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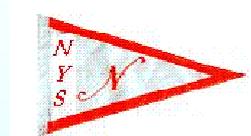
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Editor's notes

Here we are again at the end of yet another year. In just a few weeks the first decade of this century comes to pass and what a time it has been. Perhaps one should sit back quietly for a few moments of reflection and contemplate what has been and what may be in store henceforth. As far as Telltales is concerned, this is the last one for 2009.

It would have been nice to include some – or even just one – of those promised articles that have never come to light but I guess there is always next year. That being so I shall attempt to fill a few pages including a few boring statistics.

I did receive one item that is of interest to trailable yachties and will insert that further on.

The year did see the usual turnover of boats, the bulk of which were retained as members. When a boat changes ownership, we make every effort to retain its membership but this is not always rewarded with success. During 2009 we lost some 14 boats from our membership (10 NX25 and 4 NX30), yet our membership numbers remain fairly constant. This is of course due to a past 'non-member' boat, at least the new owner, desiring to enrol. As a matter of interest, there are 128 NX25 and 24 NX30 in Australia reflected in our database as non member boats. Of those, 73 NX25 and 13 NX30 were at one time member boats. In all there are around 60 to 70 boats owned by confirmed steadfast owners unwilling to support the Association whilst these and the remainder will change hands sooner or later when we will pick up some as new members,

Members are aware of the 'member only' section of our web site. There is a password to gain access which is changed from time to time. This method is of course open to compromise but I must admit that I do not have the knowledge to set up a means where members assign their own user name and password which would be linked to our database. We would need to spend some funds paying an IT educated person making such an arrangement or come up with a member qualified in that field and willing to volunteer time to assist setting up such a method. Perhaps I should enrol in a course at TAFE to gain that knowledge.

For now members are given notice that the current password will be changed and members will be notified at the time.

The current 'Boat History' file will be updated at the end of December. The member listings were updated a month or so ago and will also again be updated as at 31 December.

Fred Viergever – Editor

President's Report



It is difficult to supply a report when there is really not much to report.

The year has been much like previous years. We have excellent support from members ensuring the health of your Association, our finances are satisfactory and membership is good.

I receive many emails and phone calls from members on various topics and whilst I do not always have a solution, there is always the chat site to post a question. Someone will have an answer.

For our racing members I would like to remind them that AlburyWodonga Yacht Club will be the host club for the YV Trailable Yacht Championship Regatta. The event is scheduled for February 20/21 (of course in 2010). Contact AWYC for details.

I thank our members for their support during the 2009 year and would like you to accept my compliments for the upcoming festive season and wishing you and your family/partners/spouses a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



Nothing much has changed since my last report. I understand that our supply of Noalex caps needs topping up and Fred will attend to ordering. Each new member receives a free cap and a pennant as part of the new member kit but members can also purchase a cap at \$10.00 plus postage. The latter is an extra \$5.00 for up to 3 caps, i.e. 3 caps = \$30.00 plus \$5.00 – total \$35.00. A parcel with 4 or more caps incurs \$10.00 postal charges. Caps are sold at cost price. We do not charge for replacement pennants apart from \$5.00 postage.

Fred is yet to shop around for a new printer, wanting to use up existing supply of colour ink cartridges on hand. A colour laser printer compatible with the new Windows OS will be looked at in the next few months.

David Wilcox - Treasurer

Website

Visitations to our website are now nearing 16000 hits since a hit counter was added some 6 years ago. That implies that each year some 2500 persons have a look at who we are.

An update to our member listings in the member section was carried out as at 31 October. It is planned to change the member access password from 1 January 2010. Members will be advised via email.

Web editor. (who?)

Chat site

There has been an increase in chat site traffic and members are encouraged to make good use of this forum. If you want to increase your Noelex knowledge, use this site.

Membership



We have a few new owners to report and we extend a warm welcome to the following:

Noelex 25

- Brett SPAFFORD Newlands Arm Vic - NX733 'MAMBARE' (previous non-member boat);
- Warwick TREGILGAS and Dr Fiona PRINGLE Merewether NSW NX979 'EVOLUTION' (previous non-member boat);

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- nil

Associates

- Danny CONWAY Greensborough Vic. Danny is son of our member David Conway - NX30 'LEDA FREE'.

Current membership stands at 185.

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

NX770 'The Real Thing' - Asking price \$32,000.00 location Queensland

NX827 'Palomino'- Asking price \$40,000.00 location Queensland

Noelex30

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

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

NX1544 "Sweet Dreams" - Asking Price \$94,000 o.n.o. Location - Melbourne area.

New listings:

The following pages list a number of boats currently for sale and not fully described in previous Telltales. All are listed on our web site with multiple pictures. It is not possible to display all those pictures in the newsletter and only one picture is reproduced within each advertisement.

