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**Guidelines for contributions to the Albatross**

These guidelines are to assist members prepare articles for the *Albatross*. Please contact the Editor (**Julie Macdonald – editor@cyct.org.au**) with any questions.

- Submit articles as a Word document, ideally less than 1600 words and no more than 5 photos related to the article. Longer stories may be serialised.
  - Boat names should be *italicised*.
  - Images: jpg format, compressed to less than 1Mb for emailing and appropriately titled.
  - Photos must be your own or clearly attributed and should include caption.
  - The deadline for each month is the 19<sup>th</sup> (there is no *Albatross* in January)
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Cover page photo: Boats in Constitution Dock for Dark MoFo. Photo by Greg Hitchens

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**Not a CYCT Member?**

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!

**Payments to CYCT**

Payments can be made by direct deposit or transfer to this bank account:

Name: Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc. **BSB: 067 002 Account: 2803 5573**

Please include your name and brief details of the purpose for the payment.

**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 crew or persons.

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

**SAFETY** • All participants in any cruise will have acknowledged the Club safety recommendations when they indicated their intention to join the cruise. The Club’s safety recommendations should be reviewed by the cruise contact prior to departing on any cruise. These can be located on the club website under the Member menu.

**Regardless of information supplied by the Club or its officers the skipper is solely responsible for the boat at all times.**

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**REMINDER! Subs are now due!**

Family - \$110	Through the website
Social - \$85	Direct deposit to the club’s bank account (details above)
Child or student under 18 - \$20	By cheque to the Membership Officer, PO Box 605, Sandy Bay 7006
There are 3 ways to pay -	

**Editorial – Julie Macdonald**



It's that time of year again: subs are due and the AGM is coming up. Please pay your subs by the due date so that the Membership Officer doesn't have to chase you up. The Constitution states:

**"All membership fees shall become due for renewal by July 1 in each year, regardless of the date of original election to membership. Any membership not renewed by September 30 following the renewal date shall be void."**

In normal speak, that means that your membership may be revoked if you haven't paid fees by the due date. We value all our members and don't want to lose any because of an over-looked payment!

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The current committee has worked hard to make the CYCT the committed, enthusiastic club that it is. Now you have the opportunity to be part of the committee and contribute to the Club: just complete the nomination form and send it to the Membership Officer.

There is more good reading in this issue. Paul has contributed an informative article on cooling systems, Stan divulges a secret from the winter cruise, Bev recounts Ian Johnston's talk to the WoBs and we meet some new members.

If you want to see some insane boat docking, have a look at this:

<https://youtu.be/0E78XEvLtA0>

As Greg says, "Just like Con Dock!"

***Flotsam and Jetsam***

*While the words flotsam and jetsam are often used together, they have different meanings. Flotsam (from the word float) describes items that weren't deliberately thrown overboard, while jetsam (from the word jettison) describes items that were deliberately thrown overboard.*

*www. <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/>*

	<b>CYCT CALENDAR</b> .... Check the website for more details
<b><u>August</u></b>	
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General meeting
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	Winter forum
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women on boats
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary dinner
<b><u>September</u></b>	
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 Annual General Meeting and General meeting
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Winter forum
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Maritime Market Place
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Overnight cruise to Adventure Bay
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women on boats
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Committee meeting
<b><u>October</u></b>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Combined clubs Opening Day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Safety Day, Barnes Bay
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Women on boats
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	Show day weekend. Great Taylors Bay

## Commodore's report – Val Nicholls



Thanks Stan! Sailors, are by necessity a flexible and adaptable lot. Unlike my forearm. On the most ordinary of walks my left wrist saved me from an unfortunate collision with a protruding rock. The weight of my less than delicate frame on said wrist fractured the radius and now wrist is in a cast. Thank you, Stan, for not only taking up the tiller as Contact for the Barnes Bay Cruise but also writing it up for the Albatross.

Lately, adaptability has been the theme of the weather too: fog, sunshine, rain, blue sky, 3 thermal layers, a T shirt! Nonetheless sailing, learning and connecting are CYCT constants. A Lodge Bay cruise, an inspiring account of Mike and Sue Powell's Pacific Odyssey and an evening opportunity to benefit from paint expert Stephen Desmarchelier make up the CYCT smorgasbord of opportunity enjoyed in July.

