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e-Newsletter — Winter 2019 edition

Sydney Harbour is commonly referred to as the most beautiful natural harbour in the world. Those who come to see it will understand why. The 240 kilometres of shoreline encompass approximately 54 square kilometres of water, which translates to an enormous area for exploration and discovery.

Although there are exclusive homes dotted around Sydney Harbour, there are large tracts of parklands, reserves and gardens that balance the harbour environmentally.

On a warm sunny day, the harbour is a vibrant blue and dotted with hundreds of sailing boats, cruise boats and ferries.

Ref: Extract from

<https://www.sydney.com.au/harbour.htm>

Mid-winter Outing

The ACS has chartered the Sydney Heritage Fleet's motor launch Harmon for a Seven Island Cruise on Tuesday, July 23.

See the accompanying brochure and booking form for more details.



Sydney Heritage Fleet

"The *Lady Hopetoun* and Port Jackson Marine Steam Museum", the forerunner of the Sydney Heritage Fleet, was founded in 1965 by a group of public-spirited individuals to preserve Sydney's 1902 VIP steam yacht [*Lady Hopetoun*](#).

The organisation later became known as the Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd. In 1998 the museum adopted the trading name Sydney Heritage Fleet. The Fleet now comprises 10 historical vessels which is amongst the largest such collection in Australia.

The Sydney Heritage Fleet made significant contributions towards the establishment of the [Australian National Maritime Museum](#) which opened at Darling Harbour in 1991. Whilst the two organisations differ, they do play complementary roles, the Sydney Heritage Fleet is placing an emphasis on preservation, restoration and operation of heritage vessels.

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Save Those Postage Stamps

Please continue to collect your stamps for the ACS to forward to the Shropshire Union Canal Society to assist in the restoration of their canals for the benefit of all who enjoy the opportunity of travelling on the inland waterways

March Meeting Review

The ACS held its second daytime meeting on Wednesday, 20th March at Drummoyne Sailing Club. We have moved our meeting venue to the downstairs Sailors' Bar, and it proved to be very accessible and convenient.

Peter Stepek was the main speaker for the meeting, reprising his talk *Why would anyone go to Buffalo?* At a previous very small storm-affected meeting he gave this wonderful presentation, and it was thought too good not to share more widely. So here we were, new and previous listeners, learning some fascinating things about the Erie Canal, its illustrious past, and its quieter present.

Peter and partner Helen were visiting the area to see East Aurora, a small but highly significant centre for the American version of the Arts and Crafts movement established by William Morris in England. Their photos of furniture, artefacts and décor well illustrated the philosophy of the movement – simplicity, beauty and usefulness.

By chance and hopeful deduction, they then

happened upon the Erie Canal, and took themselves to Buffalo to explore it some more.

There they discovered magnificent Art Deco buildings, displaying the wealth that the canal had brought to the city in the early 1900s.

By contrast, a boat trip along the canal provided a fabulous photographic opportunity to record the many derelict grain silos that stand as testament in another way to the former wealth and industry of the city. Thanks Peter for another delightful and informative presentation!

Hilary Rhodes took us back to England for a whistle-stop tour of the canals that she and her partner Graham had travelled on over several years in their narrowboat *Willow*.

Wonderful scenery was interspersed with canalside activity, members of the audience often recognising places they too had travelled, or knew by reputation. I'm sure many were thinking *O to be in England!* Thanks Hilary for a lovely journey!

Lynne Brompton

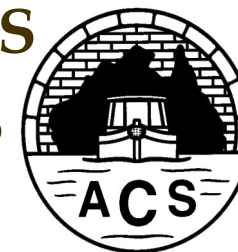
Next Meeting— Wednesday, October 23 at the Sailor's Lounge, Drummoyne Sailing Club. 2 Jolly Sailors' Tassie to Sydney adventure on the restored 'James Craig'; and Why is a Canal Cruise in Britain and Europe such a Fun Holiday?

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Anything for inclusion in the Spring 2019 edition of this newsletter should be sent to: lets-live-it@optusnet.com.au by August 30.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



Spectacularly situated on the banks of the broad Parramatta River, Drummoyne Sailing Club enjoys panoramic water views from its meeting and dining areas.

Then add a mild sunny day, a spacious Sailors' Lounge with its vast windows, comfortable seating, good facilities, supportive staff members, and an enticing inland rivers and canals program.

