

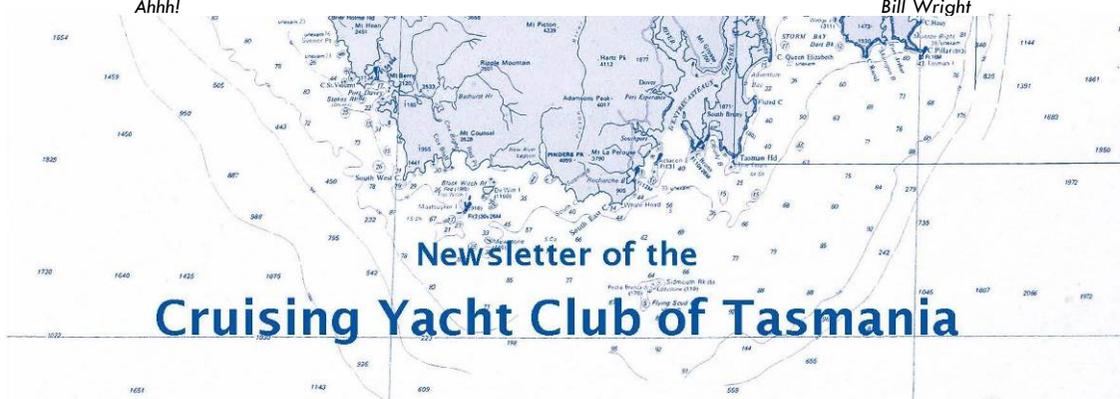
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### Cruising Responsibilities

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.

	<b>CYCT CALENDAR</b>
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual General Meeting – @ DSS 8:00pm, No speaker
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ DSS 7:30pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Richardsons Beach
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> DSS Pipe-opener
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Winter Forum – @ DSS 7:30pm Speaker: Pat Synge, Steering Systems
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> City Lights evening cruise
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Combined Clubs Open Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – @ DSS 8:00pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ DSS 7:30pm
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Forum – @ DSS 7:30pm

Visit [www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au) and click on the Calendar tab for more info on all events.

### **Not a CYCT Member?**

Then download an application form from the Club website – [www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au).

Contact any CYCT Committee Member (details inside the front cover of this magazine) for more information.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR CLUB

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**Editorial**

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It's been a busy month. The sign below gives you a hint about what we've been up to! We are now the proud owners of the boat attached to this sign and we have been occupying our brains with the logistics of getting her from the French Mediterranean to Australia: organising surveyors, minor works, documentation, registration, shipment details, more documentation, etc. And, no, we're not sailing her home ourselves!

I'm sorry that we'll be missing the AGM (hopefully we'll be sailing *Bajazzo* from France to Genoa to board a ship around that time). I hope to nominate for the position of Editor of the Albatross again – it's been a hoot to put the newsletter together for the last two years and if you all are willing to put up with me for another year, then I'm happy to keep it up.

See you on the water sometime before summer (we hope). You can watch out for *Bajazzo* on Skippr.net.

In the meanwhile, please keep the reports, stories and articles coming!

Jackie



**If you have not renewed your membership, this is your last Albatross!**

Membership will lapse for any member who has not renewed their annual subscription by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Don't let this happen to you! Please contact the Treasurer or Membership Officer ASAP.

*Boat rule #218:*

**At sea, nothing is to be placed on the navigation table that is not for the purpose of navigation.**

**Chocolate is a useful navigation aid.**

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## Commodore's Report

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### Nomination for a Directorship of MAST

The Club received three expressions of interest in nominating for a Directorship of MAST. At the August Committee Meeting it was decided to put forward Alan Gifford, who finishes as Vice Commodore at the September AGM. Committee has asked that I contact the four main Hobart based boat Clubs to outline our nomination, and enquire whether they are putting forward a nomination themselves. At the time of writing this report, this latter

hadn't been done.

### Moorings at Lady Barron

In early August I asked of MAST if there had been any progress with the ownership issue of these moorings. I received the following reply:

*Thank you for your email Steven. Progress has been made with both moorings devices being shipped to Lady Barron last week. Tas Ports have been very helpful in they will arrange for the Kulanda to lay the moorings when the vessel is next in Lady Barron. At this stage this is planned for some time in October. Tas Ports have also agreed to help manage the moorings on our behalf, which fits nicely with the two courtesy moorings they currently have. As soon as I have confirmation the mooring have been laid and their locations I'll let you know.*

*Regards*

*Jim Caulfield*

*Marine and Safety Tasmania*

### Last Report

This is my last report as Commodore, and I wish the new Committee all the best for the forthcoming year. It is not too late to nominate for the new Committee.

### Thanks to the outgoing Committee

Many thanks to the outgoing Committee for their hard work and dedication over the past year. It has been an interesting experience seeing what goes on behind the scenes in running the Club.

Stephen Newham

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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### **Richardson's Beach Cruise**

This cruise is set for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September and might run into Sunday, weather permitting (see The Cruising Calendar p21). It will be an informal gathering to mark the new sailing and cruising season. The location is delightful, within easy reach and with good holding.

### **City Lights Cruise**

Programmed for the weekend of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September (note change of dates – the Cruising Calendar p22 is incorrect) this cruise will be an opportunity for skippers and crews to enjoy some warm winter socializing after viewing the city lights at twilight. The intention is for a final decision to be made on the day about the best over-night anchorage. The Cruise Co-ordinator will consult with the other skippers by radio (Channel 16 then 77) after the flotilla assembles off Wreast Point at 1700 hours. Hopefully the anchorage can be confirmed a day or two ahead.