Looking forward, David Nash and Ea Lassen, owners of the mighty Yukon, will join us at the August GM to present "10 years in Tasmania". They will share stories of the vessel's rescue from the bottom of a harbour near Copenhagen as well as her restoration and charter in Denmark, their voyage to Australia, and the upcoming continuation of their circumnavigation back to Denmark. Not to be outdone (a pun?) the focus of September's Women on Boats, led by Bev Hutchins, will be "All things ropey": knots, terminology, technique, technological developments, considerations when choosing etc.

June, July and August are key months in the Club governance calendar. Finances are wound up for the end of the financial year and prepared for audit, the next Cruising Calendar is prepared, plans for the Anniversary Dinner are hatched and all this on top of the usual business of planning for and running General and Committee meetings, getting the Albatross out in timely and engaging fashion, organising speakers, putting together informal and informative Winter Forums, managing a website, maintaining a secretarial eye on all matters of date and detail, and knowing where the trophies are. It takes, not a village, but definitely a Committee! Many thanks and appreciations go to the CYCT committee of this past Term, for their willingness to give time and energy to keep the CYCT membership, finances and participation in good health and to do so in such a collegial and good-humoured manner. Inevitably, this appreciation is paired with an awareness that all Committee positions will be declared vacant as per the Constitution at our Annual General Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms and position descriptions are included in this Albatross. I encourage you to give nomination some thought; perhaps there is a role that resonates with your skills or preferences. So often when Nomination is mentioned folks blanch; it's so easy to think of what one might need to PUT IN, forgetting to consider what one might GET OUT of the experience. Please give this some thought and feel free to call. This year the AGM/ GM format will include a presentation by Jay Lawry entitled "Twice by Sea: A mid-winter passage of a classic launch from Fremantle to Cygnet". Not to be missed!

Please consider enrolling for the Resuscitation (CPR + Defibrillator) qualification being run by the Royal Life Saving Association especially for the CYCT at our September Winter forum. A straightforward 4 hr certificated program of 2hr online + 2hr hands on. In an emergency, prompt action can make all the difference in saving a life. Experienced RLS trainers will teach the key elements of basic life support process and theory, in an engaging and easy to understand manner.

We will have an opportunity to be guided through a range of realistic and practical scenarios, using the latest equipment, to help consolidate the learning and confidence to effectively and safely provide CPR. We are offered the course at the discounted price of \$45pp. The details are in the September Winter Forum section of the website. I will also send out a number of blast email reminders to you all. Early registration will give you immediate access to the online component for completion prior to September 9<sup>th</sup>.



Think Curry, think Colour, think Celebration, think CYCT! Register asap for the CYCT annual Anniversary Dinner!

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## Vice Commodore's report – Mark Stephenson

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Greetings from a very soggy Quoiba – 110 mls of rain in 4 days ! Rest assured Callum, our Westie, remained very dry and cosy in front of the wood burner. The sun has since come out and the days are getting longer. I have only just discovered that we have 9 minutes more sunlight in the north of the state as compared to Hobart. Not a lot, but every minute of sunlight matters at this time of the year.

The Winter Cruise into Barnes Bay was another successful event. The report from our enlisted Cruise Contact Stan Pickering onboard Obsession is interesting reading, and the photos on our facebook page show perfect conditions. Many thanks Stan for helping out at short notice.

Now, if you had forgotten, or even if you haven't, I'm about to remind you about the rapidly approaching Anniversary Dinner, set down for Saturday 28 August at the RYCT. (Many thanks to those who responded to my email where I wrongly indicated the event was on a Thursday. I did wonder how many read our emails, and reports in the Albatross, but looks like they are well read.) I can't add more to what has been advertised, I've said it is an event not to be missed, and I mean it! Great company, great Indian food, Bollywood dancers, then a bit of hilarity. All for only \$75 per member, \$85 for non-members. Please register if you plan to come along, first in best dressed. Speaking of best dressed, colour is the theme for the night, it's not obligatory but come along as brightly dressed as you can.

The Cruising Calendar is now loaded onto the website for the 21/22 season. You will find the usual popular cruises and events along with some new options to join in. Go on, take a look now. A Maritime Marketplace and a cruise to Adventure Bay are set for September. Then along comes the Combined Club's Opening Day early October and the boating season is officially underway for another year, even though a lot of us are doing it all year round. Safety Day this year will focus on towing. Something we hope never to be involved with. I have a tow rope onboard, but never checked it out for its integrity or suitability. Hoping we will have a few volunteer boats to break down in Barnes Bay and a rescue team to discuss ways and means and then to safely tow them to safety.

