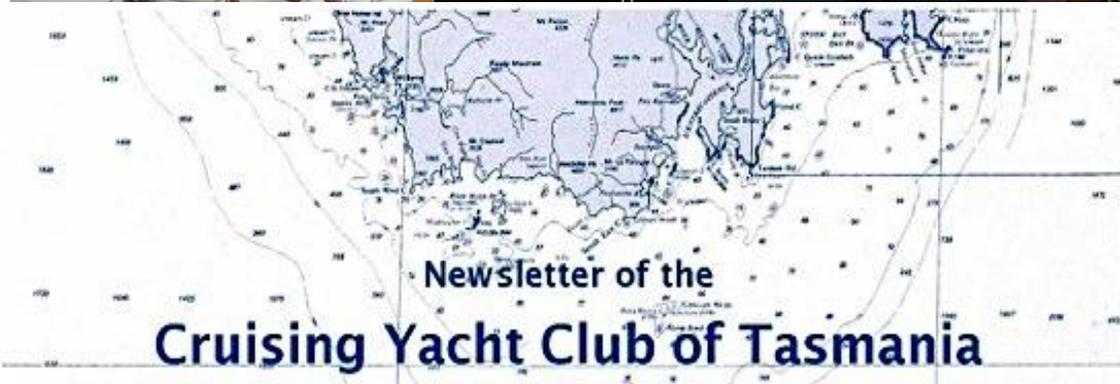




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Not a CYCT Member?

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. 33

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| | CYCT CALENDAR |
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| <u>March</u> | |
| Tues 5th | CYCT General Meeting @ 7.30pm Venue: RYCT upstairs. Speaker Paul Cullen 'Organised Mayhem – Managing the MyState Bank Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2019'. |
| Sat 23rd | Coningham Beach Cruise. Relaxed overnight Cruise |
| Tues 19th | Committee Meeting @ RYCT 7pm |
| Tues 19th | WOB Meeting RYCT @ 5.30pm |
| <u>April</u> | |
| Tues 2nd | CYCT General Meeting @ RYCT 7.30pm |
| Sat 14th | New Norfolk Cruise |
| Tues 16th | WOB Meeting RYCT @ 5.30pm |
| Tues 16th | Committee Meeting @ RYCT 7pm |

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.

Editorial



Well here we are in March, yet to me it still feels like Summer Holidays.

The weather has been wonderful for sailing activities, except of course the devastating fires that has seen some pristine forest lands lost in Southern Tasmania. (*Later in the is publication you will see the affect it had on some yachties and Motor Boats alike*)

Our thoughts are with those that have suffered and congratulate the many Volunteers that have assisted during this time.

Please remember this magazine is put together solely for you the members and thus I urge you to contribute. This month I was scaping.

Cheers Fiona

Commodore's Report



We have had a busy month for the club, most of the time the weather has been reasonable, but some dramatic natural events changed the best laid plans.

Our February general meeting attracted another large attendance, our well promoted guest speakers from the US were certainly a draw card. I know David Bowker made plenty of phone calls to the group who at one stage seemed unlikely to attend because of the fires at Franklin where their prize festival yacht exhibit was being built.

Whilst on the subject of dinner meetings, it would appear that our large numbers for dinner at the RYCT are stretching the system a bit and we have been politely asked that we try and have dinner orders in by 6 pm so we can attend our meeting by 7.30 pm.

Our Donald Sutherland Memorial Cruise on Australia Day weekend in conjunction with the KYC to Recherche Bay was unfortunately cancelled at the very last minute due to the terrible bush fires in the state.

Over 25 boats had registered for this interesting cruise via Southport to Recherche Bay. We had a start boat, lots of enthusiasm, but lingering over the hills Mother Nature was doing her best to change our plans.

The forecasts were not improving, the smoke and visibility in the channel area was not conducive to safe and enjoyable boating of any kind so at 6.30 am on the Saturday morning of the cruise a decision was made to cancel the event.

A number of members contacted me and agreed that it was the right decision.

We will be rescheduling this cruise over the Easter long weekend.

A few of the brave hardy participants who were already packed and ready to go decided via the bush telegraph to leave on an impromptu cruise to Mickeys.

Trim, Pandora, Argos, Koza, Cleo, Maybe and Easting Down all eventually arrived covered in ash, we all had an enjoyable few hours on the beach swapping oxygen bottles and enjoying our very smoked nibbles.

Our gathering attracted the attention of the crew of a QLD cruiser, "Windward Passage" who arrived unannounced on the beach with a very large tray of fresh and warm oysters kilpatrick that were passed around and enjoyed by all.

We proceeded to Dover the next day where conditions had not improved much at all, the afternoon concluded on the deck of the closed Dover Yacht club, a very nice place to spend an hour or so.

The recent AWBF was well supported by our club over the four-day event. Many of our twenty volunteers helped in a variety of ways, from Registrations, Shipwrights village. Boats ashore, Berthing on and off the water, Administration, and other important tasks. I was involved in the Kings Pier berthing team and was amazed at how many skippers had no idea how to drive their boats astern in a tight and unfamiliar situation. One can see an interesting winter forum on "Boat handling and docking" in the near future.



