

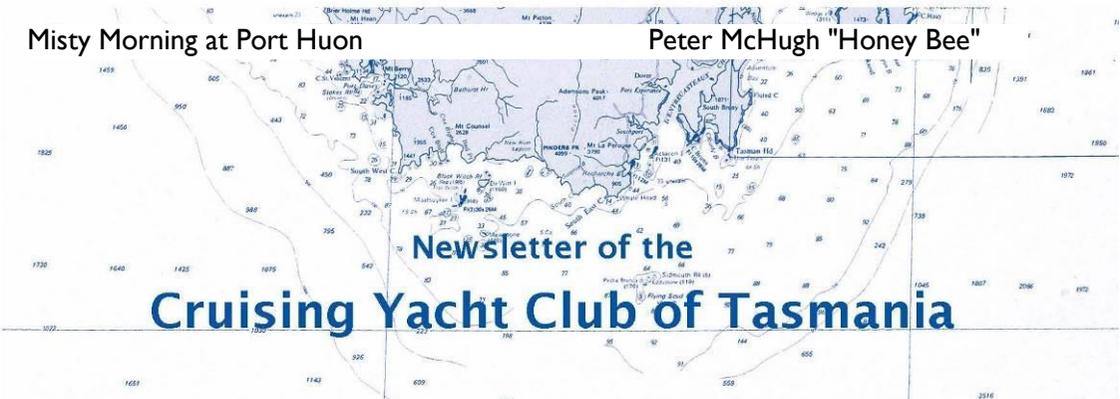
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Misty Morning at Port Huon

Peter McHugh "Honey Bee"



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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

October

Tues 4th

General Meeting at DSS @ 8.00pm

Speakers: Pat & Roger Locke " Boats in the North Atlantic"

Wed 5th

Committee meeting at Mariners Cottage – 7.30pm

Saturday 8th and Sun 9th

Opening Day Weekend

Monday 10th

“More about Liferrafts – What To Expect From Yours”

Mariners Cottage @ 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th

Liferaft demonstration Practical exercise. Get involved or watch and learn.

Friends Health and Fitness Pool. Wilson St, Nth Hobart @7pm

Thursday 20 to Saturday 23rd

Norfolk Bay Cruise

November

Tues 1st

General Meeting at DSS @ 8.00pm

Guest Speaker - Janet Fenton "Win & Clyde Clayton" and Port Davey

Sat 12th to Sun 13th

Cruise to Rabbit Island and Esperance River/Dover OR Aitkin Point area

Sat 26th to Sun 27th

TASSAL Fish Farm visit and Snake/Chuckle Head area

An up-to-date version of the Calendar can be obtained from

<http://www.cyct.org.au/Calendar/>



Editorial

Another year and another committee – and somehow I find myself still in the Editor’s seat. It wasn’t a matter of fighting off the competition – I just ignored a good piece of advice I learnt in the Navy – “never volunteer”. On the plus side though is the fact that we have a really enthusiastic committee, including three new members, and I forsee plenty of events to produce articles and photos. And here is your big chance for ten minutes of fame. Anyone, whether long term Club member or one of our many new faces is welcome to put on a reporter’s hat and see your writing in print.

Read the Vice Commodore’s Report and you will see that among the long list of cruises planned is one entitled “Boating As A Woman Would Wish”. Now ladies, surely we can come up with some really entertaining suggestions? Does your perfect day afloat mean a lie-in while anchored in the Duckpond with a champagne breakfast and foot massage? Maybe a quick dash to Constitution Dock to be close to the sales with a restaurant lunch. Grapes peeled and dinner cooked by someone – anyone – else? Contributions, serious or humorous please. Let the guys know what makes an enjoyable day for you. Don’t say you were never asked!

See you on the hard in the next month or two.

Kim



Commodore's Report

So here we are at the start of the next Club year. Another AGM has passed and the new Committee is in place and raring to go. But first, I would like to thank those who were on the Committee last year for all their help and support during a period in which I think we achieved a fair bit. Some will not be on the Committee this year, and I would like to thank past Secretary Rob Grey for his quiet

wisdom during the year and Paul Dutton for his (and Caroline's) sterling work as Treasurer. Both jobs are absolutely vital to the running of the Club. Also Erika Shankley, whose knowledge of the Club and its history ensured that any decisions we made were in line with the intentions of the Club's founders.

Planning for this year is already under way, and VC Lew Garnham has wasted no time in putting together a cruise calendar which is already accessible on the Club website. Please have a look and if you have any comments or suggestions, Lew would love to hear from you. Margaret Jones continues to plan our land based social events some months ahead and I know we can look forward to some very interesting General Meetings.

It is my intention that this coming year will be as interesting for members and as good for the Club's standing in the Tasmanian boating community as last year's was. We hope to repeat the very successful Maritime Marketplace at Kettering as well as one or two new initiatives. The 'Women on Boats' forums and activities will continue as well. If you have any other suggestions or ideas for ways in which we can enhance the "CYCT experience", please get in touch with any Committee member.

Margie and I are now reaching the end of our visit to the UK and parts of mainland Europe. It's been a great holiday, with a significant part of it spent afloat in Holland. But it will be great to get home - even if that

does mean a few weeks of dieting and exercise to lose some of the effects of our indulgences. And a week or two after our return, *Wayfarer* will be on the slip for her annual scrape and anti-foul. Happy days! Looking forward to catching up with you all soon.

