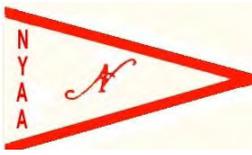


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Editor's Notes

Well, here we go with the start of issue 16, meaning year 16. What to write this time? Some articles from members would be helpful; after all they do the sailing, find interesting places, and have drifters and calamities. Why not put pen to paper and share your experiences with the entire Noelex family?

Talking about calamities, with floods, cyclones, earthquakes and whatever else Mother Nature can throw at us, the best place to relax and reflect is to swing at a mooring somewhere far away from all the bad things so often in the daily news. It is not a good idea to have a television set on board; just a DVD player and some movies is all that is needed.

I received an email from SOS (Save Our Seas) which is very relevant to persons frequenting waterways. I know that Noelex owners are very tidy and vigilant. Just the same I shall reproduce the article further on as a matter of interest.

I shall do my best to fill these Telltales for you.

Fred Viergever – Editor.

President's Report



As your on-going President I can report that your Association continues to thrive. Most members are aware that our year ends on 31 March each year and that during March that evil little letter arrives, reminding you to part with \$60.00. Collecting the subs should take but one month but usually extends for many months. Perhaps 2011 will be a better year? You can save me a little work and commence forwarding renewal by cheque or money order or pay direct into our account with BSB details 063255 00900696. Please remember to add your name or NX number.

Each July unpaid members are removed from our membership data base and invariably numbers drop to around 170 paid up members. As the year progresses, latecomers come to the party, boats change hands and efforts are made to sign up new owners. I am pleased to be able to report that again we have progressed to 187 members at the time of writing. Maybe we will crack the 200 some day.

A few items I can mention may be of interest. Our esteemed member residing in the United States made a decision to part with his Noelex30 during the second half of 2010. Ironically, his boat was sold to our NX25 member Doug Cross (Nelson Bay). As far as I know his acquisition was at last report stranded on a larger vessel in Durban RSA en-route to Australia. Meanwhile, Doug's '25 was snapped up and has now found domicile in Queensland.

The previous owner, Gary Spivak, had a set of (aged) blueprints of a Noelex30 and supplied those to Doug. Doug arranged for the best expertise available to revitalise those blueprints and copies in the form of a .pdf file are available to any NX30 member expressing an interest. The quality is not all that good but magnifying your screen assists in making out pertinent details.

The other item I can report is that Steve Marten (Marten Marine NZ) has supplied us with a set of detailed Noelex 25 drawings, showing all measurements. The Association can make copies available to members expressing an interest. To recoup some of the costs, a charge of \$50.00 will be applied to which should be added cost of photo copying and postage. In addition the items can be laminated at an extra expense. Obviously we are not keen to 'lend' the documents as this would lead to deterioration of the paper based drawings. As an alternative members can ask for a free copy in the form of a .pdf file and then arrange their own enlargements. You get the drawing shown at the size of your screen and then magnify the image to whatever makes viewing comfortable.

With our year coming to an end in another five weeks, the opportunity arises for any member to come forward expressing an interest in Association involvement. There is ample opportunity to become newsletter editor, web editor or for that matter become President, Secretary or Treasurer. Expressions of interest should be notified prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held within three months from 31 March. I thought I might throw this in for general consideration.

We have an outstanding item concerning our Rules of Incorporation. Your Association is incorporated in Victoria and conducts its business generally according to a set of rules, commonly known as 'Model Rules'. Each State has its own basic set of those Rules and in general terms most are similar. There is now some move to standardise those Rules on a National basis which may take some time to achieve. Meanwhile, Victorian politicians will bring into being a revised set of Rules, yet to be officially proclaimed but commencing no later than 1 December 2011. There are a number of sensible amendments, one of those being the ability to finally subscribe to the new world of communication we now live in. The major amendment will enable committee persons of any Incorporated Association conduct meetings via electronic means, 'table' proposals and conduct voting via cyberspace.

