in the displayed window select 'Junk E-mail'. You can then add these: [noelex@noelex.com](mailto:noelex@noelex.com) – [noelex@bigpond.net.au](mailto:noelex@bigpond.net.au) – and [telltales@noelex.com](mailto:telltales@noelex.com) in the 'trusted senders' panel. You can add any other addresses that you know to be safe.

Assuming that you have either a contacts list or an address book, you would have entered all those names there yourself, knowing those to be safe. The simplest method is to then copy all those into the 'safe senders' list and any messages from those senders will not be treated as junk emails.

In Internet Explorer, also click on 'Tools' – select 'Pop-up blocker' – select to 'configure' and in the displayed window add [www.noelex.com](http://www.noelex.com) – in the relative box, say 'yes' to the question to add it, close Internet Explorer and re-open it. You will not have any future problems logging in.

All Telltales, any notifications such as AGM, etc, will be easily accessed by adding the under mentioned address to your 'favorites'.

<http://www.noelex.com/memberweb/Notices/notifications.htm>

Members should note that most files will be in Adobe Acrobat.pdf file format. To download or print the document you must have Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. This program is now just about the Universal communication program and can be downloaded free of charge from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

Once on that site, simply select to install. It is safe to download anything direct from Adobe.

Web editor. (who?)

## **Chat site**

The chat site is running in a satisfactory manner and is supposed to run itself. The only editing required is to add members, often through invitation, or delete members leaving us and requesting deletion.

## **Membership**



We welcome the following new members:

### **Noelex 25**

- nil

### **Noelex 30**

- Eric CLARK and Sharyn MURDOCH – Berwick Victoria 3804; NX1518 “Delta Lady” (previous non owner boat and currently being imported from New Zealand.

### **Associates**

- Bob HAWKER and Megan JESSUP – North Fremantle WA – future NX owners.

Paid up membership as at date of writing stands at 172.

Membership director.

## **For Sale**

The following boats remain for sale as shown on the web site and were featured with full description in previous issues of Telltales:

### **Noelex25**

NX811 ‘Trivial Pursuit’ with amended asking price @ \$36,800.00 – location Victoria

NX812 ‘Hurry Back’ with an amended asking price @ \$37,500.00 – location Victoria

NX827 ‘Palomino’- Asking price \$37,500.00 location Queensland

NX926 ‘White Pointer’ - Asking price \$45,000.00 Located at Loch Sport Marina Victoria

NX943 ‘Cheers’ – asking price \$44,000.00 – location Tasmania

NX1001 ‘Knot Home’ – asking price \$49,500.00 – location Mornington Victoria

NX1028 ‘(unnamed)’ – Asking price \$75,000.00 location Queensland.

### **Noelex30**

NX1519 ‘Solitaire’ – asking price \$87,500.00 location Victoria.

NX1521 “Strawberry and Cream” - asking price: \$81,500.00 location Victoria.

## New Listings



### ***NX 850 "Gold Rush"***

Pop-top with headliner, built by Marten marine in NZ.

This beautiful boat has new antifouling and can be kept on the water. performs well in club races, but is also suited to cruising – ready to sail

### ***Sail wardrobe***

2 complete sets of sails, plus no2 jib, storm jib, and 2 genoas  
4 winches and "Spinlock" jammers;

### ***Engine***

Mercury 6 hp 4 stroke, with high thrust prop (and spare) and charger 5 years old.

### ***Electrical***

27 Meg and VHF radios, FM/AM, GPS and mounting, new fused switchboard and battery switch, volt meter, depth sounder, 10 watt solar panel, autopilot, 1 x deep cycle battery.

### ***Interior and other***

Metho stove, sea toilet (plumbed), clear plastic curtain for pop-top, anchor holder and plough anchor.

### ***Trailer***

Good condition tilt trailer with near new Triton bronze disk brakes and hydraulic overrun system, electric winch, new commercial truck tyres. Trailer is kept in shed all year.

Boat spends the winter in the shed.

**Asking Price- \$37,500**

**Location-** Westernport or Melbourne

**Contact-** Tom Boschma Work 03 9437 2700, Mob 0417008474  
[tomboschma@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tomboschma@yahoo.com.au) or Association [noelex@noelex.com](mailto:noelex@noelex.com)

### ***NX 857 "EXELON".***

New Zealand built – internal liner

Noelex 25 (pop-top version) - Ivory Hull, Burgundy Plank with Teak interior fit out.