Cheers for now.

Chris



Vice Commodore's Report

As acting commodore I am pleased to welcome the new members of the committee; Alan Butler as secretary, Wayne McNeice as treasurer and Hans Van Tuil as a committee member

A very appreciative thank you to the committee retirees; Robert Grey, Paul/Caroline Dutton and Erika Johnson for their excellent work and dedication. At the General Meeting the issue of a donation towards the DSS as a mark of our gratitude was raised and placed in the Committee for resolution. As Sailability is run from and supported by the DSS, this option is being supported and progressed. . Wayne McNeice is now our new Public Officer.

Congratulations to our many new members and the two cruising plaque nominees who will receive their flags and awards as soon as possible. The streamlining of new application procedures is underway.

Our new cruising guide is to be produced, HOWEVER WE NEED YOU to write reports/comments on your 'ports' visited that can be collated into the new book. There is a place on the CYCT web site to do this.

I enjoy browsing/searching, on line through the old Albatross magazines. What a heritage we have accumulated .Not all are 'on line' and the committee and especially Dave would like some scanning and referencing assistance to complete the task. VOLUNTEERS PLEASE see Dave.

Bridgewater Bridge.....NOT AGAIN...but YES!

“DIER understands the importance of the Bridgewater Bridge. The Department has been undertaking six-monthly maintenance which identifies some issues with its operation. The Department has made the decision to take the lifting span out of operation as a short term measure and is meeting with the contractor this week to resolve these issues.”

I believe that the Black Jetty is being made boat friendly, however the Bridge operating hours need to be extended in the Daylight Saving period. I intend to write a letter to the other yacht/boating clubs and the Derwent Valley Council regarding this for their opinion and support.

New Cruising Program**Recent Cruise**

On the 3rd September Chris Jones initiated a cruise down the river. At the final destination, Droughy Point, *Puffin* and *Minerva* were joined by Ken and Lynn (*Get a Life*) who came specially up from Kettering. After deep and meaningful discussions it was decided not to land on the sandy shores, but to initiate (finally) the gas BBQ on *Minerva*. The only snags were...well cooked! It was a very pleasant day and a site to be revisited and walked.

Future cruises

I am pleased to present an extensive cruise program on our CYCT web site featuring many of the successful trips of last year. Your comments are welcome as the program is flexible, not only by the participants, but by the weather.

We have many new experienced members in the club and their abilities need to be not only recognized but encouraged to take active fulfilling roles in cruise setting and club agendas.

The program includes Norfolk Bay and BBQ at the Creese's, after Combined Opening Day picnic, TASSAL fish farm tour, Port Cygnet, and a three day winter Queens Birthday Weekend at Kermandie and Huon River. New Year will be at Mickey's. The club intends to visit the Huon and Derwent Rivers in summer months.



BBQ-ing aboard Minerva at Droughty Point

There are many local gentle trips and more extensive ones planned including a possible round Bruny Island and round Tasman Peninsular with a Port Arthur stopover. All these are weather dependant .and alternative trips may be arranged for this and comfort/skill.

I have tried to join the CYCT in with other clubs activities, not only as some of our members are in these clubs, but they are good to support and brings good camaraderie ie. Nubeena, Barnes Bay and Cygnet Regattas. We all should support each other when able.

A very important event is the Mawson Centennial Celebration to which all CYCT boats are encouraged to participate. Hobart will be 'on show' and as some say 'we must do her proud'!

There will be a New Norfolk weekend adjacent to this.(Bridge and God willing)!

We have the Navigation trial weekend, but I would also like to have a 'Fun Day' on the water when we can be hot and wet! (perhaps at Nebraska Beach/Tinderbox) Ideas welcome.

Perhaps a destination talk about the history of the area to be visited would help create interest.

Snake, Sloping and Partridge Islands spring to mind as examples of interesting historic destinations. Any historians to volunteer for a destination briefings? The Albatross has volumes of excellent articles to read.

Midweek cruises are often requested and their implementation may need to be split as concurrent Kettering and Hobart or as alternate cruises after each GM. At the latter we could possibly organize participation for the following weekend with a leading skipper being appointed.

Man overboard exercises will be run and a 'Boating Day as a Woman would Wish' could be on an agenda too. This is NOT related to throwing your man over the side and sailing off to test theory! This event is not planned as a ladies only day/week end, but as a cruise designed for the enjoyment of everybody from a woman's point of view.

A separately planned Cygnet sailing Club overnight function (musical?) will be investigated.

Coming soon sailing events

This weekend was destined for the Channel however *Minerva* is still on the slip and Ken, who was volunteered to coordinate the event saw the Saturday weather as 'Shocking'. The shock is now, as weather does, it has become fine and sunny! I hope you are out there!

Details for the Combined Opening Day on the 2nd Oct. and Beach BBQ for Sunday 3rd Oct. will be emailed when the program is printed. All boat names are there so it will make a good reference document regarding all participating clubs.

I hope you have done your safety checks, date of flares and fire extinguisher expiry, chart updates and general boat maintenance. I must return now to mine!

