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Bridgewater Bridge - Grand Opening Day

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Cruising Responsibilities

Members and others taking part in CYCT events are reminded that the decision to participate in any cruise or event rests with each boat's skipper. Information supplied by the Club or its officers is intended as a guide only. The Club does not 'control' or lead events and neither the Club nor the event coordinator is responsible for the safety of any boat or person.

Regardless of information supplied by the Club or its officers the skipper is solely responsible for the boat at all times.

Skippers are encouraged to keep Coast Radio Hobart informed of their location, destination and plans during the course of any cruise.

CYCT Calendar

February – Tues 1st BBQ at Mariners Cottage @1800

BYO food and drink

February – Sat 5th – Sun 6th

Green and Snake Island Cruise and Clean-Up

February – Wed 9th Committee Meeting at Mariners Cottage –
7.30pm

February – Fri 11th to Mon 14th

2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival

February – Tues 22nd - Women's Forum. Introductory session

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February – Fri 25th - Sun 27th

Port Esperance. Dinghy exploration of the Esperance River

March - Tues 1st

General Meeting at DSS 8.00pm

Speakers: Dorothy and Steve Darden of *Adagio*

March - Wed 9th Committee Meeting at Mariners Cottage –
7.30pm

March - Sat 12th – Mon 14th Cruise to Cygnet Regatta

April – Sat 2nd – Sun 3rd Cruise to New Norfolk or Adventure Bay

An up-to-date version of the Calendar can be obtained from
<http://www.cyct.org.au/Calendar/>



Editorial

Easing myself back into an 'Albatross' frame of mind again after a month's break, I find there are a large number of events to report on over the Christmas/New Year period. The Commodore, Vice and Rear cover the Bridgewater Bridge opening, the Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve BBQ in their reports and a selection of photos from these are included. Unfortunately there isn't room for all but hopefully the Webmaster can add more to the slide show currently enlivening the website homepage. Thanks to Liz Garnham for some lovely portraits, especially one of Keith Wells.

Keith celebrated his 75th birthday with a memorable party at his daughter's beautiful garden at Nicholls Rivulet late in 2010. You may not be such a Goldilocks any longer, Keith, but still very photogenic! Belated Happy Birthday!

While you have your camera out this summer, don't forget the competition for a photograph which best describes the life of the CYCT. No entries have fallen into my Inbox and a good prize is up for grabs so it will be extended until the end of March to cover the rest of the summer cruising season.

A few events may be behind us but there are more to come. A couple of weeks to go until the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and marinas are hives of frantic sanding and varnishing activity as the covers come off those wooden treasures and all you Wooden Boat Tragics get your moment of glory. For once, all of us lesser mortals who are content to puddle about in plastic and steel will be forced to concede that, in the end, nothing compares with the glory of a well-crafted timber boat. This year's Festival will be something else and CYCT will be there, manning a display and hopefully attracting new members.

Some of our number will be setting off on the RYCT's Van Dieman's Land Circumnavigation and I hope the cameras and notebooks will be out, recording for a future issue. Good luck with all your summer cruises, near or far.

Kim Brewer

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Commodore's Report

Greetings to all CYCT members.

I hope that 2011 is a great year for you with lots of sailing - always in a following breeze, of course! Your Committee is certainly planning to make 2011 a great year for your Club.

Bridgewater Bridge re-opening, or 'A fall goes before pride'

It was an honour to represent the CYCT at the re-opening of the Bridgewater Bridge. Margie and I were invited to join His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood, Governor of Tasmania, and other yacht club commodores and officials on MV *Egeria* in a 'sail under' to recognise the ability of the bridge to do what it was designed to do. Your Club has already scheduled a New Norfolk cruise for later in the year to take advantage of this.

Getting to the event was not without a modicum of drama. We motored from Kettering to Lindisfarne on *Eight Bells*, Alan Gifford's fine old Moreton Bay cruiser, in a strong westerly that had the windscreen wipers going flat out the whole way and the boat taking on the occasional lump of green water. Our arrival at MYCT Lindisfarne provided onlookers with the sight of your Commodore grabbing what he thought was a handrail, but was in reality a boathook, and describing a graceful arc into the bay. Cost – one pair of specs, one mobile phone, dry clothing and a certain amount of dignity. *C'est la vie*. We've all done it at some stage in our boating lives.

The 'sail under' itself was a spectacular affair and the CYCT was well represented with Vice Commodore Lew Garnham's *Minerva* as well as *Eight Bells*. Your Commodore managed to stay within the confines of *Egeria* for the duration.

'Women and Boating' forum – February 22nd

Elsewhere in this edition of 'Albatross' you will find details of a program of forums exploring why many women don't feel confident or terribly happy sailing. With the aid of a panel of Club members and a sports psychologist we will attempt to discover why this is, and then consider ways in which our crew can become both happier and more confident on boats, with the ultimate aim of making sailing a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

This is a major initiative by the Club, and I sincerely hope you will support it with your presence at the first forum and your continuing involvement in wherever future forums take us. The program may be primarily aimed at women, but an understanding of the issues from the usually male skipper half of the crew will be necessary to ensure a good outcome, so 'mere males' are warmly invited to accompany their partners to this event.