Members enjoying CYCT "OutPost"



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One of the events that our club has been traditionally been involved in with the AWBF is a welcome BBQ or get together for visiting entrants. This year we decided to run a post festival channel cruise BBQ held at the Quarantine Outpost that coincided with the planned AWBF channel cruise passing through to Franklin over the following four days.

We printed over 300 flyers and included them in the festival welcome pack, we planned the food, the logistics, the volunteers, the site, but not the weather, it beat us again. It was a disappointing turnout but for those who braved the 30 knots plus winds to attend, it was a good catchup for the brave hardy but we will rethink the whole event for the next festival.

Our monthly Albatross is an important connection to our clubs' activities and more so for our distant members.

Our Editor has the task of compiling and collating submitted articles from members and other interesting information that would interest the readers, it does surprise me that with over 360 members currently that the articles submitted to the editor for monthly consideration are not in the same proportions. For those who have not made a contribution I am sure that with a bit of thought and effort you could submit an article that would be interesting to others, give it a go!.

Some months ago, we set up a buyers group that provided savings on Batteries, Paint and Insurance. These savings can be substantial and are worth making the phone call, a set of batteries, insurance premiums or antifoul paint for an average boat can amount to hundreds of dollars and make your club membership fees cost neutral.

The list of product and service providers are shown in the latest Albatross.

I spoke to Island Batteries a week ago enquiring how the activity with our club had been and was told that only a small number of batteries had been sold to members.

Maybe members don't mind the cost of boating, after all it is an enjoyable pastime.

Our WOB forums are very strong and well attended with some very interesting topics being discussed, I know there is a lot of time and effort to run this group and from what I hear gives a much different learning experience for the many ladies who attend.

At our last committee meeting an ongoing item that has been discussed for over 12 months was the matter of an increase in the cost of our annual membership fees.

The annual membership fee of \$80 has remained unchanged for over 6 years whilst many increased costs have been absorbed over that period.

A survey of other similar boating clubs that

Don't run monthly meetings,

Don't have guest speakers,

Don't have monthly newsletters,

Don't have technical forums,

Don't organise cruises,

Don't provide a buyers group,

Are actually charging MORE for their membership.

"We think we are worth more because we do more"

The committee passed a motion that the annual family/single membership fee be increased to \$110 and the annual social membership fee be increased to \$85.

Our constitution states that this proposed increase in membership fees requires a motion to be put at the May general meeting.

I urge you all to support this motion.

Remember,
More fun, less work
Richard Taylor
Commodore



A wonderful attendance at the February Meeting, speaker impromptu introduction yt the skipper of “Whyknot” Peter Watson

Vice Commodore's Report



No report this month due to the fact Greg Hitchins is leading the East Coast Cruise.

Below some photos to date.



This is what Members missed out on by staying home!

| | 2019 January | February | March | April | May |
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| Mon | | | | | 1 |
| Tues | NYE Barnes Bay 1 | | | General Mtg | 2 |
| Wed | 2 | | | | 3 |
| Thurs | 3 | | | | 4 |
| Fri | 4 | 1 | Extended East | 1 | 5 |
| SATURDAY | 5 | 2 | Coast | 2 | Barnes Bay Reg. 6 |
| SUNDAY | 6 | 3 | Cruise | 3 | 7 |
| Mon | 7 | 4 | | 4 | 8 |
| Tues | 8 | General Mtg | 5 | General Mtg | 5 |
| Wed | 9 | 6 | | 6 | 10 |
| Thurs | 10 | 7 | | 7 | 11 |
| Fri | 11 | 8 | | 8 | 12 |
| SATURDAY | Margate 12 | 9 | | 9 | New 13 |
| SUNDAY | 13 | 10 | | 10 | Norfolk 14 |
| Mon | 14 | 11 | | 11 | 15 |
| Tues | 15 | Post AWBF | 12 | 12 | 16 |
| Wed | 16 | Cruise to | 13 | 13 | 17 |
| Thurs | 17 | Franklin | 14 | 14 | 18 |
| Fri | 18 | | 15 | 15 | Mickeys Beach / 19 |
| SATURDAY | 19 | Extended | 16 | 16 | Southport 20 |
| SUNDAY | 20 | East | 17 | 17 | 21 |
| Mon | 21 | Coast | 18 | 18 | 22 |
| Tues | 22 | Cruise | 19 | 19 | 23 |
| Wed | 23 | | 20 | 20 | 24 |
| Thurs | 24 | | 21 | 21 | 25 |
| Fri | Donald Sutherland 25 | | 22 | 22 | 26 |
| SATURDAY | KYC/CYCT 26 | Extended | 23 | Coningham Bch | 23 |
| SUNDAY | Navigation 27 | East | 24 | 24 | 28 |
| Mon | Recherche 28 | Coast | 25 | 25 | 29 |
| Tues | 29 | Cruise | 26 | 26 | 30 |
| Wed | 30 | | 27 | 27 | 29 |
| Thurs | 31 | | 28 | 28 | 30 |
| Fri | | | | 29 | 31 |
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| Public Holidays: | New Year's Day 1/1 Australia Day 28/1 | Regatta Day 11/2 AWBF 8-11/2 | 8 Hour Day 11/3 | Good Friday 19/4 Easter Monday 22/4 Anzac Day 25/4 |
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| Other Events: | | | | KBC Barnes Bay Regatta 6/4 Port Esperance SC Regatta 19-22/4 |
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| School Holidays: | | | | 13 – 28/4 |
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| Cruise Notes: | Donald Sutherland Memorial Cruise: | Post AWBF: 12-15/2 Coordinator Andrew Boon | Coningham Bch, Bring a non-boaty | MOB recovery Sculling lesson and rowing races |
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Rear Commodore's Report