Looking forward to seeing you on the water,

Regards,

Lew. (Lewis Garnham, Vice Cmdr)



Minerva - currently suffering the indignity of having her bottom scraped and keeping the Vice busy onshore



Rear Commodore's Report

For October we can look forward to our usual dining, general meeting, a liferaft discussion and pool exercise. These are the dates to remember:

4th October Dining at the Moorings, Derwent Sailing Squadron. See the menu in The Albatross

General Meeting: Guest speakers Pat and Roger Locke – members who have recently returned from cruising in the North Atlantic.

10th October (Monday) 7.30pm Mariner's Cottage – Information evening in Liferrafts

12th October (Wednesday) Friends Health and Fitness pool – Liferaft Exercise

Bookings for dining will need to be with me by Sunday Oct 2nd

Remember we need 18 diners to make the event worthwhile and we need to get our orders in from 6pm onwards

Moorings @ DSS

Menu

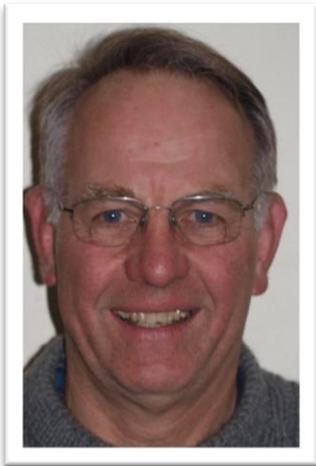
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<u>Soup:</u>			
	Soup of the Day (check availability)		\$8.00
	Seafood Chowder (check availability)		\$10.00
<u>Mains:</u>			
	Porterhouse Steak Small		\$24.00
	New York		\$29.00
	Scotch Fillet Steak Small		\$27.00
	New York		\$33.00
	Chicken Schnitzel		\$19.00
	Chicken Schnitzel Parmigiana		\$21.00
	Chicken Breast Forestiere		\$25.00
	(Mushrooms, Tarragon and Cream)		
	Grilled Kassler (Smoked Pork Loin)		\$24.00
	The 'Famous' Trevalla Badjak		\$30.00
	Fresh Fish of the Day (Crumbed or Grilled)		\$23.00
	Fresh Tas Scallops (Crumbed)	Entrée	\$18.00
		Main	\$25.00
	Calamari Rings (Crumbed)	Entrée	\$16.00
		Main	\$23.00
	Seafood Basket		\$32.00

All mains served with chips and salad or potatoes and vegetables

Open Thursday & Friday

Lunch from noon - Dinner from 6pm

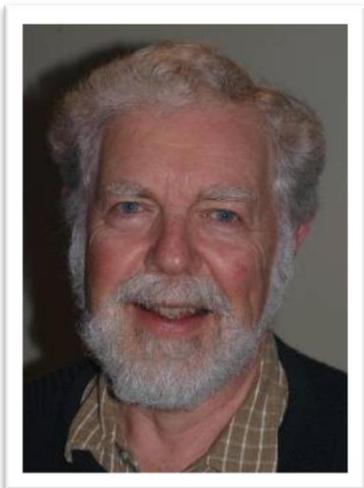
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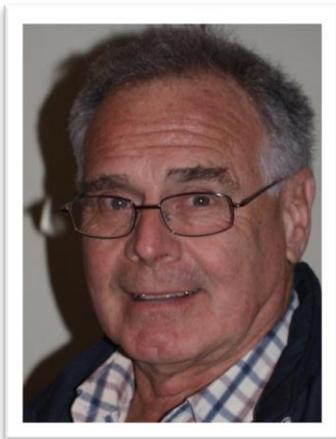


Margaret Benjamin
Membership Officer



Margaret Brown
Rear Commodore

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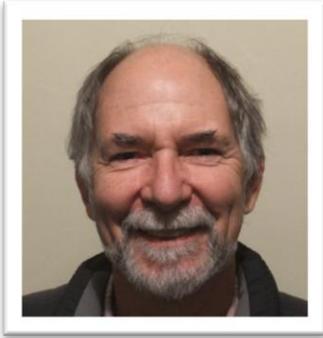


Alan Gifford
Committee Member



Kim Brewer
Editor "Albatross"

..... AND NEW TO THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR



Alan Butler
Secretary

I'm a retired marine ecologist with CSIRO. I was at the University of Adelaide for 24 years before joining CSIRO in 1996 and working at their Perth, Hobart and Brisbane labs, so my marine research interests and diving have been almost everywhere! Jan and I have had many boats over the years, some off-the beach racing dinghies but our cruising boats have been Velella (a Hartley TSI6, in Adelaide), Kapu Kai (a Caper Cat 14 - but definitely a cruising boat!), Andrina (a jarrah/ spotted

gum/ Queensland maple classic 24 footer, in SA and then WA), and Velella II (a Jarkan 10.5 in Tasmania). I've sailed from Sydney to Suva on a Tasmanian-built 48' ketch, the *Lady Faye*, cruised in Qld, and sailed with other people in NW USA, Britain, the Mediterranean, and New Caledonia. Currently we have only an 8' dinghy (Velella III) and 2 kayaks - we'll see what the future brings.

