



Classic Boats

News May 2024



Rhythm 11 and John O'Neill

*Original owners - Gesell family naming and
handing over to the new owners*

Steve and Eileen Doyle

*And all the skilled LMCBA members who did so
much to build this classic boat*

President Bills notes

Presidents Report to the Classic Boatshed April/ may 2024



We have had a busy april with highs and lows, the high point has been the sale of boats in particular the sale of Rhythm to Steve and Eileen Doyle Classic Boatshed members. On the down side we have some members who are battling with the consequences of aging, as I guess we all are to some degree.

The sale of boats.

I remember saying "Promoting a boat or boats for sale is a process you go through while waiting for buyers to appear from the woodwork". Who would have thought Steve and Eileen would offer to buy Rhythm which, at a healthy 20%-member discount, meant both he and the Boatshed membership got a good deal. John O'Neill organised a naming ceremony when he handed over the keys to Steve and Eileen. We ran a free BBQ lunch that day to celebrate inviting the Gesell family to join in, Yea!

The Mirror dinghy roundabout continued with a boat we originally rescued from a shed, five or six years ago, being bought and sold and sold again.

The Pittwater Sculls will be separated with one going to South West Rocks, according to the purchaser there are a few Pittwater Sculls on the market but ours was the best value, he had heard that we do excellent work with our timber boats.

The Heron and the Seagull will sell, eventually, but in the mean time we need sailors who would rather sail dinghies than do anything else.

The Lake Mac Autumn Fair, organized by local Rotary has been postponed till 25th May due to the recent wet weather. We will be there with what ever boats we can move.

Workshop organization.

The workshops are looking good due in part to fewer boats - less congestion.

The succession plan

As we move into May we have two months to consider the make -up of the next committee. I will be standing down from the Presidents job. It is always good to have new blood on the committee so don't miss out on the joys of committee.

Registration with ACNC

I am pleased to confirm that the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC) has registered LMCBA. This is important in part because it will simplifies our annual reporting to the Australian Taxation Office.

Catch up Tuesday and Thursday at the "Boatshed".

Bill

Safety Be aware and see the workshop Notices



First aid fact sheet

Stroke

Recognise stroke?

If you see any of these symptoms, act F.A.S.T.!

F – Has the person's **FACE** drooped?

A – Can they lift both **ARMS**?

S – Is the person's **SPEECH** slurred? Do they understand you?

T – Call triple zero (000). **TIME** is critical.

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Signs and symptoms

- facial weakness
- arm weakness
- weakness or paralysis, especially on one side of the body
- difficulty speaking or understanding
- feeling of numbness in face, arm or leg
- disturbed vision
- loss of balance
- faintness, dizziness
- confusion
- loss of consciousness

What to do

- 1 Follow DRSABCD.
- 2 Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
- 3 Reassure the patient. The patient may not be able to clearly communicate, which may cause them extreme anxiety.
- 4 Help the patient to sit or lie down in a comfortable position. Support the patient's head and shoulders on pillows.
- 5 Loosen any tight clothing.
- 6 Keep the patient warm.
- 7 Wipe away any secretions from the patient's mouth.
- 8 Stay with the patient until medical aid arrives.

In a medical emergency call Triple Zero (000)

DRSABCD Danger ▶ Response ▶ Send for help ▶ Airway ▶ Breathing ▶ CPR ▶ Defibrillation

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Call the ambulance if any of the above symptoms suspected

Lithium Ion Batteries & Chargers

- Recommendation's from ACCC 5/10/23
1. Compatible chargers and batteries to be used at all times. Never non genuine!
 2. Condition check of batteries and chargers prior to use ie. Good dry condition and no signs of damage.
 3. Battery charging station should be in a well-ventilated dry area, away from flammable material. Charging should be at room temperature, never at extreme low or high temperatures.
 4. In case of fire, a foam or dry chemical extinguisher should be used. Never attempt to put out fire with water! Lithium reacts with water, causing a more significant fire or explosion.

Statement re Workshop Usage – Batteries

- Fully charge, then remove to storage.
- Turn power off to chargers at workshop closure always.
- Redesign Battery Storage Facility to a well-ventilated area..