**America's Cup Cruise**

In September last year I was privileged to have a briefing from the UK America's Cup team at their headquarters in Portsmouth. The challenging club for the UK is the Royal Yacht Squadron and I happened to be visiting the RYS on the weekend when the briefing was occurring and so they invited me to attend.

While I was there the Chairman of the RYS Cruising Committee, Bruce Mauleverer, raised the possibility of a Tasmanian cruise for members of the RYS who will be attending the America's Cup in Auckland. The actual America's Cup is 6th-21st March 2021 and is preceded by the Challenger Series. RYS members regularly cruise in distant places but they usually do a bareboat charter.

The only way a cruise could work in Tasmania where there are no bareboats for charter would be for RYS members to be guests on boats which belong to CYCT members. Guests would be expected to make a donation to the expenses and it is envisaged that the owner/skipper, possibly with their partner, would accompany between two and six guests on their boat. Our best estimate of the level of interest is that we could expect about 10 boats and 30 RYS members.

It is planned that the cruise would be after the America's Cup so mainly in April as there are too many events before the America's Cup including the challenger series in Auckland.

CYCT will be conducting a survey soon to establish to what extent members would be willing to support such a cruise. I shall be meeting with the RYS in Cowes in March to further discuss possible arrangements.

David Bowker
Rear Commodore



"James Craig"

Facebook Report. February 2019

Closed group members only

Membership 1 new members this month which is great news.

Our total membership now stands at 128 . As one member left.

CYCT members are able to use the closed group to share photos and stories of their on water trips and comments.

Any member can share their photos or information in this group. The rules are in our announcements and easy to follow. Importantly to be added to our closed group you must be a current primary or secondary member using your membership name. Membership is checked before we can add you.

All members welcome. (your request is checked against your membership name)

This months Top posts were from;

Dinah Jones on repurposing marine debris. (See the photo of the mooring tackle) and Sheenagh Neill's post in Schouten Passage (see the James Craig anchored in Schouten Passage) k

Jackie Zanetti's photo of the smoke from the fires that affected our members further down South was also popular. .

CYCT. Public Page

The club public page share information about on water discussions issues MAST notices etc or CYCT events.

The page has currently 190 people following it up by 2 from last month and

179 liking the page .

The page advertises our club and encourages sailors to join.

All great free advertising for the club.



Sheenagh and Tracey

Post – AWBF Cruise – Andrew Boon

The Post Australian Wooden Boat Festival Cruise commenced on Tuesday February 12th, the day after the Festival finished. Boats gathered in Quarantine Bay and went ashore for a BBQ catered for by the Club and attended by several not in the Cruise.

Boats in the Cruise were: *Birubi V*, *Dalliance*, *Juliet*, *Maid of Martha*, *Rubicon* and *Trim*. These are all boats on the Club Register. There were no 'visitors' this year, although *Birubi V* and *Maid of Martha* are normally domiciled in Victoria. This was a little disappointing, especially after the initial Cruise in 2017 was such a success.

Crews from *Easting Down*, *Honey Bee*, *Maybe*, *Serenity* and *Willyama* joined the Cruise participants at the Quarantine Station for the BBQ on the first night.

On Wednesday we headed for Partridge Island, sailing then motor-sailing in the fresh westerly breeze. We gathered ashore, had a look around and a few drinks. Beautiful blackberries, not-quite-ripe apples and some very angry ants!

The initial plan was to spend Wednesday night somewhere in Great Taylors Bay then travel up to Franklin to join in the festivities of the Homecoming Regatta. The organisers of the Tawe Nunugh 'Raid' for small boats from Recherche Bay to the AWBF had to cancel the Raid as access to and from Franklin was blocked during the bushfire emergency. Then the 'Return Raid' was held up by the wintry weather with strong W-SW winds after the Festival, to the point where they could not get to Franklin in time for the Homecoming Regatta. The Regatta was duly cancelled and the amazing Kate Horweg, chief cook/caterer for the Living Boat Trust, extended an invitation for CYCT crews to join with the Return Raid participants for a meal at Charlotte Cove, where they were waiting for the weather to abate before the last leg to Franklin.

We waited at Partridge Island until early afternoon on Thursday, when MetEye told us that the NW winds should have turned westerly and eased a bit. This turned out to be the case and a good sail was had (by the 'sailors') to Garden Island where we anchored. The Living Boat Trust organised cars to pick us up from Garden Island Creek and transport us to Charlotte Cove for the dinner. Which was fabulous! Soup, main course, dessert and fruit cake with coffee! Hairy Man, who had lost his house in the bushfires, regaled us with some bawdy shanties after main course. Then transport back to the dinghies so that we were back on board as dusk turned into night. All agreed that it was a great night, good food, good company and great value. Thanks to Kate and the Living Boat Trust crew for their hospitality. And apologies to the Rear Commodore who had driven to Franklin for the dinner . . . oops!