Sail boats have fascinated me from childhood. I love the shape of the hull and the curve of the sails, the quiet effortless motion through the water, the sense of achievement in having built the boat and the dependence on ones skills to get boat and crew safely to their destination. I love the accessibility of the Channel and its adjacent waterways and the beauty of its anchorages. I like the feel of rope and stainless steel and fiddling with fittings. I enjoy tinkering , making improvements and trying new ideas.



Hans Van Tuil
Committee

We value the many good friendships we have made over the years

through sailing and it is always a delight wake up in the morning and find a familiar boat anchored close by.

Years racing catamarans at the Kington Beach Sailing Club sharpened my sailing skills. A couple of seasons crewing on keelboats confirmed my commitment to yachting and our first kit yacht was ordered soon after Jackie and I married in 1979. Since then we have owned two Roberts 25's, a Bonito 22', and an Adams 10m.

Our boats have all been named 'Alida' in honour of my late mother. We have owned four houses since we were married and family photographs confirm there has been a boat under construction at every address. The Current 'Alida', a 'Doven 30' is a delightful boat. She became ours in October 2001. After 5 years sailing her we took her home and we spent 4 years rebuilding her. Since relaunching, 18 months ago, have written up 170 entries in the logbook. She is out somewhere most weekends. Sadly all this use has not deterred a single barnacle from growing on the hull.

Some highlights in my sailing history have been two deliveries from Sydney to Kettering, one from Port Sorell to Hobart and a beautiful passage to New Zealand with Pat Price aboard 'Pendulum'. Last year Jackie and I spent two weeks with friends sailing around Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea on their 40 ft. racing yacht.

Even as I write this short history, I am already looking forward to the coming weekend when, accompanied by my granddaughter, 'Alida' will once again drop her moorings and slip across to somewhere special. The tradition of sausages, barbecued on a fire ashore will be continued followed by a peaceful evening listening to a CD while losing a game of cards. An early night will follow. What better training for the next generation of Channel children?

Before we drop the moorings though, I must refit a section of engine exhaust and fit a new cooling hose. There is no end to the maintenance and slipping time is just around the corner too.

Our family membership with the C.Y.C.T. has continued for over 20 years and I am pleased to be able to serve the members of the club who honoured me by electing me to the committee.



Wayne McNiece
Treasurer

I have been sailing in Hobart since early teenage years, starting out in Sabots at the DSS and graduating through various centreboard & keelboat classes & divisions over the years. Most past sailing has been racing, however cruising now tends to dominate. Other sailing/boating experience has included 3 Sydney to Hobart races, and some more relaxed time cruising in the Whitsundays and narrow boats on the English canals.

Yacht ownership has only come in recent years, with my partner Helen we own Riverdance, a Southcoast 32, we enjoy a combination of twilight racing and cruising and aspire to be on the water every weekend possible, and to stretch our cruising ground further each year. Unfortunately, work commitments presently tend to restrain our preferred cruising programme.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Bob And Glenda Beresford

LATURA

This 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 late than that date.

A terrible skipper was going back and forth through the anchorage, searching for a place to drop the hook before dark. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a good spot, I will donate to charity, give up the demon rum, treat women with respect, pay my taxes, and never again give my crew all of the blame and none of the glory!" Miraculously the boat with the best spot in the bay began pulling up anchor to leave.

The skipper looked up agin and said "Never mind, I found one myself"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike and Larissa Deck

ERIK

Bob Goss and Elayne Burke

INDIAN SUMMER

Kate and David Watson

SERENADE

Yvonne Trevaskis

SCARLETT

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.

Bob Goss and Elayne Burke

Where to start? We have just purchased our third boat a 36' Huon motorsailer called Indian Summer. As we are still learning about boats we have only been away for day sailing to familiarise ourselves with the boat before venturing further afield.

Prior to this purchase we owned a 44' motorsailer ketch called North Star and a 43' motor cruiser called Lady Fae

We are both in our 50's. Robert is an electrician by trade and currently working with the Tasmanian Skills Institute teaching Electrotechnology and hoping to retire in 15 months.

Elayne recently retired from Hydro Tasmania after 43 years service currently she is doing casual after school care with Scots Child Care Centre which she is enjoying. Our other interests include caravanning, gardening and reading.



VALE PETER WILLSON



A few months after joining the CYCT in March 1979, Peter Willson described his new boat, *Rallinga*, as a “square rigged ore carrier”. Her usual mooring was at the head of Melaleuca Inlet at Port Davey, although observant club members may have seen her distinctive square rig in Victoria Dock on their twice yearly victualling trips to Hobart.

Rallinga's skipper had a colourful life. Peter was born in Burma but was a Manxman by descent and, as a boy, learned to row with his mother in the Irish Sea. He had a yen to be a fisherman, but his father didn't think this was a seemly occupation for his son, so after a stint in an

accountant's office and doing national service during the Korean war, Peter studied to become a mining engineer.

His early mining exploits were on the Arctic island of Spitsbergen where he mined coal in seams so narrow that the miners had to work lying down! During his time off in summer he fixed up a boat to go fishing.

Later, with his wife Barbara and son David, he spent six years in Zambia's copper belt in central Africa, not far from the border of the Congo, where their 2nd son John was born. However, times were changing and with Zambia becoming an independent state, Peter decided it was time to realise his boyhood dream and they moved to Western Australia where he took up fishing.

