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## CYCT Calendar

### **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Combined Clubs Opening Day

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Picnic, somewhere near Mary Ann Bay

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Member education evening: Channel Anchorages—Mariners Cottage, 8pm.

### **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Pre-Trip Briefing for Nubeena—Mariners Cottage, 8 pm

### **23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Show Day Long Weekend cruise, Nubeena

### **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Christmas function

## Editorial

May I offer my sincere apologies to Dave Davey for wrongly ascribing the author's name to his excellent article 'On-board Internet' last month.

Are you a financial member? If your copy of *Albatross* has a red dot on the cover, you need to pay your annual subscription before you can receive further newsletters.

This month's *Albatross* is mainly taken up with the business of the club, with the annual reporting and the election of the new Committee. Sadly, this month the club mourns the passing of one of its life members: Ken Newham, and Leo Foley has written a magnificent piece honouring Ken. Thanks also to Leo for his two other contributions.

**Neil Croll**

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## Commodore's comments



Thanks to those members who put themselves forward for the Committee for the next year, especially those newer members. They will gain from it, but they also need a hand from more experienced members to do their jobs well. Let them know what you expect of the Club, and in particular, keep thinking about guest speakers for the General Meetings. Bombard the Rear-Commodore with suggestions!

Opening Day is upon us once more. Instructions will be publicised in 'The Mercury', but generally CYCT is near the tail of the fleet, before the motor cruisers. It's a colorful day, and I encourage everyone to participate.

That will lead us into our Summer cruise program. Again, I encourage you to attend cruises and get to know other members. Sharing knowledge is part of what we do, in a relaxed and friendly environment. Keep your eye on the Vice-Commodore's calendar.

You will see my Annual Report elsewhere in the journal, so I shall keep this comment brief. See you on the water!

**Leo Foley**

## Vice Commodore's Report.



Extended cruising is over for me for a while – *Alamak* is somewhere near Gove as I write and Chris Palmer is on board until Darwin. Crew is sought for many of the legs from Darwin to the Mediterranean over the November 08-March 09 period. If you are interested, please contact Chris Palmer or me.

### **406 MHz EPIRBs**

By the time you read this, those who ordered a 406 MHz EPIRB from me should have it. If you have not received

yours, please contact me. As I said last month, it is essential that you register your EPIRB with AMSA and this is best done via the Internet at <http://www.beacons.amsa.gov.au>. Let me know if you need any assistance to do this.

### **New edition of AUS173 Chart**

The new issue of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel chart is now available. This chart uses the GDA96 datum, meaning that GPS (WGS84) locations can be plotted directly. The height datum has also been changed.

### **Cruising Plaque**

Congratulations to Stephen Newham who has been awarded a Cruising Plaque for his circumnavigation on *Nyanda*. My apologies for not mentioning this last month. Cruising plaques are awarded to a member who has completed a significant cruise during the year.

### **Combined Clubs Opening Day, Sat Oct 4**

Be part of the sail-past in the traditional opening of the yachting season. I will give more details as I get them, but work on a 1400 start somewhere near the Regatta Grounds.

### **Picnic, Sunday Oct 5**

Somewhere near Mary Ann Bay so that those boats returning to the Channel as well as Hobart-based boats can attend. Listen to VHF 16/77 at 1105 for details.

### **Pre-Trip Briefing for Nubeena – Mariners Cottage, 8 pm Tue 21 Oct**

To discuss anchorages, charts, notices-to-mariners, distances and times, etc., particularly for new members but available to all. The relevant chart is AUS171, make sure that you have the latest edition (6-Jan-06). I will bring a list of the Notices to Mariners so that we can update our charts.

### **Show Day Long Weekend, Nubeena, Oct 23-26**

The Nubeena area is the destination for the Show Day break. If you have to work on Friday, consider a Friday evening getaway – call *Reflections* on VHF for directions. If you can get away on the Thursday, listen at 1005 and 1105 on VHF 16/77 for details (I'll be looking for some guidance from those who have been there before).

### **Cruising Calendar**

Look on the website for the updated Cruising Calendar. I will send it to the Editor for publication in November's *Albatross*.

**Andrew Boon**

## **Rear Commodore's Report**

This year's Xmas get together will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the large pavilion at the north-western end of Dru Park (TasMap Street Atlas p 201 A, 3). It will be a BYO Function. BYO food, drink, utensils chairs, portable tables, kids and Mum and Dad if you are lucky enough to still have them. Electric barbecues are provided.

Author and historian John Sargent is our guest speaker at the October 7 general meeting at 8 pm, DSS.

**Merv Page**

## **Why is water blue?**

Water is faint blue. Although water appears clear in small quantities (like a glass of water), the blue colour becomes visible the more water we look through. Thus, deep lakes and seas are bluer than a shallow river.

