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Cover photo: CYCT fleet in Con Dock, Dark Mofo (image Jeff Murray)

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**Not a CYCT Member?**

Then download an application form from the Club website or 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!

**Club Moorings:** See p. 34

	<b>CYCT CALENDAR</b>
<b><u>August</u></b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> h	General Meeting @ 7.30 pm. Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee Meeting @ 7.30 pm. Venue: RYCT
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	WoB @ 5.30 pm. Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron. Topic: Diesel engine maintenance
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Forum @ 6.00 –7.30 pm. Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron Topic: Facebook
<b><u>September</u></b>	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting @ 7.30 pm. Annual General Meeting Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBC: Committee Meeting @ 7.30 pm. Venue: RYCT
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Dinner: The Woolstore, Constitution Dock @ 6:30 Guest Speakers: Margie Beasley & Chris Wilkie – Cruising in the Falklands
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	WoB @ 5.30 pm. Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron. Topic: Chart Plotters
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Forum @ 6.00 –7.30 pm. Venue: Derwent Sailing Squadron Topic: TBA

### **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 Tas Maritime Radio informed of their location, destination and plans during the course of any cruise.

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**Editorial**

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I was certainly pleased to see the July edition of the Albatross, with its colour cover and sharp printing – thanks to our new printer, Piper Printing! This month's lovely cover photo of some of the CYCT fleet in Con Dock for Dark Mofo was produced by new member, Jeff Murray. Thanks Jeff! You can read about him and other new members further on in this issue.

It feels a bit odd to be back in the editor's role again – I certainly did enjoy my time at the helm a few years back, but it will be good to hand everything back to Christian at the end of the month!

I'd like to draw your attention to our new advertiser, Boats Tasmania (see p.33). Denis Planchon, a CYCT member, has joined with well known surveyor Patrick Synge in offering marine surveys and project management. Please support him and our other advertisers (and let them know you're a CYCT member so that they know their advertising is working!). On the subject of advertisers – the Mermaid Café is under new management. Welcome to David Gunton, the new owner.

As the AGM is drawing near, I'd like to thank the current committee for their tireless efforts and would encourage all of you to think about nominating for a committee position next year. Have you been enjoying membership in the club for a while? Do you think you could help out in some way? Have a look at the committee roles posted in this edition and consider if one of the roles might fit. I'm sure the current incumbents would be happy to talk to you further about what the job involves!

Finally, a plea on behalf of the editor – think about writing something for the Albatross! Grab the camera when you head down to the boat for those winter boat projects and take some before and after pictures. It will only take a few words to turn them into a technical article. Going out for a cruise? Don't forget the Albatross – even an anecdote or a lovely picture would be welcome.

Jackie Zanetti

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## Commodore's Report

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Winter has really set in, but there have been some wonderful, crisp and calm days to enjoy on the water. And the days are getting longer!

At its meeting on July 5th, committee discussed club communication strategies. The email server currently allows free communication between members, with each member able to email everyone using the "members@cyct.org.au" address. Some members have found this irritating, as the message usually only applies to a few, as with "I need a crew for", and "does anyone know how to remove the spiffiator from a bukh crankhouse". This facility is unusual and most other clubs do not provide it. The club is responsible for what is written, but as it is not 'moderated', does not have any control over what is distributed.

Specific limited discussion forums (as with fish farms at present) can be set up to address contemporaneous issues as required; members who wish to participate can 'opt-in' to such groups. Individual communications can be sent to any member, via the email addresses in the Members' List. *Albatross* comes out monthly, is the official club bulletin, and will carry free notices for members. Messages can also be posted to the Facebook group.

Accordingly, committee recommends that we restrict access to the "members@" email address to Club officers. Members who have notices considered to be of interest to all (or a majority of) members could still have such notices forwarded, eg by the Commodore. This will be an item for the next General Meeting.

Guidelines have been prepared for an environmental advisory group for the Club. There are few examples of 'environmental policies' in the public domain relating directly to a club such as CYCT, which has virtually no physical infrastructure to manage. There are, however, *regulations* which govern how individual boaters *must* act and *suggestions* about how they *should* act, to minimise their impact on the natural environment.

It is proposed that a small working group be formed to:

- ❖ formulate a statement which can be adopted as Club policy on minimising the environmental impact of our activities;
- ❖ document relevant regulations which apply to our on-water and related activities;
- ❖ identify practices, beyond the mandatory requirements, which can be adopted by individual members to minimise their impact on the environment.

The working group will be small (maximum of 5 people) and include a current CYCT Committee member so that monthly updates could be received. The anticipated time for completion of the tasks is one year. Results should be grouped in a dedicated 'Environmental' (or similar title) web

page on the Club web site, with the resulting policy promulgated on the home page and other publicly accessible locations.

Members are invited to put themselves forward for the environmental group. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest, as well as those who are considering standing for Committee positions. Our Club runs entirely on voluntary effort and the opportunity is now open for you to have an influence on its future direction – please consider!

Andrew Boon

## **Annual subscription for CYCT membership for 2017-18 is now due.**

Membership fees are:      Ordinary Member \$80.  
   Social Member \$60.  
   Student Member \$60.

Please pay your subscription by:

- Credit card through our link to PayPal. Go to [secure.cyct.org.au/subscriptions](https://secure.cyct.org.au/subscriptions). **This is the preferred option as your database entry will be automatically updated.**
- Making a direct debit to the CYCT's bank account:  
BSB: 067002  
Account: 28035573  
**Remember to indicate your name (or boat name) and the reason for the payment (eg J SMITH SUBS) on your transfer!!**
- Sending a cheque to:  
CYCT Treasurer  
PO Box 605  
Sandy Bay, 7006
- Paying cash to the Treasurer at the next General Meeting.