For a number of years we have been suffering attendances by committee persons, understandably due to lack of time, cost of travel and some other reasons. In view of the forthcoming changes, the sub-committee reviewing our Rules will suspend any proposals to re-define some of our Rules until the new Act has been proclaimed. We are aware of a number of ambiguities that will be clarified to members for amendment as time goes by. All I can say on the subject of Rules is 'watch this space'.

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



Our latest bank balance as at the end of December stands at 26419.72 which indicate that we should end our current year much the same as we started on 1 April 2010. On indication the current annual subscription rate is about right to cover our overheads. I will be able to supply more pertinent information in our next Telltales due in April 2011.

David Wilcox - Treasurer



Website

Last Telltales covered some information regarding members having difficulty accessing our 'member section of our web site. It seems that some members are still missing the point; hence I repeat exactly what was advised previously. Please spend a few minutes taking in the contents of the following lines. I may resolve the many phone calls received regarding that subject.

"The matter of members having difficulty accessing the member pages continues to come up. Members are assured that the problem is not with the site. Most likely your 'pop-up blocker' installed on your computer or your antivirus programs are the culprits. I also know that the Google Toolbar causes blocking of displaying certain web sites on your machine.

Perhaps you are missing the message that appears at the top of your screen (usually in gold lettering), advising that the site wants to install an 'Active X' control. This message is usually shown in yellow/gold writing, just below the toolbar.

You can safely accept to install that control as our site is completely safe with not one other person, other than the web editor, being able to attach unsafe items that might harm your computer.

There is not much I can do to assist any further, other than to follow previous advised procedures.

Some members use a Mac and also seem to have problems with access. I am not conversant with the Mac operating system and the only advice I can offer is to ask a Mac technician on how to allow safe sites being displayed on your computer".

To go one step further and assuming that you are using Internet Explorer, you can click your left mouse button on 'Tools' followed by 'pop-up blocker' and then select 'configure pop-up blocker'. You will get a window where you can add the name of a web site as a safe site. Simply add www.noelix.com in the relative typing box, select ok and you have now told your machine that our site is a safe site to open. Good luck.

Web editor. (Who?)



Chat site

The chat site is running in a satisfactory manner however a bit more traffic would be nice. With the constant turnover of boats and acquisition of new owners/members, there must be many having questions or able to supply answers. A very important subject is often sought concerning what brand of outboard engine easily slips into the well of an NX25. If there are members out there having invested in a new engine, please send me an email and include brand, Hp and 2 or 4stroke. Most members are not keen to make amendments apart from just getting a new unit and lock it in place.

Noelex30 owners were also asked to supply engine identification, i.e. outboard or diesel which we intend to add to our data base. This information may be of assistance to interested parties when the time comes to sell.

Special Note

Noelex owners will be well aware that boat registration is a mandatory item. Each State conducts its own method of selecting registration numbers. In Victoria, the Association has a long standing arrangement with VicRoads, the issuing body of numbers, in which the Association was able to reserve a block of numbers commencing with the letters NX. It has now come to notice that VicRoads issues numbers only up to 999, i.e. NX999. We are currently corresponding with VicRoads and Marine Safety to extend the block of numbers to NX2000. This would cover all NX yachts registered in Victoria to be able to have a coinciding registration number with the manufacturer number, usually displayed on sails.

As we are dealing with a Government Department it may take some time to get an outcome. The latest we have is that VicRoads is aware of the now antiquated system and that some changes are in the wind. Apparently when registration of any vessel containing an auxiliary power unit, (apart from a set of oars) was added as a source of income, it was not envisaged that block numbering to just three numbers would run out sooner rather than later. The matter is now under review and members in Victoria will be kept informed of progress.



Membership

We welcome the following new members and/or amendments:

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- Sam CLELAND & Jenny BRAZIER – Smithton Tas 7330 – NX943 ‘Cheers’ (previous member boat David Woods);
- Brian and Janet DAVIS - Windella NSW 2320 - NX1018 ‘Chameleon’ (previous member boat Peter LeRoy);
- Huw and Jacqueline PROVIS - Brighton East Vic – 3187 – NX1019 ‘Virgo’ (previous member boat Bruce Rodwell).