Other factors can affect the colour we see:

- Particles and solutes can absorb light, as in tea or coffee. Green algae in rivers and streams often lend a blue-green colour. The Red Sea has occasional blooms of red *Trichodesmium erythraeum* algae.
- Particles in water can scatter light. The Colorado river is often muddy red because of suspended reddish silt in the water. Some mountain lakes and streams with finely ground rock, such as glacial flour, are turquoise. Light-scattering by suspended matter is required in order that the blue light produced by water's absorption can return to the surface and be observed. Such scattering can also shift the spectrum of the emerging photons toward the green, a colour often seen when water laden with suspended particles is observed.
- The surface of seas and lakes often reflect blue skylight, making them appear bluer. The relative contribution of reflected skylight and the light scattered back from the depths is strongly dependent on the observation angle.

**Leo Foley**

## **Channel Anchorages**

CYCT members have conducted an Adult Education course on 'Anchorages in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel'. Some newer members have expressed an interest in such a talk, but were not able to attend. The committee has decided to conduct this course for CYCT members, free of charge.

This information evening will be held on Monday 13 October, in the Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.

Start time will be 7.30 pm, finishing at 9.30 pm, depending on discussions.

Participants will need a Cruising Southern Tasmania guide, (available on the night) a note book and pencil.

**Leo Foley**

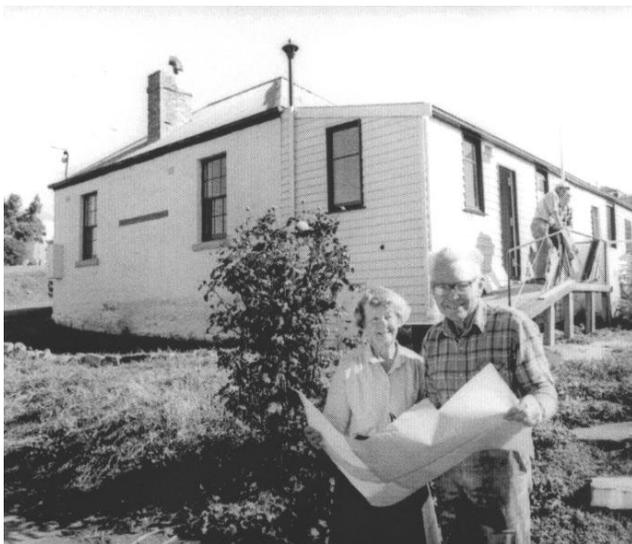
# Vale - Ken Newham

**Life Member, Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania**  
**Commodore – 1983/84; 1984/85; 1985/86**  
**Cruise of the Year 1993**

It is with great sadness that the Club notes the passing of one of its stalwarts, Ken Newham. Ken passed away on 15 September 2008.

Ken and Doris joined the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania in 1977, while the Club was in its infancy. With his appetite for hard work, and his head brimming with ideas, Ken was an invaluable member of a growing club. Many of the traditions we now enjoy were instigated, or contributed to, by Ken Newham.

Following a cruise to the Whitsundays during 1977, Ken decided to present the *Club* with a cup manufactured from an aluminium mast section as a trophy for the 'Cruise of the Year'. It is the same trophy that is still awarded to our most adventurous cruisers.



Ken was a significant contributor to the restoration of the Mariners Cottages, where his practical skills were ably demonstrated. Ken, who had overseen the transition while Commodore, then took on the newly-created position of Warden, to ensure the gains were consolidated.

The high hopes of those mid-80s committees are embodied in Ken's enthusiasm and generosity.

In September 1991 the *Club* elected Ken Newham as its first Honorary Life Member, along with his wife, Doris. Their cruises in *Alkira* took them to Lakes Entrance and the Whitsunday Islands (three times) plus numerous cruises in Tasmanian waters. They were regulars at Port Davey, and were well known amongst the cruising fraternity.

Those members who joined the Club in the late 1980s were fortunate to have the experience of two generous members, Ken Newham and Derek Farrar, to assist them in their cruising endeavours. Between them, accredited AYF navigation courses were conducted on a regular basis, which were well supported by Club members. Ken gently guided his students through

the course requirements, and the whole process became a sharing of his knowledge, rather than a theoretical test.

On the water, practical advice was always available. Ken's electrical communication knowledge was second to none, and his engineering expertise allowed him to fix problems that would keep many of us off the water. After the sinking of the English yacht, *Talis II*, (at Maatsuyker Island) Ken offered to assist in his usual understated way. The owners gave him small jobs at first, but soon found they could depend on the workmanship and professional engineering executed by Ken. He shared his knowledge freely, and any prospective boat-buyer was well advised to have a chat with Ken.

