

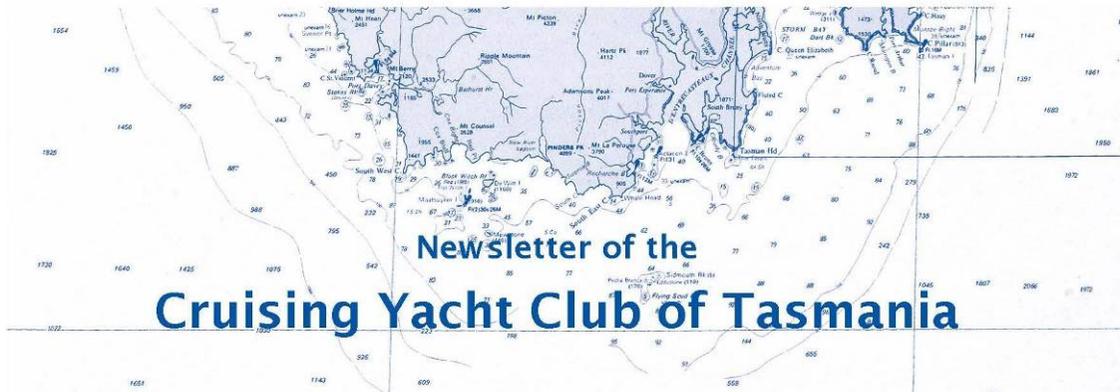
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Cruising Responsibilities

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
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
Tues 4 th	General Meeting – @ DSS 8:00pm Speaker: Dr Val Nichols, Round the World Sailing Race
Wed 5 th	Committee meeting @ DSS 7:30pm
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th	Cruise: Montrose / MONA
Tues 18 th	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm Speaker: Jeff Cordell, Chartplotters
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
Tues 2 nd	General Meeting – @ DSS 6:00pm No speaker, Christmas gathering
Wed 3 rd	Committee meeting @ DSS 7:30pm
Thu 25 th – Thu 1 st	Cruise: D'Entrecasteaux area, NYE in Quarantine Bay

Visit 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.
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

Editorial



Back in Hobart and itching to sail! I've had the distraction of arriving home to a jungle in the backyard and spent two weeks weeding, mowing, tilling, fertilizing and preparing seedlings for the veggie patch, but now I'm ready to get back into it. Just waiting for our boat to arrive...

This month we're starting a series of articles which will run each month to celebrate 40 years of the CYCT – I look forward to seeing what our long standing members unearth to remind us about where the club has come from. We've also got a trio of reports from the first of the club cruises – a mixed bag in terms of weather and turn outs, but let's see if we can improve both.

When reading Rex Cox's book, *Ships of Hobart Harbour* for the book review I came across this quote, which goes to show how impressive our waters have been, right from the start:

"I do not believe that there is in any other part of the world such a great number of excellent anchorages assembled in so small a space."

- Bruni d'Entrecasteaux, referring to southern Tasmanian waters!

You'll probably will tune out about now, but I'm about to point out that I need your input in order to keep filling the *Albatross* with interesting articles each month. This issue is a bit thin and I would like to see more home-grown stories – how about any tips or techniques learned during spring maintenance this year? Test out any exciting new boat toys recently? Please don't make me grovel!

Jackie

*Why is it when you transport something by car it's called shipment,
but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?*

Commodore's Report



The weather has been a little variable, but some of us have had delightful times on the water already and there's a long season ahead of us. This year's cruising calendar, which should arrive with this issue of *Albatross*, looks very exciting and I urge members to join in as much as possible. One fine day recently was the combined clubs' opening day in which a number of CYCT boats participated – thanks to Tony and Lyn for providing the Club's flagship. The

Alexanders Bay application has been modified, with a shorter jetty; this new proposal is still to be considered by the Planning Authority, who still have the Club's representation before them. Your committee has been busy thinking about the near future, and you'll hear more soon about Christmas functions, the servicing of the Nubeena mooring, the Wooden Boat Festival, plans to mark our 40th year, and more. Smooth sailing!

Alan Butler.

Guidelines for Contributions to the Albatross

The Albatross thrives on members contributions and we welcome them. Below are a few guidelines to keep in mind when preparing items for the Albatross. Please contact the editor if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Articles should be submitted as a Word document. Typically, stories should be less than 1600 words and contain no more than five photos related to the article. Longer stories will either be serialised or you will be requested by the editor to reduce the length.
- Boat names should be *italicised*, not in “inverted commas” or CAPITALISED.
- Photographs should be in .jpg format, about 200dpi. Please compress files to no more than 1Mb for emailing.
- Photos should be your own or clearly attributed. Please include a suggested caption for each photo where appropriate.
- The cut-off date for submission is the 20th of each month (there is no Albatross in January).

Vice Commodore's Report



Obviously the weather conditions in Hobart at this time of the year keep all but the brave (or foolhardy) in their home or on overseas travels to warmer climates. The trip to Richardsons beach had five club boats in the area for as little as 5 minutes and a couple of overnights.