Please review your membership details in the Club database and if any changes are needed you can make these yourself. You can view and make changes on-line at [secure.cyct.org.au](https://secure.cyct.org.au) - "My membership" tab. Otherwise please let the Membership Officer know of any changes.

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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Peter Hopkins was our Guest Speaker at the July General Meeting and he started off by presenting 3 prizes donated by MAST. Three lucky members found red spots under their chairs and went home with their booty. Peter gave us a rundown on the background of MAST and many of us were stunned that the funding hasn't changed in the 20 years since MAST began. Peter addressed our questions on moorings, life jackets and many more.

Our Guest Speaker for the August General Meeting is Nepelle Crane from Natural Resource Management. (NRM). Nepelle will give us an overview of NRM South's programs, focusing on their Marine and Coastal work.

Don't forget to RSVP for the annual dinner by the first of September. See details below.

Catrina

### **CYCT Annual Dinner**

**When:** Saturday 9th September, 6:30pm for 7pm

**Where:** Merino Room at the Woolstore

**Cost:** \$60 a head, with drinks at bar prices. This includes a 3 course shared platter meal with tea and coffee. Let Catrina know of any dietary requirements.

**Guest Speakers:** Will be Margie Beasley and Chris Wilkie from *Storm Bay of Hobart* and they will be talking about their adventures in the Falklands.

**RSVP** to Catrina Boon by 1st September, payment can be made on CYCT Website.

**Come by boat and stay at Con Dock for \$30 a boat.**

(Please mention this when you RSVP if you intend to come by boat)

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## **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc to be held on 5 September 2017 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron**

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### **AGENDA**

1. **Opening**  
Scheduled for 7:30pm.
2. **Attendance**  
Members are asked to register their attendance on the sheet provided.
3. **Apologies**
4. **Minutes of the 41<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the Albatross in October 2016 and were ratified at the October 2016 General Meeting.
5. **Business arising from those minutes (if any)**
6. **Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**
7. **Appointment of Auditor**
8. **Vice Commodore's Report**  
Confirmation of Auditor appointment for FY 2017-18.
9. **Commodore's Report**
10. **Presentation of Awards**
11. **Election of Office bearers**  
The following positions are to be declared vacant at the meeting, and re-filled by election:
 

Commodore	Vice-Commodore	Rear Commodore
Treasurer	Secretary	Editor
Membership Officer	Webmaster	Warden
Committee (1)	Committee (2).	
12. **Any other business**
13. **Close**

There will be a General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Formalities will be very brief.

## Dark Mofo Cruise, 16-18 June

Dark Mofo seems to be getting bigger each year and the relatively balmy weather and extra visitors in the form of a cruise ship in town resulted in a very festive weekend indeed for the CYCT boats visiting Constitution Dock.

*Serenade, Dalliance, Rusalka, Merlyn, and Wanderer* enjoyed an extra night in Con Dock, arriving on Friday (although at normal TasPorts rates!), while the remainder of the fleet (*Amity, Antares, Cleo, Julienne, Juliet, Lalaguli, Objectiv Lune, Peter Robin, Sarnia, Westerly*) came in on Saturday, with Tony Brewer and Max and Lucas Watson assisting with the berthing process by dinghy. *Ocean Swan* enjoyed the ease of the Elizabeth Pier pontoon.

Although there were no CYCT organised activities there was plenty of informal socialising on boats and around the harbour. In the evening the fleet turned on their best red light displays, although I think that TMAG outshone us all!



*Rusalka's faux sail lit up red (image J Zanetti)*



*Boats in Con Dock (image J Zanetti)*

Dark Mofo didn't fail to surprise and delight. The siren songs at sunrise and sunset were particularly evocative given our location at the centre of the sound. The resident seal certainly seemed to be intrigued by it!

Sunday morning saw the usual scramble to exit the dock when the bridge went up. Deft boat handling skills were

required, but all performed admirably! A last minute starter issue meant one member enjoyed a tow back to the RYCT. Thanks to Amity for providing a tow!



*Time to go! (image J Zanetti)*

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### **Guidelines for Contributions to the Albatross**

The Albatross thrives on members' contributions. Here are a few guidelines to assist you but please contact the editor ([editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au)) if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Submit articles as a Word document, ideally less than 1600 words.
  - Boat names should be *italicised*.
  - Images: please send uncropped images separately from the text – not embedded
  - Please send up to 8 images. I may not use them all but I like having a few to choose from (editor's license) and some could be suitable cover shots or page filler.
  - Photos must be your own or clearly attributed and should include a caption.
  - The deadline for each month is the 20<sup>th</sup> (there is no *Albatross* in January).
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## **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

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*This information is an abbreviated version of that found on the Club website. It is provided for the benefit of more recent members and those who may be considering nominating for a Committee position. Go to [www.cyct.org.au/Members/Committee](http://www.cyct.org.au/Members/Committee) for full details of all Committee positions*

*A Nomination Form for Committee positions appears in this month's 'Albatross'. For an additional copy, contact the Editor at [editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au).*

All Committee members need to be familiar with the Constitution. They are required to produce a monthly report.