NX 696 'Happy Dog'

New Zealand built (1982) never anti-fouled.
Extensively refurbished by present owner since 2004, the boat is well known on Victoria's Western Port and is the current Hastings and Yaringa Division 1 champion.



Inventory

Motor: 8hp Honda 2004

Sails: Extensive inventory of excellent cruising and racing sails (all by North Sails) comprising: Main (2004) and - Main (2009) - 0.5 oz. spinnaker (2004) - 0.75 oz. spinnaker (2004) - Storm Jib (2004) - Kevlar genoa (2004) Jib (2007) - 3DL genoa (2008);

Interior fit-out: all Noelex 25 standard fit-out items including re-covered bunk cushions (2006);

Rigging: new spectra running rigging and rope clutches in 2005
New standing rigging (October 2009);

Electrical: Re-wired 2007 (including new switchboard) - VHF radio 2007
Chart plotter (Raymarine) 2008 - Autopilot (Raymarine ST 2000) 2008
CD Player;

Safety: Life ring, anchor, chain and warp, boathook and fire extinguisher;

Trailer: Original Stacer trailer in fair condition, registered with spare wheel, new brake calipers (to be fitted) for the cable brake system, light board, all rollers replaced (2005 – 2008) and with Teflon slides (to assist retrieval).

Asking price: \$40,000.00 (*not negotiable*).
Location: Yaringa Boat Harbour (Somerville) Victoria.

Contact details:

Peter White – phone 03 9787 1487 - Email peterjwhite46@bigpond.com

or

Association: phone 03 9796 9269 - email noelex@noelex.com

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NX-917 'Flying Cross'

Goolwa built 1988 - Boat and equipment in excellent condition
(price reduced to \$43,750.00)



Inventory

Interior: Deluxe fit-out includes quality timber joinery and upholstery. Pop top with weather screens, headliner, fridge and food bin. Two burner Metho stove and griller. Good shelving and storage. Chemical toilet.

Electrics & Instruments: VHF and 27 MHz radios, stereo, depth and speed, barometer and clock, bulkhead compass, dual batteries, 10 amp engine charger and 50 watt solar panel.

Sails: Main, jib, genoa, storm jib, spinnaker, all roller furling hardware (not fitted) to take Genoa. Standing rigging replaced 3 years ago.

Safety: 2 fire extinguishers, 4 PFD's, 1 horseshoe, flares.

Mooring: 2 anchors, many mooring lines and fenders, boat hook.

Engine: Yamaha 9.9hp, 4 stroke electric start with 10 amp charger.

Trailer: Mackay tandem tilt with 3 speed Jarret winch. 2 wheel disc brakes.

Miscellaneous: Large boom cover, full length boat cover, excellent dagger rudder in strong stainless steel assembly fitted. Standard Noelex25 rudder assembly is also included.

Noelex25's are very easy to rig and sail and tow beautifully – *"pure sailing pleasure"*.

Asking price: (was \$45,950.00) now \$43,750.00

Located - South Australia

Contact: Lawrie Baldock - Phone: 08 8573 7005 Mobile: 0418 820 734 (available sometime)

Email: crosswind@aussiebroadband.com.au

or association - email noelex@noelex.com

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NX926 "White Pointer"

Australian built 1989 – White with Black stripe - pop top and headliner.

Boat is in spotless condition and is a 'private sale' transaction.

Note: boat was sold only recently and is now being re-advertised as the new owner unfortunately died unexpectedly and never got to sail her.

**Refer also notes in the 'general' section below.*



Inventory:

Engine: Almost new 8 HP Yamaha (2 stroke) with only a few hours use;

Sails: Main, Jib, Genoa, Storm Jib, Spinnaker;

Interior: 2 Burner Metho stove, food bin, porta potty toilet;

Trailer: Tilt Tandem, 2 Disc hydraulic brake system, good condition
Very stable ride at highway speed;

Electrical: Full instrumentation, CD Radio, VHF Radio, New 75W Solar Panel.

General: Boom covers, new anchor, usual safety equipment. Pop Top Curtain;
Standing rigging recently refurbished

3 owners only – used only four times by second owner; well looked after boat.

This boat is a 'custom made' hull and deck for the original owner. There is no wardrobe and no bulkhead on starboard making the interior very spacious with a huge forward V-berth compartment. Boat has always been under cover when not in use and is currently stored as shown below – and can be inspected by arrangement.

**The now deceased owner had all sails professionally checked, the engine was completely serviced and brand new anti-fouling has been applied.*

This boat has not yet been re-launched since these improvements

Asking price: \$45,000

Contact details

The yacht will be in the Loch Sport Marina yard loaded back on the trailer and interested persons should ring John Reddig on his mobile - 0428517179 or phone 03-51460243 at the Marina.