The city lights cruise into Constitution Dock unfortunately had the attending fleet down to two. However, on a brighter note, on both of these cruises a new member, Maureen (Maudie) Bryan aboard **Léonié** attended. We hope when the cruising is more remote from **Léonié's** berth in Prince of Wales bay that the enthusiasm continues!

The wind on Sunday 28th September was quite destructive, and Bernadette Kennedy aboard **Red**, apparently experienced 97 kilometres per hour (52 Knots) over the deck at one stage on their way from Port Huon to Franklin.

The weather on opening day was kind enough to enable some brave club boats to sail past the official launch. *Dalliance, Impara II, Little Bear, Léonié, Merlyn, Mulberry, Nyanda, Serenade, Stormfisher, Riverdance, Rubicon* and our Club Commodore, Alan Butler aboard *Westwind of Kettering*, attended¹ the festivities.

I am somewhat disturbed by the many craft on the water (not CYCT boats) that appear to have little idea of the ColRegs (Collision Regulations in International waters), nor some of the MAST regulations. Major culprits to name a few are jet skis, boats towing skiers and also yachts engaged in races. The latter group preferring to adhere to "their" racing rules. I know of one CYCT member who avoided the recent open day sail past because of prior bad experience with sailors who ignored (AKA don't know) the regulations. According to USA Coast Guard statistics for 2013, there were 4026 accidents involving recreational vessels resulting in 560 deaths and 2620 injuries. Collisions with other vessels, flooding/swamping, and collisions with fixed objects were the top three causes.

Consequently I ask you to consider adopting my technique, that being to assume that everybody on the water has no idea of these regulations and to avoid accordingly. Good seamanship skills make for a safer voyage and a more enjoyable time with shipmates.

We all prick up our ears when we hear the radio bark **MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY**. How many of you know that this term comes from the French for **M'aidez** (My aid – help me).

¹ Your current VC has extreme difficulty distinguishing between all boats with big sticks in the middle. They all look very similar from a distance!

Rear Commodore's Report



General Meeting, 4 November

Our Guest Speaker for November will be Dr. Val Nichols. Val spoke at one of our Women on Boats meeting and we all enjoyed her presentation so much that we have invited her to speak at a General meeting.

Val and her family have lived in Tasmania since 1984. In 2004, with just a couple of years sailing experience behind them, she and her partner Pete Davies committed to build a 32 ft wooden Bristol Pilot Cutter with local Shipwright and friend Chris Burke. Four years later *Aziza* was launched. Whilst loving the sailing that Hobart life offers, Val became keen to experience the expanse of an Ocean and the adventure of a long distance sailing race that might test her endurance and extend her sailing skills. Fuelled by enthusiasm, naivety and a modicum of sailing experience Val signed up to participate in Legs 4 and 8 of the Clipper Ventures Round the World Sailing Race 2013 -14.

Val's photo presentation shares experiences, insights and personal reflections of her experiences living aboard *PSP Logistics* in the Southern Ocean, Sydney Hobart Race, North Atlantic and North Seas and the foggy English Channel as part of the Clipper Ventures Racing Fleet.

That just leaves the **December General Meeting** and this will be our Christmas Break up for 2014. The DSS will cater for a BBQ at this meeting at a cost of \$30 a head. This will cover a 2course meal and drinks will be at bar prices. (No discount for meals for DSS members for this dinner)

Payment will be taken on the evening BUT I will require numbers before the night for catering purposes. ***Come prepared to have fun, more details re format for evening will follow!!***

Save the Date: Wooden Boat festival welcome to Tasmania BBQ

We have held this BBQ twice now with great success, so we will do it again this year. Times etc not yet finalized, but most likely on the Sunday of the WBF.

Numbers will be limited, so get in quick once invitation is extended.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(No applications this month)

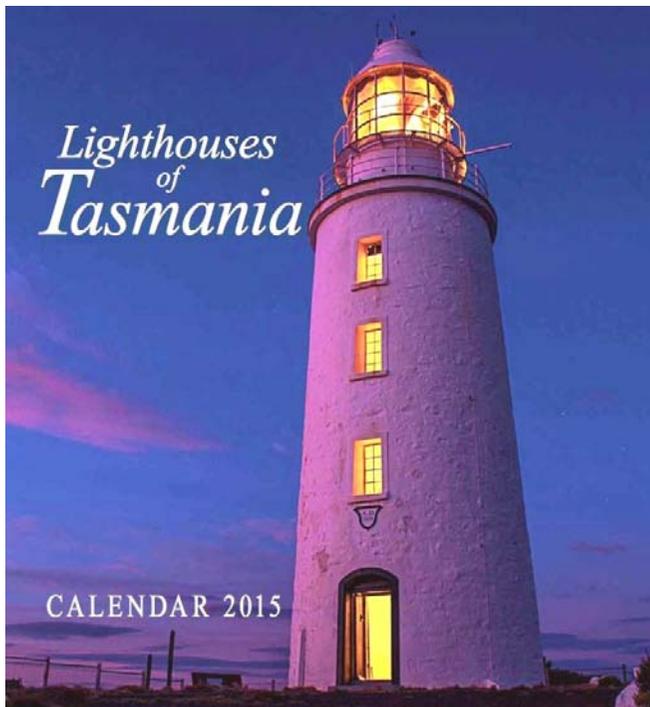
These nominations will automatically be accepted within 14 days of the next General Meeting immediately following this issue of the Albatross, subject only to any Member lodging an objection in writing to the Secretary no later than that date.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(No new members this month)