### **Commodore**

The Commodore is the public face of the Club, promoting the Club and presiding over the Committee and Club affairs. The Commodore has a vote, but not a casting vote. The role includes presiding over Committee, General, and Special meetings and the AGM, ensuring projects and activities of the CYCT are in accordance with the goals and objectives of the organization, and overseeing all legal requirements and Public Officer duties. Availability for member consultations is a priority.

### **Vice Commodore**

The role of the Vice Commodore is to arrange an annual cruise program for Club members. Cruises range from overnight trips to more extended cruises over the course of long weekends. (Note that the VC is not required to lead each cruise – this role can be delegated to any Club member.) The Vice Commodore oversees activities and mentoring that promote safety on the water and encourage members to extend their cruising horizons. The Vice Commodore assists the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and officiates in his/her absence.

### **Rear Commodore**

The Rear Commodore arranges all official club social activities including guest speakers or training activities for meetings.

### **Secretary**

This role facilitates the Club's business and its smooth running. The role includes record keeping in the form of Agenda and Meeting minutes, AGM nominations for Committee positions, dealing with correspondence to and from the Club and generally taking care of all administrative issues that are not the direct responsibility of any other Committee member.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance of the financial health of the Club and all the financial dealings to achieve this objective. This includes receiving income from subscriptions, banking and reconciling bank accounts, obtaining quotes for insurance, reimbursing approved

expenses and paying supplier invoices. Monthly financial reports and annual report (P&L and balance sheet) are prepared for the annual audit.

**Editor – ‘Albatross’**

The Editor is responsible for the preparation of the Club newsletter eleven times a year (no issue in January). This involves receiving (soliciting as required) contributions from Club members and others and formatting them into an appropriate format for printing. The Editor liaises with the printer on all matters relating to the printing of the publication. The Editor is required to include certain notices and other administrative information in various issues as determined by the Committee.

**Membership Officer**

The major tasks of the Membership Officer are to maintain the record of members' details and to compile the CYCT Membership book to be printed and mailed with the December ‘Albatross each year’. This includes maintaining the data base on the web site and keeping paper records of application forms up to date and passing application information on to the Editor for printing in ‘Albatross’. The Membership Officer also works with the Treasurer to manage the records of payment of Club subscriptions.

**Warden**

The Warden is responsible for the ordering and maintenance of the Club's physical assets and is also responsible for the maintenance of Club Honour Boards and photo albums.

**Webmaster**

The Webmaster is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Club website by maintaining a secure database of member details, managing Club email aliases and managing the content of the website

**General Committee Members (x2)**

The two general committee members do not have specific duties, but are encouraged to help the other members in whatever capacity they can. They may also be requested to undertake specific projects for the committee. In recent years, these positions have managed the Forums program.

**The Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc**  
**Nominations for Office Bearers – 2017 -18**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc will be held at the Derwent Sailing Squadron at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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 (seconder).....(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 2017 – 18 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 or bring to the AGM

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**New Members**

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**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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 TO NEW MEMBERS*****Karm***

Darren & Chris Schmidtke

***Mystic***

Bev & Greg Hitchens

***Rose***

Robert & Jillaine Williams

***Peter Robyn***

Jeff & Rebecca Murray

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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### Darren and Kris Schmidtke – *Karm*

Darren and I (Kris) have been boating in Tasmanian waters since purchasing our first boat (*Intrepid IV*) in 2011. Darren's boating experience started as a child sailing small dinghy racers on the Tamar River at Beauty Point and crewing on bigger sailing boats owned by other people. Kris only had limited sailing experience with very small sailboats until we bought our first boat. Sailing on *Intrepid* around the channel and up the East coast to the Tamar was an enormous learning curve for us both as being the owners of our own boat is very different to sailing on other people's boats.

In October 2013 when we were busily making improvements to *Intrepid* we happened to "just look" at a Bavaria 42 that was for sale. It was love at first sight and dear old *Intrepid* was traded in for our beautiful *Karm*. Since purchasing *Karm* we have been getting it ready for our dream of sailing up the east coast of Australia. This has included the addition of solar panels, wind generator, davits for the dinghy and countless other smaller modifications. We have also been utilising time on our land based holidays to research marinas, anchorages, bar-ways, entrances etc. Our dream date to depart is now fast approaching as we have chosen our 30th wedding anniversary in February 2018 as the magical date of departure from the marina. We have decided that even if we only get to the Duck Pond on Bruny Island that night we are still leaving. We are intending to spend 2 cruising seasons getting as far north as Thursday Island and then we will decide where to go from there. We will also be working at times either fly in/fly out work or local work wherever we are.

Being SICYC Vice commodores and Kris being a member of WWSA we are already known to several members of CYCT but we look forward to meeting more of you.



*Karm in the Duck Pond (image K Schmidtke)*

**Bev & Greg Hitchens – Mystic**

*Mystic*, our *Cavalier 43*, had already known a few owners, when we chanced upon her at Church Point, Pittwater, in Feb 2012. We had a little boating experience between us, but it was love at first sight when we saw *Mystic*, despite being a little bigger than our intended purchase. So we tentatively took the helm of our first yacht and headed down the Pittwater and into Broken Bay, looking forward to a life of seafaring adventure.

Since that day, *Mystic* has spent her time well, exploring the numerous delights of various Sydney waterways, teaching us the necessary skills for more adventurous forays. Greg and I had completed several courses through the Pacific Sailing School, adding to our bare-boat charter experience gained at leisure, and so had something to build on. By far our best nautical decision at that time was to join the Coastal Cruising Club, becoming part of a friendly and knowledgeable boating community.