Fair winds.

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## Rear Commodore's report – David Bowker

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David is currently in England so won't be sending a report for the next 2 months. The Commodore will add information as needed.




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## Membership Officer's report – David Mitchell

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Its been an interesting month since my last report, as I seem to have been inundated with a raft of minor membership matters following commencement of the new Financial Year. I have received numerous generic emails from our Web providers regarding membership renewals etc and I have also received 5 applications to join the club. It is pleasing that each of these applicants has followed through in paying their application and membership dues. These applications will be processed by the Committee at our next meeting in August,

but in the meantime look out for their bios introducing themselves in this month's Albatross and most likely the following month's issue. Please make these newest members welcome to the club.

From what I read and viewed on the club's Facebook page there was a good turn out to the winter cruise to Barnes Bay and even better still the weather, though cold over night, looked to have been splendid during the daytime allowing for an enjoyable get together onshore. Alas the weather was also most favourable for me to get quite a lot of work done on Hughie's boat (*Glenshiel 12*) and I must say the woodwork is really starting to come up well. As crew, my contribution is the least I can do in return for being given the opportunity to enjoy time out on this boat. We now have won two races on this boat in the interclub midweek series, something we are all pretty pleased about and not too shabby for an old 30ft IOR ½ tonner especially when up against many bigger, faster and/or lighter boats.

Tonight I will be attending the Winter forum on paints and hopefully this will be a most informative session. At last month's meeting, the talk by Sue and Mike from Yarandoo 2 on their 3 year odyssey from Oz to NZ, the US and Canada etc and return was fascinating. While many of us are unlikely to experience such amazing adventures crossing oceans on boats it is enthralling to hear of such trips and to dream that one day it might just be possible to have one's own such adventures. I must say the experience of 15m swells and 70-80kt winds though is an experience I

can do without. 65kt gusts coming down Mercury Passage on *Minerva* on our return trip from Flinders/Deal island etc a few years ago was more than intense enough!!

As I noted in last month's report, we will be looking for a new Membership Officer to take over this important function for the Club. It's not too difficult and really doesn't take too much time to do what is required. I have notes on the various functions required to undertake the processing of applications, and the other minor aspects of this role. All you need is a computer, internet access, and a limited understanding of Word (emails and an introduction letter) and some basic excel spreadsheet management. So please consider nominating. If you wish, contact me and I can give you a fuller explanation of what is required.

### 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.

<b>Tanya Robinson &amp; Trevor Thrale</b>	<b>50 50</b>
<b>James Burbury</b>	<b>Picway</b>
<b>Callum , Alexandra &amp; Andrew Macaskill</b>	<b>Commocean</b>
<b>Phillip and Mary Tomney</b>	<b>Perfect Escape</b>
<b>Alex Hirsch &amp; Steve Tripkovic</b>	<b>no boat</b>
<b>Kelly &amp; Mark Woodward</b>	<b>no boat</b>

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On behalf 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, both on and off the water.

**Andrew Fyfe *Rubicon***

### New Member directory from November 2020 – David Mitchell

<i>Distant Sun</i>	Rob and Nicola Boyce	0448 876 655
<i>Snug</i>	Jonathan Ross and Nathalie Amey	0423 497 176
<i>Freebooter</i>	Geoffrey Hooke	0418 421 085
<i>Turn the Page</i>	Steve and Lynne Logan	0409 970 609
<i>La Vie Nouvelle</i>	Noel Cook and Sharon Elliston	0418 421 085
<i>Sequel II</i>	David McKay and Andrea Jupp-McKay	0418 211 098
<i>Rubicon</i>	Andrew Fyfe	

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**Women on Boats report – Bev Hitchens**

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Women on Boats Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021

There was an excellent attendance to hear our guest speaker, Ian Johnston, of 'The Shank' and 'The Shank Revisited' fame, share his extensive knowledge on heavy weather sailing. His animated presentation incorporated many aspects of both boat and crew preparation, referencing the important five 'P's, i.e. Prior

Preparation Prevents Poor Performance.

Ian stipulated that good passage planning requires good initial and continued communication with the crew, especially with regard to individual responsibilities, emergency procedure and back-up plans, when Plan A goes awry. Everyone should know the boat layout and equipment locations. There should be allowance in the watch schedule for rest & comfort breaks, as well as sustenance and hydration, and for those with the luxury of a wheel-house, possibly some good reading material.