After a couple of years working off Geraldton & Exmouth catching crayfish & prawns, they decided to move to a cooler climate and considered New Zealand or Canada. However, Peter thought that Tasmania was the nearest equivalent and they arrived in 1967.

Known as 'Pete the Pom', he soon became a well-known and respected member of the fishing community. His first boat – the 18 foot *Bengar* was followed by the 27 foot *Irene D* and then the 36 foot *Flicker*.

As a mining engineer he was in the habit of carrying a prospecting dish on the boat while he was fishing. This came to the notice of Deny King's sister, Win Clayton who suggested that he might like to buy her tin mining lease at Melaleuca.

It was at this point that we first met Peter.

Arriving at Port Davey in our boat *Neptune* in 1974 we heard about this fisherman who was really a miner! Taking a break from cray-fishing Peter had left his boat *Flicker* at anchor at Bond Bay while he and his intrepid family were on a walking holiday in the remote Prince of Wales Range.

We met him later at Melaleuca where he was drilling the first prospect hole in the buttongrass of what was to become Rallinga Mines. We discovered that he had many talents – he was a keen sailor, fisherman,

mining engineer, and bushwalker. We developed an instant rapport - the start of a life-long friendship.

Chris & Nick were just 8 and 6 years old at the time and as they grew up they looked forward to what became regular pilgrimages round the coast when our bow would inevitably head up the winding inlet to Melaleuca.

Each time we 'pitched up' as Peter called it, he'd produce a long list of jobs to keep us entertained – fixing machinery, electrics, woodwork and the regular extensions to the tiny A-frame house which, eventually, looked more like a two-story mansion! Firewood getting was also a regular activity. We enjoyed wooding as this involved a cruise out into Bathurst Harbour to a selected anchorage where essential supplies of firewood could be found - Peter at the chain saw with a line of willing workers to haul the logs out of the bush, into the dinghy and out onto the boat.

We got our own back years later when Peter and Barbara visited us on Swan Island and they became participants in our own wooding expedition!

There were also walks together - to Cox Bight to explore the old mine workings, to New Harbour, Hidden Valley and South West Cape. On one occasion we discovered a long lost air drop. Peter was soon gathering the contents of this treasure trove scattered in the scrub. He couldn't pass up the packets of soup (out of date), the biscuits (broken) or the sodden toilet rolls. Ever resourceful, Peter announced that even the wet toilet paper could be dried for later use!

Peter decided to replace *Flicker* with a boat more suited to cargo carrying. Much discussion and drawing on paper bags and table-cloths resulted in a plan and *Rallina* was built by Bernard Wilson at Triabunna. Peter and Barbara moved, temporarily, to Triabunna to help with the construction and the boat, looking vaguely like an ark, took shape at the top of the hill. When the time came for the launch, however, Peter discovered that the drawings on the bits of paper had not taken into account the width of the bridge over which the new boat had to be

transported. The Department of Main Roads would not have been amused as the handrails at each side were removed with a chain saw! ¹

Rallinga had a large hold in the middle for carrying bags of tin concentrate, supplies and machinery and was square-rigged on the foremast to take advantage of the westerlies as they sailed along the coast towards Hobart. The fishermen in Victoria Dock were intrigued (and secretly relieved) at an innovative feature, devised by Peter - a retractable bowsprit which would slide inboard before docking.



Rallinga in Victoria Dock

Selling their cassiterite (tin concentrate) became an increasingly problem. With more difficult economic times, small smelters in Tasmania had closed down. Finally, the only smelter left in Australia was in Brisbane. Here was a chance to go cruising, thought Peter, as they

loaded up at Melaleuca – to combine business with pleasure. Taking on 2 friends as crew they crossed Bass Strait and headed for Brisbane stopping at many interesting anchorages along the way. ²

Returning south Peter had business at Woolongong where they took on two tonnes of coke for his next project. ³

¹ *Albatross*, Vol 5 No. 2, February 1980

² *Albatross*, Vol 16 No. 13, December 1991, Vol 17 Nos. 2 & 3 February & March 1992

For some years, Peter had been researching a method to smelt their own concentrate. With the help of friends, and materials scavenged from EZ, he built a small building out the back known as the R&D – a research & development project. This eventually resulted in high quality ingots of tin metal and when the Brisbane smelter finally closed, they had a ready market at Retlas Bronze in Hobart.

We have had many visits to Melaleuca over the years, by sea, by air and by land, in our own boat or accompanying Peter and Barbara on *Rallinga*. Their house became known as The Miners' Arms and was a focal point, sharing drinks, a meal or even accommodation with their many friends.

From their remote location, Peter and Barbara were unable to participate in Club activities very often. However, they enjoyed reading *The Albatross*, attending Club meetings & dinners on their infrequent visits to Hobart and their hospitality to Club members cruising at Port Davey knew no bounds.

Peter was always a perfect gentleman, his brown eyes twinkling as he made some droll remark. He could make do with the proverbial oily rag and if he didn't have the rag he'd invent one! Probably his handkerchief, I can hear Barbara say! To him their life at Melaleuca was the perfect lifestyle.