His E-mail address is Reddigjab@hotmail.net.au

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NX 1014 Merlin

Immaculate condition, set up for long range cruising and towing
De-luxe model with pop-top and internal headliner - Australian built 1994.



Inventory and description:

Sails/Rigging: Main, jib, spinnaker, boom cover - new s/s rigging 2004.

Electrical: Large solar panel: Siemens, tilt mounted on custom s/s frame
Twin 12V batteries: deep cycle marine, sealed gel, new 2007.

Electronics/Instrumentation/Communication: Autohelm: Raymarine ST1000, new 2005
VHF Radio: GME, New 2007 - GME Deluxe AM/FM Marine Stereo - Log/Speed/Depth
Autohelm ST 30 Bidata – Compass.

Engine: 8 HP Honda 4 stroke regularly serviced.

Interior: Deluxe teak fit out - Marine Fridge/Freezer: Autofridge, Eutectic
Second water tank installed under forward V-berth - 2 burner Metho stove
Fold out table - Porta Potti toilet.

Additional Equipment: Boom canopy / sun awning with side curtain.

Safety gear: fire ext, flares, V-sheet, pfd's, life buoy, nav lights, fenders, boat hook, 2
anchors: 1 plough, 1 Danforth, long chain and warp.

Trailer: Mackay Multilink Tandem, set up for long distance towing - Hydrastar Electric brake
system new 2005 - Disc brakes all four wheels, fully reconditioned 2007; new axles,
bearings & seals, brake pads & callipers - 2 spare wheels mounted on trailer - New quality
light truck tyres throughout - Rego: May 2010 - Over \$6000 spent.

Only raced once in 2007 Victorian State Championships with result including a heat win.

Location: Stored undercover near Gippsland Lakes. Can be brought to Melbourne by
arrangement.

Asking Price \$48,000

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you don't know what you are missing.*

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RESPONSE TO THE ACMA DISCUSSION PAPER ON COMBATTING MISUSE OF THE VHF MARINE BAND BY SOME PLEASURECRAFT OPERATORS

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Sonata Yacht Association of Victoria, Inc. (SYAV) represents some 130 owners of trailable sailing yachts, a sizable number of whom reside outside Victoria and throughout Australia.

We have been reading your discussion paper with great interest because our membership alongside other boat operators has been suffering from the increasing deterioration of user protocol. For this reason we sincerely compliment you on the initiative taken and wish to offer our assistance in combating the misuse of this important marine communication service. We have read your detailed questionnaire and have come to the conclusion that it is best answered by conveying our “grass roots” experience and our considered corrective action. To this end we wish to make the following points:

- We believe that many (maybe the majority) of VHF marine operators do not hold an operators license
- This we believe has largely contributed to the misuse that occurs daily on the VHF frequencies.
- Both, an “unawareness of the rules” which produces for example inappropriate transmissions on the call up channel , and less commonly “malicious intent” such as deliberately blocking of Ch16, need to be addressed.

- Considering that the primary purpose of the service is emergency communications, and that pleasure craft share the service with commercial and often international users we see an urgent need for combating its misuse.
- In addressing “Unawareness of the Rules” as a cause, we would support a solution whereby existing owners of VHF marine radios are given e.g. a two years timespan to obtain a certificate of proficiency and to register the serial number(s) of their radio(s) under their certificate. Coast Guard stations could be involved in the registration process. Retailers of new radios would be obliged to advise certificate and serial numbers to the register. The resale of second hand radios would place the same onus on the previous owner.
- Proficiency tests should be strictly limited to the scope of pleasure craft operation and the certificate should come with assisting information stickers, which can be placed near the radio.
- An alternative scheme would be to allow the individual States to incorporate a Radio operator manual into their “Recreational Boating Safety Handbook”. These already contain some information on marine radio usage. This information (identical across all States) would be placed into a separate section (as is done for personal watercraft). Boat operators who wish to own and operate a VHF marine radio, could sit for an additional test (as is done for personal watercraft), to get their boat operator license endorsed with a marine radio proficiency certificate.
- The state police then would ensure compliance by checking the operator’s license for an endorsement when a VHF radio is noted during a boat safety inspection.
- We have no doubt that “Malicious Intent” is far more difficult to combat. Should it remain a serious problem after having addressed “Unawareness of the Rules”, we cannot envisage any effective solution other than to incorporate caller identification into the radio sets in order to trace transgressions. Every transmission would start and finish with the ID of the set. Suitable technology is well established and should lend itself also to retrofit applications.

Our members have witnessed the demise of the 27MHz marine band. The escape into VHF has given us trouble free operation for a number of years, but now the same disease has caught up with VHF. We believe that it is better to confront the problem than to run from it once again.

Looking forward to our continued involvement in the review,

Yours sincerely

Bernard Stahn
(Secretary).