Ian discussed safety considerations such as man-over-board drill, and important aspects of sail reefing, anchor and drogue deployment, heaving to, and using a safety harness. He outlined the various considerations when deciding to head out in a less-than suitable sea-state, and also drew on his many gunkholing experiences to demonstrate the decision-making processes in assessing a safe refuge.

The evening was a good lesson in the value of knowing the capabilities of your boat and crew, with many amusing anecdotes to keep us laughing, whilst imagining the worst possible scenarios on the water.

As usual, after the presentation, we all retired to "Chillies" Indian restaurant in Sandy Bay for a delicious dinner. We were delighted that Ian braved the odds to join us, and his skills as raconteur were once more enlisted.

Our next meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, will feature an interactive presentation by Ginny Gerlach on the pleasures and pitfalls of boat ownership, including a comprehensive look at the components of a boat survey.

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## Winter Cruise – Stan Pickering

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Winter Cruise, Barnes Bay 10<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>. July 2021

Unfortunately, Val Nicholls (Cruise Contact) fell while bushwalking and injured her arm. It is a bit hard to sail with one arm in a sling. Somehow Stan Pickering (Stan the Man) ended up with the job.

The Plan was to meet at Lodge Bay at 1530 on Saturday afternoon.

I left Port Huon at 0930 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> in dense fog.

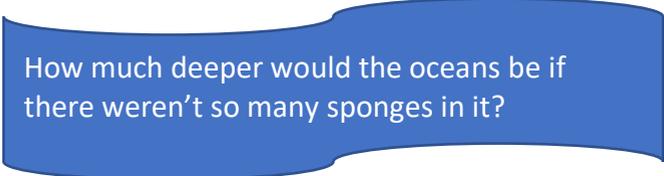
I was unable to see two boat lengths in front of Obsession's bow, and had to rely on electronics to chart the way. Obsession arrived in Barnes Bay at 1400 to find Pandora in Rose Banks Bay where we spent the night. John kindly invited me to join Helen and him on board for a "cuppa". We discussed the weekend activities and decided it was probably better to go ashore at Lodge Bay at 1400 than 1530 on Saturday afternoon, as the days are short.

On Saturday we headed over to Lodge Bay to find two CYCT boats already at anchor there. One by one two more boats arrived. Thanks go to John for going ashore early to get the fire going. We all spent a very pleasant afternoon enjoying the sunshine and fellowship. As soon as the sun disappeared behind the hills the temperature fell rapidly so all came closer to the fire until it was time to go back to our boats and crank up the diesel heaters... The hardy group off Wyndor stayed ashore and cooked their dinner on the fire. It was a very calm, still night, not a breath of wind nor ripple on the water to disturb us.

Sunday morning was clear and crisp, and John, Helen and I enjoyed a short walk to Burial Point. As the morning progressed, at various times boats departed for their home ports.

I have one incident to report. A skipper was proudly showing off his new rope attached duckboard when he stepped too close to the edge and took an involuntary swim! I hesitate to name this person on the grounds that I would incriminate myself. 'nuff 'said.

I would like to thank everybody for coming out and making it such a pleasant weekend even though at this time of year, it is a bit chilly. There were six boats in total: *Pandora*, *Easting Down*, *Serenity*, *Sequel 11*, *Wyndor*, and *Obsession*.



How much deeper would the oceans be if there weren't so many sponges in it?

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## Introducing new members

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### Kelly and Mark Woodward

Kelly doesn't know a life without sailing in it! Yachting has been in the family blood for generations. Kelly's Mum and Dad first met as teenagers sailing Tamar dinghies in the River Derwent in Hobart 60 years ago and the family romance of sailing has continued through the generations. Kelly's Dad navigated and skippered on many Sydney to Hobart, Melbourne to Hobart and Launceston to Hobart yacht races and has part-circumnavigated our island home, Tasmania. Kelly's Mum also crewed on a delivery trip to Sydney and was an assistant sail-maker in a Hobart sail-loft for many years.