Spectacular 2015
Lighthouses of Tasmania Calendar
an all Tasmanian production



*Sentinel it stands upon projecting cape,
And guards the reefs along the ocean's verge.
Starts into life a dim, gigantic shape,
Holding its lantern o'er the restless surge.*

Arthur Frederick King, lightkeeper

Building lighthouses around Tasmania's precipitous and isolated coastline must have been a daunting prospect. Indeed, one newspaper correspondent wrote in 1891 that "the person who had suggested the construction of a light on the top [of Tasman Island] was not altogether compos mentis..."²

² Launceston Examiner, 3 June 1891

The difficulty of access to Tasman Island continued to cause comment when two members of the Hobart Marine Board ... *slipped and got a good ducking ...* ³ when attempting to make a site inspection. Later, prospective building contractors also discovered the problems they might encounter when “*Some members of the party were unable to land, while those who succeeded ... were most forcibly impressed by the natural difficulties to be overcome in carrying out the contract.*” ⁴

Modern-day occupational health and safety legislators would, no doubt, cringe at some of the conditions workers endured.

These unique and spectacular structures are once again celebrated along with the people who built them. The latest edition of the *Lighthouses of Tasmania* calendar features stunning photographs of some of our iconic lighthouses. Images include lighthouses at Maatsuyker and Tasman Islands, Cape Bruny, Iron Pot, Eddystone Point, Low Head, Table Cape, Bluff Hill Point, Rocky Cape, Highfield Point and Cape Sorell. The historic lighthouse at Blinking Billy Point in Hobart and its replacement, the John Garrow light, are also featured.

Working in partnership with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, the dedicated Friends of Tasman Island volunteers carry out many hundreds of hours of work each year towards the conservation and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Tasman Island.

The 2015 calendar, the 9th in the series produced by the Friends of Tasman Island, is an all Tasmanian production. Thanks to sponsorship from the Cascade Brewery Company, Australian Maritime Systems and Wildcare Inc., the *Lighthouses of Tasmania* calendar is a major fundraiser.

Now a collectors' item, the 2015 calendar is available in selected book shops, newsagents and other local stores round the State. Or you can secure your copy of this unique limited-edition calendar at CYCT meetings from Erika Shankley or Chris Creese; or by emailing friendsoftasmanisland@gmail.com. For only \$20 + postage you will be helping to support ongoing work on Tasman Island.

Erika Shankley

Friends of Tasman Island

³ *The Mercury*, 20 January 1904

⁴ *The Mercury* 25 July 1904

Vale John Gilbert Greenhill



Moonbird in Chichester

CYCT members have known John Greenhill since he and his wife Julia joined the Club in September 1979, having sailed back to Tasmania from the UK in the 26 foot Eventide *Moonbird*. For fans of wooden boats, the Eventide is a famous Maurice Griffiths design. Of this voyage, the Eventide Association said "Probably the longest known voyage by an Eventide was that of the 26ft *Moonbird* skippered by J Greenhill with his wife and four-year-old daughter. They left Bosham at Chichester in September 1970 and ended in Hobart, Tasmania, in December 1971, earning the Association's Passage Trophy."

John & Julia cruised extensively in *Moonbird's* replacement, the 34 foot Citation *Ilinga*, including voyages up the Australian coast & out into the Pacific. Leo Foley recalls a 2008 trip from Darwin to Langkawi on *Alamak*, an Italian yacht that several CYCT members joined for various legs during its world cruise. John was always meticulous in his preparation, and from the moment he stepped aboard in Darwin, he was checking electrics, pumps and all nooks and crannies, to make sure he understood the boat. He was a 'fixer' too; including the dining chair that Leo had demolished in a fall (no strong drink involved!). John wasn't the designated navigator, but his skills made him the obvious 'checker'. And the night they hit something very solid underwater, it was John who immediately jumped from his bunk and had the floorboards up to check the bilges and any sign of leaks. Leigh Miller remembers John's cool head and good advice when both were in some difficulties in Barnes Bay during a severe storm. (John said at the time that he had not experienced conditions like that in the whole trip from the UK!)

John was a highly-regarded physicist and astronomer, working for many years in what is now the School of Physical Sciences in the University of Tasmania. He was a noted communicator about astronomy to the public, and was a force behind many significant developments, including the University's new Observatory at Bisdee Tier, which was opened in February 2013 and named the Greenhill Observatory.

John is survived by his wife, Julia, daughters Lisa and Susie, and a loving extended family. The Club offers its condolences and good wishes to them.