A volunteer Cruise Coordinator skipper is needed for this cruise. Any member of the Club who will be there on the day and who would like to be the Cruise Co-ordinator is asked to contact me ASAP so a final reminder and other details can be worked out. My phone contact is 0447 250 945.

### **Combined Clubs Open Day**

Traditionally this event marks the beginning of the new season's racing and cruising programmes conducted by all local clubs. The date for this sail past is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October beginning off The Regatta Grounds before the official sail past and salute taken by The Governor from a vessel anchored in Sullivans Cove. More detail will be emailed to members as it becomes available. (See The Cruising Calendar p24.)

### **New officers**

After the September AGM a new Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore will take up the reins to plan a cruising and events programme for the coming season. If they have the wonderful support from members that Kim and I have enjoyed, their work will be richly rewarding. Thank you to those members who supported the past season's cruising programme. After all it's the members who ensure the success of the Club and its programmes.

See you on the water,

Alan

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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### Annual Dinner 2014

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at the Hope and Anchor Tavern was a great success with 72 members and friends turning up to make it a very noisy and happy affair. The venue was a warm and interesting place to meet and the food was tasty. The highlight of the night was undoubtedly our guest speaker, Commander Stacey Porter RN, commanding officer of Navy HQ Tasmania. Stacey's approachable and enthusiastic manner captured her audience as she told of her path to joining the Navy and her subsequent, varied career. She mixed easily with everyone throughout the evening and I think was among the last to leave, as she spoke to members and answered questions. As the face of the RAN in Tasmania, Commander Porter left a very positive impression. She and her family enjoy sailing and I'm sure would appreciate an invitation from CYCT members to join us on a Club cruise.

### AGM – September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014

Traditionally there is no guest speaker at the AGM. The formal meeting begins at 8pm and there will be a light supper afterwards.

Dinner will be available as usual from 6pm. RSVP [rearcommodore@cyct.org.au](mailto:rearcommodore@cyct.org.au)

This is my final report as Rear Commodore. Thinking of all the activities I have been involved in over the past two years, what stands out is the amazing people I have met while organising speakers. The chance to meet scientists involved in ocean-related research, sailors cruising inspiring locations, professionals working in a wide variety of fields relating to boats and enthusiasts giving up their time to passionate research; they are all special individuals and it has been a privilege to meet them and to introduce them to you.

It has been gratifying to see members enjoying Club get-togethers, especially Christmas BBQs and to be able to invite others to share in our activities, as we did for the 2013 AWBF event at DSS. Cruises like Dark Mofu brought Club activities into the public eye and I hope this particular event will continue and grow. Our association with DSS, who provide premises for our meetings and for pre-meeting dinners, is appreciated.

Thanks to all who helped organise events. Please support the new Rear Commodore, both in the organisation of activities and by turning up to them. The Club is always open to new ideas so if you feel we need to be involved in something that is happening in the community or if you know an inspired speaker – let the RC know.

Kim

## Wanted – women writers (& readers!)

I'm hoping to theme a future Albatross issue predominately around articles for and/or by boating women. So I'm looking contributions on topics of interest to 'the other half' (eg. lessons learned, facing fears, provisioning, children on board, tips for making the boat more 'female friendly', gear designed with women in mind, etc).

Please send in your articles or contact me if you want to discuss possible topics.

I'd love to hear from the more seasoned sailors as well as the newer members.

Jackie (editor@cyct.org.au)



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Stephen and Lisa O'Bryan  
**SCHOUTEN PASSAGE**

Heather and Alan Gluyas (*Shadie*)  
**SHADIE**

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

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Chris and Wendy Le Cornu  
**GOLDEN DREAM**

Gordon and Janet Armstrong  
**NUAGE**

Ern and Maureen Bryan  
**LÉONIÉ**

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.

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## Introducing New Members

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### Chris and Wendy LeCornu

Chris built his first boat (a catamaran comprising two paddleboards, a steel pipe mast and a double bed sheet) when he was 12 years old. It reached brilliantly but was a bit hard to tack. It ended in grief when he stepped off to turn it around and stood on a broken beer bottle. His next attempt was during university days when he was press ganged into crewing on a timber 16' skiff at Belmont NSW. He learnt a lot about sailing by watching good sailors go past. When that boat fell apart, he moved onto a 505 at Toronto which he and his good mate sailed for quite a few years, but without much success.

After marrying Wendy, he joined the windsurfer crowd for a while. They purchased a trailer sailer (a Court 650) after the birth of their second child and learnt how to tack while Wendy changed sides (as in breastfeeding)! After a third baby came along, the TS was a bit too small, and they decided to upgrade. With each boat they looked at, the specification grew and they ended up with a Beneteau Oceanis 390, on which they cruised the Queensland coast for 15 years.

Chris and Wendy moved to Tasmania and bought a vintage International 6mR *Jezebel* which they have sailed and raced for the last 7 years. But they hankered for some more cruising, and they are too old for *Jezebel's* spartan fit out low head room, so they lashed out and bought a Ces Quilkey built S & S which they renamed *Golden Dream*.