Having first sailed as a baby Kelly went on to enjoy many a holiday on a variety of family yachts, along with her brother (who also went on to compete in local, Melbourne and Launceston to



Hobart Races) As a family we owned, cruised and raced 32ft half-tonners, 26ft Thunderbirds and now a Mumm 36. As a young teen she "had a go" on dinghies including Rainbows and International Cadets (but got sick of capsizing!) Kelly also crewed on a delivery trip from Hobart to Launceston and is looking forward to taking part in next season's Combined Club Pennant on the Mumm 36 (Joint Custody)

Mark has also had a long relationship with sailing, starting out as a teen on Hobby Cats and Rainbow dinghies. After meeting and marrying, Kelly and Mark went in a family syndicate with her Dad and brother to purchase a Knoop 30 half-tonner which they cruised and competed on for the next 20 years! Their two babies cut their sailing teeth on family sailing trips down the Channel, with their eldest son now a fully-fledged crew member on the racing Mumm 36. (The youngest prefers hot water boats and fishing!!) Mark has competed in 2 x S2H and 4 x L2H on half tonners and has skippered on numerous delivery trips including one very memorable one to Sydney on Ichi Ban.

After 28 years of marriage, raising two kids, numerous 9-5 jobs and, running their own small engine repairs business for the past 18 years, Kelly and Mark have decided it's time to plan ahead for a new adventure. The first attempt at this was to teach Kelly to ride a motorcycle in preparation for plans to ride around mainland Australia... alas, this was not to be. 1 crash, 6 fractures and 2 years of rehabilitation later, the bikes were sold and replaced by a 4wd and caravan!

Next came a breast cancer diagnosis (Kelly again) which fortunately was caught early - 2 ops and 20 radiation zaps later and 5 years of follow-up medications and tests (now 2yrs in) plus the realisation that the universe might be trying to tell them something... they figured NOW is the time to go on that adventure! Why wait?

THE NEW-IMPROVED PLAN... skill up, sell up, sails up! Their intention is to eventually work for 6 months in Tassie each year for the spring/summer then to set off cruising up through NSW, QLD and eventually, on the Go East Rally to Vanuatu in the autumn/winter months! Who knows... NZ and Fiji may even feature as well some time :-). The adventure has already begun in the form of planning and preparation... the time-frame for stepping aboard their new (2nd hand!) 40-42ft blue-water yacht as permanent live-aboards at the BYC is set for Xmas 2021!!

The house has now sold and once we locate that perfect boat for us, it will be all about sharpening our cruising skills in local waters for a couple of years or so until the business is sold and then the real offshore adventures can begin!

### Callum, Alexandra and Andrew Macaskill

We are Alexandra and Callum MacAskill. We live in Launceston and our boat "*Commocean*" is based at the Oyster Cove Marina at Kettering.

We were very fortunate to be able to acquire our boat from a local Hobart gentleman, Tony Pedder, who, since acquisition of his boat eighteen months ago, has become a very good friend indeed. He still visits the boat and ourselves regularly, as well as being a fantastic resource for local information and sound advice.

Sound advice and great friendship also comes from fellow CYCT members and local Kettering folk, John and De Deegan along with Alan and Heather Gluyas, who we hope to tag along with during their cruising adventures around the Tasmanian coastline. Our vessel "*Commocean*" is a Sea Ranger 46. I guess to describe her, an aft cabin trawler style motorboat, would best suit.

We hope to do some local and interstate cruising over the next decade or so, and she is currently going through some upgrades to suit remote location liveability. Our son Andrew is also a keen and responsible boater, who also looks forward to future club activities.

Alexandra has recently retired after 40 years with the Tasmanian Health Department, fulfilling a number of management positions, but continues in her role as a board director for Southern Cross Care Tas. Callum is still working as a skipper with Tamar River Cruises, and earlier this year, spent some time as skipper on the Pieman River on the historic vessel, Arcadia 2. Since the 1980's, Callum has been involved with the Tamar Yacht Club, Seaport Marina manager for ten years, and Tamar River Cruises for various periods.

We look forward to future CYCT activities and sharing the camaraderie of the members.

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## **Anniversary dinner – Mark Stephenson**

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### **Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Anniversary Dinner**

To be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay from 6 pm on Saturday 28 August 2021.

An evening of colour and flavours.

Join us for a Welcome Drink with canapes, a 3 choice Indian buffet with loads of extras, and a traditional sweet.

With a Bollywood dance troupe to entertain and a surprise to entice, it's an event not to be missed!

Only \$75 for members, \$85 for guests.

(Free parking, heating, setting up, cooking, presentation, washing up, vacuuming, dusting - all included for the one price!)

Overnight berth possible for your boat too, but at extra cost.

Register you places at the dinner - now - on the website.

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## **Cruise of the year and cruising plaques**

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For information on the Cruise of the Year award and the Cruising Plaques awards, see the June Albatross or go to the CYCT website, [login](#) | [Member Menu](#) | [Documents](#) | [Club Policies/Management](#) | [Management Handbook 2020](#) | click the Download arrow | scroll to page 14.