Miners Arms 2010

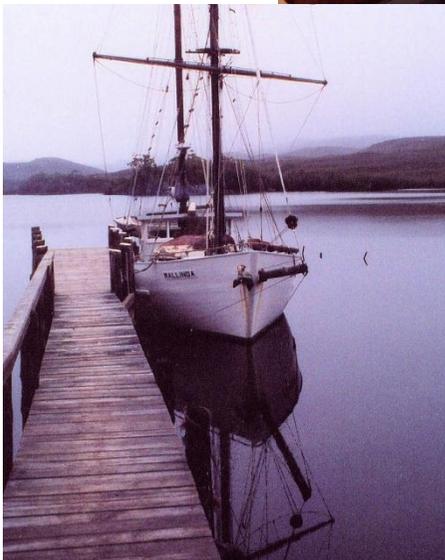
³ *Albatross*, Vol 17, No. 3, March 1992

Peter passed away recently after a long illness and the CYCT has lost a valued member. Our thoughts are with Barbara, David and John and their families. ⁴

Erika Shankley



Peter steering *Rallinga*



Rallinga's fearsome bowsprit



⁴ *Thanks to David Willson & Geoff Fenton for some of the background information*

LIFERAFT EVENT

Monday 10th October @ 7,30pm

Mariners Cottage

Question and answer session

Wednesday 12th OCTOBER 7PM – 8PM

Friends Health And Fitness Pool

**Please bring your bathers if you wish to take
an active part in the exercise**



Cruising Across France

Courtesy of Leo Foley, we have an update on the Darden's European cruising adventure

Hello, Bon jour,

We returned today, Monday, from six days of barging aboard our friend Adrian's Dutch barge, GEESJE, pronounced roughly (very rough, deep down in your throat) Hrrray-Shuh. We traveled south on the Petite Saone river and back again. What a relaxing way to travel. Each day for lunch we would berth at a picnic area or find a "wild mooring" where we tied to a tree or to a stake hammered into the bank. At dinner time we would berth in a small town or at a wild mooring, wine and dine, sleep, then continue on the next morning. We passed through small, historic towns, flowers everywhere, pastures with dairy cows or horses. Trees heavy with apples. Forests, great blue herons all along the canals and flying overhead, kingfishers zipping like a blue streak, across the canal in front of us, one night two snakes swam across the canal and also a sizeable South American rodent, released into France and very happy living in the canals.

Every kilometre or so we negotiated a lock to lift the barge upstream or lower her downstream. This entails signalling the automatic lock that we are coming by twisting a rubber hose that is suspended over the canal within easy reach. The lights on the lock shine red if we are asked to wait, or green if it is ok to enter the lock when the gates open. The design of the locks is called "mitre locks", and were invented by the Chinese 500years before Leonardo da Vinci re-invented them in Europe. The design is simple and clever. Once the barge enters the lock, we raise a metal pole to indicate that our boat is in the lock. Then the gates behind us close, and the water flows into the lock to raise the boat if we are heading upstream, or flows out of the lock if we are heading downstream. We became pretty handy with these procedures. Steve drove the barge a lot to give Adrian a break, and I drove the barge, too, demonstrating the Lewis girl boating skills.

We provisioned the boat at little village outdoor markets and/or a "supermarche" or a "hypermarche". We disembarked at some of the small towns to explore the very old – thirteenth through eighteenth century – buildings, castles, churches, gardens, shops, and, of course, the occasional boulangerie/patisserie for a fresh baguette to eat with our lunch. Many of

the canals are lined with rows of trees, often horse chestnut trees. Other trees hold large balls of bright green mistletoe. One night, at a wild mooring, we watched as two water snakes swam across the canal in front of our barge, head out of the water to see where it was going. Swans came for a handout of yesterday's baguette. The nearly full moon formed a golden path towards the barge. We sat on deck for hours, enjoying the forest tree reflections in the water, pink clouds at sunset. It was magical. We will post photos on our web site and tell you when they are ready to view.

We are back at Adrian's mill, now, doing chores in preparation for our drive to Italy on Sept. 28.



A few Club boats were out on the water to see Rob Pennicott complete his "Follow The Yellow Boat Road" circumnavigation of Australia. Over \$200,000 was raised for the eradication of polio and the final total could reach \$300,000 with a dinner/auction to be held at Wwrest Point.



There's a technical term for a sunny, warm day which follows two rainy days. It's called Monday.



11-13th November 2011

Seafest is the name of a new festival being held in Triabunna on the East Coast of Tasmania from the 11-13th November 2011

Seafest is a collaborative venture between Triabunna School, Glamorgan

Spring Bay Council, Triabunna–Orford Chamber of Commerce, Spring Bay Maritime Discovery Centre and local community and business representatives.

The theme of the festival is a marine focus on living and learning on the east coast.

We have a beautiful setting for the festival on the wharf and marina area of Triabunna. There are various venues within this area from open grassy areas to secure enclosures. The picturesque surroundings include Triabunna's charming fishing fleet, views to Maria Island and the backdrop of historic buildings.

There is plenty of space for rides, food and market stalls, product and information displays, activities, games and entertainment.

The festival begins on Friday 11th November with all the East Coast schools within reasonable travelling distance invited to spend the day at Seafest. This day will have an educational focus as well as being a brilliant play day for the kids and older students.