On Friday, *Rubicon* left us to return to Kettering and the rest of the fleet motored to Port Huon at about low tide (noon) and travelled to Franklin on the rising tide. There was plenty of activity on the Huon as the smaller boats completed the final leg to Franklin, sailing, rowing or being

towed. Fish farm pens outside of their lease boundary were reported to MaST on the way up the estuary (there was activity in the lease the next day and all equipment had been moved back inside the lease).

That was the end of the cruise programme. On Saturday, *Birubi V* and *Dalliance* had organised a 'knitting weekend' and members of their craft group arrived for the night; *Maid of Martha* planned to explore the mooring at Huonville and *Juliet* headed to Cygnet to meet family and enjoy *Le Weekend*. Other Club boats *Lemaris* and *Heritage* were seen anchored at Cygnet. *Heritage* was flying code flag Lima, so we didn't get too close!

In summary: the small numbers were a bit disappointing and the original schedule was disrupted by fires and weather conditions. On the plus side, we had a couple of great sailing legs, the evening with the Living Boat Trust at Charlotte Cove was fantastic and the trip up to Franklin is always delightful.



Dalliance, Rubicon, Birubi V and Maid of Martha



Trim at Garden Island

A tribute to Bryan Walpole AM

We understand that the CYCT is intending to acknowledge Bryan's honours award in the Albatross. Clair and I submitted the nomination for Bryan's award so we have all of the relevant info that was considered and as most is not noted in the press it would be nice and appropriate for it to be published.

While Bryan was recognised for his professional and volunteering contributions I will attach the relevant letters of support from the sailing community. You may note from the original Nomination that his referees included The Honourable John Howard and Dr Brendan Nelson among other signatories.

I have discussed the ethics of sharing Bryan's personal info with his brother Michael who insists that it is all public knowledge if scattered, and says that Bryan would be typically humble but

A tribute to a worthy Club Member

It is not often, if ever in the past, that a member of this Club has been awarded the AM as was Dr Bryan Walpole on January 26th this year, and as was acknowledged at the February meeting by the Commodore, the Club should be very proud of this member's achievements.

Brian was recognised for his many medical and wider community contributions and this brief summary cannot do justice to either the breadth or the depth of these essentially voluntary endeavours. From the very public role he played as the primary Emergency Department hospital coordinator following the Port Arthur massacre to his efforts in relation to gun control, anti-smoking, bike helmets and hyperbaric medicine one could turn to contributions he has made to sailing through Sailability, to the CYCT forums on medical preparations for cruising and on-board safety and recovery from MOB and so on. He has also been an active participant in Club events, has served as a Committee member and is always not far from the action when needed.

But not all his endeavours flow directly from his medical training: Bryan has made significant contributions to refugee support and has been an active contributor to the wooden boats community and to the Living Boats Trust, providing one of the many links between those communities and the CYCT.

Most of us can only admire from the sidelines the wonderful community contributions that Brian has made throughout his career and we congratulate him again for his award and look forward to many more years when we can count this outstanding individual among our membership.

Geoff and Clair Tomlin



Bryan and his loyal crew on Merlyn sailing past the Governor's yacht on the River Derwent.

Dear Geoff,

I will be very happy to be a referee for Bryan Walpole.

For now, I have checked my records and scrapbooks from the late 1980s.

By way of context, Paul Chatterton and I formed the Tasmanian Coalition for Gun Control in 1987. It was not long after the Hoddle Street shootings in Melbourne.

Before too long, and after a little research, we discovered that Tasmania's gun laws were appallingly lax and that the state had very high indicators of gun misuse, such as the highest or second highest suicide rate by gun in Australia.

Early on, we got representatives of various groups together to front the media to call for tighter gun laws. One of those groups was the AMA and its representative was Bryan.

I had not known Bryan before this. He brought extraordinary enthusiasm, insight and experience to the topic. He was able to give examples of suicides within families and able to assert with confidence that much of gun violence in Australia and Tasmania occurred within the family.

I worked with him over the next few years, but irregularly. He was always willing to be involved. In fact, when I rang him last year to ask him if he would help out he again was very willing to be involved.

He was courageous. From within the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Royal Hobart Hospital he was calling for changes to an extremely contentious policy of the government of the day. That kind of public involvement can be a risk to a doctor's career. That never phased Bryan at all. He kept going and made his mark under the national spotlight soon after the Port Arthur Massacre when he was photographed embracing then Prime Minister John Howard.

I am happy to do whatever I can to assist in the nomination.

Roland Browne

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Re Bryan Walpole

Bryan Walpole has been a volunteer with Sailability Tasmania in Hobart since July 2015.

Sailability Tasmania was established in Tasmania in 1998 to facilitate participation in sailing and boat usage at social, recreational and competitive levels for anyone, but its primary focus is to involve people with disabilities, regardless of age or level of impairment. The organisation is operated on a voluntary basis by its members and has no paid staff. We have yachts in both Hobart and Launceston. Hobart has a level of client participation exceeding 2,500 per year. More recently, a branch of Sailability was established at the Wynyard Yacht Club.