We left for our first long-distance adventure in June 2014, heading north to the Whitsundays. That 6-month-return journey was a steep learning curve for us as novice off-shore sailors, and we returned full of stories and satisfaction at achieving our dream trip. The next call of the wild came from sailing friends in Kettering, insistent that Tasmania was a sailing wonderland. Thus, we headed south in December 2016, with some trepidation at the thought of what the dreaded Bass Strait had in store for us.

We came, we saw, we stayed. Again, love at first sight, this time with Kettering and its wonderful community. It only took us two days to make up our minds to buy a home here. The rest will be history!

Greg and I look forward to sharing many happy sailing adventures with members of the CYCT.



*Mystic off Brampton Island (image B Hitchens)*

**Robert and Jillaine Williams – Rose**

In December 2014 Robert and Jillaine purchased a 15 acre property at Wattle Grove with plans to one day relocate from Brisbane to the clean fresh environment that Tasmania has to offer. In February of this year the relocation finally took place. For now there will be regular trips back to visit family and friends and plans for children and grandchildren to visit as often as is practicable. Robert has been a member of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron for 20 years and Jillaine for the past 5. They have been very active members of the cruising group up there and have enjoyed cruises to northern New South Wales and the coast and bays of South East Queensland. For the past 4 years their vessel Rose has been their home at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Their plans going forward include welcoming guests to their Wattle Grove Homestead B & B whilst Jillaine continues her Nutritional Medicine practice.

**About SV Rose**

In 2011 we purchased Rose- she is a Swarbrick 44 custom built in 1990. Rose is constructed of Queensland Kauri strip plank with a West Epoxy/ fibreglass composite hull with a Duracore deck and fit out.

LOA 13.4m, beam 4.3m, draft 2.1m and displacement 12 ton.



*Rose (image R Williams)*

A few years after construction she was fitted with a deeper keel drawing 2.8m and renamed *Wild Rose*. As such she was raced extensively on the east coast of Australia doing several Melbourne and Sydney Hobart races. In 2012 she was pulled out for a year and refurbished as a cruising vessel. The original keel was put back on and she was subsequently renamed *Rose*. *Rose* is a powerful vessel with a 23m fractional cutter rig, however under staysail and a small main she is a pleasure to sail in a fresh breeze.

Currently *Rose* is moored at Port Huon marina, however having recently purchased a mooring at Cygnet we expect that this will become her home later in the year.

We became aware of CYCT while reading *Cruising Southern Tasmania* and enjoy cruising in company. In our time we have spent with the club in the past month we have really enjoyed the company and social culture and look forward to many enjoyable cruises.

**Jeff & Rebecca Murray – Peter Robyn**

Rebecca and I are originally from Perth, Western Australia. However, we moved to Hobart from Glasgow Scotland where we worked for five years. We have three girls Madeleine, Isabella and Sophia. Our time in boats started perhaps when I spent a lot of my childhood in an around the Swan River. Isabella sailed at school in Perth in Dinghies out of Maylands on the Swan River. In my teens and early twenties, I sailed windsurfers, Surfcats and a Sharpie. At University I had a friend who regularly invited us on the twilight sails out of the South of Perth Yacht Club and later I participated in Corporate Sailing races on the Endeavour 24s from Royal Perth Yacht Club. Madeleine who stayed behind in Scotland to finish her degree and now lives in Melbourne, was blessed with a ten day Mediterranean holiday on a charter yacht in 2013.

With clearly limited experience but something in our blood we sat watching the boats on the Derwent and feelings stirred. Particularly when we attended the 2015 Wooden Boat Festival and noted two boats of interest *Peter Robyn* and *Seabird*. Talk of a yacht in the family began to surface. Isabella pointed out that it had to be wooden as these are the coolest. She also saw the re-advertising of *Peter Robyn* a year later when we had forgotten the crazy idea. I went down to Kettering with a friend from work who has a wooden boat there and an inspection in and out of the water lead to a maiden sail on 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015 to bring her to RYCT. We're very new and inexperienced sailors and we enjoy our time on the boat immensely.

We have done quite a few cosmetic renovations and we're taken by her Tardis-like nature and the cosy well fitted interior. The design by Nigel Warrington-Smith earned the nickname "The Big-Little Ship" in the December, 1948 *Yachting Monthly*. She is a cheeky unauthorised Australian copy of two boats built by Stebbings in the United Kingdom. A fact reported in *Cruising Under Sail* by Eric Hiscock (1950). *Peter Robyn* was built in Marrickville and is named after the furniture builder McNally's sons. My daughter's charm for her is largely attributed to this. She is at times unkindly referred to as "Christopher Robyn". There is much more on our story with *Peter Robyn* on our blog at [www.jeffmurrayimaging.com](http://www.jeffmurrayimaging.com).



*Peter Robyn* (image J Murray)

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**Salmon farms in the Channel: a meeting report**

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**Bryan Walpole**

Huon Aquaculture (HAC) recently presented their development plans in Storm Bay, at an evening RYCT seminar in June; Group Technical Manager David Whyte spoke, to about 30 RYCT members, and CEO and Executive Director Peter Bender and Marine Biologist Dom O'Brien were also present.

HAC employ about 550 workers, with about 2000 indirectly supported as suppliers/contractors.

Australian salmon consumption is increasing by approximately 10% pa, and growers are hard put to keep up production, so Australia is currently a net salmon importer, and growth plans are driven by meeting that need. FY 2018 will see a \$70 mill expansion of their business in Tasmania, and they have plans for better fish, a cleaner environment, with cleaner waters.