Australian Wooden Boat Festival – Feb 11th to 14th

As you probably know by now, the CYCT has taken up the offer of free space at the Festival and will have a stall there manned by volunteers from the Club. This is a great opportunity to explain to others the benefits and pleasures of belonging to our group. If you can spare some time, please contact Keith Wells and get your name on the roster. There may even be a little something special in it for you! Intrigued? Call Keith - 6267 1168.

Club apparel

Progress, albeit a little slower than planned, is being made on this front. The Committee has decided not to risk Club funds by ordering bulk quantities of clothing in the hope of selling it later, but to purchase on receipt of members' orders. To do this we need an effective, workable ordering system and Webmaster Dave Davey is in the process of setting this up through the web site. An alternative, non-website system will still be available for those who cannot or do not wish to use the web based system.

We are starting with a limited range (polo shirts and caps) but will expand it to include hats and cool weather clothing soon afterwards.

We will need someone to coordinate purchases, even when the proper ordering system is in place. If this is something you would be able and prepared to do, please get in touch.

First meeting for 2011 – Mariners' Cottage, 1st February

Looking forward to seeing you at the Cottage barbecue from 6.00pm onwards.

Cheers for now,

Chris Palmer



Dressing ship in preparation for the big event. Leo Foley, Rob Grey and Alan Gifford



ViceCommodore's Report

Welcome to the 2011 and may it be a year of enthusiastic sailing input. Quite a lot has 'flown by' since the last Albatross Report in 2010 so please pardon the personal bias recounted.

The Nubeena Mooring has finally been laid and used! I had no idea of the work involved commencing with the approval of members and MAST, the design of the mooring buoy and the supervision of its placement. Plastic Fabrications who made specifically designed buoy were very helpful and minimized their costs for us. Steve Lawn of Mooring Maintenance took the heavy mooring tackle (3 train wheels, ground chain and 16mm mooring chain) by truck to Nubeena. The jetty-dumped load was later retrieved by his boat. On the day of laying the mooring, Jim Caulfield from MAST and I went to Nubeena and onto Steve's boat. The selected site was too distant from the town jetty and the present location was found. As it was a lesser depth the chain had to be shortened. He had a rough trip returning, not only from the weather but his cray pot was also stolen. When our account arrived it was less than quoted because of the chain length adjustments. Thank you Steve for such an honest and good service.

A few weeks later 'Minerva' motor sailed to Sloping Main and Flinders Channel for fishing. A few flatties were caught before we had a very hospitable visit to Paul and Caroline Dutton's shack, even being picked up and returned to our boat on his mooring. When they told us of losing their fishing rod to a seagull flying off with it hanging from it's beakno more drinksstrong coffee thank you and time to go!

With a 25 to 35 knots of wind we had a very pleasant sail in the lee of the land, arriving at dusk to our secure Nubeena mooring. Departure saw the looping of the mooring line over the 'buoy ears' and away before the forecast change. No black, sticky, smelly, mud-covered chain to hose down.

We had an excellent broad reach home to the Iron Pot, meeting the departing Wild Oats and several arriving Sydney-Hobart yachts. Richard Bennett's photographic plane flew around and circled us alsobeautiful photos to buy thank you (see his Web site).

I lost my smile as the breeze faded and we were swept back by the ebbing tide, but not so for those racing yachts which easily sailed past. Time to motor home!

The Bridgewater Bridge opening and Christmas Party were, despite the windy weather, were very successful. Eight Bells brought our Commodore to the CYCT on Friday and after some unspoken

incidence, all was settled for tea at the MYCT. He joined His Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, Peter Underwood on the Egeria on Saturday.

Saturday was sunny and fine except for the strong northerly winds.



Eight Bells

Gazing up the mast as we approached the Bowen Bridge caused a rapid reverse and much hesitation till we got the double thumbs up from Geoff Rosan on 'Pirate' so under we wentwhew!

At the Austins Ferry Yacht Club passengers joined the yachts for the opening. Gus in 'Storm Fisher' lost all forward propulsion when his propeller caught a bag of rubbish. The pylons were freshly painted and made a bright guide to the bridge. The fleet was late waiting for the official vessel to take the lead through. The weather had culled the large expected fleet, so all vessels were allowed a quick return trip under the long awaited lifted span .There is a lot of enthusiasm to sail to New Norfolk with the CYCT. Will do.

Returning to Austins Ferry Yacht Club, Margaret and Barry Jones, had the Christmas celebrations well in hand for our return. It was a very enjoyable, well attended Christmas party, with the added thrill of a ride on 'Tecton', Barry's replica speed boat. Thank you.



Tecton

The persisting winds gave us all a quick sailing run home.

New Years Eve was held at Quarantine Bay, a location that was easily accessible and offered good alternatives for all weather conditions. A fleet of 22 CYCT boats (see list at end) were there for the barbeque at the old jetty site, after running the gauntlet of razor sharp oyster shells and issues of 'permission'. The barbeque was lit and a warm jovial evening under a canopy of stars took us to

the bewitching hour. Champagne and Keith's chocolates were in order! Welcome to Phil and Wendy Kennon on Credence

A Sunday sleepy laze about fleet was encountered by 'Irish Mist' and 'Asterix' who had departed Mickey's where the southern celebrations had been scattered that night by the strong south to south westerly wind change. 'Peacemaker' and 'Wind Rush' visited Peppermint Bay for New Years day morning celebrations before returning.