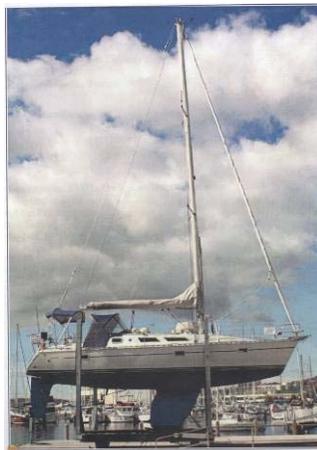
Wendy started her boating fishing for flathead and whiting in Hervey Bay with her Dad and uncle. She has been a stalwart crew on each boat and even mastered (or mistressed) the wind surfer. She currently owns an Etchells, but is looking forward to the comforts of *Golden Dream*.



*Golden Dream*

### **Gordon and Jan Armstrong**

Gordon started casual cruising in his youth. He also built canoes, dinghies, a TS16 trailer sailer, and a Snook 22. When the family grew too large for Snook 22 he moved with his 2 boys into Mirror dinghies and raced those for many years. Then nearly 30 years ago he remarried and with Jan enjoyed many years cruising on a friend's Huon 33 then a 38 ft catamaran. We also hired yachts overseas. Our friends unfortunately sold their boat and so 18 months ago we bought a 20 year old Jeanneau 36. Over last winter we upgraded it including a new motor and now use it extensively, mainly in summer. We focussed on the Channel and Bruny Island to date but look forward to longer cruises like revisiting Port Davey and East Coast.



*Nuage*

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### **Ern and Maureen Bryan**

We own *Léonié* a Columbia 27 which we keep at Prince of Wales Bay Marina. We bought her in early 2012 after moving down from Burnie. We have enjoyed sailing on the Derwent. We both have our Motor Boat licence and Maureen has her Marine Radio Operator's certificate. Ern has had fifty years of flying light aircraft.

When we lived in Honeywood drive in Sandford in the 1980s we owned a Columbia 22 and kept her on a mooring in Pipe Clay Lagoon, in front of our house. We sailed a lot in Frederick Henry Bay and Norfolk Bay and to Barnes Bay.

We had her on a mooring in Bellerive for a while and joined in the 1988 Tall Ships excitement in the Derwent..

In recent times Ern has sailed on Georgian Bay in Canada on *Raven* a family S & S 35 a prototype vessel that was not put into production. The S & S 36 was developed from it. He has also sailed with friends in the Pittwater area, on a cruising version of the Adams 10.



*Léonié*

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## Annual Dinner, 2 Aug 2014

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Some 65 members and guests enjoyed an evening at the recently reopened Hope & Anchor, with special guest speaker Commander Stacey Porter, CO of Navy Headquarters Tasmania. As you can see, we were entertained by not only our engaging speaker, but by the variety of fauna and memorabilia on display!

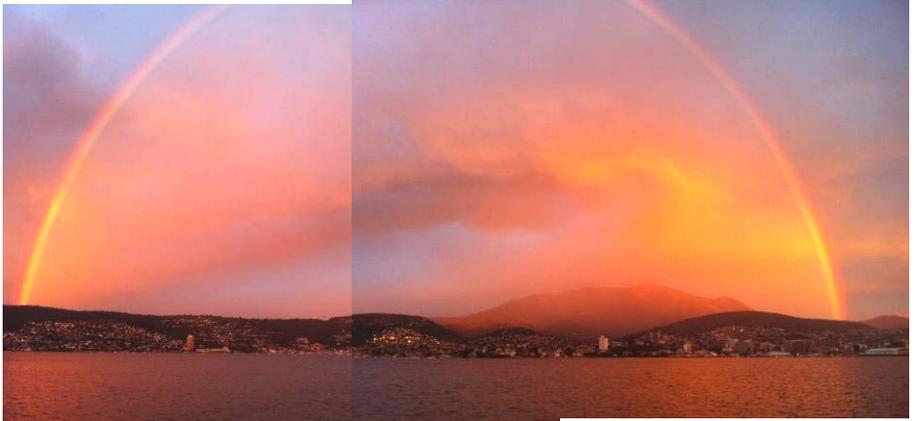


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**2014 Photo Competition, the background story**

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We had 14 excellent entries for this year's photo competition, which had the theme, "Every Picture Tells a Story". The winner, by acclaim of the members at the dinner, was Richard Catt's photomontage "This is what you're missing if you sleep in!!!"



Runner-up was Ted Cutlan's "The best bilge pump – a frightened man with a bucket!"



A couple of the other photos also came with their own stories. The following is from Colin Bell and Pamela Gates-Bell about their photo “First Mate Murray”:



*Little did Murray know when we rescued him, five years ago, from the shelter after he lost his family in the 2009 Victorian bushfires that his ‘nine lives’ journey would include becoming a seafaring (or rather, a Derwent River faring) cat. He has travelled back & forth to Tasmania on the Spirit and by air to join us on our adventures aboard the Sheenastar. Murray likes nothing better than to find a sunny spot on the boat and occasionally pops up on deck to get a better view!*

Erika Shankley sent us the story behind her photo, “Bullock sick, wife died”. It’s a story of proportion and so it follows this as a separate article.

Well done to all contestants! I’d be happy to receive other interesting photos with stories at any time.