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## **Ahoy there! – Albert Ross**

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**I say Ahoy there!**

**It's been too cold, wet and miserable for a sun loving AlbertRoss to hang around so he has flown the coop, heading for warmer climes. Hopefully he'll return by the beginning of the warmer cruising season ....**

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**Ian's date and walnut loaf – Ian Macdonald**

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I always make one of these to take away on the boat. It's moist, tasty and lasts a good two weeks. It's even better when spread with butter!

Cook in a lined loaf tin 24 x 13 x 7cm

**Ingredients**

250 g plain flour  
120 g butter, chopped  
120 g brown sugar  
120 g sultanas or raisins  
120 g pitted dates, chopped  
25 g ginger, chopped (crystallised or glace)  
60 g walnuts, chopped  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon bi carb soda  
½ teaspoon powdered ginger or cinnamon  
200 ml milk

**Method**

In a large bowl, mix the butter and flour to form the consistency of breadcrumbs.

Add sugar, dates, sultanas, walnuts and spices.

Mix baking powder and soda with the milk and add to the mixture. Mix all ingredients thoroughly.

Spoon the mixture into the lined loaf tin.

Bake in the middle of the oven at 190 degrees for an hour or until a skewer comes out clean.

Invite the fleet for morning tea!



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**Quiz**

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1. What are the nautical code words for the letters B, K, O and Z?
2. A vessel flying a flag consisting of white and blue vertical halves indicates that:
  - a) She is engaged in diving operations
  - b) She is awaiting pilot
  - c) She has a pilot on board
  - d) She is hauling nets
3. When coming out of port an isolated danger mark must be passed clear
  - a) On starboard side
  - b) On port side
  - c) On either side
  - d) Northwards
4. The term 'in irons' refers to a boat that has.....?
5. How do you remedy the situation (being in irons)?

Answers on page 34

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**Forum report – Ian Barwick**

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Around 20 members attended the July 15 Winter Forum presented by Simon Desmarchelier titled All Things Paint which was a question-and-answer session rather than a prepared presentation however some members had forwarded questions to allow Simon to present a more considered response.

The first half of the forum related to the preparation and application of the various antifouling systems followed by discussion on varnish and various single and two pack paint systems.

Members enjoyed reminisces of past experiences good and bad and Simon added practical tips for current coatings and some thoughts on future developments and he offered members advice in the future if needed.

We then adjourned to the bar for a less formal chat and pleasant end to an enjoyable session.

The August Winter Forum will be held on Thursday August 12 from 6 – 7 pm at the RYCT presented by Club members Chris and Daun Morris who founded and operate Life Jacket Servicing Tasmania.

The Forum will be a hands on type workshop and members are invited to bring along their inflatable lifejackets and Chris will run through the Self-Check procedure that MAST are encouraging us all to carry out as well as inflating some life jackets and discussion on the use and care of lifejackets generally.

**THE CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA INC****Nominations for Office Bearers – 2021 - 2022**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc will be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. At that time, all positions for Office Bearers will be declared vacant. Please return this form to the secretary by August 31, 2021 to nominate one or more people to fill these positions.

Being financial members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc. I hereby nominate the following member(s) for the position(s) indicated for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Proposer: ..... Signature: .....

Seconder: ..... Signature: .....

POSITION	NOMINEE'S NAME IN FULL (Must be a financial member)	NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE accepting nomination
Commodore		
Vice Commodore		
Rear Commodore		
Treasurer		
Secretary		
Editor		
Membership Officer		
Webmaster		
Committee (1)		
Committee (2)		
Warden		

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**AGENDA 46<sup>th</sup> AGM Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**


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**1. Opening**

Scheduled for 7:30 pm

**2. Attendees**

Member are asked to register their attendance on the sheet provided for the Club records and check in via CheckInTas for Covid compliance.

**3. Apologies****4. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 1 September 2020**

**Motion - The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 1 September 2020, as published in the *Albatross*, be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting**

**5. Business arising from those Minutes (if any)****6. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report for financial year 2020-21****7. Appointment of Auditor**

Confirmation of Auditor appointment for the financial year 2021-22

**8. Commodore's Report****9. Presentation of Awards**

Cruise of the Year Award  
Cruising Plaques

**10. Election of Office Bearers**

Committee positions 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 Member No.1	Committee Member No.2	

**11. Any Other Business****12. Close.** A General Meeting and presentation will follow the AGM. Formalities will be brief.