Late Sunday we moved to Alexander's for shelter with 'Get a Life' and 'Blade Runner'. Monday's moderation to a light westerly was anything but so a motor sail took us to the Quarries where 'Reflections' and 'Get a Life' were anchored. The tide exposed beach sand and eroded rocky cliff formations made an interesting afternoon break. With a forecast of northerlies overnight it was prudent to return on the same day. What a sail it was, with 30 to 35 knot southerly wind astern that returned us sailing past Quarantine Bay. The Duck Pond held its nocturnal tranquil charm with inky black waters merging into the starry black night.

The two Nauticats, 'Puffin' and 'Minerva', had a final raft up at Killora Bay before the ominous dark bank of south western clouds curtained the cruise and ushered us home.

CYCT Boats at Quarantine Bay:

Asterix, Athena, Bahloo, Blade Runner, Credence, Odyssey III, Foxy Lady, Get a Life, Honey Bee, Irish Mist, Lalaguli, Minerva, Neptune, Pendulum, Peacemaker, Puffin, Reflections Riverdance, Sagres, Storm Fisher, Talisman 11, Vailima, Wayfarer 11, Windclimber Windrush.

Coming Events

This coming weekend will be a past event with the written destination of Recherche Bay. We may not go so far, as the winds will be unfavorable in both directions and a Northern out of Channel destination may be far more appropriate for sailing. Response is slow.

The 5th and 6th of February is listed as a 'Clean UP' Snake and Green Island. I was told that Parks and Wildlife discourage entry to Green Island as it is a bird rookery. No response as yet to a letter requesting permission has been received. Perhaps we will visit Fancy and Little Fancy Bay or explore along the top end there.

The WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL is both an on and off water event. Several members will be exhibiting their craft, and of course the CYCT has a 'Promotion Site'.

Following the AWBF is the start of the second yearly RYCT circumnavigation of Tasmania. Geoff Rosan will take 'Between the Sheets Again' on this trip and I will be crewing and navigating. It may seem strange, but I am sorry to miss the CYCT company and events. We return about the 22nd March and no doubt I can compare notes with Jose and Conchita (Odyssey III), who went round the other way alone.

On the 25 to 27th February the destination is Port Esperence with weather determining the best anchorage, either Rabbit Island or Dover and to the West. It is intended that the Esperance River be navigated by small craft. That evening a meal at the Dover Hotel would be very pleasant. On the homeward trip, a BBQ site should be chosen.

Andrew and Brendan Boon and myself completed the Navigation and Tidal section of the Yachtmaster Shore Based Certificate run by Jeremy Parker for the DSS. I can recommend his teachings as

valuable and excellent in content, preparation and knowledgeable helpful teachings, with even out of hours assistance .If members are able to join his classes, I am sure they will not be disappointed.

I wish you all enjoyable safe sailings.

Lew Garnham



Rear Commodore's Report

Our December Meeting and visit to the Maritime Museum proved popular with members. Visits like ours help the museum to advertise itself within the community. We are grateful to Mike Webb, a past member of the Club, who introduced us to the history of the establishment of the Museum and to its displays. Thanks to Mark Hosking who kindly opened and closed the museum for us. Thanks also to Margaret Benjamin for her help with catering for the nibbles we enjoyed afterwards.

A windy day greeted us on Saturday 11 December for the reopening of the Bridgewater Bridge for river traffic. It was interesting to note the variety of water craft that ploughed their way up the Derwent to participate in this event.

The CYCT Christmas function was held at Austins Ferry Yacht Club. We barbecued in the shelter of the boat shed and ate in the Club house. It is good to learn that the Club has managed to interest St Virgil's in sharing facilities thus encouraging youth sailing. Thank you to all members who assisted to make this a great gathering.

What a wonderful day New Year's Eve was for floating down

the Derwent to enjoy an evening of great fellowship in Quarantine Bay to welcome in the New Year of 2011. New and longstanding members mingled around a campfire in pleasant weather sharing nibbles and stories. It's amazing just how many dinghies can be beached in the old jetty area! On the Saturday we were joined by others from "down the Channel" who had also gathered to "party" for the New Year.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1st

Our first event for 2011 will be the traditional barbecue to be held at the Mariner's Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point. This is an opportunity for members to meet socially, contact committee and make suggestions for the coming year.

BYO your own food and a drink; coffee & tea available from the cottage. There are some chairs available and several tables.

For those members who have ordered PAELLA remember to bring your own salad and plate. We will arrange for you to pay the treasurer or a member of the committee. We are grateful for the offer that Jose & Conchita have made for this traditional dish.

MARCH 1st

For this General Meeting the venue will be Derwent Sailing Squadron, Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay at 8 pm.

I am interested in whether members would like to dine occasionally at the Squadron prior to the meeting. Please feel free to give me your wishes at the BBQ.

Guest speakers at the March meeting will be our American members, Dorothy & Steve Darden from "Adagio".