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th are market and exhibition days with a focus on boat show, food and wine and all things recreational and interesting to do with the sea and our beautiful East Coast environment.

Saturday will also feature a Jet Ski Race around Maria Island and the night is all about entertainment. What we've got planned will thrill you!

Sunday 13th will see a continuation of the exhibitions with a focus on fun activities on the water: A Fishing Competition sponsored by Hook, Line & Sinker (Andrew Hart), trips to Maria Island, as well as sailing and kayaking is just some of the action.

36th Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc

held on 6 September 2011 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron

Opening

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham (Chairman) opened the meeting at 8:00pm and welcomed members attending.

Attendance

32 members registered their attendance – see attached list.

Apologies were received from Commodore Chris Palmer and 22 other members.

Minutes of the 35th AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true record by affirmation. No business arose from those minutes.

Awards

Presentation of Club awards were deferred until the recipients, John and Sue Cerutty and Steve and Dorothy Darden, could be present.

Treasurer's Report

The Secretary read out the status of the Club's finances and the Auditor's Report – see attached.

The Auditor's Report was accepted by affirmation.

Commodore's Report

The Secretary read out the Commodore's Report which is attached.

The Constitution

The following changes to the Club's Constitution were proposed by the Committee and had been published in 'Albatross'.

Section 9.a. Applicants for membership must lodge an application either in a form supplied to him or her by the Secretary duly filled in and signed in the manner indicated on it or

by submitting a completed electronic form on the Club's website.

Section 9.b. Applicants must be supported by two Club members, indicated either by signing the paper form or by electronic mail to the Membership Officer.

Section 9.c. The applicant in each of the above mentioned categories shall lodge with the application form the fee relevant to his or her category and fixed by the Committee or pay the fee electronically.

The remaining subsections be renumbered from 9.d. accordingly.

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham explained the purpose of the changes is to permit the use of electronic forms. He then put the proposal to the meeting and it was seconded by Robert Grey and carried.

Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Treasurer Paul Dutton had advised the Committee that Mr Rendell Ridge had kindly agreed to continue as the Club's Honorary Auditor. Accordingly, Mr Ridge was appointed by affirmation.

Election of Office bearers

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham passed the meeting to the Secretary who declared all Committee positions vacant. The Secretary advised that the number of nominees equalled the number of vacancies. The Vice-Commodore then read out the following names of the nominees and, there being no objections or new nominations, he declared them Office Bearers for 2011-12.

Commodore	Chris Palmer
Vice-Commodore	Lew Garnham
Rear Commodore	Margaret Jones
Treasurer	Wayne McNeice
Secretary	Alan Butler
Editor	Kim Brewer
Membership Officer	Margaret Benjamin
Webmaster	Dave Davey

Committee (1)	Alan Gifford
Committee (2)	Hans Van Tuil
Warden	Chris Creese
Quartermaster	Chris Creese

Vice-Commodore Lew thanked the members who had volunteered to work on the Committee and the outgoing members for their contribution to the Club.

General business

No general business arose.

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham again thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc

held at the Derwent Sailing Squadron on 6 September 2011

MINUTES

Opening

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Attendance

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Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 August 2011 were accepted as a true record by affirmation. There was no business arising from those minutes.

New members.

There were no new members attending.

Vice-Commodore's report

Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham spoke to the coming events: the Pipe Opener – 24-25th September which includes dinner at the Kermandie Hotel; combined clubs open day – 8th October; and Hobart show day weekend cruise to Norfolk Bay. He advised members to keep an eye on the Club's website and encouraged members to notify their individual plans for cruises on the website so that others might join.

Rear Commodore's report

Rear Commodore Margaret Jones advised that table mats from the Anniversary Dinner by Susan Dixon were still available. Captain McLachlan of the 'Aurora Australis' has agreed to advise when a tour of the ship will be possible and Margaret will place the details on the Club's website. Roger and Pat Locke will be guest speakers at the next general meeting. On 13th October, a life-raft drill will be conducted at the Friends School between 7-8pm. Future after meeting addresses will be on Port Davey by Janet Fenton and whales by a representative of the Government Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented at the AGM

Other business

Peter Makepeace asked the Club to consider making a \$500 donation to the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) again this year in recognition of the Squadron's continued hosting of our Club; the money to be designated for the promotion of sailing among young people. Margaret Jones advised that the DSS was not running its junior sailing program this year and suggested the money be designated for sailing by young people with disabilities. Peter responded by suggesting support for Matthew Bugg who is a young sailor with disabilities aiming to participate in the next para-olympics.

Leo Foley proposed the matter of a donation to the DSS, as raised by Peter Makepeace, be referred to the Committee for its consideration and decision. The motion was seconded by Kieth Wells and passed.

Margaret Jones and Erika Shankley spoke on the passing of Peter Wilson and the hospitality he had extended to members when they had visited Port Davey. Peter had been a member of the Club since 1979. The Club has sent a card to Peter's family.

Chris Creese drew member's attention to the Club's library, photo albums and apparel on display.

Margaret Jones drew attention to the pamphlet giving details of the planned 'Mawson Flotilla' in regard to the centenary of Sir Douglas Mawson's Antarctic expedition. The details will be repeated on the Club's website. (Paul Cullen had spoken about plans for the Flotilla before the AGM)

Commodore's report

The Commodore's report had been read at the AGM

The next meeting will be on 4th October.