**Bullock sick, wife died**

Ericka Shankley

A man of very few words, Charles Chaulk Baudinet, superintendent at the Swan Island lightstation, wrote “*Bullock sick, wife died*” in the log book on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1882. Eliza, his wife of 18 years and mother of his three children, had passed away after a long illness, aged 47.

William and Augusta Baudinet had emigrated from England, arriving in Van Diemens Land via the Swan River settlement, in 1831. The Baudinet name soon became synonymous with light keeping. Charles, the fifth of twelve children, was just six years old when his father became the first superintendent of the lighthouse at Cape Bruny.



*Eliza's grave*

In 1848 William was posted to Deal Island where the whole family became involved in work at the new lightstation. Visiting on board the 96-ton government schooner *Beacon* in 1853, Bishop Francis Nixon wrote “... *A winding road ... through the scrub and she-oak trees, led us to Mr. Baudinet's residence. It was startling to see the comfort with which he was surrounded. Here, on this wild, isolated rock, we found a comfortable stone house; a well-appointed homestead; a garden redolent with sweets, and singularly beautiful in the varied colours of its flowers...*” Bishop Nixon commented that. “... *Mr. Baudinet and his sons [had built] ... the wide road which formed the access to the lighthouse. ...*<sup>1</sup>

With his father's health failing, 16 year old Charles took over the duties of lightkeeper and was officially appointed superintendent in 1865, following his father's death.

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Eliza Ballantine, was born in 1835 to Scottish immigrant parents, Elizabeth and Duncan Ballantine. They originally arrived in Van Diemens Land on board the *Castle Forbes* in 1822 but later relocated to Bairnsdale in Victoria. It was a quirk of fate that Eliza & Charles were destined to meet .

<sup>1</sup> *Cruise of the Beacon, A Narrative of a Visit to the Islands of Bass's Straits, by the Right Rev Francis R. Nixon, DD, Bishop of Tasmania, 1857*

The 194 ton barque *General Jessup* left Hobart Town on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1863 bound for Port Albert. However, the ship was caught in a south-easterly gale in Bass Strait and ran for shelter in West Cove at Deal Island. The ship's master, Captain Hodge, reported that on the morning of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July "*the wind was blowing a strong gale, with rain. Paid out sixty fathoms on the port and fifteen fathoms on the stream anchors.*" But by 6.30pm the ship "*touched the ground with her keel*" and became stranded on the beach. <sup>2</sup>

Next day, noting the ship lying broadside on shore, lightkeeper, Charles Chaulk Baudinet, wrote "*... the crew and passengers all landed safe, the vessel half full of water*". Charles later recorded "*I p.m., brought the female passengers to the house.*" However, he later crossed out the word females and inserted "*ladies*".<sup>3</sup> One of the "*ladies*" was Miss Eliza Ballantine.

The *General Jessop* was a total loss but a few days later the passengers and crew were able to continue their journey on board the schooner *Vibilia*.

Eliza must have made quite an impression on Charles because they were married the following year. In a letter to his sister Gussy (Augusta) on 21 April 1864, Charles wrote "*... Yes dear sister, the deed is done and I am most happy in the possession of a dear good wife ...*" Surprisingly he also writes about their costumes. ... "*the bride and her maid (Bell) were dressed in white Swiss muslin, Bell's trimmed with blue silk and the bride's with white ditto, white kid boots and a veil ... and very pretty she looked too. ... As for my own dress, it consisted of a black coat and vest, light shirt, and boots of my own make and long black hat, white kid gloves and mauve neck tie, very narrow and short.*"<sup>4</sup>

The reference to "*boots of my own make*" gives some insight into the character of the man who had become Eliza's husband. His journal includes long lists of day-to-day activities which were a necessary part of life in a remote area - cooking, cleaning, making beer, cutting wood, raising pigs, mustering bullocks, egging, muttonbirding, fishing, butchering, tailoring and gardening. However his particular skill was bootmaking. He used wattle bark to tan the hides of kangaroo, wallaby, calf, sheep, goat, pig, shark and even dog. The dog was identified as Rover! All this was in addition to the task of maintaining the lighthouse and other buildings. However, the Sabbath was always a day of rest.

After their marriage Charles brought his bride to Deal Island where their eldest child, William Duncan, was born. Their four-roomed cottage, some distance from the lighthouse, with spectacular views over Murray Pass and East Cove, is now preserved as a museum.

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<sup>2</sup> *The Mercury*, 23 July 1863

<sup>3</sup> *Swan Island Retreat, Visions from the Past*, Jill Harris, North Eastern Advertiser Press 1995

<sup>4</sup> *Swan Island Retreat, Visions from the Past*, Jill Harris, North East Advertiser Press, 1995

The following year an application from Thomas Morgan, lightkeeper at Swan Island, to transfer to Deal Island was considered by the Marine Board. *"It was resolved that Mr Morgan be offered the charge of Kents Group and that Mr Baudinet remove to Swan Island, the expense of such removal to be borne by Mr Morgan who must also make an amicable arrangement either for the purchase or exchange of Mr Baudinet's live stock."*<sup>5</sup>

Charles and Eliza arrived on Swan Island on 5 March 1867 where two more children were born - Duncan Straun in 1868 and Charles Henry in 1870. Charles' mother, Augusta, also joined the family. In a letter to her son Frederick in September 1871, she wrote *"Willie ... reads very well and has begun to write ..."* and again in December *"Eliza has a great deal to do with her little ones. It will be better when Lucy returns."*<sup>6</sup> Lucy was the family name of Charles' sister Isabella. There was also Mr Dawson, the children's tutor.