### **Inventory**

#### ***Sails***

1 main - 1 Genoa (new), winches, tracks & blocks  
2 self tacking jibs (1 new) - Spinnaker - Storm jib.

#### ***Electrical***

Batteries. 2x80 amp/hr - new marine CD player/AM/FM Radio  
Refrigeration. 12V Engel/roll-out food-bin under cockpit  
New autopilot (Raymarine) - 50-watt solar panel



#### ***Communication***

. 27 Meg and VHF radios (masthead aerial) - Emergency VHF aerial on Targa bar



### ***Instrumentation***

Auto helm - Depth Sounder - Stowe Log/Wind Instruments

#### ***Engine***

8 HP Yamaha 4-stroke (20 hours work) with charging unit

#### ***Safety***

Full safety equipment

#### ***Other items***

Boom tent and boom cover - Metho cooker. (2 burners and grill)

All cushions recently reupholstered - Automatic bilge pump - Privacy curtains

Clear plastic infill for pop-top - Two sets of washboards, one new and other in use

#### ***Trailer***

Dunbier tandem trailer, new axles, brakes and hubs - Electric winch

Yacht is set up for cruising, all controls leading back to cockpit

Location Dover, Tasmania

Contact Brian Bodger on 0429914183

Asking Price \$39,500

or

Association – email: [noelex@noelex.com](mailto:noelex@noelex.com)

### ***Member Contributions***

The following article is one of some, skillfully written by one of our Sydney based members. The article describes in detail the enjoyment one can have in the general Pittwater/Hawkesbury area. Thank you Chris and Briar Jensen. Reading the article revived a few pleasant memories as I have '*been there and done that*'. (Ed.)

#### ***Cruise the Creek***

The track initially skirts the bay, past a rusting hulk stranded in the sand, then heads up the valley alongside an old water pipe, before crossing a small waterfall whose tannin-tinted rock pools capture our children's attention.

As we continue upwards under the shade of towering eucalypts the path zigzags past huge sandstone boulders and eventually we glimpse tiny Waratah Bay far below, where our boats are anchored. From here it's not far to Berowra, where we'll buy cold drinks and ice creams before returning to our boats for a barbeque lunch.

That's the thing I love about Cowan Creek – you can combine beautiful bushwalks with blissful boating, all within a coo-ee of Sydney.

Cowan Creek, just west of Pittwater, flows into Broken Bay. Less well known than the nearby Hawkesbury River, Cowan Creek, a veritable river in its own right, offers a compact version of its more famous neighbour, completely surrounded by rugged native bush.

Formed by the flooding of steep-sided valleys, the fjord-like waters are more than 20 meters deep in parts, with few navigational hazards, making boating a breeze. It's almost a kilometer wide at its entrance and extends for 12 kilometers to its navigable end at Bobbin Head.

Numerous side creeks and bays offer good protection, most with public moorings, though you can anchor anywhere along the creek edge. The largest bays, America and Refuge, have lots of private moorings, the latter with a rubbish barge for those excess onboard empties. The tiny bush fringed bays of Pinta (off Jerusalem Bay) and Castle Lagoon (off Yeomans Bay) are my favourites though.

Craggy rocks edge most of the creek, but there are sandy beaches for swimming at Refuge Bay, Halletts Beach, Cottage Rock and Fisherman's Beach, which are all great for picnics, though Halletts is the only one usable at high tide. Large goannas often sniff your hamper, but if you don't feed or harass them they saunter back into the bush. Both Refuge Beach and Cottage Rock have waterfalls for refreshing showers.

Fuel and supplies are available at d'Albora Marina nestled against the hillside in Akuna Bay, off Coal and Candle Creek, which Aboriginal stories suggest was once a whale-birthing place. There are showers, a laundry, café and general store, and on Sundays live bands play outdoors.

Cottage Point Kiosk, at the entrance to Coal and Candle Creek, sells supplies and delicious meals, while Cottage Point Inn offers fine dining overlooking Cowan Creek. Bobbin Head has two cafes, one in the 1937 Bobbin Head Inn, the other at Empire Marina. There's also a huge picnic area and children's playground here.