This will be achieved by moving operations offshore, where the environment can better support increased production of fish, using new "Fortress Pens" designed to resist heavy seas, complemented by the leased offshore vessel *Ronja Huon*, capable of re-using freshwater bath water up to 9 times to cope with the gill amoebae that attach to the fish and smother them. *Ronja Huon* also safely transfers salmon to and from pens in rough water too, cutting down the need for towing pens of fish. A new vessel *Ronja Storm* is currently being designed and she will have a reverse osmosis capability enabling her to "make" her own freshwater.

The new fortress pens in Storm Bay are in deeper water, and stronger currents. They are equipped with remote sensors and cameras, so critical tasks like feeding pens can be managed from onshore. Feed barges are larger, meaning less frequent refilling trips using large purpose built refilling vessels rather than smaller multi-purpose vessel – again reducing vessel traffic. This is all new technology, and improving steadily, with the aim to grow more fish offshore. With regard to channel pens, new techniques have reduced rope usage 50%, and new navigation lights will synchronise each operation, so all flashes from one lease can flash together, out of synch with the other leases, making navigation simpler.

All large pieces of equipment will soon have a GPS tracker, so navigation hazards will be spotted and removed early. They will remove any farm's loose debris, if notified. The channel floor under the pens is monitored, and pens moved at the end of growing periods to manage any waste that accumulates, a process known as fallowing. The seabed will naturally recover as long as the loads placed on it are not out of balance with its capacity to recover. Huon fallows for as long as it takes to allow recovery, this can take up to 15 months in shallow, low water movement leases.

Taking questions, he explained:

- Macquarie harbour was overstocked, predictably, with such low water flow, and had suffered oxygen depletion.

- The proposal for under pen tents was impractical, as the faeces was only part of the nutrients excreted by the fish. The majority of nitrogen leaving the fish does so as Ammonia from the gills and is impossible to collect, as it dissolves rapidly and huge amounts of salt water would need to be pumped ashore.
- With regard to disease, all salmon diseases arise from wild fish, and generally spread into farm fish, especially if they are under stress, for example held at high stocking density, and we need better regulation to prevent weak biosecurity and short-term thinking.
- No one has succeeded in commercially growing large volumes of salmon from smolt to final product in onshore tanks, this technology is continuing to be developed and plenty are working on it, so sea pens are with us for some years to come. HAC are starting to implement this technology to grow larger smolts (to 500-600 gm) onshore at its new Whale Point development at Port Huon.
- With regards to how few fish can be caught in the channel, he explained that seals consume an estimated 60,000 tonnes of channel fish each year.(Go Figure)

The audience were impressed with his frank acknowledgement of the problems, and broad scale of HAC vision for a brighter future for Salmon farming.



*(Thanks to Jane Ryan of Huon Aquaculture for editing and photo)*

## Chartering in Scotland

Jackie Zanetti

Last October Alex and I were enjoying a visit to Scotland. Being avid readers of *Yachting Monthly*, we were keen to see the cruising grounds about which that publication waxes lyrical, but we weren't game to book a yacht charter in advance due to the time of year that we were travelling and the potential for inclement weather.

We monitored the weather forecasts and after a couple of fine days in Edinburgh, we decided to see if there were any yachts available. Some charter companies had already shut down for the season, but we found a very helpful charter company, Sea Spray Yacht Charters out of Largs in the Firth of Clyde, who provided us with wet weather gear and bedding as well as a reasonable rate on *Midnight Mirage*, a Moody 376 for a 3 day, 4 night trip.

After a quick trip to the supermarket and a familiarisation tour of the boat we set off on a broad reach for Rothesay. The Clyde estuary is a bit like our Channel area, but much bigger – protected waters with islands and “kyles” (narrow channels). The tides are not great and we only encountered significant currents around the bottom of Bute and near the Burnt Isles. The main differences in this area are that there are lots of towns with harbours and marinas and pubs available to tempt the travelling yacht. Oh yes, and you need to watch out for the numerous black and white fast moving local ferries –they are more dangerous than the Bruny Island ferries!



Coming into Rothesay (image J Zanetti)

Rothesay is a snug harbour with an outer harbour where the ferries frequently arrive and depart and an inner harbour accessed via a lifting bridge controlled by the harbour master. Once in, you are in the centre of Rothesay and have your pick of any number of pubs and restaurants!

After a delightful night in the inner harbour of Rothesay we sailed and motor-sailed through the Kyles of Bute stopping for lunch at the idyllically tranquil Caladh Harbour. The Kyles are a narrow channel, less than 2 miles across, between the Isle of Bute and the mainland. They are surrounded by low hills and the occasional house or small village.

After lunch we motor-sailed down the West Kyle (plagued by fluky winds like in the D'Entrecasteaux!), and then ran up Loch Fyne to Tarbert. We blew into the marina at Tarbert on a 25kt following wind, which made berthing a challenge, but in the process met some friendly yachties with whom we later shared a beer. These blokes included Guy Winder, the first person to commercialise fibreglass Mirror dinghies!



*Tarbert (image J Zanetti)*

The next day we beat most of the way back around Bute in 15-20kts, sailing past russet coloured hills, isolated lighthouses and small villages to settle in Bannatyne Marina for the night. Another great pub meal nearby. Our final day consisted of an exhilarating sail back to Largs to complete our loop. The next day we enjoyed the added bonus of attending the Scotland Boat Show, complete with a royal opening!



So, in the unlikely event that you find yourself in south-west Scotland with a few days to spare and benign weather forecast, consider a mini-charter and enjoy the delights of this distant shore with a familiar feel!