Communications with remote lightstations like Swan Island were reliant on passing ships. Letters often had the postscript *"forwarded per"* with names of trading ketches like the *Seymour*, and *Starling*. A notice in the Shipping column of *The Mercury* on 16 January 1879 referred to a message *"by electric telegraphy from Mt Nelson"* that the ketch *Starling* *"had brought up at Swan Island where Mr & Mrs Baudinet and two children and also a quantity of stores for the lighthouse were landed."*

The arrival of supplies was dependent on the weather so keepers had to be mostly self-sufficient. Cattle and sheep were kept for meat and an advertisement inserted in the *Cornwall Chronicle* in 1872 offered a reward of £25 for information regarding to the theft of sheep from Swan Island.

In an attempt to relieve the isolation the Lighthouse Committee allocated the sum of £5 for the provision of reading material for lightstations. Volumes such as Chambers Journal, Cassell's Family Magazine and British Workman were supplied half-yearly.

However, living conditions left a lot to be desired, with several families crowded together in two rooms of the original 1845 residence. There was continual bickering among the lightstation staff which featured regularly in letters to the Marine Board. One assistant keeper was even declared insane and removed from the island after becoming violent and locking himself in the tower.

The Marine Board tried to ignore the continual complaints, saying they were nothing to do with them. However, it was noted in the minutes that they *"disapproved of Mrs Baudinet mixing herself in any way in matters that do not concern her."* And they even chastised

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<sup>5</sup> TAHO MB2/5/1/3 Minute book

<sup>6</sup> *Swan Island Retreat, Visions from the Past*, Jill Harris, North East Advertiser Press, 1995

Charles for intemperate language in a letter which they said was “*couched in terms by no means proper and that he should treat the Board with respect.*”<sup>7</sup>



On his first missionary voyage in the cutter *Freak* in 1872, Canon Marcus Brownrigg wrote, “*The quarters provided for the Lighthouse establishment [at Swan Island], while substantial ... appeared to me to be inconveniently small. Mr Charles Baudinet is the Superintendent. I baptized three of his children and four others belonging to the lightmen, making in all seven baptisms during my visit to the island.*”<sup>8</sup>

In another insight into life on Swan Island, published in *Boy's Own Annual*, the Reverend Fred C.B. Fairey wrote “*In the winter the beating of the sea upon the rocks makes the lighthouse tremble, and the gales of wind dashed sand against their windows like hail.*” The article continued ... “*Sometimes the inhabitants of the island would be cut off from all communication with the mainland for weeks together, not even their fine whaleboat being able to face the sea which rolled between the island and the coast.*”<sup>9</sup>

The Rev Fairey was only the second minister to visit the island in 19 years when he arrived in his canoe *The Evangelist* in February 1879. He was just in time to conduct an evening service at which “*we gathered a congregation of eight persons, and Mrs Baudinet played for us on the piano and [we] sang together some of the well known and much loved hymns.*”<sup>10</sup>

But all was not well. In November 1878 Charles took indefinite leave of absence and the family went to stay with relatives at Bairnsdale in Victoria. His wife, he said, was in a precarious state of health and needed medical attention. During his absence, his brother Frank acted as superintendent at Swan Island.

Unfortunately, Eliza's health did not improve. On another visit to Swan Island on 19 February 1882, Canon Brownrigg said “*I was indeed sorry to find Mrs Baudinet so seriously ill*

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<sup>7</sup> TAHO MB2/5/1/3 Minute Book

<sup>8</sup> *Cruise of the Freak: A Narrative of a visit to the islands in Bass Strait and Banks Strait with some account of the islands, Reverend Marcus Brownrigg, Launceston: J.S.V. Turner, 1872*

<sup>9</sup> *Boys Own Annual, Volume 4, 1882*

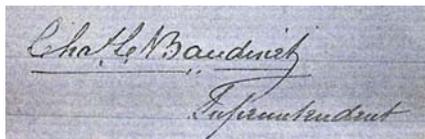
<sup>10</sup> *Ibid*

..." and the next day he made "a farewell visit to Mrs Baudinet".<sup>11</sup> Two weeks later while at nearby Chappel Island, news was received of her death and Canon Brownrigg remarked "that she had spoken to me of her preparedness for the end."<sup>12</sup> She suffered an agonising and lingering existence till she died on 21 February 1882 aged 47 years - the cause being described in official records as "Dropsy Mortification".<sup>13</sup>

Life in such a remote location meant that not only did Eliza suffer from lack of medical attention but her husband, Charles, had the sad task of having to dismantle some kitchen shelves to build her coffin. He then had to act as undertaker, and, surrounded by his sons and other lightstation staff, conduct a funeral service around the graveside in the sand dunes.

A couple of days later, Charles Baudinet reported her death in a letter written to the Marine Board's Master Warden, W. Tarleton. "It has become my painful duty to inform you of the death of my wife which I beg to inform you took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst..."<sup>14</sup>

The death of his wife affected Charles deeply. In August that year, Charles wrote to the Master Warden, requesting leave of absence as "for some time my health has not been good and I am now in a low and weak state ..." <sup>15</sup> He returned to Swan Island in October, but again requested 6 weeks leave, finally returning to duty in December 1882.