Minutes of Committee Meeting

These are sent to every member so you can stay informed .. Lots of information on LMCBA .

Near Term Projects.

Restoration of the Petit Brise when space becomes available in WS 2

And order in on next new build Southport Dinghy



Only one can row .

Or else

The LMCBA St Ayles Skiff rowing group are part of a rapidly growing Australian and World wide Community movement in fixed seat rowing with focus on the St Ayles skiff . There are at least 5 new boats nearing completion in Australia . Ours is the only NSW boat although one was attempted a few years back in Sydney and another is planned in Eden nsw .

Our Rowers have just Competed in

Australian 5 St Ayles Skiff Challenge 2024

Dispersed five kilometre St Ayles Skiff Challenge open to all St Ayles Skiff Crews around Australia 2024. **Challenge to be attempted between Friday 19 April- Sunday 21 April 2024.** Results to be submitted within 24 hours of completion of race.

Its noted that the time recorded includes the turning around to row back and this requires some extra skills and can be the difference between places in the contest .

10 clubs have registered with a total of 33 crews ie about 200 people around Australia.

LMCBA registered 4 teams in the event . Results below

Men's results regulation oars

Club	Crew	Time
Warrnambool	Warrnambool Warriors	33.1
Lake Macquarie Classic Boat	Rat Pack Ancient	35.38
Royal Freshwater	Flame tree Wooded Chardonnay	35.46
Lake Macquarie Classic Boat	Rat Pack Modern	38.29
Lake Macquarie Classic Boat	Grumpy Veterans	38.43
Lake Macquarie Classic Boat	Skiffie All Stars	39.53
Port Cavenet Sailing Club	Juergen's Jolly Jacks	40.46

Australian 5, 2024

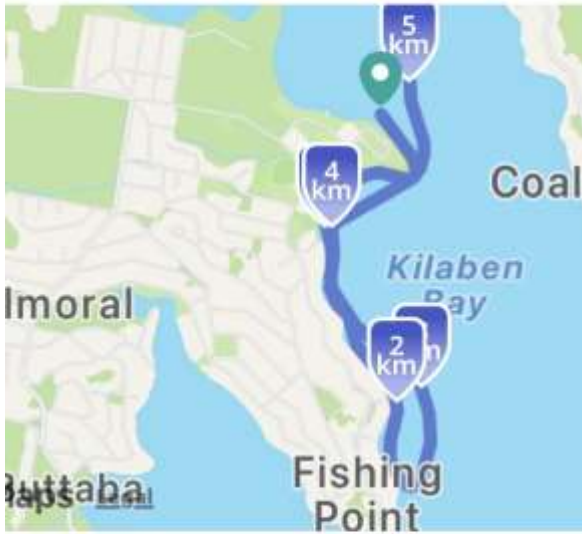
Men's results non regulation oars

Club	Crew	Time
Royal Freshwater Bay	Flametree Chardonnay	31.11
Royal Freshwater Bay	Flametree Cabernet	31.13

LMCBA took out 4 of the top 6 places in the Mens Regulation oars division

1. Skiffie All Stars
2. Cranky Veterans
3. Ratpack ancients
4. Ratpack Moderns

Apr 21, 2024 8:12 AM



5.00 km 35:38 time 7:08 min/km



The **Rat Pack Ancient** crew came **2nd** overall in the Mens regulation oar segment