Apart from these small settlements Cowan Creek is boarded by Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, whose extensive network of walking tracks through the 200 million-year-old sandstone hills offer easy access to Aboriginal art and colonial history.

In fact the track from Berowra to Waratah was formed by boat builder Edward Windybank, who in the late 1890s established a boatshed and hire business in Waratah Bay. Store supplies were brought in daily by packhorse from Berowra and Windybank's seven children walked or rode the track, ascending 210 meters, to school. Boatshed customers arrived via the same route and it's said a Model T Ford once negotiated the track, being lifted around the sharp corners.

Jerusalem Bay was the site of another early boating business, established by George Rhodes in 1895, who also rented three weekenders and later opened a small store. He formed the track up the hill to Cowan Station, another excellent return walk (less than two hours) for boaters. Foundations, rock walls and exotic plants are all that remain of Rhodes' enterprise, which lasted for 70 years, but it's a great picnic spot with views across the bay.

Bobbin Head, once home to Halvorsen's Boatshed, has an easy boardwalk for littlies or the less mobile that meanders through the mangroves. Call into the Information Centre here for brochures and books on the park. A cable footbridge across Cackle Creek leads to Gibberagong boardwalk where at low tide you can watch tiny crabs scuttling busily about the mudflats below. The track beyond leads to some well-preserved Aboriginal engravings, and for a longer hike you can keep going to Gibberagong Waterholes.

While there are lots of well-formed walking tracks, you can explore on your own. In Yeoman's Bay head to the southernmost corner and follow the creek into the bush. Keep climbing and you'll eventually come to a giant rock pool perfect for a dip on a hot summer's day. You can do the same in the eastern head of America Bay, where a climb to the top of the waterfall leads to cascades, rock pools and a fabulous view across the bay to Challenger head.

Exploring by dinghy or kayak is also great fun. At high tide you can putter or paddle up the head of most bays, past sculptured sandstone or massive mangroves, and find yourself

miles into the bush, the only sounds the rustle of leaves, tinkle of water and whistle of whip birds. The little bays off Smiths Creek are great for this. Float above the edge of the shallows where they drop-off and you'll often see stingrays and large crabs. Cruise close to the rocks on the northern side of Smiths Creek near its entrance to see an Aboriginal fish painted on the sandstone.

With boat hire, launching facilities and casual berthing available at d'Albora Marina Akuna Bay, why not explore historic Cowan Creek this summer?

#### *Recommended Reading:*

*Cruising Guide to the Hawkesbury River and Cowan, Broken Bay, Pittwater*, by John and Jocelyn Powell, Deerubbin Press, \$24.95. Available from selected book and boating stores or direct from [www.deerubbinpress.com.au](http://www.deerubbinpress.com.au). This invaluable boating bible includes local history and fishing information.

*Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Guidebook*, National Park & Wildlife Service, \$7.95. Available at the Information Centre, Bobbin Head. Includes history, geology, flora and fauna and a pullout track map.

*Fish the Hawkesbury: A Guide*, by Bill Wisely, Deerubbin Press, \$8. Available direct from [www.deerubbinpress.com.au](http://www.deerubbinpress.com.au). Includes best fishing spots in Cowan Creek.



#### **Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.**

Last Telltales informed members of a slide show, available for viewing on our site. You can click on this URL (depending on the speed/quality of your machine and server speed it may take a minute to load):

[http://www.noelex.com/memberweb/Racing/2010Champs\(1\).html](http://www.noelex.com/memberweb/Racing/2010Champs(1).html)

At this stage I have used a 'trial' program which is the reason you see some commercial writing and also offers very little editing options. I have added some music which also cannot be edited in the freebie and you can turn it off if desired. The best way to view is to click on your 'view' button and select what suits you.

Members will be aware that, if a membership of any yacht club is held and as a result having an affiliation Silver Card (also known as MYA) through their local club, those members are then automatically considered to be Squadron members as their secondary club. It has now come to notice that this assumption is not always accepted in the spirit it was meant to be.

The reference to Squadron membership will be deleted from future annual Certificates of Association membership but your MYA number as advised by members shown on their Silver Card will still be shown.

This alteration does not apply to those members specifically having joined the Squadron as their only yacht club membership.

Members should note that the Association has no official connection with Yachting Australia or any State Yachting Authority.

NYS Inc.