Eliza, herself, remains an enigma. Like many other women of her time, she lived out her life in relative anonymity and no likeness of her has ever been found. While society ladies were photographed in all their finery, what Eliza looked like must remain a mystery.

Her husband, Charles, married again in 1886 before retiring from the lighthouse service in 1891 having served 41 years as a lightkeeper – including 25 years on Swan Island. The Lighthouse Committee duly noted that he had "discharged his duties with zeal and fidelity."<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> *Described as cancer in later reports*

<sup>14</sup> *Letter Book, Swan Island Lightstation (copy)*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>16</sup> *Swan Island Bass Strait, compiled by Irene Schaffer*

Time has passed. The house on Swan Island in which the Baudinet family lived out their lives, now known as Eliza's Cottage, stands defiant against the elements. Eliza's last resting place struggles against the encroaching scrub. But her spirit lingers on ....

*Come to me ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.*

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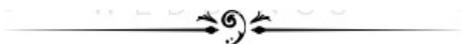
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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S  
MARITIME MYSTERY OBJECT



**Marker light**

Marker light for whales: a light and flag are rammed into the flesh of a captured and killed whale which has been pumped up so that it floats. Came from Cheynes Beach Whaling Co. Albany, WA.

Do you have a mystery object you'd like to share?  
Send a picture (and the answer!) to [editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au)

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## GOING ABOUT

Miscellany of items from near and far that may be of interest to CYCT members

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### **Cruising Southern Tasmania Anchorage Guide**

The CST Anchorage guide, produced by CYCT and TasMaps has been reviewed (favourably!) in the latest Cruising Helmsman. If you haven't picked one up yet, you might want to before they're all sold out!



### **Update from Honey Bee**

We had 2 weeks at Port Davey & also in Macquarie Harbour, after we left Cygnet earlier this year. Completed our circumnavigation of Tassie that we started in 1983, when we arrived in Devonport! Did some boat jobs there, then headed to the Tamar, out to Flinders & across to Eden.

Our trip up the mainland coast has gone well - had some good sailing days. Enjoyed our time in Sydney in March - had a nice day at Taronga Zoo with James, our son. Spent time at Mooloolaba, Tin Can Bay, Fraser Island, Bundaberg & Pancake Creek, then Mackay in Qld. Caught up with our daughter, Kathryn in Mackay & made it to the Wintermoon Folk Festival, 70 km north of Mackay one day. Really loved the festival - much smaller than Cygnet & very laid back in the outdoor, tropical setting.

Plans are to leave Torres Strait later July & sail through Indonesia with the Sail2Indonesia rally. We enjoyed over a month in the Whitsundays & there was a get-together for the rally at Airlie Beach mid-June. Due to the rally time table, we had a fairly rushed trip first to Cairns, & then to Torres Strait. Ended up with 3 weeks in Cairns - waiting on return of passports with social visas for Indonesia! Really enjoyed Magnetic Island, then Flinders Island, FNQ; Morris Island & Cape York further north. Did some touring when in Cairns - Kuranda train & skyrail, plus a 2 day car hire to explore Atherton Tablelands.

Took the ferry over to Thursday Island today - an interesting town. Quite a multicultural place - very laid-back & similar to small towns in the Pacific years ago. Planning to clear customs Monday or Tuesday for Saumlaki, 660 miles NE. About 24 boats in rally - some interesting characters!!

Our new address is: [mchugh@svhoneybee.id.au](mailto:mchugh@svhoneybee.id.au) Similar to our old address, but note the change from .org to .id We will still use this email address when we have internet access overseas. Peter will keep our position up to date most of the time (see [http://skipr.net/Honey\\_Bee](http://skipr.net/Honey_Bee) ).



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**Doing it the easy way - a Windhover flight to Port Davey**

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*Photo: State Library of Victoria*

*This article originally appeared in The Mercury on 4 July, 1933 and was recently reprinted with photos in "Marine Life" newsletter. Reprinted with permission.*

"A complement of passengers left Hobart on Sunday in the Strait air service amphibian flying-boat Windhover to visit the scarcely-known region around Port "Davey. Leaving Hobart the Windhover flew down the Channel to Recherche Bay, then across country past Mount La Perouse on the right and Prion Bav on the left. The snow-covered Bathurst Range was crossed, and Bathurst Harbour was reached, which, with its many bays and inlets reminded the travellers of Sydney Harbour; but looked far more beautiful with its several Islands and surrounding hills and mountains reflected in its mirror like waters. Flying about 20ft. above the water the many bays were seen to advantage. Still about the same height the Narrows were crossed into Port Davey, where the Windhover alighted.



*Photo: State Library of Victoria*

A party of gold seekers put out in a dinghy and conveyed the visitors to shore. The wheels of the amphibian were then lowered and the plane taxied on to the beach, where a couple of delightful hours were spent, some of the party climbing a nearby mountain.

After all were aboard again the pilot (Mr. N. M. Chapman) steered a course for the Great Lake country, passing over dense and apparently impenetrable forest, gaining an altitude of 5,000ft. Range upon range of snow-covered mountains could be seen, presenting a dazzlingly beautiful sight. Among some of the mountains crossed small lakes appeared, probably never before seen by white people.

Launceston was reached shortly after 2 .p.m., where the remainder of the day was spent, the party returning to Hobart on Monday morning.