Our participants are physically impaired people of all ages, students with special needs, residents of supported group homes and able-bodied volunteers who assist with sailing the vessels. Client safety is our highest concern.

Our fleet of craft consists of four David Payne designed 7.4 meter ballasted keel yachts and a fleet of unsinkable "Hansa" dinghies. The dinghies are specifically designed for people who have physical limitations.

Bryan Walpole is an experienced yachtsman volunteering his service as a skipper in our keel boats for group sailing sessions for clients from various support organisations.

He also assists with our regular Sunday sailing program using the Hansa Dinghies.

Bryan is our Safety officer and has developed safety procedures for risk management and a training program for all volunteers, participants and sailors. He is obviously a very experienced medical professional and as such, a great asset to our organisation.

William Brown AM.
 Secretary.
 Phone 0438 750 987
 10 November 2011

Brian has been a valued participant and supporter of the Living Boat Trust's regular biennial 10-day small boat expeditions from Recherche Bay to Hobart since they began in 2007. Although most participants would probably only know him as a particularly welcoming member of the fleet, in fact he has always been there as the voluntary Fleet Medical Officer, quietly providing discrete medical support to any that need it. His willingness to contribute his expertise in remote area medicine, to offer his practical and good sense approach to risk management and to share his broad maritime experience have all been critical to the success and the good safety record of these expeditions. The expeditions and the Living Boat Trust generally would have been very much the poorer without Brian's contribution.

Deb and Martin

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Franklin TAS 7113

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Skippers are encouraged to keep Tas Maritime Radio informed of their location, destination and plans during any cruise

Women on Boats

The WOB meeting for February was an outdoor, practical activity. Our

Focus concentrated on rope handling skills and the practice of useful knots.

Our meeting was attended by over 20 ladies who were keen to try some new rope handling skills, put these into practice and share some tried and true techniques. It was heartening to see several new “women on boats” from various other yacht clubs attending, as they have heard of our activities and we interested to see what WOB Is about. There was lots of action, great furling, hurling and general sharing of practical knowledge.

A discussion followed, to amend our meeting time and day, to fall In line with availability at RYCT. Feedback was appreciated and although difficult to find a solution that suited everyone, a new time and day were decided upon.

Currently our next WOB Meeting for 2019 will be on Tuesday 19th March, with a revised start time of 6pm finishing at 7.30. To be held at the RYCT. We look forward to learning more from Ben, specifically how to create soft shackles and Dyneema splicing.

Please be aware we have a new meeting day set from **April** onwards.

We will now meet on the **Second Monday** of each month. 6pm-7.30 pm

This is to ensure we have a consistent space available at the RYCT. This change will be affected by the June long weekend, however, information will be available In your regular WOB emails to keep everyone up to date with any specific changes.



WOB Learning their Knots



See you on the water. Tracey T



Why is a ship called she?

A ship is called 'she' because there is always a great deal of bustle around her; there is usually a gang of men about.



She has a waist and stays; it takes a lot of paint to keep her looking good; it is not the initial expense that breaks you, it's the upkeep. She can be decked out.



It takes an experienced man to handle her correctly; and, without a man at the helm, she is absolutely uncontrollable.



She shows her topsides, hides her bottom, and, when coming into port, always heads for the buoys.



The author is an unknown 19th century Irish humourist - and plainly not a feminist - but Russian sailors call their ships "he."

Don't Discount DCS – Andrew Boon

The implementation of VHF DSC (Digital Selective Calling) in Australia has been a sad story. In Europe and USA the system has been fully implemented and coast stations monitor for digital distress calls and position reports. All new VHF radios sold in the USA must have DSC capability. In Australia, the 'authorities' have ignored VHF DSC, to the point where GME is no longer marketing the model which was purpose-built and refined for DSC (GX650D). Tas Maritime Radio has recently decided to suspend monitoring of VHF DSC in SE Tasmania.

However: during the CPR Refresher course that Lew organised, the instructor emphasised the importance of calling for help early in the resuscitation process. This is normally done by calling Triple Zero, but in our situation, the DSC alternative might be invaluable. Not all areas have mobile phone coverage (by any operator) and in many cruising areas, the response time of the Ambulance Service might be stretched. Simply holding the red DISTRESS button in for 5 seconds will alert other boats with VHF DSC within range to your plight. They won't know what type of distress you have encountered but they may be close enough to render assistance. Any other boat in radio range and with a VHF DSC radio will receive the alert, regardless of whether they have connected their GPS to their radio. They will have your location (latitude and longitude). This includes all large commercial ships.

Don't worry about going to VHF 16 and putting out a voice Mayday call if you are in a hurry (as you will be if you partner is on the floor!).

So I implore anyone who has a VHF DSC radio on their boat to make sure that:

1. They have an MMSI (available from AMSA) and that it is programmed into the radio;
2. A GPS signal is connected to the radio, either internally or wired from a separate GPS source;
3. Test calls have been made successfully - make an Individual call to another VHF DSC station); and
4. You and your crew know how to send a distress call.