Ken's contribution to the Club will live on. He has left a great deal to the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania. He was honoured with Life Membership in 1991, and is remembered fondly by all who were fortunate to know him. The Club offers its condolences to his wife, Doris, to Steve, and the rest of the family.

**Leo Foley**

## **Notice of Memorial Service for the late Ken Newham**

06.10.1917 – 18.09.2008

Ken Newham was a Life Member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania.

His family would like to invite all current and past members and friends of the Cruising Yacht Club to a memorial service to honour him, following which there will be afternoon tea.

The memorial service will be held at the Derwent Sailing Squadron club rooms at Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2 o'clock.

**Stephen Newham**

*Nyanda*

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### ***Sea Jay***

*Sea Jay* is a Roberts 30, a roomy, sea-kindly family cruising boat with a racing history as well. She has a good inventory of equipment and is ready to go. She can be seen at Boat Sales Tasmania's jetty, or contact Neil Croll on 0417 572 473.

# CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER, 2008 AT DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON SANDY BAY AT 8.50 P.M.

Commodore Leo Foley opened the meeting and welcomed members.

**Members Present:** 25 members

**Apologies:** Chris Palmer & Margaret Benjamin, Wendy & Malcolm MacDougall, Andrew Boon & Judy Boon, John & Pam Skromanis, Julia Greenhill, Dave Davie & Annick Ansselin, Mike & Ruth Temple-Smith, Lorna & Trevor Jones, Neil Croll, Milton & Glenys Cunningham, Caroline Dutton, Kevin & Chris Hussey, Nigel & Kathryn Grey.

## **Minutes of the previous General Meeting 5 August 2008.**

As the *Albatross* had not reached members to this date, the minutes were read to those present.

Following no voices to the contrary from members present, Commodore Leo Foley signed the minutes of the general meeting held on 5 August 2008 as read as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Business Arising:** Nil

<b>Correspondence:</b>	<b>Inward:</b>	Ebb Tidings Mainsheet
	<b>Outward:</b>	Nil

## **Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$7,232.51</b>
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<b>Accounts paid</b>	Aurora	\$82.97
	Uni Print	\$198.33

Salamanca Inn	\$1,531
Secretary	\$43.65

**Balance**                    **\$6,575.56**

**Commodore's Report:** Commodore Leo Foley alerted members to the instant on the weekend of the Annual dinner when several members were approached by water police concerning the non displaying of registration numbers on their boat. Comments were called for and discussion followed.

The committee will take up this situation with MAST. Commodore Leo to speak to Peter Hopkins.

**Vice-Commodore's Report (A Boon)**

- As per *Albatross*
- Monday 13 October a talk at the Mariner's Cottage about 'Anchorages in the Channel' at 7.30 pm. All members welcomed with a copy of 'Cruising Southern Tasmanian Waters', a notebook and a pencil.
- Pre-cruise briefings will be held before the Tuesday night prior to the weekend planned cruise each month. These will be in the Mariner's Cottage.

**Rear Commodore's Report (M Page)**

- 7 October Guest Speaker will be John Sargent – local historian and author.
- Any suggestions for guest speakers will be welcome.

**General Business:**

- Partridge Island: Crane has been removed from the jetty.
- Melaluca Inlet: there seems to be some progress planned for early next year.
- Paul Kerrison suggested that small informal gatherings could be held at the Cottage encouraging and training people in sailing.
- **Peter Geeves, Commodore of DSS**, requested assistance over the Christmas period for the Melbourne to Hobart and Launceston to Hobart Sailing Races. A variety of jobs such as radio room, telephone answering, berthing and info -centre are available and members can register at DSS. There will be briefing in early November. Tracking devices for the races will be upgraded making position advice easier.

Following the meeting members enjoyed supper and meeting the new members of the committee.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

**Next General Meeting: 7 October 2008, at Derwent Sailing Squadron at 8 p.m.**

**Commodore:** ----- **A/ Secretary:** -----

**Date:** -----

# Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania

held  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008, at 2000 hours at Derwent Sailing Squadron, Sandy Bay

**Welcome:** Commodore Leo Foley opened the meeting and welcomed 25 members.

**Apologies:** Chris Palmer, Margaret Benjamin, Dave Davey, Annick Ansselin, John & Pam Skromanis, Wendy & Malcolm Mac Dougall, Trevor & Lorna Jones, Neil Croll, Caroline Dutton, Kevin & Chris Hussey, Milton & Glenys Cunningham, Andrew & Judy Boon, Ruth Temple-Smith, Nigel & Kathryn Grey, Julia Greenhill.

## Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of 4 September 2007 were published in the September 2008 edition of the Albatross and ratified at the General Meeting in October 2007.