It is considered that if Tasmanians only knew their own country by this modern method of transport and broadcast its beauties there would be a far greater number of tourists to the State.”



*Perhaps not so easy – she crashed a few years later on King Island* Photo: State Library of Victoria



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**Book Review: Cooking Afloat by Beverly Fuller**

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Last club meeting I decided to have a rummage through the club's library and in addition to a couple of excellent DVD's by Lyn and Larry Pardy I picked up this book (I'm always looking for recipes for the boat and for the Albatross!).

The book was originally published under the name "Cooking on Your Knees", which I much prefer as a title! The author is American and it was published in 1973, so you might expect that the recipes would be dated and involve a lot of ingredients that can't be found here. There is an element of that, but it is still an excellent resource and I've already copied down a few recipes to try.

There are sections on cruising recipes, including menu lists for a weekend cruise for two and one and two week cruises for a group, grilling and onshore picnic recipes, racing (!) and menu ideas for a transatlantic passage. One of the interesting features was the inclusion of comments from the skipper of the transatlantic trip on the adequacy of the provisioning – what worked and what didn't!

There are galley hints, such as how to store things efficiently and the use of vacuum packaging. There is a mixture of recipes to be made on board and those which are best made ahead. The author and her husband must surely love their sundowners, as there are 8 pages on hors d'oeuvres! Here's one I'll be trying:

*Marinated Fresh Mushrooms*

¼ lb frsh white mushrooms

2 slices medium-size onion, finley minced

4-6 tblesp olive oil

pinch each basil and oregano

dusting of Seasoned Salt

Dash each cayenne pepper, salt, and freshly ground black pepper

1 small garlic clove, pressed

2-3 tblesp lemon juice or to taste

Optional: dash vermouth or white wine

2 tblesp fresh minced parsley

Cut off mushroom stems close to cap and discard. Wipe mushroom caps to clean. Slice about ¼ in. thick and place in a container with a tight fitting lid. Add all ingredients except parsley and mix well. Mushrooms tend to absorb the oil, so the exact amount can vary. They should be moist but not awash. Cover and chill about an hour. To serve, sprinkle liberally with parsley and serve in a shallow bowl with toothpicks for spearing.

**The Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc**  
**Nominations for Office Bearers – 2014 -15**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc will be held at the  
 Derwent Sailing Squadron at 8.00pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

At that time all positions for Office Bearers will be declared vacant. Please use this form  
 to nominate one or more people to fill these positions.

We

(nominator).....(signature).....

And

(secondor).....(signature).....

being financial members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc hereby nominate the  
 following member(s) for the position(s) indicated for the 2014 – 15 financial year.

POSITION	NOMINEE'S NAME IN	NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE
Commodore		
Vice Commodore		
Rear Commodore		
Treasurer		
Secretary		
Editor		
Membership Officer		
Webmaster		
Committee (1)		
Committee (2)		
Warden		

Return to The Secretary, PO Box 605, Sandy Bay, Tas 7006  
 by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 or bring to the AGM

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**39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc**

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**to be held on 2 September 2014 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron**

**AGENDA**

**1. Opening**

Scheduled for 8:00pm.

**2. Attendance**

Members are asked to register their attendance on the sheet.

**3. Apologies**

**4. Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM have been published in *Albatross*

**5. Business arising** from those minutes.

**6. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

**7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

Treasurer advises that Mr Rendell Ridge has kindly agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor.

**8. Commodore's Report**

**9. Presentation of Awards**

**9. Election of Office bearers**

The following positions are to be declared vacant at the meeting, and re-filled by election:

Commodore	Membership Officer
Vice-Commodore	Webmaster
Rear Commodore	Committee (1)
Treasurer	Committee (2)
Secretary	Warden

**10. Any other business**

**11. Close**

There will be a General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Formalities will be very brief, and the rest of the evening devoted to socialising.

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**38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Of The Cruising Yacht Club Of Tasmania Inc  
held on 3 September 2013 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Opening**

Commodore Chris Palmer opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

**2. Attendance**

Thirty two members registered their attendance, there were three guests (Kath England, Jack England and Keith Anderson). Seventeen apologies were recorded in the attendance sheet. (The attendance sheet is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

**3. Minutes of the 37th AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM had been published in Albatross, and were confirmed and signed.

**4. Business arising (from those minutes)**

There was no business arising.

**5. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

The Treasurer's Report and the Independent Auditor's Report is filed with the official copy of the minutes. The Treasurer spoke briefly to the report. Key points were as follows:

- The Club is in a strong financial position;
- Income exceeded expenditure by \$4,309 for the FY to 30 June 2013;
- Strong cash position with approximately \$40,000 in the current account and term deposit;
- An increase in net assets over the FY to \$40,831.

The Independent Auditor's Report confirmed that the Financial Report of the CYCT was fairly presented in accordance with relevant standards and mandatory reporting requirements.

**6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

The Treasurer advised that Mr Rendell Ridge had agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor. Accordingly Mr Ridge's appointment was unanimously approved pursuant to a motion moved by Otmar Helm seconded by Paul Kerrison.

**7. Commodore's Report**

The Report of Commodore Chris Palmer was made available to members at the meeting and is filed with the official copy of the minutes. In speaking briefly about his report the Commodore mentioned the following highlights:

- It had been an active year for the club with increasing membership and a good financial outcome;
- Despite some weather disruption the cruising calendar was successful;
- The technical forums were very successful and the separation from general meetings proved a good decision;
- Women on Boats has been a real success story;
- A successful social calendar and in particular the Annual Dinner.