I wish all members a very happy New Year for 2011 and hope you enjoy our club events. Remember ideas are welcome!

Margaret Jones

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VHF Radio refresher night

Alan Gifford

Late last year Andrew Boon conducted an informal but highly informative, refresher night on the use and operation of VHF radio. Andrew brought along two VHF radios (a GME and an Icom) with dummy loads which restricted transmissions and reception to just a few metres. This allowed for normal operation without the transmissions going out to the World, and by using the kitchen and the front entrance room of the Mariners Cottage, members were able to transmit and receive out of ear-shot of each other. A range of possible messages and transmissions were given to members to practice their techniques and to learn the "protocols" of radio operation. Calling stations /vessels, receiving, switching between channels and customary phrases used were practiced by each

member present and as the group was small there was time for everyone to practice "hands-on" many times.

The night was an outstanding success and of great value to those present, not least of all helping everyone to get over that nervousness one feels when going live on radio. It was fun, we had lots of laughs and a very special "thank you" goes to Andrew for arranging and conducting the night.

We plan to run a second night later in March.



The next forum is on the subject of Women on Boats and will start with an introductory session on February 22nd. Alan Gifford, as the committee member tasked with organising shore-based workshops and events to enhance members' skills and enjoyment of boating, has developed a carefully thought-out program which will begin by presenting ideas for discussion but will evolve according to participant's ideas and requirements.

This program is not intended as a course of tuition and will not lead to any qualification – CYCT is not an accredited training body and we leave that to the experts - but hopefully, a gentle introduction and a lot of peer support might be enough to encourage more members (male and female) to tackle formal courses offered by organisations like Sail Train at DSS.



Women on Boats

Alan Gifford

During the committee meeting in September last year a casual remark during our deliberations became the seed of an idea that has grown into a major activity in the Club's 2011 calendar. The idea that the Club should conduct a series of seminars and practical on-water sessions specifically for women and delivered from a woman's perspective, has gained momentum and strong support from the Club's membership.

Women on Boats is a five part program which will address sailing and boating topics of interest to women. Commencing with a Forum, the program will be scheduled to run throughout the season culminating with a day on the water where participants will be given the opportunity to enjoy the fun of sailing, make decisions and take responsibility for the operation of the boats.

However, the *Women on Boats* program is not just for the female membership of the Club. All members including our younger members are encouraged to attend and participate in all the sessions and activities. For the program to run successfully the support and participation of both men and women is encouraged.

The aim of the program is to help women increase the enjoyment they get from sailing boats. The program will promote confidence and skill and by demystifying the concepts and practicalities of the

sport will remove many of the concerns and anxieties which can ruin a day on the water.

The program will use a range of techniques to achieve its objectives including:

- drawing on the experiences of women sailors
- a look at behaviours, reactions and communication on boats
- explanation of the basics of sailing and boat handling
- time afloat to gain practical, hands-on experience and develop skills.

The program will recognize the abilities and strengths women bring to sailing and emphasize the team nature of sailing as an activity.

Session 1 – The Forum will be held at the Derwent Sailing Squadron facilities at Sandy Bay from 7.30 – 9.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd February 2011

The Forum will be in three parts with panels of speakers. Mrs Lindy Jones has agreed to chair the Forum.

Part 1 Setting the Scene. This part will introduce and illustrate some of the topics to be addressed. Two speakers will present a candid overview of the experiences and issues of those relatively new and inexperienced to the sport, those lacking in confidence and those unsure of their roles and capabilities on boats. They will speak for 10 minutes each. Speakers to be announced.

Part 2 Mysteries Explained. In this part Dr Jacqui Triffitt from Hill Street Psychology and the Tas. Institute of Sport will offer insights

and understandings on the feelings and responses all of us bring to situations which challenge us. Causes of stress, responses, coping skills and dealing with challenges from a position of strength with particular reference to women, will be just some of the matters considered. Twenty minutes will be allotted for this segment.

Part 3 *In Practice*. In this part three experienced women sailors will share their experiences, insights and suggestions on how they have dealt with challenges, coped with the seemingly impossible and learnt to love the life afloat. They will address the issues raised by the previous speakers in ten minute segments. Speakers will be Kim Brewer, De Degan and Rosemary Kerrison.

Q&A. The Chairperson will invite members present to address questions to any of the speakers. Time allocated will be approximately 20 minutes. Tea and coffee will be available at the conclusion and the speakers would love to chat with those present.

Session 2 - Some of the Basics. To be held at the DSS on a date to be advised at the Forum.

This session will deal with some of the basics of sailing and boat operation in an informal setting. Some of the topics to be included are:

- how does a boat sail? Some basic theory.
- common sailing terms and names.
- essential safety equipment.
- boat handling under power (the operation of the rudder, using power to assist maneuvering, appropriate speeds, berthing, picking up a mooring).
- principles of anchoring.

Session 3 – More of the Basics. To be held at the DSS on a date to be advised at the Forum.

This session will follow-on from Session 2 and will include:

- basic diesel engine operation.
- VHF radio operation. Urgency and distress calling. Licencing.
- weather basics.
- pilotage and simple inshore navigation.
- COLREGS with particular reference to Rules 5,6,7,12-19 and basic lights.
- an introduction to IALA buoyage system.
- interpreting the basics of a paper chart.