Lew (*Minerva*) and I (*Juliet*) have VHF DSC radios and know how to use them, so give us a call. Look on your AIS receiver to find our MMSIs.

Andrew Boon

SY Juliet, MMSI 503 123 500

No I don't have shares in CocaCola Amatil (CCA)

Okay, so you've left a bunch of perfectly good, chrome-plated set spanners or wrenches at the bottom of an onboard toolbox, some salt water has wormed its way in somehow, and now your tools are crusted over with rust. One by one, you remove, examine the brown, even blackish discolorations and ask yourself, *Should I donate to StVdePs? They're still usable, but they look horrible.* Most of us could be embarrassed to own up to them in private, let alone in public.

Disposal? Embarrassment? As luck would have it, there's a third alternative, and a very positive one at that. Coca Cola, the beverage that first bubbled up in a pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1886 and is now familiar to just about everybody in the world—will remove rust from almost any chrome-plated tool, as long as you give the sweet, fizzy brown liquid enough time to work.

Container short-statured? End-for-end your wrenches and keep on soaking.

Here's what you do. Get yourself a stout, appropriately sized plastic container and immerse all of your rusted wrenches (or other rusted chrome-plated tools you have on hand) in a bath of Diet Coke. Go with the diet product here because sugar has no restorative effect and tends to add extra stickiness to a project that can sometimes get a bit messy. Make sure the Coke covers all areas of rust or at least half (you can end-for-end later on) and then place the container in a location where it will be out of the way and where moderate temperatures prevail.

Now twiddle your thumbs. Most likely, the restoration of your wrenches to their original appearance will take a few days at least, and perhaps several. When convenient, pull a wrench or two from the bath and do a quick scan. If all the rust is gone, fine—spray the tool with WD40, wipe it off with a rag and stow it, dry. If rust remains, pop the wrench back into the bath and keep twiddling. There's no question that Coke works on rusted chrome like gangbusters but other carbonated Cola products with phosphoric acid will do the trick as well, although with not quite as much panache. And incidentally, if you have any Coke left over, use it to wash down a few potato chips.

Nice little combo, Coke and chips.

Tony Peach

New Members

Maid of Martha, owners Andrew Mitchell and Glenda Hart, as yet have not had time to write anything as they are cruising back slowly to Victoria, but I personally know the boat, as I was good friends with the son of the builder and Previous owners David & Marion Bowen, I even attended their wedding on board and SYC many years ago. The boat since inception has been well maintained and cruised extensively also by the second owners John Strahan also of SYC.

We hope to see them as regular visitors to our part of the world. And thanks again Mitch and crew for a wonderful Roast Dinner aboard prior to your departure.

Fiona Tuxen

Membership Officer's Report



I am writing this in advance of the required timeframe for submitting my report for the Albatross. As predicted last time it sure does seem to be a busy time of the year for activities on the water, although interestingly, it actually has been quiet on new membership requests, what with only 1 new member and one application received to date.

Following on from January's sailing events, we have seen quite a lot of activities for members to be involved in. The MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival held over the weekend of 8-11 February was once again such a superb event, with so much happening boat wise.

I was most fortunate to be invited aboard a good friend of mine's boat, Elusive, a 33ft triple planked cold moulded Kauri Pine masthead sloop designed and built by local shipwright Athol Waters for the Sailpast on Friday. My friend Bruno, who owns the boat while not yet (I am working on him) having joined the CYCT, is a keen yachtsman having sailed on Elusive for over 20 years. We had such a good sail in a decent stiff 25-30Kt breeze on the river, such that we simply had the main up with one reef in it, and still were sailing at a good 6kts plus. With 5

onboard, it was a little squeezey in the cockpit but that didn't matter, such was the spectacle of all the types of boats from the tall ships to superb yachts like Gretel II, to even dinghy's all enjoying the festive nature of the day. Going into Con Dock past all the spectators on shore, med mooring and finally relaxing with some nibbles and a cold beer just added to the enjoyment of the day.

Over the weekend I managed to catch up with Lew and we (I should really say Lew did) managed to get us invitations on board a number of really special larger wooden yachts. But it was the sheer diversity of wooden boats of all sorts including the dinghy with a piano and other musicians playing old time tunes and the vibe of all the people, displays on shore, food, and I am sure the various talks which make this such a great event. It surely must captivate anyone with an interest in boats and the sea. I know for myself, visiting the wooden boat festivals in the past were a catalyst for my interest in boats and sailing being re-discovered.

While 28 CYCT members participated in the post Wooden Boat Festival Cruise and get together at the Quarantine Station, alas there was no interest from participants from the Wooden Boat Festival, for which this get together was aimed at. As a committee, the outcome of this is to be revisited for the next Festival with perhaps a pre Wooden Boat Festival cruise.

And lastly, while, the extended East Coast Cruise is well underway, due to other commitments, I was unable to depart with the other CYCT members on the 16th. But tomorrow (21st) will see me join Wayfarer 2 with CYCT member Anne Clark and some other crew to head up to the East Coast to hopefully meet up with some club members. All going well, a club member may decide to write up a trip report for the Albatross. Afterall, this is what makes our magazine a great read for all members.