**Moved** Leo Foley **seconded** Andrew Boon that the minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting be recognised. **Carried**

## Cruising Plaque of the Year

The Cruising Plaque for 2007/2008 has been awarded to Stephen Newham for his trip around Tasmania in *Nyanda* earlier this year, 2008. Stephen spoke to the Club at the June general meeting of his circumnavigation of Tasmania west to east.

## Treasurer's annual report

The unaudited Treasurer's Financial Report was tabled.

**Moved** Barry Jones, **seconded** Roger Locke that the meeting accept the report subject to a satisfactory audit. **Carried**

## Commodore's annual report

Leo Foley presented the Commodore's Annual Report.

- A card of condolence is to be sent to the family of John Chandler, a past member who died recently.
- A letter of commiseration with an offer of support to be sent to Tom & Suzi Davison who recently lost their boat in a fire.

**Moved** Leo Foley, **seconded** Fiona Tuxen that the Commodore's Annual Report be accepted. **Carried**

### **Vice Commodore's Annual Report**

In the absence of Andrew Boon, Commodore Leo Foley presented the Vice Commodore's Annual Report.

Report accepted.

### **Rear Commodore's annual report**

In the absence of Milton Cunningham Commodore Leo Foley presented the Rear Commodore's Annual Report.

Report accepted.

### ***Election of office bearers***

Commodore Leo Foley declared the committee positions vacant and invited Past Commodore Pat Locke to conduct the election of the Commodore.

Commodore Leo Foley completed the election of officers.

### **Commodore:**

Leo Foley—**nominated** Roger Locke, **seconded** Paul Kerrison and elected.

### **Vice Commodore:**

Andrew Boon—**nominated** Keith Wells, **seconded** Mike Temple-Smith and elected.

### **Rear Commodore:**

Merve Page—**nominated** Cheryl Price, **seconded** Quentin Tuxen and elected.

### **Treasurer:**

Caroline Dutton—**nominated** Roger Locke, **seconded** Cheryl Price and elected.

### **Secretary:**

Margaret Jones—**nominated** Leo Foley, **seconded** Paul Kerrison and elected.

**Editor:**

Chris Palmer—**nominated** Chris Creese, **seconded** Mike Temple-Smith and elected.

**Committee Members:**

1. Kathleen Page—**nominated** Keith Wells, **seconded** Merv Page and elected.
2. Cheryl Price—**nominated** Barry Jones, **seconded** Paul Kerrison and elected

**Membership Officer:**

Fiona Tuxen—**nominated** Quentin Tuxen, **seconded** K. Shimmin and elected.

The positions of Warden, Quartermaster and Webmaster are committee nominations and will be filled later. It is proposed to combine the positions of Warden and Quartermaster as now that we have moved general meetings to Derwent Sailing Squadron there is less setting up.

**Auditor**

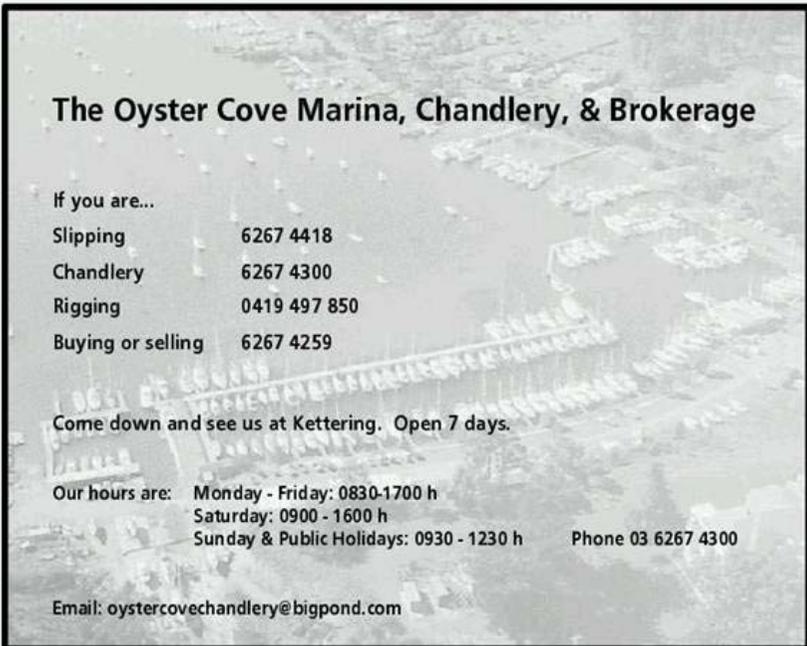
**Moved** Leo Foley, **seconded** Roger Locke that Peter Dawson be approached to continue as Honorary Auditor subject to his acceptance. **Carried**

**Commodore Leo Foley closed the AGM at 2050 hours.**

**Commodore** ..... **Secretary** .....

**Date:**





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