Session 4 – Hands On. Date and venue to be advised at the Forum

This session will be conducted under the guidance of tutors on board suitable vessels. Participants will be given ample opportunities to put into practice all that has been learned in previous sessions. A day will be needed for this session at locations convenient to the participants ie: at DSS or Kettering.

Session 5 – Ladies Day A tentative date, venue and boats to be advised at the Forum.

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to skipper and handle vessels without the guidance and oversight of their usual sailing partners. The day will be structured to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the responsibility of sailing.

Experienced crew will be on board to lend a hand only if required. It will be a fun day and will be weather dependent.

Dinner arrangements. For the convenience of members the Derwent Sailing Squadron has offered to open its restaurant facilities for dinner prior to each of the evening seminars. This arrangement works very well and takes the stress out of what's to be done about an evening meal. The menu choices are extensive and the meals are excellent, substantial and great value. The bar will be open for drinks before and during dinner. Members should arrive at 6pm to allow sufficient time for relaxation and the meal. Thoroughly recommended.

Participation. To give the committee some idea of numbers for seating and catering, it would be appreciated if members wishing to participate in the program emailed alan.gifford@bigpond.com.au or phoned Alan on 6229 7389 (evenings), no later than Friday 18th February, to indicate their interest. There will be no charge for the program and numbers might be limited.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

—————
Kate Hansford

Conbrio

David Tanner

Star
—————

These nominations will automatically be accepted within 14 days of the next General Meeting immediately following this issue of the Albatross, subject only to any Member lodging an objection in writing to the Secretary no later than that date.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

—————
Damian Hope and Kate Johnstone

Blade Runner

John and Marie Pforr

Four Two

Robin and Cynthia Coffey

Gitana
—————

On behalf of all the members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania, the committee welcomes these new members to the Club and looks forward to a long and happy association with them, on and off the water.



Cynthia and Robin Coffey are retired, Cynthia from managing a B&B, and Robin from export marketing, having lived in Hobart just over 20 years. We have owned *Gitana*, a Farr 38, for almost five years, berthed at Oyster Cove. This replaced a Cole 23, which was

our first introduction to sailing in the Channel area. The Cole served to convince Cynthia that sailing was at least as enjoyable as mucking around with horses, but led to the inevitable suggestions

for a boat with more room, decent shower, hot water etc. In earlier years Robin sailed mainly in dinghies and other people's keel boats.

We took a couple of sailing courses in the Whitsundays to build our skills and confidence, and have focused mainly on day racing with KYC for the last few years, with less cruising than we had originally envisaged. Participation in the RYCT Gippsland Lakes Cruise early this year encouraged us to put more emphasis on cruising, leading



Gitana

to a desire to join the CYCT, as well as tackling the VDL Circumnavigation in February/March. We look forward to meeting more CYCT members out on the water.



Damian Hope and Kate Johnstone

are Tasmanians by birth and both are now retired. We have owned our Beneteau Oceanis 361 yacht *Blade Runner* since 1999 when she was purchased new from France. For the first five years she was in charter in Hobart

together with a sister Beneteau, *Jumping Jack Frog*.

When Damian retired she was taken out of charter and we spent three years cruising up to the Whitsundays during the winter and leaving the yacht on the hard over the summer, returning the next

winter to do some more cruising. Following this we decided that long term liveaboard was not for us and we returned to Hobart to enjoy the local cruising. This we did by trucking the yacht to Yaringa in Westernport bay and sailing to Launceston and then Hobart.

Kate has had some success as a sprinter in Masters Athletics and wanted to concentrate on that for a while. We both enjoy travel and usually combine that with bike riding when possible. We are volunteer radio operators at Tascoast radio at the RYCT and Kate also likes to do yacht race skeds for the longer races like the Sydney to Hobart.

In 2006 we spent three months as volunteer caretakers on Deal Island and are returning there this spring for another three months.

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Kim and Lulu Jones - Puffin



Caroline and Paul Dutton



Andrew and Judy Boon



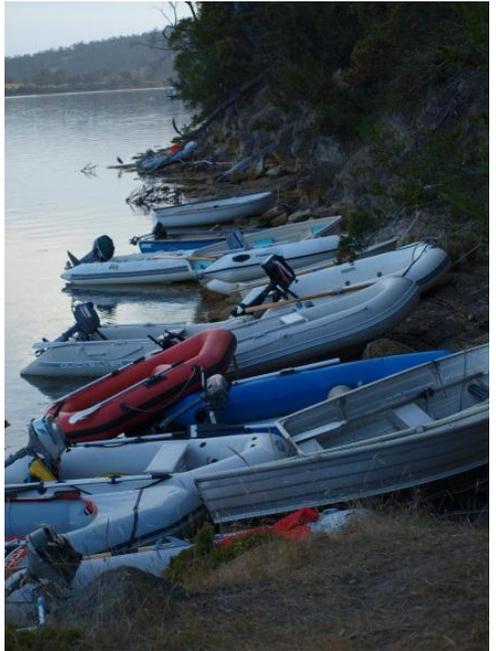
Margaret Grey and Margaret Jones



Keith Wells



Ken Miller



Margaret and Barry Jones

An Historic Slant on Sloping Island

Lew Garnham

The Western world discovered the island in 1792 when the French expedition led by Admiral Bruni D'Entrecasteaux (1792 -1973) passed by and named it 'The St Aignon' after one of his officers, Lieutenant Saint-Aignon, who commanded the ship's boat and made the discovery of the open channel between Bruny Island and mainland of Tasmania, now named D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Another name was Frederic Henri.