40 Years of the CYCT

Erika Shankley

Ed. This is the first in a monthly series of glimpses of club history that we will be running to celebrate the 40th year of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania. Please send in your own memories of special moments or events in the early life of the club!

Sailing in the '60s and '70s generally meant dads heading out on the water for a race around the buoys, while their wives and children were left to make their own amusement. In fact, a comment by retired Admiral Sir Guy Wyatt made us realise that, in those days, sailing families were few and far between.

However, come the weekend, it was by some form of ESP (this was before the days of 2-way radio and mobile phones) that we'd find ourselves anchored in company with a few cruising families at some secluded anchorage down the Channel.

Our youngsters played games on the beach, built dams, or clambered up cliffs while the mums and dads sat round the BBQ fire talking about their cruising dreams.

And so the idea of a cruising club was born ...

An advertisement in the *Mercury* resulted in a meeting, on 9 May 1975, of about 50 interested people at the home of Donald & Anne Sutherland with David Coatman taking the chair. It was Donald who was elected Commodore at the Club's first 1st AGM, in November that year.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania had officially come into being.



Donald Sutherland, inaugural Commodore CYCT



The article on the following page appeared in the Hobart Mercury on 26th September, 1974

Dru Pt ideal spot

Cruising club plan launched

A NEW yacht club for cruising enthusiasts may be established at Dru Pt on North-West Bay.

The club will be called the Cruising Yacht Club, and a steering committee has been formed.

The three-man committee is Dr D. Sutherland, of Kingston, Mr K. Ackroyd, of Howden, and

Mr D. Coatman, of Howrah.

The group is negotiating for a six-acre site and hope that plans to be submitted to the Kingborough Council will be approved.

"The Channel and North West Bay areas probably are the finest cruising grounds in the world," Dr Sutherland said yesterday.

"Dru Pt is only 15 minutes drive from Hobart and a cruiser could be on the ocean within 20 minutes."

He said it was becoming increasingly difficult to find moorings in and around Hobart, and this was one of the reasons for the proposed club.

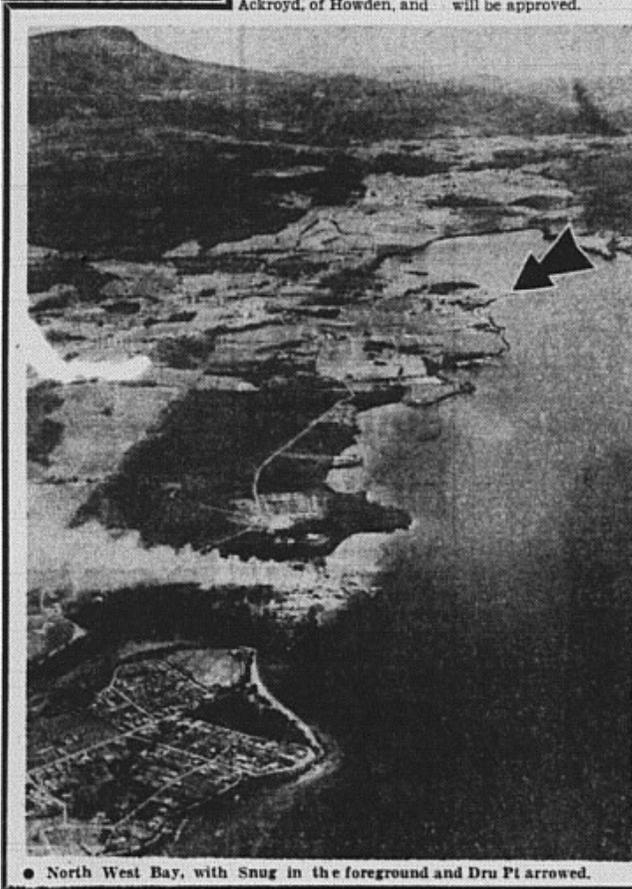
"One of the problems with North West Bay at the moment is that there is nowhere to launch cruisers."

But it was hoped this problem could be overcome when the club was established, as it planned a launching ramp, a public slip, a jetty with fuel and water facilities, and a single-storey clubhouse.

"We have had a very favourable reaction from local residents, fishermen, and cruising boat owners," Dr Sutherland said.

"The aim of the club will be to arrange three or four boat weekend cruising trips for family groups.

"It will also allow cruising yachtsmen to meet one another and encourage amateur boat building," he said.



● North West Bay, with Snug in the foreground and Dru Pt arrowed.

City Lights Evening Cruise, 27 Sept

Maudie Bryan

It was a still and perfect night for the cruise. My friend Catherine Udovicic and I set off from Prince of Wales Bay Marina on *Léonié* at 4.00 to meet up with others off Wrest Point at 5.00.

The wind was very light and we called up the CYCT fleet at 5.20. Philip Bragg replied from *Venus* and we motored up to them. Barbara Weetman called out to Catherine as the two knew each other. We decided that we were a fleet of two so we went in to the MAST marina in Sullivans Cove and docked.

We had a delightful evening on *Venus* sharing wine, talk and food. At 21.00 Catherine and I headed off to the P.O.W. Marina and left Barbara and Philip to enjoy the city.