Special Item for Members Attention

Due to the ongoing rise in costs to run the Club, Administration, Printing, Maintenance of Club Moorings and Accommodation for our Monthly Meetings and Forums, The Committee recommends that we increase our annual membership fees to be set at;

General Membership to \$110.00 , Social Membership (those without boats) to \$85.00

This need to be set at the May Meeting. (according to the constitution)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

These applications for membership will be automatically ratified within 14 days of the date of the scheduled General Meeting immediately following this publication of the *Albatross*, subject only to any member lodging an objection, in writing, to the Secretary no later than that date.

Bonne Idee

Robert & Jacque Donovan

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS***Maid of Martha***

Andrew Mitchell & Glenda Hart

Gradiva

Rachel & Scott Poulter

Tainui

Dion Dillon

Kyamee

Bruce Kesby

Teos

Trina Childs

Burubi 5

Brian Sue Drummond

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.

Minutes of General Meeting held at RYCT on 5th February 2019

Opening

The Commodore Richard Taylor opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Attendance

Eighty-two people attended the meeting which included twenty-two guests – seven from the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, USA: Sean Koomen, Betsy Davis, Christian Cogan, Ginny Wilson, Nathan Nelson, David Klco and Christian Gaggia. Other guests were: Peter Watson and his crew members Kirsten Simpson and Harry Waller, Leigh Von Bertoch, Lyn K, Dick Caveres, Rosa Delima, Peter Chataway, Catherine Kimber, Helen Ellison, Trevor Manoel, Faye Hill, Korey Ruben, Miles Flanagan and Mark Visser. The Attendance Sheet is filed with the official copy of the minutes.

Apologies

Eight apologies were received, which are listed on the attendance sheet.

Guest Speaker

The Rear Commodore introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr Sean Koomen, Chief Instructor at the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, Washington State, USA. Sean and Ms Betsy Davis, Executive Director at the School, gave an informative presentation on the School's history, programs and typical boat projects built at the school. They also spoke of the School's mission "to preserve and develop the individual as a craftsman." They advised that strong links have been established between the School and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival over several years and the School is providing tremendous support to the AWBF.

At the conclusion of the presentation, there was a twenty-minute break and the meeting resumed at 8.30 pm.

Minutes of General Meeting held on 4 December 2018

It was moved by Kim Brewer, seconded by Gary Butterfield that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 December be signed as a true record of the meeting.

Carried**Business Arising from those Minutes**

Nil

Introduction of New Members

The Commodore advised of applications for membership from Andrew Mitchell, Glenda Hart, Rachel and Scott Poulter. He welcomed to the Club and presented burgees to the following new members, who introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their boating history:

- Dion Dillon (*Tainui*)
- Bryan and Sue Drummond (*Birubi 5*)

Treasurer's Report – Shona Taylor

The Treasurer advised that:

- The Club's year-to-date profit was \$7,000, but costs would increase due to the use of the RYCT premises.
- Details on the work done by the Strategic Planning Committee were published in the *Albatross*. She invited members to provide her and the Committee with any feedback on the work so far.

Vice Commodore – Greg Hitchens

The Vice Commodore reported that:

- Visitors from the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, USA have built a Haven 12 and a Half wooden boat at Franklin in the past couple of months and this will be auctioned at 12 pm on Sunday 10th February at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.
- A very enjoyable barbecue had been held at the home of Club members Alan Braddock and Dinah Jones on 12 January, and he thanked them for their wonderful hospitality.
- Richard and Shona Taylor had put a lot of preparation in the planned Donald Sutherland Memorial Navigational Cruise but due to the bushfire threat and smoke, it had been postponed until Easter. Further details would be made available in the calendar on the Club's website.
- Andrew Boon would be leading a post Australian Wooden Boat Festival cruise commencing on Tuesday 12 February until Friday 15 February. At the conclusion of that cruise, it was expected that some members would remain in Cygnet for the weekend. The Club would host a barbecue ashore in the grounds of the Quarantine Station at North Bruny on 12 February, and the Living Boat Trust would host a dinner at Franklin on the evening of 14 February. A flier with further details was tabled at the meeting. The flier would also be included in the package provided to all participants in the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. For catering purposes for **both** functions, it was important that participants registered on the website.
- The East Coast cruise was scheduled to commence on 16 February. Boats would meet in Norfolk Bay and the decision would then be taken on whether to go through the Denison Canal or around the Tasman Peninsula. To date, eleven boats had registered for the cruise and members intending to participate were asked to register on the website. The Vice Commodore would be leading the cruise, but would be seeking advice from other members on preferred anchorages.
- A cruise to New Norfolk was planned for April, and Philip Bragg would be leading that cruise.