In 1798 Lieut. Matthew Flinders, RN, circumnavigated Tasmania in the sloop 'Norfolk' and on his original map of 1800, reproduced again in 1814, it is named Sloping Island. It is assumed that laziness of the tongue corrupted the name to the popularized Slopen, which appeared on one official map in 1915. Other official maps had bore the correct name Sloping.

Since then the name has been a source of confusion, also including Storrington Island and The Frederic Henri. Following investigations a decision was made at the first meeting of the Nomenclature Board – Tasmania (March 1950) to adopt the name as spelt by Matthew Flinders. Arguments for Slopen included that of a whaling captain of that name or the Dutch word meaning 'pillow', were not accepted.

Geographically Sloping Island is 1 x 0.5 miles in size and situated in Frederick Henry Bay, SE Tasmania about 1 mile west of the Tasman Peninsula.

Greg Peart, in December 2009, CYCT Albatross, 'Secret Delights of Norfolk Bay', states that the island was one of the first whaling stations established in 1824. It was also one of several Probation Stations, but was disbanded in 1843 when the blacksmithing and carpentry bark sheds burnt down. One hundred and fifty convicts and officers were then transferred to Wedge Island. In later years the island was used to grow 'early' potatoes.

References: Nomenclature Board – Tasmania

'Albatross' December 2009

Where To For The Bridgewater Bridge?

With interest in the re-commissioning of the Bridgewater Bridge's lifting span, Roger Locke's description of plans for a completely new bridge alongside the existing one is topical.

Now that maintenance on the Bridgewater Bridge is nearly complete, it is time to look at the future for the gateway into Hobart.

The Department in charge of roads in Tasmania (DIER) has commissioned a planning study into the crossing, which is expected to be completed by June 2011. A preferred option has been prepared, and this is being discussed with the community before a proposal is prepared for the Australian Government for funding of the works. This option envisages a high level bridge across the Derwent curving from Granton, well below the existing causeway, to Bridgewater, and linking into the Brighton bypass.

The bridge will be designed for a higher speed of travel than the existing structure and the underwater structure will be substantial enough to eventually carry four lanes, though initially only two lanes will be constructed. The two lanes will be separated by a divider, probably of the wire fence type. The existing bridge will be kept in service to carry rail, pedestrian, bicycle and local road traffic. Clearance under the new bridge will be the same as under the Bowen Bridge and the lift span of the existing bridge will still have to be raised to allow boats to travel up the Derwent River.

Repairs just completed on the existing bridge are expected to give it at least an additional 15 years service and ways have been identified to extend this to at least fifty years if needed. The initial two lanes of a new bridge are expected to provide reasonable levels of service to traffic

volumes until 2038, although changes in traffic volumes don't always follow the predictions.

DIER hopes to achieve funding for the bridge to allow a start in 2017, for completion in 2020.

R S Locke



More information on plans for the new bridge and some interesting photos are available at DIER's website: www.transport.tas.gov.au

Under the heading: Infrastructure Projects/Brighton Transport Projects

Going About

A miscellany of items of interest to members

December's issue had an article about cooking in a Thermos. For more information on this method and a range of specialised cooking vacuum flasks, visit the website: <http://www.thermalcookware.com>
The range of recipes that can be slow-cooked in a Thermos is amazing!



“Love-love” is a perpetually sinking boat created by French artist [Julien Berthier](#). The boat appears to be sinking but never actually does, thanks to its clever design. Check out

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2010/04/fantastic-sinking-boat-by-julien.html>

for more pictures of this intriguing work of art. Maybe MONA will bring it to the Derwent? Thanks Andrew Boon

Book Review

Erika Shankley

Time and tide wait for no man.

*A pompous and self-satisfied proverb, and was true for a billion years;
but in our day of electric wires and water-ballast we turn it around:
Man waits not for time nor tide.*

Mark Twain

Sailor's Wisdom Day by Day, Philip Plisson, Abrams 2007 is a cross between a calendar and a coffee-table book.

Philip Plisson is well-known as a highly acclaimed marine photographer, with over 400,000 photographs and 40 books to his name. He has been observing and capturing the sea in its many guises for over 25 years.

This volume contains some stunning photographs, never before published. There are 365 inspirational images, one for each day of the year - waves, beaches, lighthouses, boats, sails, sailors or distant horizons.

Complementing Plisson's visual odyssey are words of wisdom, humour, or lament gleaned from diverse sources such as Virgil, Shakespeare, Earnest Hemingway, proverbs or sea shanties.

A book to set you thinking while you admire the pictorial splendour of Plisson's captured images.