Port Bannatyne (image J Zanetti)



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**Weather Quiz**

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Val Nicholls entertained and educated the Women on Boats meeting last month with an examination of weather folk lore and its basis in science. How many of these sayings have you heard of? Which ones are true and why? Answers on page 31.



1. 'Red sky at night, shepherd's delight, red sky in the morning shepherd's warning'
2. 'When halo rings around the moon or sun, rain is approaching on the run'
3. 'Seagull, seagull sit on the sand, it's never good weather when you're on land'
4. 'Rain before seven, clear by eleven'
5. 'Mackerel skies and mare's tails make tall ships carry low sails'
6. *When sounds travel far and wide, a stormy day will betide.*
7. "A piece of seaweed hung up will become damp before it rains."
8. "If in the sky you see cliffs and towers, it won't be long before there is a shower."

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## GOING ABOUT

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

### **New MAST Moorings:**

The successful applications for the 2017 round of Recreational Boat Funds have been announced. Of interest to cruising yachts will be the installation of 2 public moorings at Binalong Bay and 1 public mooring at Pirates Bay.



Once these moorings are in place the exact locations will be posted on the MAST website, so keep an eye out for them.

In addition, MAST will be funding the placement of a webcam at the St Helen’s bar-way in response to an RBF application by CYCT (although the funds will be taken from a different funding bucket!).

Applications for the 2018 round of RBF funds are now open, so if you have a good idea for a project to support cruising yachts, contact a committee member. Club support for proposals is looked upon favourably by MAST.



**Tas Maritime Radio – new system for reporting:**

In their July newsletter, TMR announced that they are introducing a new system, TasETAR, to provide overdue alerts for members who provide an Estimated Time of Arrival/Return (ETA/R).

If a vessel’s ETA/R is due or overdue, TMR will try to contact the vessel by radio. If unsuccessful, they will try your phone number as listed in their member database. If still unsuccessful in contacting the vessel after 60 minutes overdue, TMR will notify the police.

This system is intended for short day trips, such as fishing trips out to the continental shelf and back. For longer trips, TMR’s TasREP system provides more concentrated logging specific to your trip.

These are excellent services provided by an organisation run entirely by volunteers. Please support them and if you’re not already a member please consider joining them.



**Cruising about:**

*Honey Bee* (Peter and Chris Mc Hugh) is now in Broome after a couple of months cruising the Kimberleys. See their pictures on the CYCT facebook group page.

Do any other cruising members have reports from afar?



**Whales ahoy:**

We’re in the thick of the whale watching season, so don’t forget to report whale sightings to DPIPWE’s Whale Hotline (0427 942 537) and post your pictures on the club’s facebook group and/or the Whale Spotting Tasmania facebook group!



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**Recipe: Easy Chicken Enchiladas**

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**Jackie Zanetti**

The enchiladas (chicken, eggplant/cashew) were a hit at the new members' dinner and I often make them onboard. The filling can be changed to whatever you like, but this version is the one I do on cruises because it involves the least cooking and mess!

**Salsa** (in a pinch you can use prepared salsa, but I prefer homemade)

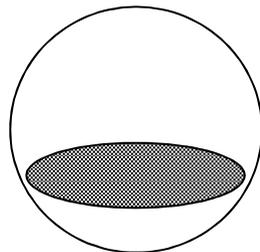
- ¼ cup green onions or brown onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 can of diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup fresh coriander
- 1 Tsp dried oregano
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 Tsp minced jalapeno peppers
- 2 Tsp lime juice (or lemon)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Gently sauté onions in oil for a few minutes then add other ingredients. Boil for 10-15 min to allow flavours to meld. This could be made ahead.

**Filling**

- 1 smoked chicken breast, diced
- 1 can black beans
- ½ red capsicum, diced
- 1 small can corn
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 1 cup grated mild cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup fresh coriander
- 1 Tsp minced jalapeno peppers (more or less to taste)
- 1 Tbsp sour cream

Combine all ingredients in a bowl.



To fill tortillas:

- Pack of 10 small flour tortillas

Place ~1/2 cup mixture to one side of tortilla, as shown in picture and roll up. Place tortilla in a baking pan with a little salsa on the bottom. Pour salsa over, sprinkle with more grated cheddar and bake at ~180°C until cheese is bubbly (~ 20 min).

Serve with sour cream, avocado and coriander.

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**Cruise of the Year Award: Call for Nominations**

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The following information details the requirements of the 'Cruise of the Year' award and eligibility for Cruising Plaques. These awards, when given, are presented at the Annual General Meeting. Members are invited to nominate themselves or another Club member for either of these awards.

**Nominations for the 2016-17 year are due by 31 July 2017.**

**Cruise of the Year Award**

The premier cruising award of the CYCT is the Cruise of the Year award. This is a nominated award and is not necessarily awarded each year.

The Cruise of the Year sub-committee has recommended the following guidelines when considering nominations for the CYCT Cruise of the Year.