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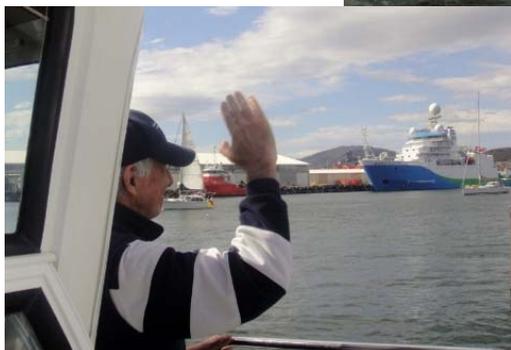
Opening Day, 4 October 2014

Tony Peach

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The fleet in Sullivans Cove



The Commodore salutes the Governor



Rubicon's crew enjoy the day



Mulberry has replaced the Albatross with a... Mulberry!

CYCT Apparel

Your committee has decided to stock more sizes of the most popular club apparel items, but a smaller range of garments.



Members can now try:

- Unisex striped rugby tops - S to XL
- Unisex polar fleece vests and jackets - L and XL
- Ladies vests, jackets and rugby tops - 12, 14 and 16
- Ladies white short sleeved polo shirts - 10, 12, 14 and 16

Other items remain available to order, but will no longer be carried as samples. They are:

Unisex

- Short sleeved polo shirt - white
- Short sleeved polo shirt with pocket - navy
- Long sleeved polo shirt - white or navy
- Navy rugby
- Fleecy hoodie

Ladies

- Short sleeved polo - navy

There is currently a small sale of outdated and obsolete stock available at half price or less:

- 1 x Unisex long sleeve polo shirt - navy, size XL
- 1 x Unisex long sleeve polo shirt - white, size M
HALF PRICE - \$16.00

“Collectors’ Items” (Old Logo)

- 1 x Polar fleece beanie, size M
- 3 x Bucket hats, size M/L
- 1 x Polo shirt - dark blue, size 18 (but much smaller)
\$5.00 EACH

Apparel is available to try and order at each monthly meeting. Payment is by cash or cheque when ordering; delivery is usually at the following meeting. You can also order and pay by PayPal on the CYCT website.

See you at the next meeting (if not on the water)!

Elizabeth Helm
Quartermaster

Barnes Bay, 11-12 October

Elizabeth Helm

The weather gods beamed upon us for our first overnight cruise of the new season! A good number of boats made up the fleet for the two days, some for the duration, and others “changing shifts”. This made our two lunchtime barbecues most convivial affairs, with old acquaintances renewed and new connections forged. It was lovely to sit around the fire in the sun, or shade, as the temperature dictated, enjoying the blue and green view of water, hills and boats, the golden sunshine, light warm breeze, delicious food and drink and good company.

We had made our way across the Channel in balmy conditions and anchored in the lee of the Quarantine Station Reserve, a spot almost always guaranteed to offer sheltered conditions. How easy it was to take the dinghy up to the new pontoon and get the picnic gear ashore, (and how easy to go back again to collect the forgotten barbecue meat)! What a change from the days of the precarious operation of getting inflatable dinghies up to the oyster-encrusted rocks without punctures and attempting to go ashore without getting the feet wet, before a rag-tag scramble up the bank to the campfire spot. We felt most luxurious! Thank you, MaST and Friends of Quarantine Station.

One of the most delightful things about cruises with this club is the fact that at many anchorages there is still access to the shore and many long-established picnic and barbecue spots, with



fire places and sometimes even a piece of steel plate or other cooking utensils in situ. And the members revel in their use: the making of the fire is a very satisfying ritual, as is the preparation and cooking of food which, as we all know, always tastes better outdoors and by the water. The Friends of Quarantine Station thoughtfully consulted members of the club about their wishes for seating at this venue, and took note of the desire to have seating that can be moved around for sun or shade, as required. So the site remains as rustic and “unadulterated” as it always was, notwithstanding the deluxe access!

Making up the fleet were:

Andromeda – Roger & Patricia Locke (congratulations to Patricia and Roger, who were celebrating their 46th anniversary of matrimonial harmony!) *Pandora*, *Alida*, *Intrepid*, *Sarah II*, *Lemaris*, *Avalon of Tasman*, *Kokomo*, *Dame Edna*, *Westwind of Kettering*, *Blade Runner* (My apologies if I have missed anyone.)

TasREP Vessel Reporting System

Ed. This announcement just out from Tas Maritime Radio is timely for anyone planning a longish passage around Tasmania this summer. TasREP is the result of many hours work by Mark Watson, a TMR volunteer.

Tas Maritime Radio has a new web-based application so that we can keep better track of members who undertake a voyage across Bass Strait or to New Zealand, or indeed extended trips around the Tasmanian coast.

This application is called TasREP Vessel Reporting System. The details of your vessel and voyage are entered into it and we update with log entries whenever you contact us. When it's time for us to hand you over to another coast station, we can email all the information to them so they have it handy in the event of a distress situation occurring.