Close

There being no further business, Vice-Commodore Lew Garnham thanked attendees and the members who had kindly provided supper. He then closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

BUMPER STICKERS TO REMEMBER

- The trouble with life is that you are halfway through it before you realize it's a "do it yourself" thing.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

COMMODORE'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2010-11

The last twelve months have been active and productive ones for the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania. At the start of the year your Committee took a conscious decision to try and raise the profile of the Club with a view to making it the logical first choice of club for cruising sailors based in Tasmania - particularly those in the south of the State. This gave rise to a number of initiatives which, based on new member numbers, have been very successful.

Some of the highlights of the year were:

A presence at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. A team of volunteers ably led by Keith Wells and Dennis Lees set up and manned a stand that generated much interest from people attending the Festival

A 'Maritime Marketplace' held in conjunction with Kettering Yacht Club which resulted in a higher profile for the Club as well as the addition of a few hundred dollars to Club funds

The introduction of the concept of Forums, designed to address specific issues of interest to Members. In particular, the 'Women on Boats' series of forums and days on the water, so ably led by Alan Gifford and with great help from Kim Brewer, has not only led to many female Members gaining greater confidence on the water, but has also led to enquiries from interstate from at least one club that would like to adopt this idea.

Partly as a result of these activities, Club membership increased by over 20% during the course of the year, and the New Members' Night a few weeks ago was the biggest (and jolliest!) in recent memory.

The increase in Member numbers has also helped our financial situation and the Club's finances are in a healthy state, although as was flagged at a previous General Meeting, annual dues will probably need to rise next year to accommodate our increased range of activities.

On the subject of finances, early in the year your Committee asked for suggestions as to how to use a proportion of the Club's funds in a more productive fashion. As a result, Members agreed to have a Club mooring laid at Nubeena and to subsidise approved training undertaken by Club members.

Thanks to Webmaster Dave Davey, Club Members are now able to pay for Club related items via PayPay, reducing the workload of the

Treasurer and Membership Officer as well as helping manage our finances better.

As well as the initiatives mentioned above, our usual range of Club activities has continued to attract support from Members.

We had a full cruising calendar thanks to the efforts of Vice Commodore Lew Garnham, and the numbers of boats taking part continues to grow. Some cruises had "added attractions", and the four day winter cruise to Port Huon was a highlight that will be remembered for a long time by those who were able to take part.

Rear Commodore Margaret Jones put together a very interesting range of subjects for General Meetings as well as planning events such as the Christmas Party, the Anniversary Dinner and shore based barbecues. Her organisational skills are greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, we lose a few Committee members for this coming year and I would like to thank Secretary Rob Grey for his support, wisdom and ability to cut to the core of the matter in Committee discussions. I would also like to thank Paul and Caroline Dutton for their work as Treasurer. After four years between them they quite reasonably feel that it is time for another person to have a go at this job. Also retiring from the Committee is Erika Shankley, whose knowledge of the Club and its history has ensured that the Committee's plans never strayed far from the objectives of the founders of the Club. So my sincere thanks to those departing, and equally to those staying on for another year. It has been a good year, a lot of fun and a great pleasure to work with you. Looking forward to the coming year, if the Club does me the honour of re-electing me as Commodore, I certainly plan to maintain our current momentum. We intend to propose a full calendar of forums, as well as cruises and interesting subjects for General Meetings.

Without in any way imposing on the territory amply covered by our friends at SailTrain, we plan to continue to assist Members acquire the skills and confidence that will ensure they get the best from their boats.

We also hope to increase the number of people who take an active role in making the Club what it is. Rather than rely on Flag Officers and other Committee members to do everything, we are hoping that other Club Members will offer their services to perhaps co-ordinate a cruise, help organise the Maritime Marketplace or run a forum or two.

In conclusion, I believe strongly in the potential of this Club to fulfil the intentions of the founders. Times change, and we must adapt accordingly, but the underlying principle of supporting cruising through

the passing on of skills and knowledge is at the core of everything we plan. But at the same time, the value of the social aspect of the Club cannot be overstated. Over time, I have come to realise that this is at least as important as dealing with the business of piloting a boat from A to B. You only have to look at the numbers attending General Meetings and chatting over a meal beforehand to see the truth of that.

So no matter what we organise in the way of cruises, site visits, forums and the like, the need to provide a happy, friendly atmosphere for Members and visitors alike will play a large part in whatever we do.

Thank you.

Chris Palmer



Peter Makepeace brought his new toy in to impress the Editor with – and had me searching the internet for a distributor. This rechargeable device turns all the winches aboard into electric winches. At a cost of \$699 it's not cheap but compare that to an electric winch at about \$1500 – and that's just for one! Local distributor is Ian McConachie at Oyster Cove Chandlery. This could be the perfect Christmas present!



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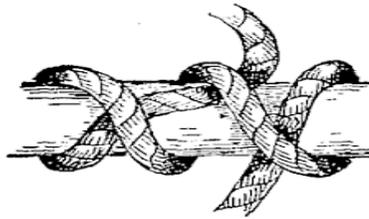
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