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- nil

Associates

- nil

Paid up membership as at date of writing stands at 187.

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:

Noelx25

NX812 'Hurry Back' with an amended asking price @ \$37,500.00 – location Victoria
 NX857 'Exelon' – asking price \$39,500.00 (negotiable) – location Tasmania.

Noelx30

NX1519 'Solitaire' – asking price \$87,500.00 - location Victoria.

New Listings:

No. 698 'TAKE NO PRISONERS'

Built New Zealand 1982 white with blue/red stripes – no ante fouling – no pop-top



Sails: – 2 x Main (1 shortened to 1st reef) - 1 x Jib Self Tacking - 1 x Genoa - 2 x Spinnakers - Boom Cover

Engine: – Tohatsu 9.9 Hp Electric start 2 stroke, charges battery (2 year old – 30 hours)

Communication: – “GME” VHF & 27 MHz 2 way Radio

Instruments: 'Raymarine' ST 40 Log and Depth Readers

Interior: - 'TMC' Electric 12 volt Marine Toilet (New) - 2 Burner Metho Stove - Food Bin
 S/Steel Sink & Hand Pump – Table - Green Velour Cushions

Other items: - 2 x Anchors with chain & Warp, Flares, Fenders, Boat Hook, Life Jackets
Fire Extinguisher, registered tandem tilt trailer

Asking Price: \$35,000.00 O.N.O
Location: Hastings Yacht Club - Victoria

Contact: Ron Delahenty - (03) 9803 3220 – mob. 0416 171 275
or Association email noelex@noelex.com

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NX821“Leewana” Located in Perth WA

New Zealand built 1985 - white hull - black stripes - pop-top and headliner.
No anti fouling...



Sails:

2 x Mainsails, 2 x Spinnakers, 1 x Jib, 1 x Genoa.

Engine:

Mercury 8HP 4-stroke, electric start, in excellent condition

Instruments/Navigation:

Raymarine ST60 Wind, Depth and Speed. Raymarine Autohelm ST1000 – new, used once.

Electrics:

Dual battery, AGM sealed gel 100A/H deep cycle. BP Solar 80watt on customized stainless steel targa bar.

Radios:

GME's VHF, 27MHz, stereo CD/Radio.

Trailer:

Registered galvanised trailer with electric Superwinch 4500; leaf and hydraulic brakes on front wheels. new rotors, pads and bearings. Good steel belt light truck radial tyres

Other Items

IRB tender, 2HP Honda 4-stroke outboard. Safety gear, lifejackets, flares etc.
Pop-top with screens. Boom tent cover; Cockpit spray dodger – easily fitted/removed. Boat and gear is in very good condition – excellent gelcoat. Cabin is well appointed with metho 2 burner stove and grill. Portaloo. Factory custom made latex and wool mattress.

This Boat is in excellent condition with numerous extras, many in as new condition.

Located in Perth WA
Asking Price: \$40,000-00

Phone Col Gilmore: 0427 426648 or (08) 9402 5050.
or Association email noelex@noelex.com

Member Contributions

The following item was received via email and is reproduced as received.

To noelex@noelex.com

Here at Save Our Seas we are continuing our campaign to raise awareness of the damage plastic bags and plastics are doing to our environment. We are succeeding in our mission with countless people now more aware than ever of the issues plastic bags and plastics are causing to the environment.

The Whitsunday Council recently asked for local opinion on the matter which is a further step towards a ban being put in place. Tasmania, NT and WA are all putting in place some kind of ban and overseas Italy just banned non-biodegradable bags. Considering they were the largest user of bags in the Europe (400 p/p a year), this is a giant step forward.

The Eastern states of Australia need to act and we will be putting pressure on all of them, however our main focus is now turning to educating the youth through our schools program.

On the water, well things are looking fantastic. Having conquered the solo around Australia record last year to launch the campaign, Save our Seas Ocean Racing have now joined forces with Jim Cooney who owns Brindabella, Australia's most famous racing yacht.