Friday Morning
Apr 19, 2024 7:00 AM



5.00 km 38:29 time 7:41 min/km

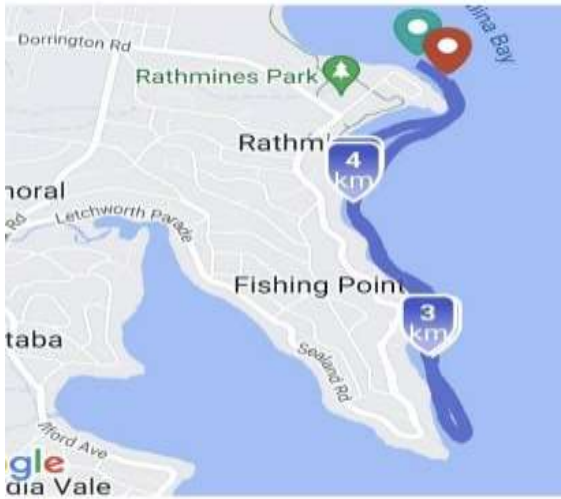
Ratpack Modern

Midfield winners in the men's regulation oars segment



Friday Morning

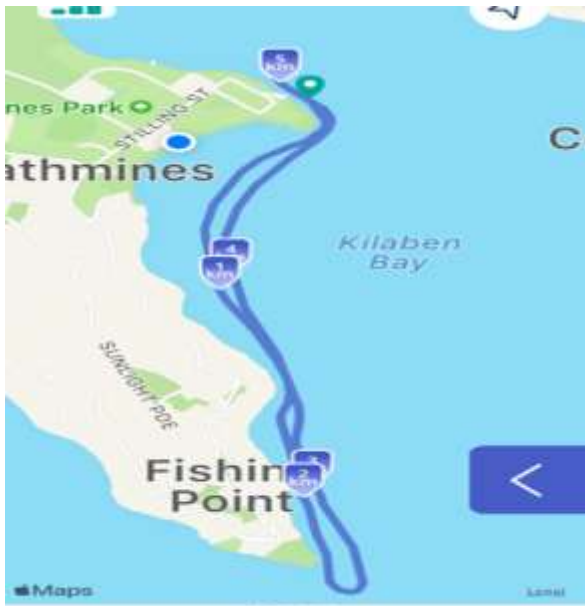
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5.00 **39:53** **7:58**
km time min/km



Skiffie Allstars



Cranky Veterans

Wood is such a valuable resource for the LMCBA ... What are we planning for the future ?

Project progress

Lots happening on the Hartley TS16

Paul and Mike are progressing the build with great choice of materials and use . The old sourced Oregon in the bow can be contrasted with the recent sourced Oregon used in the keel . Hard to show in Photos so Call in and see for your self



Steve's boat ,a Ptarmigan 17.

is looking smart with her painting progressing. Steve likes to sit down below and dream of next spring..

Also see the video on Sailing Kate Louise on YouTube .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq0Z3PAZuJU>

Please follow Paul on this site as he has supported our group with great videos like the above which details Steve's boat and the handing over ceremony for the speed boat .

Cockpit ready and painting well advanced



Jeff handing over belaying pins to ***William the Forth***

With help of Toronto Mens Shed Wood turners we turned our quality teak chair legs into valuable and durable replacement for old Belaying pin

A belaying pin is a solid wooden device used on traditionally rigged sailing vessels to secure lines of running rigging.



Rhythm II

(a wooden wonder 60 years in the making)

Rhythm 11 a 1960's style clinker wood speed boat.

Started in **1964** by Maurice /Carl and Joan Gesell of Valentines and completed and launched for the first time in **2024** by *Lake Macquarie Classic Boat Association in their Rathmines boat sheds*

Photo shows Carl working on the boat in the mid 60,s and of LMCBA picking up the basic hull in 2020



Hulls Meranti planks were nailed but not fully clinched so members (especially past members Alf and Phill) spent some time under and in the boat clinching

(Phil is not asleep) *the 3500 copper nails.*



Then came decking, motor, setting prop shaft, and deck finishing as shown below . So many involved with classic boat skills and brought together by John ONeill.



The Gesell family have been involved and thankful of Johns communication with them and the naming ceremony held at the LMCBA shed . per front cover .

At least 20 members were involved in work on the Boat with welding ,turning ,electrics fitting, detail wood work , steaming, rigging , painting etc that highlight the depth of skills in the LMCBA members



Sporting a Chevy 350 V8



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Hull - Meranti planks over spotted gum keel and ribs

Deck - Alfs red Ceder with Alaskan white ceder battens

Engine - Chevi 350 cc V8 fully reworked . New Carbi etc

Electrics – Design and manufactured by Ingrey Inc

SS from local contractors and Members (note Cav plate)

A great outcome for the Lake Macquarie Communities Marine Heritage

Some more Photos