Commodore – Richard Taylor

The Commodore reported that:

- The Club had made a donation of \$150 to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival “Build a Boat” project to cover the cost of one kit for a team of young people (13 – 17 years old) to construct a kayak/canoe. It had been agreed that the CYCT would be promoted as a sponsor. Club member Paul Kerrison spoke about the project and encouraged members to attend its launch on 12 February in Constitution Dock.
- The Donald Sutherland Navigational Cruise, rescheduled for Easter, would be capped at twenty-five boats due to anchorage constraints, so members were urged to register on the website for the cruise.
- Copies of Ian Johnston’s book *The Shank* were available for purchase by members, at a cost of \$52.00. The book contained outstanding and unique photography and valuable information about the South West, and members were encouraged to purchase it.
- On behalf of the Club, the Commodore congratulated Club Member Bryan Walpole on his award of a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to emergency medicine, to professional organisations and to sailing.
- The cost of the barbecue at Quarantine on 12 February would be \$20 per head, payable at the function. This would be a Club fundraiser and would cover the cost of a barbecue pack including meat, salad and bread. The Commodore sought volunteers to assist on the day with set up, cooking, clean up and money collection. At least eight volunteers were needed, and members were asked to reply to the Commodore, preferably by SMS.

Women on Boats – Tracey Taylor

Tracey Taylor was an apology for the meeting. Her report is in the *Albatross*.

Editor – Fiona Tuxen

Fiona Tuxen was an apology for the meeting. The Commodore commended her on the contribution she is making as Editor.

Membership Officer – Dave Mitchell

The Membership Officer reported that:

- There had been six new members in December and five prospective members. Current membership was 343, compared to 316 at the same time last year. It was anticipated that the Australian Wooden Boat Festival may generate more new members.
- New blue Membership labels available for collection, and members were requested to let the Membership Officer know if theirs was not available.

General Business

Commodore Richard Taylor advised that he had obtained from Club member Roger Locke old editions of *Seacraft* magazine, and these would be stored at the Club's facility at Quarantine, for the use of members.

Club Member Andrew Boon advised that:

- He had several old editions of the publications *Classic Boat* and *Cruising Helmsman* which members could collect from the front office of the RYCT.
- He was working on Open CPN chart-plotting software, updating new markings in the Huon River and Kermandi area, and was also endeavouring to update all fish farm locations. Members were asked to contact Andrew if they required further information.
- Mr Andrew Gibson from DPIPWE had advised that copies of the Southern Tasmanian Cruising guide were in short supply and had suggested that a fifth edition be written, possibly including Port Davey. Andrew Gibson had enquired whether any members of the CYCT would be interested in helping update the Guide. Members were asked to advise Andrew Boon of their interest, and he had promised to inform Andrew Gibson in approximately a month's time. Details of the planned update could be found on the Club's website.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania at 7.30 pm.

Close

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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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

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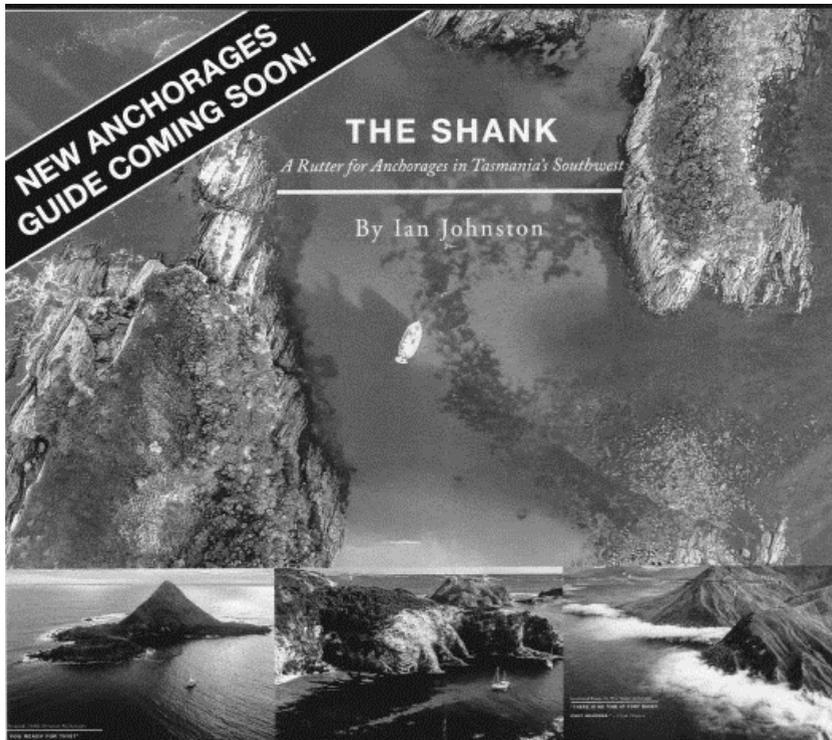
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AUD\$ 31.00 to 36.00**Mens/Unisex Polar Fleece Vest Full Zip Navy****SKU: PF 09 N****In Stock**

Full zip front polar fleece vest in Navy with **CYCT** embroidered logo.
Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month.
AUD\$ 36.00 to 51.00

Mens/Unisex Rugby Top Navy "Two-tone"**SKU: JB 3RT NN****In Stock**

This durable top is a practical Navy blue.
Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month.

AUD\$ 41.00 to 41.50**Mens/Unisex Short Sleeve Polo - Navy or White****SKU: PS 08 N****In Stock**

Short sleeve Polo with **CYCT** and emblem embroidered on LH chest. Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month.

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