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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. 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).*

### **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 Albatross August 2017 II 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.

**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.

**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.



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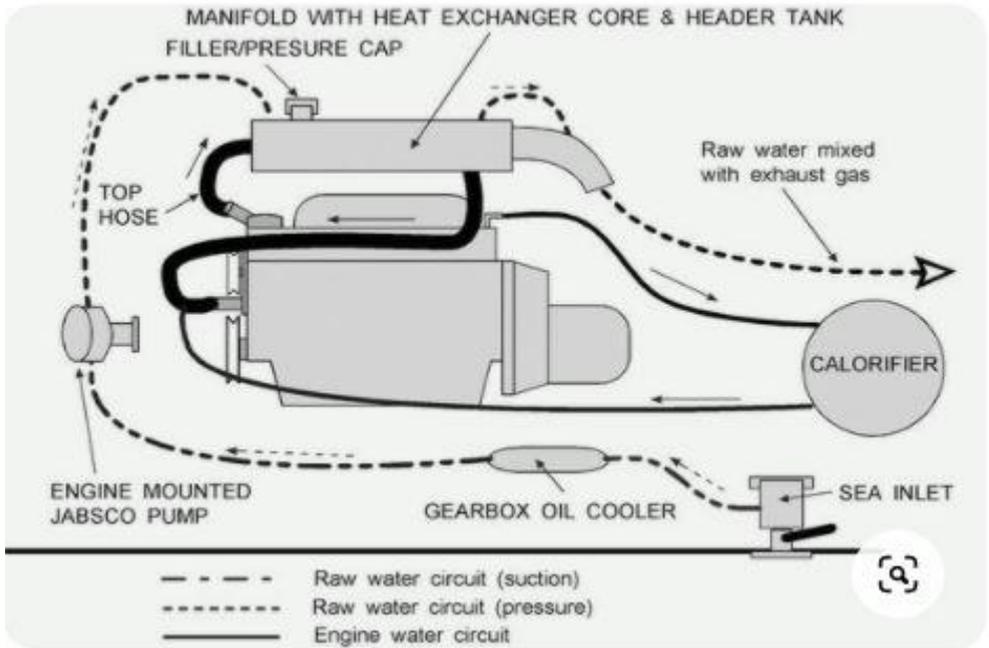
**Cooling systems – Paul Kerrison**

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**Every Internal Combustion Engine** be it a two stroke or four stroke and regardless of whether it is a stationary engine e.g., portable generator, motor mower, brush cutter, chain saw etc. needs cooling. All these examples are air cooled by using integrated fans. Larger automobile engines use both forced air & water via radiators.

Marine engines on the other hand all use a combination of seawater and an enclosed pressurised mixture of fresh water and coolant, passing through a heat exchanger to maintain the correct operating temperatures within the engine.

Most recreational boats use what is termed a wet exhaust system where raw water is pumped through a heat exchanger before being mixed with exhaust gas and expelled from the motor. Others use a dry exhaust system, where the engine coolant is passed through piping on the outside of the hull, (heat exchanger) found mostly on fishing boats etc.