T#	Vessel name	Type	Departing	Dep. Date	Destination	Arrival	Status
9	Sea Quest	Cruising Yacht	Hobart	2014-10-07	Adelaide South Australia	2014-10-16	ACTIVE
10	Lucia	Motor Sailer	Eden	2014-10-09	Hobart	2014-10-18	ACTIVE
7	Nuin Bay	Power Cruiser	Kettering	2014-10-03	Swansea NSW	2014-10-10	CLOSED

Here's how it works.

Book your voyage. Tell us the details of your vessel and voyage and your trip will be booked into the system. This is best done in advance of your departure date. The best way to book your voyage is to download the Transit Booking Form from tasmaritime.com.au/TasREP (the capital letters are important), but first read the **TasREP Guidelines**. You can also phone us or send the details in an email.

Check the booking. Select **View current Transits** from the TasREP Online and you will see a summary of the voyages that are underway or just concluded. Once it has been entered your voyage will be there as a BOOKED status. Note the number in the T# column - this is your Transit number and should be used following your callsign or boat name eg. **RG888 Transit 16** or **Nordic Transit 13**. This will alert the TMR operator that this call is to be logged in TasREP.

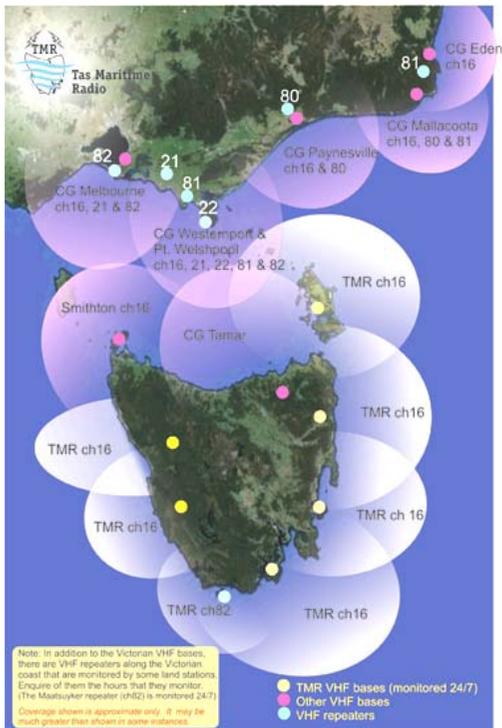
Call us as you depart. Once you are about to get underway, contact TMR. You will be asked to verify key details such as dates and the number of persons on board (POB). During this call you should advise us when you will report in. You might like to call in during our skeds, or you can select a time that suits you better (between 0700 and 1930).

Whatever time you select, stick to it so as to ensure that we are aware of your location and well-being.

During the voyage. You can reach TMR from most locations around the Tasmanian coast and often right across to the mainland. This often depends on the height of your antenna - an average masthead installation should give coverage to the Victorian coast. You can also use HF radio (the use of HF in marinas is not recommended because the amount of shore-based interference usually makes reception impossible), mobile phone (near populated areas) satellite phone, or email (if you are set up for Internet access at sea). The coverage map below shows where VHF communication can be expected but it often extends much further. You can phone us on 03 6231 2276 or email to tasrep@tasmaritime.com.au

Handovers. As you get to the limits of TMR coverage we will hand you over to your next base station. We will send your Transit details to that station and close it on our system. The map to the right gives an indication of our coverage area and also indicates the station we will most likely hand you over to.

Arrival. If the end of your voyage is within TMR's radio range, make sure you let us know that you have arrived so that we can close your Transit. If you don't then the status will become **OVERDUE** and we will start chasing you up, in the worst case involving Search & Rescue authorities if we cannot contact you.



MARITIME MYSTERY OBJECT #15



What was this item used for?

Here's a brain teaser to test your knowledge of maritime history.

Answer in next month's Albatross.

Object courtesy of the Maritime Museum of Tasmania.

GOING ABOUT

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

MarineLite weather forecasts

The Bureau of Meteorology has great weather forecasting services, but sometimes you're in an anchorage with marginal phone service and its just too difficult and slow to download all the maps and webpages to pick up the weather. The Bureau has responded to this by introducing MarineLite.

These text only webpages of the Bureau's Marine forecasts and warnings are provided designed for mariners, such as those on cruising yachts and commercial vessels, whose offshore access is limited to satellite internet communication channels, or in areas of marginal mobile phone coverage.

- Products available: Australian Coastal Waters forecasts and warnings, High Seas forecasts and Ocean Wind Warnings
- URL: MarineLite <http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/lite/>



Lady Barron moorings update

You may recall that CYCT was successful in its application to MAST's Recreational Boat Fund for public moorings to be placed at Lady Barron, notorious for bad holding. The latest update from MAST is that the mooring blocks have been laid and they are waiting for a diver to attach the chains and buoys. Once the moorings are ready the positions will be posted on the MAST website.