1. The award is to be given to the most outstanding cruise of the year by a Club member in a Club boat. However, under exceptional circumstances a cruise by a Club member taking full responsibility for a non-Club boat may be considered;
2. It is not essential that an award be made in any year if no cruise is considered worthy;
3. Nominations for the award to be requested, and all other known cruises to be considered. The Vice Commodore should prepare a shortlist for presentation to the Committee;
4. The boat and crew should be appropriate to the cruise concerned. This criterion is intended to cover such aspects as the seaworthiness of the boat, the experience of the crew and the planning involved. It would preclude the award being made for a voyage classed un-seamanlike;
5. The crew capability should be sufficient to undertake the cruise in a seaman-like manner but it is envisaged that providing this criterion is met then a weaker crew be more favorably considered than a stronger crew;
6. Motive power. It should be recognised that the challenge to the crew of a sailing boat is substantially greater than to the crew of a motor boat in respect of handling ground tackle, navigation and exposure to the elements etc;
7. Whether the cruise is breaking new ground or is in waters previously visited by any crew member;
8. A portion of the cruise should have been taken during the current Club year;
9. The crew should (preferably) have lived on board for the period of the cruise;
10. An article for the Albatross should be encouraged as a sequel to the award, but is NOT mandatory for the award. This is the case where an article in Albatross has not previously appeared;
11. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary.

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## **General Meeting held at Derwent Sailing Squadron on 4 July 2017**

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### **Opening**

Commodore Boon declared the meeting open at 7:30 pm and welcomed those attending.

### **Attendance and apologies**

43 members registered their attendance. 14 apologies recorded. No guests.

### **Minutes of the last General Meeting (6 June 2017)**

The Minutes were sent to members via email. These minutes were amended at the General Meeting to remove, under Other Business, Notice of Motion supporting statement by a member to replace the words 'political stand' with 'to make a stand against the bureaucratic establishment'.

These minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting pursuant to a motion by Ottmar Helm & seconded by Erika Shankley.

### **Business Arising from those Minutes**

There was none.

### **New Member:**

There was one new member registered this month – (Jen Birch, who was not present) Presentation was held over.

### **Rear Commodore's Report – Catrina Boon**

Report in Albatross: but specific items mentioned as follows:

- *This meeting speaker* – Peter Hopkins of MAST has offered one \$50 prize and three MAST booklets. These were awarded using a lucky spot under the chairs.
- *Annual dinner* – 9 September at the Woolstore. Members were reminded to RSVP to Catrina by email and pay on-line for the dinner by 1<sup>st</sup> September. When RSVPing please include any dietary requirements and if you would like to bring your boat to Con Dock for the night.
- *August Speaker* – Nepelle Crane from NRM (Natural Resource Management).
- *Up-side-down x-mas weekend* of Friday 28 – Sunday 30 July @ Quarantine Station. Catrina will coordinate on land activities but we are still looking for a coordinator for water activities.

### **Treasurer's Report – Alex Papij**

The Treasurer's Report is available for perusal after the meeting and has been posted on the website.

- Member subscription renewal notice, has been emailed and has been included in the Albatross, It is the first year that subscriptions should all be received within the same financial year.
- The interim financial accounts show that a few items will need adjusting in total from \$1300 up to \$2000 due to invoices not yet received.
  - There now is a slightly higher cost of 10-15% to print the Albatross. In response to a question about opting out of a hard copy, there are negligible savings for fewer printed Albatross numbers. Many members prefer a hard copy. The other option is to only print to the website.
  - The dormant Development Fund has been reinstated, however it still has not been used.
  - Postage is to increase by 4.9%.

### Commodore's Report – Andrew Boon

Report as published in the *Albatross*. Specific items mentioned by Andrew were as follows.

- Tony Peach/Sheenagh Neill's proposed circumnavigation cruise will be discussed later when Sheenagh is present.
- Steve Darden – Adagio, recently had an operation for lung cancer. He is recovering and has an optimistic future.
- Mast's funding for the proposed St. Helen's bar web-camera is being funded from boat license fees.
- *Work of the Committee this month included:*
  - Bringing existing documents up to scratch
  - Reviewing Committee Position Statements
  - Updating the Committee working calendar
  - Reviewing the Social Media (Facebook) Policy
  - Collating all documents, policies and guidelines into a single folder called Management Handbook.
- *Tony Peach is asking members for some photos that can be included in the N.E. Cruising Guide. This timeline is extended till 9 July before being sent to Tas. Maps.*

### Women on Boats – Kim Brewer

Kim was not present. Her report was presented:

- The next Women on Boats session will be held at DSS next Tuesday 11 July at 5:30pm. The topic this month is 'reading the omens – weather lore' and Val Nicholls will look at what clouds, currents and winds can tell the navigator. As usual we will get together for a meal afterwards.

### Items from other officers:

- Forum:
  - The next forum on Tuesday 25 July @ 6pm–7:30 in the DSS training room will be: What makes a Good Skipper. This will be a panel discussion chaired by Bryan. Extra panel members needed, any suggestions?

- Membership Officer – Julie MacDonald:
  - Julie is on holidays and is being relieved by Richard Taylor.
- Relief Editor- Jackie Zanetti:
  - Jackie asked members for articles to fill the empty August Albatross issue. Closing date is 20 July.
- Warden – Chris Creese:
  - Reminder of old issue magazines for give away on the table.

### **Other Business:**

- The withdrawal of Tony Peach's Notice of Motion followed by Lew Garnham's Notice of Motion – amendment to the Constitution and its subsequent withdrawal generated a large volume of member responses. Within a brief 4 day period there were 44 emails. 10 further emails post withdrawal. This has prompted the Committee to discuss the possibility of an advisory sub-committee at its next Committee meeting, tomorrow night, That discussion will include best environmental practice for cruising yachts.
- Ian Johnston brought along a couple of his booklets of "Cruising notes and Mud maps of the South and West coast of Tasmania". The booklet contains 27 maps and written notes that has a large amount of information that has not been published elsewhere. The booklet is only to be used in conjunction with Nautical Charts and existing cruising guides. A small number have been printed already and they have been handed out to enable checking and editing. (He hopes those with a copy will email him with any comments). When he returns from his 2month Cruise he will have a final check before a print run.
- Ericka Shankley enquired whether any progress had been made with the repair of Kings' mooring at Melaleuca. The Commodore answered in the negative and it was thought that it was time to put forward a new request.
- A request to the meeting for 10 people to help Ginny Gerlach, of EOS Sailing, out at DSS berth C3 @ 9am Friday, to 'add your weight' for a Stability Test.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next GM will be at DSS on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. August 2017 at 7:30 pm.