There's no use waiting for your ship to come in

Unless you've sent one out

Belgian proverb

Murphy, an Albatross and a Tinny in the Duck Pond. Launching the Tinny from the little beach in the Duck Pond, the Albatross bent down to pick up something (not chocolates) from the bottom of the Tinny.

Murphy moved the Tinny.

Sea boots stuck in the mud,

Murphy pushed some more.

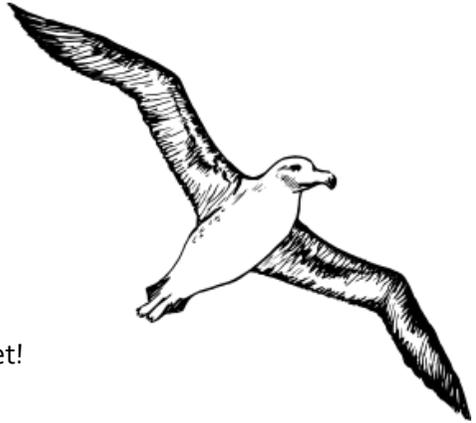
Boots still stuck.

Murphy.....

Splash!

Boots filled with water, Albatross wet!

***!!!xxx#####**!!* Murphy!



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And deep cycle batteries with many amperes flowing.

I must go down to the sea again, to the autopilot's ways,
And all I ask is a GPS, and a radar, and displays,
And a cell phone, and a weatherfax, and a shortwave radio,
And compact disks, computer games and TV videos.

I must go down to the sea again, with a freezer full of steaks,
And all I ask is a microwave, and a blender for milkshakes,
And a watermaker, air-conditioner, hot water in the sink,
And e-mail and a VHF to see what my buddies think.

I must go down to the sea again, with power-furling sails,
And chart displays of all the seas, and a bullhorn for loud hails,
And motors pulling anchor chains, and push-button sheets,
And programs which take full charge of tacking during beats.

I must go down to the sea again, and not leave friends behind,
And so they never get seasick we'll use the web online,
And all I ask is an Internet with satellites over me,

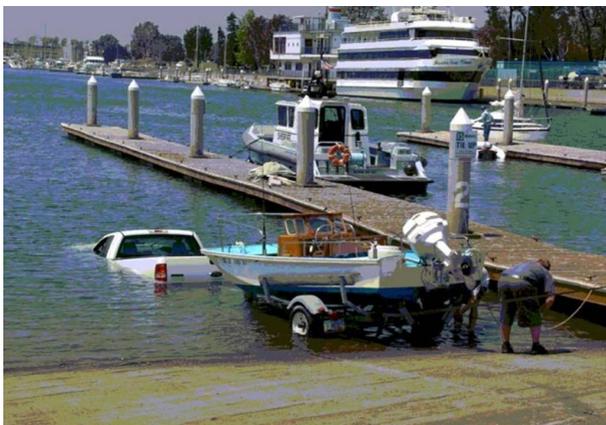
And beaming all the data up, my friends sail virtually.

I must go down to the sea again, record the humpback whales,
Compute until I decipher their language and their tales,
And learn to sing in harmony, converse beneath the waves,
And befriend the gentle giants as my synthesizer plays.

I must go down to the sea again, with RAM in gigabytes,
and teraflops of processing for hobbies that I like,
And software suiting all my wants, seated at my console
And pushing on the buttons which give me complete control.

I must go down to the sea again, my concept seems quite sound,
But when I simulate this boat, some problems I have found.
The cost is astronomical, repairs will never stop,
Instead of going sailing, I'll be shackled to the dock.

I must go down to the sea again, how can I get away?
Must I be locked in low-tech boats until my dying day?
Is there no cure for my complaint, no technologic fix?
Oh, I fear this electric fever is a habit I can't kick.



Not Quite Grasping The Concept.....!



Have Ukulele. Will Sail.

Friday afternoon and our sights are set on making the start of the Cygnet Folk Festival.

Rush to tidy up outstanding work by 14:00 Friday. Collect a few last minute groceries and arrive at Kettering to find the boat warmed up and ready to go. Throw the lines off and set sail – only to find it light and on the nose (after a week of a wet and wild weather). Finally the clouds part and the sun beams as we round Cygnet Point and drop anchor in balmy



conditions. We're immediately into the dinghy and after a pleasant walk along the water's edge, we are rubbing shoulders with flamenco guitarists outside the bottom pub and eyeing the many and varied campers and tourists chilling out with a beer or a coffee. No hope of squeezing in to the wonderful Spooky Men at the Town Hall so we wander up to hear Portuguese Fado at St Mark's Hall. Too hot and noisy to dance in the Drill Hall so back on the streets at 11.30pm to catch whatever music is floating in the air as we stroll back to the Yacht Club.

Overnight it blows 40 knots and we wake to see drifts of spray lifting off the water. Rescue an inflatable and outboard making a dash for freedom and tow it in when we go ashore with ukuleles wrapped in rubbish bags. A few yachts have dragged around us and

we do contemplate staying on board but we've looked forward to this for so long and have confidence in our 80lb anchor.