The loss of the Mariner's Cottage as the Club's premises was however very disappointing.

The Commodore thanked the Committee members that had very capably supported him throughout his three year period as Commodore.

On behalf of the Committee members Vice Commodore Alan Gifford thanked the Commodore for his excellent leadership during his term.

#### 8. **Election of Office bearers**

All positions on the Committee were declared vacant. The Secretary advised the list of nominations already in hand, and called for any further nominations. Stephen Newham was nominated for commodore by Erika Shankley, seconded by Margaret Jones. As a result, the final list of candidates was:

Commodore	Stephen Newham
Vice-Commodore	Alan Gifford
Rear Commodore	Kim Brewer
Treasurer	Wayne McNeice
Secretary	Mike Ponsonby
Editor	Jackie Zanetti
Membership Officer	Julie Macdonald
Webmaster	Dave Davey
Committee (1)	Hans van Tuil
Committee (2)	Ottmar Helm
Warden	Chris Creese.

There being only one nomination for each position, all listed candidates were declared duly elected.

#### 9. **Any other business**

There was no other business

#### 10. **Close**

The AGM closed at 08:25pm.

*There was a brief General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting – minutes published separately in Albatross.*

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**Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania**  
**General Meeting held at DSS on 5 August 2014**

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**MINUTES**

1.     **Opening**  
Commodore Stephen Newham opened the meeting at 8.05 pm.
  
2.     **Attendance**  
Forty six members registered their attendance; there were three apologies and five guests. A copy of the attendance sheet is filed with the official copy of the AGM minutes.
  
3.     **Minutes of the last meeting (July 2014).**  
The previous GM minutes, as published in the August *Albatross* were confirmed and signed.
  
4.     **Introduction of new members and presentation of burgee**  
The following new members were welcomed to the Club by the Commodore and presented with their burgee. The new members provided a few words on their yachting background.
  - David & Jenny Graney, John & Sally Tisdell, Ross James (returning member)
  
5.     **Awards**  
Cruising Plaque awards were announced at the Annual Dinner namely:
  - Cruise of the Year – John Nevill (Ocean Child – to New Zealand);
  - Cruising Plaques –
    - Alex Papij (Chaika), Pat Price (Pendulum), Peter McHugh (Honey Bee)

The Cruising Plaque was presented to Alex Papij. (Other recipients were absent.)
  
6.     **Vice Commodore – Alan Gifford**  
Report was published in the August *Albatross*. Alan mentioned the aborted plans to moor at Constitution Dock for the Annual Dinner due to lack of boat numbers, after Eight Bells and Stormfisher made the journey.
  
7.     **Rear Commodore – Kim Brewer**  
Report was published in the August *Albatross*. Kim noted the following points.
  - Award of Cruise of the Year to John Neville for his cruise to New Zealand.
  - Successful winter BBQ at Waterworks Reserve.
  - Thoroughly enjoyable Annual Dinner attended by 72 members. The venue and food were great and the Guest Speaker's (Stacey Porter, RAN) talk and personality added to the enjoyment.
  - Use of Constitution Dock needs to be reconsidered in future. What are the reasons for poor uptake (Dark MOFO, weather)? Feedback was requested.
  - There will be no speaker at the next meeting (AGM).

8.     **Refurbishment of CYCT Library**  
Kim Brewer advised that the library had been reorganised and is now contained in a grey cabinet kept at DSS. Books, videos/DVDs are available for borrowing. Members simply need to fill in the borrowing book.
9.     **Women on Boats (Kim Brewer)**  
Kim mentioned the last WOBs night on Collision Regulations and flagged the possibility of Alan doing a similar session for a Technical Forum.
10.    **Treasurer – Wayne McNeice**  
Wayne reminded attendees that subscriptions were due and that the role of Treasurer will be vacant next year.
11.    **Forums (Hans/Ottmar)**  
The recent Forum on batteries was attended by about 10 members. The next forum will be on rigging with Ian Brett. Venue is DSS Training Room on 26 August. The following month's planning is for collision regulations (Alan Gifford).
12.    **Any comment from other officers.**
  - Alan Gifford advised the Cartela would be taken from Port Huon to Franklin (as the site for its restoration) on Sunday 17 August. Members invited to accompany the Cartela on her journey. Ross James elaborated on the plans for the day.
  - Jackie Zanetti advised her plan to produce an *Albatross* edition predominantly around articles for and/or by boating women. The date for this edition is yet to be decided but appropriate article submissions were invited. Further details are in the August *Albatross*.
13.    **Commodore – Stephen Newham**  
The Commodore's Report was published in the August *Albatross*. Stephen reminded members of the invitation from the Minister for Infrastructure to nominate a candidate for Director of MAST (emailed to members on 31 July). Accordingly appropriately qualified and interested members were invited to advise Stephen. The deadline for submission to the Minister is 22 August 2014.
14.    **Close formal business and break to charge glasses.**  
The formal meeting was closed at 8:24 pm.
15.    **Guest Speaker**  
Rear Commodore Kim Brewer introduced Margie Beasley and Chris Wilkie who gave an inspirational presentation about their extended cruising to and within Alaska, starting out from Japan.
16.    **Close**  
The meeting concluded around 9:30 pm.



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