### **Close**

The formal meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

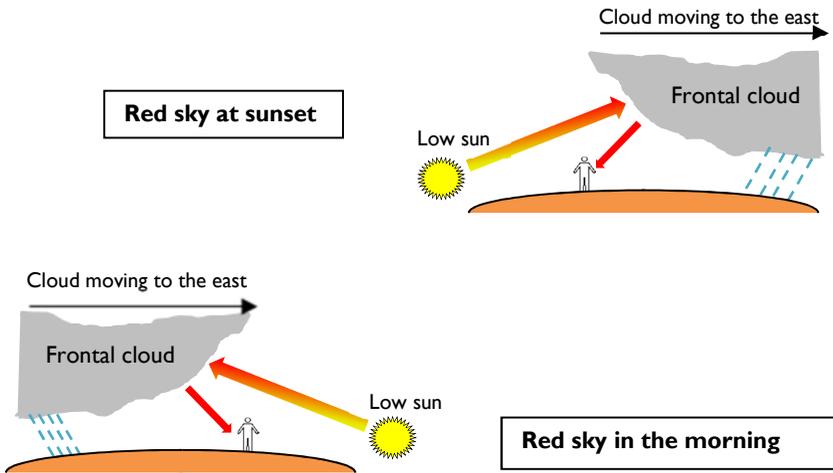
### **Guest Speaker**

Peter Hopkins of MAST - Recreational Boating gave a talk which included MAST's historical and present role. Statistics presented gave us pause, especially when the discussion turned to life jacket use. (It appears that Life jacket is the new word, PFD is no longer acceptable).

**Close:** The meeting and guest speaker presentation concluded around 9:30pm.

### Answers to Weather Quiz:

1. **TRUE:** Dust and small particles trapped in the atmosphere by high pressure. This scatters the blue light leaving only the red light to give the sky its notable appearance. **Red sky at sunset** means high pressure is moving in from the west so therefore the next day will usually be dry and pleasant. **Red sky in the morning** sailors warning means red sky appears due to the high pressure weather system having already moved east meaning the good weather has passed, most likely making way for a wet and windy low pressure system.



2. **TRUE:** Halos around the moon or sun are caused by refraction of light by ice crystals at high altitude. This high-level moisture is a precursor to moisture moving in at increasingly lower levels, and is a good indicator that an active weather system is on its way.
3. **TRUE:** Seagulls usually sleep on water, but in gusty conditions the water is too choppy. The seagulls then tend to move inland. Therefore seagulls huddled on the ground are an indicator that the weather out at sea is poor.
4. **FALSE:** Late night rain and early morning rain may be the last precipitation of a front passing by. Weather fronts pass just as much in the day as they do at night, so rain in the morning is no predictor of a dry afternoon.

5. **TRUE:** High, small globules of cloud can have a dappled effect – like a mackerel's scales. Ahead of a warm front there is enough upwards motion for the water drops in these clouds to grow large enough to start falling and freeze. The frozen drops fall into jet stream winds with a strong wind sheer, therefore they show up as a curved trail of small ice particles. This saying does have some predictive value ie: a warm front may well be on its way. **BUT**, when? How strong will the winds be ahead of the front? How far will the winds back?
6. **TRUE:** Use this to foretell the onset of rain or fog. When clouds thicken, they get heavier and lower to form a "ceiling" near the earth's surface. Sound volume increases and takes on a hollow tone.
7. **KINDA!** Seaweed does absorb atmospheric humidity and the air does become humid before it rains, but it will also become humid in fine weather sometimes, for example if dew is forming.
8. **TRUE:** As a general rule of thumb, the more vertical clouds appear the more unsettled the air is and consequently the less calm the weather will be.



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### CYCT MOORINGS

**Nubeena:** Mooring number 9615 at Nubeena is a bright yellow buoy situated close to the jetty opposite the main town wharf. It is in a great position to row to the main wharf, boat ramp or beach. The depth at high tide was 5.7m, with about 21m of mooring tackle to the three heavy train wheels. The position is 43°06.265'S 147°44.346'E. The buoy is yellow with hooks for the pickup float. The mooring is a short row from the public jetty in the SE corner of Parsons Bay.

**Barnes Bay:** Mooring number **8584** at North Simmonds Bay is a Yellow buoy. The depth at MLWS is about 5 metres. It is located at 43° 07.446' S, 147° 21.396' E. The mooring consists of 3 wheels, then 6m of 2-inch chain, then 6m of 1-1/2 inch chain then 6m of 5/8 inch chain. Simmonds Bay mooring is for up to 12.2 m vessels.

**Mooring guidelines:** [https://secure.cyct.org.au/mooring\\_guidelines.php](https://secure.cyct.org.au/mooring_guidelines.php)

**\*\* [When on a club mooring please fly the CYCT burgee](#) \*\***

The Committee would appreciate it if you noted your visit / intention to visit a club mooring by noting it on the forum for club members (log in [here](#))



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