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You could say that my apprentice training was all a waste of time and I'm sure some of our old instructors would agree.

It was only a few years later that I joined the Air Traffic Control Branch. With Patricia and two daughters we were posted every couple of years mostly around the eastern states. I even did a couple of years with civilians at Mascot in Sydney. (Herb Cavanagh and I were the original asylum seekers in Woomera, but they couldn't find one for us).

I bailed out after twenty-one years and we built at Fishing Point (near Rathminers). Our leisure time was mainly spent racing boats and bush walking. We've done some good walks in New Zealand and England as well. We did the original Great North walk from Sydney to Newcastle in 1988 as a bicentennial project.

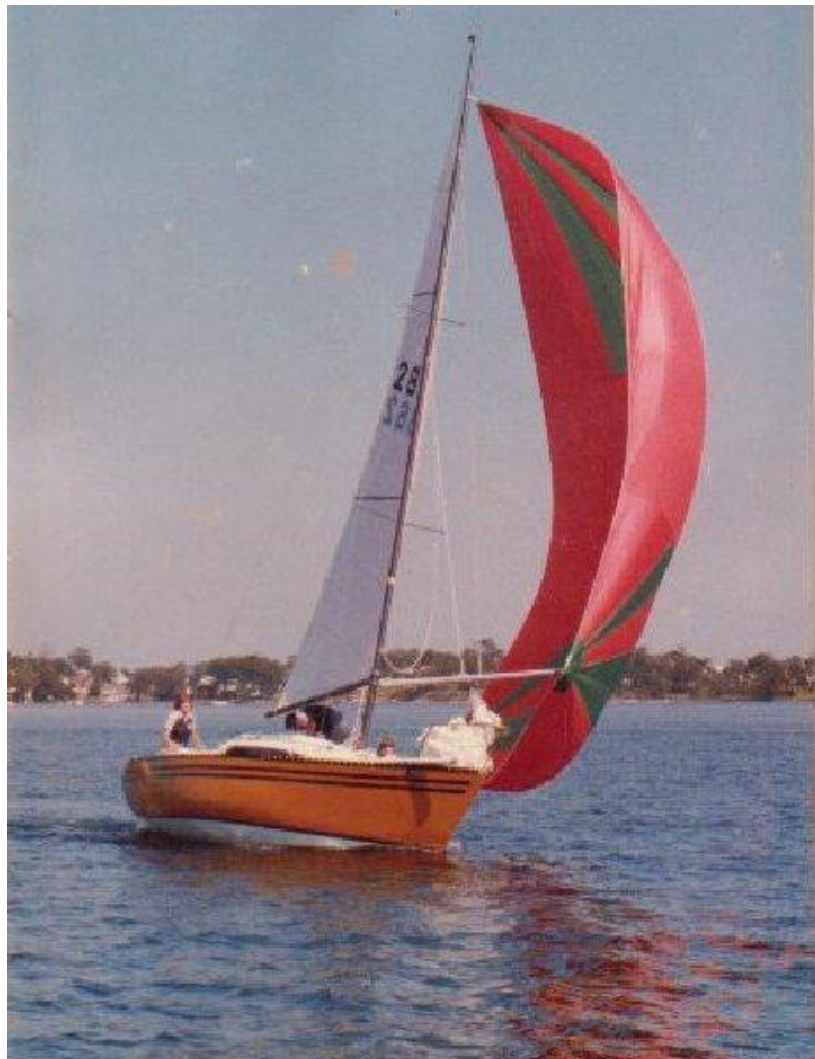
After twenty-five years at the Lake we built on our forty-acre block at Wallaby Gully on the Myall Range south of Cessnock. After five more years we have moved to an apartment in town. For over twenty years I worked part time with Armaguard in the money truck, and retired two years ago. We intend to keep walking, dining out and drinking copious amounts of wine.

With a wife, two daughters and two granddaughters (the petticoat government) all living close, I am spoilt rotten.

And that is how it should be!

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Note: New address since writing story.



My boat