So a very enjoyable day was experienced by our members and friends in March.

We anticipate that this venue will be our main ACS home for our March and October meetings.

A bonus is having lunch in the Sailors' Bistro at the end of our meetings. This is a great opportunity to share inland waterway

experiences, ask and answer questions, make holiday plans etc.

I am hoping to walk along the Rideau Canal in Ottawa, Canada in June. Some of you have already seen the magnificent broad lock flight by the historic Fairmont hotel.

Martin & Sue Smith have been reunited with their narrowboat 'Braggabout' in England and have headed north for an English cruising Summer. I hope to join them near the end of September.

I am constantly amazed by the rapid spread of information by **social media**. If you use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Messenger or WhatsApp or whatever ! how about spreading the ACS word to your friends and beyond?

Jan R.



AUSTRALIAN CANAL SOCIETY

SEVEN ISLANDS CRUISE with THE SYDNEY HERITAGE FLEET



on the 1943 Motor Launch
Harman

Tuesday 23 July 2019

09:30 - 13:00 + Lunch



The small motor launch *Harman* (c.1943) takes you close to Goat and Berry Islands before a short stop at Cockatoo Island to see the historic docks. West of Cockatoo Island the tour includes Rodd, Snapper and Spectacle Islands. Guides will tell you how Sydneysiders and some interesting visitors have used the islands for various purposes.

And...Yes—the 7th island will be revealed on the day!

Meet 9:30 (sharp) for a 09:30 boarding of the *Harman* at the two big anchors outside the Australian National Maritime Museum, 2 Murray Street, Pyrmont

Return to the Maritime Museum heritage wharf by 13:00.

Cost: \$35 per head, payable when you book.

Lunch at *Yots Cafe* on the Darling Harbour waterfront (Not included in booking price).

Wear: Include sensible footwear, windproof jacket

Transport Possibilities

- * Walk from Town Hall railway station across the historic Pyrmont Bridge (15 min)
- * Darling Harbour ferry from Wharf 5 at Circular Quay and alight at Pyrmont Bay. Can also be joined at Barangaroo wharf, which is also serviced by the Rivercat from Parramatta.
- * Light Rail from Central station and alight at Pyrmont Bay.
- * Bus No 389 which runs from Bondi Junction to Pyrmont and goes through the city via Park St.
- * Bus No 501 runs along Victoria Road from West Ryde Station to Pyrmont and then along Harris Street towards Central. Alight just before Harris Street and a short walk to the Australian National Maritime Museum.
- * Parking at Harbourside Car Park, Murray Street. Discount for SHF bookings. Validate parking ticket at Maritime Museum Reception

If, in the opinion of the Master on the day of the event, the wind or sea state is deemed unsuitable for the comfort of passengers, the event will be cancelled. Smoking on board strictly prohibited.

Sydney Heritage Fleet: (02) 9298 3888. Website: www.shf.org.au

**Please complete the BOOKING FORM and return it to ACS Treasurer,
PO Box 304, Drummoyne 1470.**

Seven Islands Tour with the Sydney Heritage Fleet

Tuesday 23 July 2019 09:30 to 13:00

BOOKING FORM

Your Name:

Your Contact No.

Your email address.....

Your Address (if receipt required)

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Number and Names

I wish to book for People / Person @ \$35.00* per head

If booking for more than yourself, the names of other people are:

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Cheque enclosed / EFT remittance made for \$.....

Do you wish to book for lunch at Yots? How many people ?

To be paid on the day.

*NOTE: A full refund is available up to Monday 8 July 2019 if required. After that date, and before final confirmation with SHF of numbers, a refund can only be made if the ACS has more than 15 remaining reservations (we have to guarantee this minimum number). After confirmation of numbers no refunds can be made.

***Please complete the BOOKING FORM and return it to
ACS Treasurer, PO Box 304, Drummoyne 1470.***

***Include your cheque, or remit by EFT with reference, "Your Surname 7 Islands" to
BSB 032-080 Account 24-8271***

Limited Numbers so BOOK NOW to secure a place. Bookings close 30 June 2019

**** Lunch is not included in the ticket price. There is a group booking for a \$15 lunch deal, payable on the day. Please indicate your intention on the booking form.***