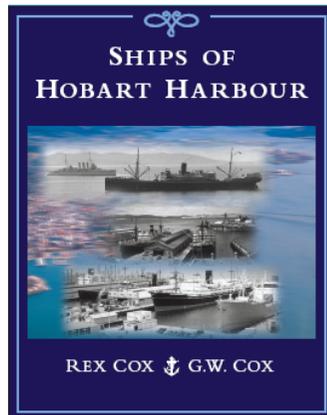
So if you're planning a trip through Bass Strait this summer keep an eye on the MAST website and/or Facebook page for updates!



Book Review: Ships of Hobart Harbour

This newly published book should prove to be a ship-spotter's delight and a reference for anyone interested in the history of the Port of Hobart and the ships that have visited here.

The book was begun by G.W. Cox (author of "Ships in Tasmanian Waters", "Bass Strait Crossing" and "A Hand at the Helm") and was completed following his death by Rex Cox. Written in an easy to read style by authors with detailed local knowledge, the lively stories and anecdotes will intrigue and trigger memories in anyone who has spent any time at the waterfront or cruising local waters.

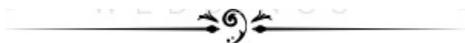


Ships of Hobart Harbour is a broad history of shipping in the Hobart region from the earliest European explorers to the *Mona Roma*. It covers port development, the industries of Hobart and the ships that supported them, Hobart's Antarctic connections, cruise ships, military and other interesting vessels to visit Hobart over the years.

The only thing that let this otherwise very good book down was the quality of the images, many of which appeared slightly pixilated, which detracted from the finer detail. But still a good read!

Ships of Hobart Harbour,
by Rex Cox and G.W. Cox
624 pages, fully indexed with 300 greyscale illustrations

In bookstores, or contact rexcox@netspace.net.au



Recipe: Smoked Salmon on Blini

J. Zanetti

A celebration of spring and Tasmanian seafood to accompany sundowners on your next club cruise! For ease, make the blini and topping at home and assemble at anchor.

Blini:

- *1/2 cup plain flour*
- *1/3 cup buckwheat flour*
- *4 teaspoons sugar*
- *1 ¼ teaspoons active dry yeast*
- *1 pinch salt*

- *1 cup whole milk*
- *3 Tbsp butter, cut into cubes*
- *2 large eggs, lightly beaten*
- *Melted butter*



Combine first 5 ingredients in medium bowl. Heat milk and butter in small saucepan on low heat until butter melts and mixture is warm, but not hot. Pour warm mixture into flours and whisk until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand in warm draft-free area until doubled in volume, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Whisk batter to deflate; then whisk in eggs. (Can be prepared 1 day ahead). Transfer to large bowl. Cover; chill.

In a skillet, heat a very small amount of butter and ladle a tablespoon of batter into pan. Flip when bubbles appear and cook another minute or two. Continue with the remainder of the batter (Like making small pikelets). I like them small enough to eat in one blissful mouthful! [excess blini can be frozen for a few weeks]

Topping:

- *½ cup crème fraiche or sour cream*
- *1 Tbsp fresh dill, chopped, plus a few tips for garnish*
- *Horseradish (optional)*
- *Smoked salmon, sliced and cut into bite-size pieces*

Combine crème fraiche, dill, and horseradish to taste. Refrigerate until needed.

Assemble by placing a small dollop of topping on a blini, and add a piece of salmon. If you're fussy, finish with a garnish of dill.

Time to break open the bubbly!

**Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania
General Meeting held at DSS on 7 October 2014**

MINUTES

1. Opening

Commodore Alan Butler opened the meeting at 8 pm.

2. Attendance and apologies

Forty-eight members registered their attendance. There were ten apologies and seven guests. The attendance sheet is filed with the minutes.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (September 2014)

These were in the October *Albatross*, and were confirmed.

4. Business Arising from those Minutes

There was none.

5. Introduction of new members and presentation of burgees

There were no new members welcomed to the club this meeting.

6. Cruising Plaque

A cruising Plaque was presented to Pat Price and Penny Lade.

6. Vice Commodore's Report – Tony Peach

Tony reported that the Cruising Calendar is finalized. Opening day was interesting with about a dozen CYCT vessels.

7. Rear Commodore's Report – Catrina Boon

Catrina reported that next meeting, Val Nichols will talk about around the world cruising. Please let Catrina know if you have ideas for speakers.

Alan reminded members, please always rsvp to rearcommodore@cyct.org.au if you're coming to the DSS for dinner – it is necessary for catering.

8. Treasurer's Report – Wayne McNeice (acting treasurer) was an apology and Alex Papij (current treasurer) not yet back from Europe.

Commodore had a report from Wayne (copy filed with the minutes). All is tracking well; Wayne notes that receipt of membership fees is well down on expectation for this time of year. Members are urged to pay their fees, or the *Albatross* will stop coming.

9. Editor's Report – Jackie Zanetti was an apology.

10. Women on Boats – Kim Brewer

All women on boats are invited and welcome to bring along non-members. Val Nichols will be a very entertaining speaker. Next WoB is to be about chart plotters.