We are now putting together a campaign to take her and a full crew of 18 around Australia to break the monohull world record. The plan is the same as last year where we will use the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race at Easter to warm up for the venture and then we will head back to Sydney where we plan to take off in the first available weather window after May 5th. All the details are at www.sosoceanracing.com

This campaign is sure to launch Save Our Seas into the next phase and one of the keys behind this campaign is to continue my program in schools. I have been talking at lots of schools throughout Australia and educating the youth. It is a great part of the program and something I have found very rewarding. Ensuring these students know the dangers of plastic bags and plastic ensures they won't use them and they also take this message home to friends and family.

During our Around Australia record, we will run an interactive program on our website where classes or individuals can follow our progress and learn as they go of some history of places we pass, environmental highlights and also of the dangers these parts face.

Once back from the campaign we want to travel Australia to talk at as many schools as possible. Part of the problem we have faced in the past is paying for the travel expenses and we have had to ask the schools to pay a small fee to help me get by, however we want to travel to schools free of charge and in order to do this, we have to raise funds. We are still seeking sponsors for our campaign so if you are in a position to help, then please touch base with us to discuss what we can offer. Even if you know someone who maybe interested, please let us know. On a personal basis, you can help too. We have now got ourselves an online shop where we offer products that are alternatives to plastics.

For instance we have two ranges of Stainless Steel drink bottles online. Both are great alternatives to your every day plastic bottles. With recent statistics quoting that the production and recycling of plastic bottles in Australia, just for bottled water, now produce in excess of 60,000 tonnes of green house gases (the same as 13,000 cars on the road for a year) we need to reduce the amount of plastic bottles we are using.

Buying yourself a S/S drink bottle is a great way to help. If you are on a boat and you always find yourself buying lots of bottles of water each day of sailing, why not buy a large container of water (cheaper and less plastic) and then buy these bottles and refill them. It will save you

plenty of cash and more importantly it will save the environment. In the office, buy a S/S bottle and fill it up from the drink fountain.

Or even better, you can purchase one of the new AquaGen units that produce water from the air around you. These guys have just come on as a sponsor and their units are perfect for home or office. They can produce up to 30 liters of clean, purified water daily from the very air around you. Better still it can output that water either hot or cold. These are perfect for the small office or even around your home.

As a special, they have offered exclusively to supporters of SOS, free postage and shipping anywhere in Australia.

Other items available include green bags from EcoSilk, S/S lunchboxes, DVD's, Books, a range of SOS gear and memberships and Gill clothing.

To visit our shop go to www.saveourseasaustralia.com and click on the link on the RHS of any page.

We have also applied for a grant through the Sunsuper's Dreams program. Currently they are running a program on their website and offering \$5,000 grants to the top 5 vote getters. Currently we are running in the top 10 but this is not good enough to get one of these grants. We need everyone to go to the website via the link below and click on my dream which is to educate the youth on the dangers of plastic bags and plastics.

Please tell your friends about this too as the more votes I get the more likely we are to get one of these grants which would allow us to plan our school trip for later this year and head out on the road.

To vote simply go to <http://sunsuperdreams.com.au/dream/view/educate-our-youth-on-plastic-pollution-dangers> and click on the 'Like' button.

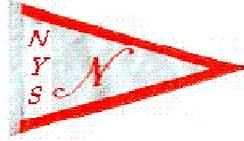
If you would share it on Facebook, Twitter and via e-mail, it will all help. There are links at the bottom of the webpage for this.

Thank you for your support of Save Our Seas both in the past and in the future. Over the coming months leading into our World Record attempt, there will be plenty happening so be sure to visit our websites at www.saveourseasaustralia.com or our racing site at www.sosoceanracing.com

Kind regards,
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Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.

The race director of the Squadron has advised that the next annual championships for both NX25 and NX30 are booked with Royal Yacht Club of Victoria for the weekend over 30 April and 1 May 2011. The event will be sailed on the waters of Hobson's Bay.

Any member interested to participate should contact John Robb for details. His phone numbers and email address can be found on the Committee page (page 3) of this issue of Telltales. As at the time of writing a Notice of Race is not to hand for inclusion in this issue.

NYS Inc.

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