We play irregularly (and very amateurishly) with HUG (Hobart Ukulele Group) and CHUM (Channel and Huon Ukulele Mob) and today's our big moment in the spotlight – if we can keep the music pegged to the stands in the wild wind. Wearing our performer's bracelets and toting instrument cases, we can dream that we belong in this crowd of fantastically accomplished musicians but after we do our 45-minute spot we start dashing between venues and sit in awe of *real* talent. Victor Valdes, the lightening-fast Latin harpist in the Scout Hall, Paul Gerard weaving Flamenco magic on his guitar up at the church, Fred Smith making his audience think, with songs of soldiers in Afghanistan and Chloe and Jason Roweth making them cry with heartfelt ballads from WWI. By 2200 we are nodding with exhaustion over drinks at the Top Pub and even the infectious Bruny New Orleans Jazz Band can't summon us up to dance.

On Sunday we play again and then have a couple more hours to catch a few of the many acts we missed on Saturday before we really have to tear ourselves away so we can get the boat back to Kettering before dark. We cruise home up the Channel, playing newly-purchased CDs and reliving vivid memories of a huge variety of music.



The magic of Cygnet is the opportunity to see so many nationally and internationally-recognised artists in intimate venues and in a short space of time. There's time to chat to them after

performances or while sharing a table at a café. Join a jam session on the pub verandah, loll on a rug in the park catching whoever is up on stage or people-watch from the lawn in front of St James. It's a fabulous occasion, well-organised and family (and amateur) friendly. There were quite a number of yachts anchored off the Cygnet Yacht Club and we'd highly recommend a cruise there next year.

Why don't you tuck a ukulele into a locker and set sail for Cygnet Folk Festival in 2012!

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Kim and Tony Brewer (& Gary, who can really play!) having fun at Cygnet



General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania

held at the Maritime Museum, Argyle Street, Hobart

on 7 December 2010

MINUTES

Opening

Commodore Chris Palmer (Chairman) declared the meeting open at 8:20pm and welcomed those attending.

Attendance

48 members attended including guests, Malcolm Proctor and Margaret Smith.

Apologies were received from Jennie Makepeace, Susan Dixon, Chris and Sally Calvert.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 2 November 2010 were approved by affirmation.

New Members

The Commodore inducted John Nevill and Sophie Kim into the Club by presenting them with the Club's burgee.

Forthcoming Activities

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham gave final details for the Bridgewater Lift-span opening ceremony on the morning of 11 December and brief details of the New Year's Eve cruise to

Quarantine Bay and Mickeys and the alternates for contrary weather.

Rear Commodore Margaret Jones gave details of the Club's Christmas Party at Austins Ferry Yacht Club also on 11 December 2010.

Committee member Alan Gifford gave details of the radio operator's forum on Tuesday 14 December. The aim is to assist members who are inexperienced in radio procedures.

Other Business

Commodore Chris Palmer advised that orders for Club apparel would soon be able to be taken.

He then thanked Vice-Commodore Margaret Jones and Committee member Margaret Benjamin for their work in making the visit to the Maritime Museum a great success. Chris also thanked the Museum volunteers present who had given their time to open the Museum to the Club.

Next meeting

The next General Meeting will be an evening BYO everything BBQ at the Mariner's Cottage, off Napoleon Street in Battery Point on Tuesday 1 February 2011.

Close

There being no further business, Commodore Chris Palmer closed the meeting at 8:35pm. He thanked everyone for attending and wished them a happy Christmas and New Year.



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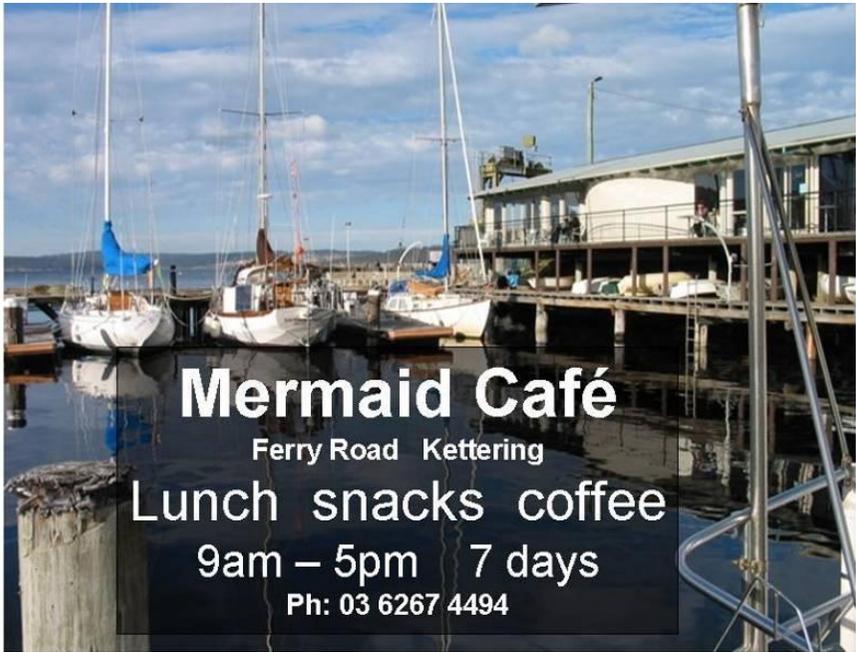
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