11. Kingborough planning application - Alexander's Bay

Commodore reported that:

- 1 Alan Gifford is still the key contact on this, but an apology for tonight
- 2 we have had a reply from the Council acknowledging our representation and advising that a revised application has been submitted
- 3 the revised proposal is more acceptable - a number of members have said so - but still leaves some questions unanswered
- 4 our representation still stands and will be considered by the Planning Authority.

Query from Lew – is the jetty to be shorter? Yes the revised proposal that is before council is for a shorter jetty.

Comment from Brian Walpole – Lennonville is to be made much bigger and may be a bigger problem. Acknowledged; but we can only at present respond to the development application for the jetty.

12. Commodore – Alan Butler

Members were saddened to hear of the death of John Greenhill recently. Alan has written to Julia Greenhill on behalf of the club.

13. Other business.

Chris Creese advised that calendars by *Friends of Tasman Island* are for sale.

14. Formal business closed at 8:10 pm.

15. Guest speakers

Kim Brewer introduced two guest speakers:

Anna Ladesma and Malcolm McDougall spoke on their ambitious *Project PhilippinesAustralia* (see article in October *Albatross*) and appealed for support.

Jon Tucker, of *New Zealand Maid*, whose wife Barbara was also present, spoke about raising their sons on the water, the need for kids to experience real risks and responsibilities as they grow up, various adventures afloat, especially recent trips to Antarctica, and the adventure of writing books. He had copies of the Ransome-inspired *Those Snake Island Kids* and *Those Eco-pirate Kids*, as well as *Snow Petrel* on sale and donated some of the proceeds of sales to *Project PhilippinesAustralia*.

16. Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be on 4 November at DSS, 7:30 pm.

17. Meeting Closed about 9:30 pm.

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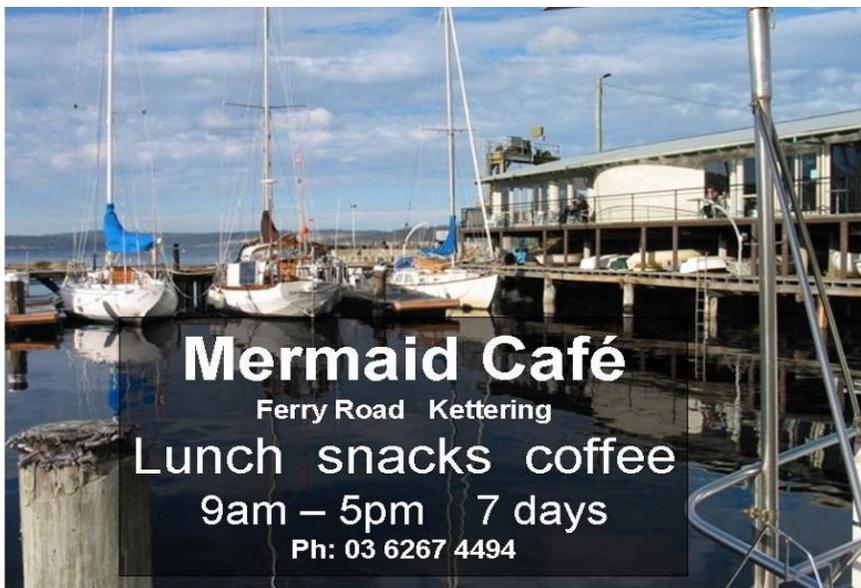
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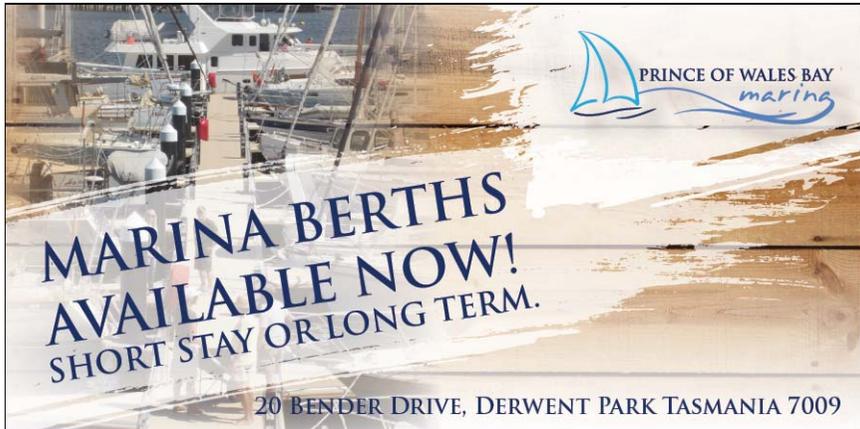


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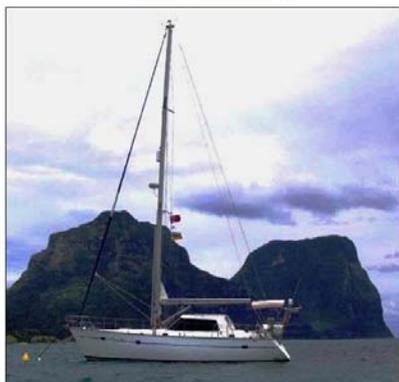
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