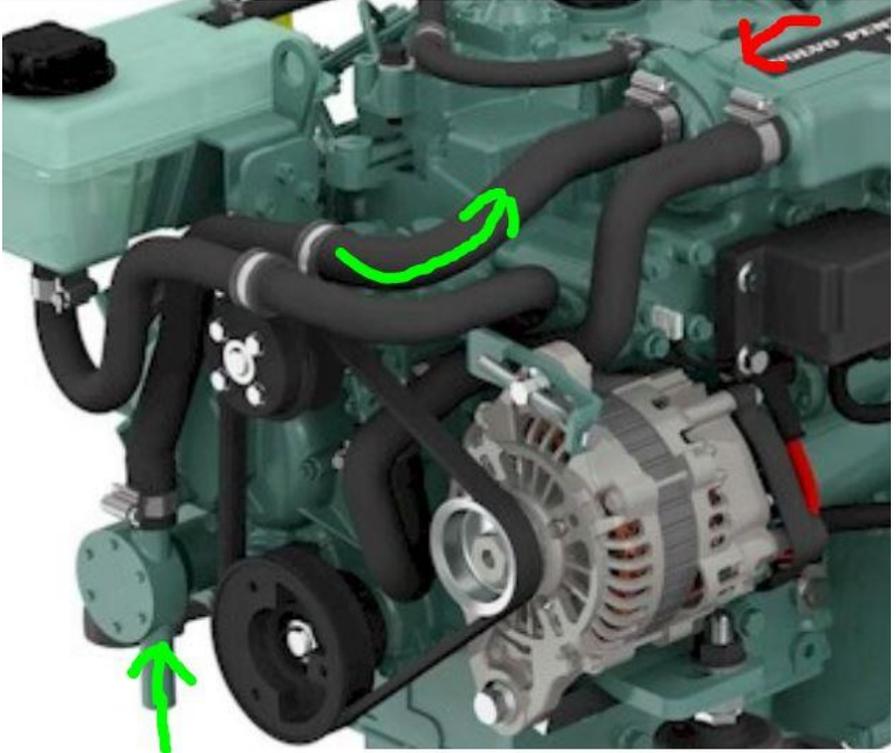
**Schematic of a Wet Exhaust system**



However, all engines need a pump of some sort to achieve this. In this article I am going to look at the most common form of pump found in a recreational boat, how it works & how to change the impeller.

**Example of underwater cooling (dry exhaust).**

First up, let us identify the raw water pump.



**Fig 1**

In this instance the pump is located to the bottom left with the water flow indicated by arrows to the front of the heat exchanger, (top right).

You will notice that there is no filter between the pump and the H/exchange which allows anything passing through the pump to end up in the front of the exchange unit which may cause a blockage. More on that later.

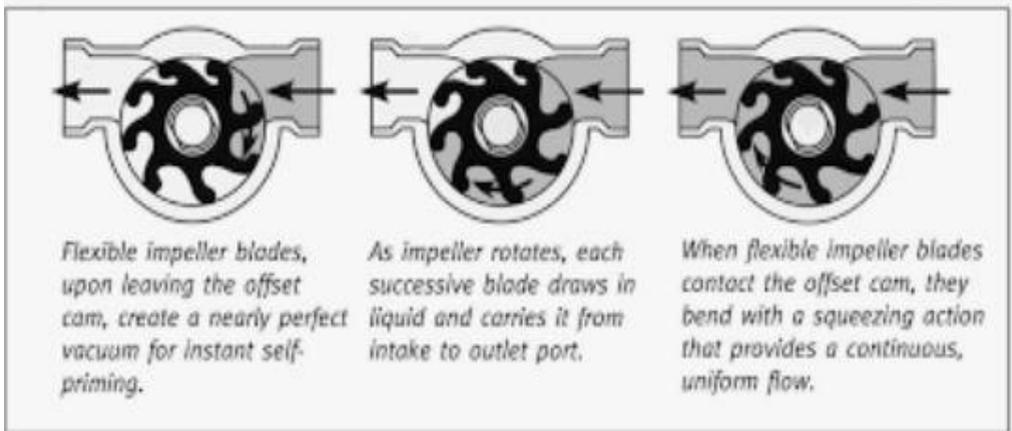


**Fig 2.**

In this instance the pump is located to the right hand side (1) underneath a raw water filter (2) before the water flows to the heat exchanger (3). This setup prevents any foreign matter actually entering the exchange unit. Also the positioning of the pump makes it easier for servicing.

The pumps illustrated above are both gear driven from the motor and as such do not rely upon belts so that in the event of a broken or loose belt they are still operable, and easier to service.

### How does the pump work?



### How to service.

Tools needed: appropriate sized screwdriver, or socket for the face plate screws, pair of long nose pliers, ( sometimes two can be useful ) zip-tie, hose clamp, some rags and I suggest a small container.

Having established that it is time to replace your impeller be it due to engine hours, an increase in exhaust noise due to a sudden blockage causing the impeller to run dry, or increased engine temperatures even though the strainer between the seacock and pump is clean.



First close your seacock, (put a tag on the dash to remind you that it is closed) place your container under the pump to catch any errant screw that you may drop before it gets lost in the bilge, (Murphy's law) loosen all the screws and put aside. Don't be alarmed by any water that escapes from the housing.

Remove the cover plate and gasket, if you have to use force be careful not to damage the surface of either the housing or cover plate. Use your pliers to remove the impeller by tugging on the vanes and pull straight out. Should the impeller be difficult to dislodge

spray a little lubricant onto the central axis then momentarily bump the starter once or twice without starting the motor.

This should break the seal enabling you to remove the impeller; only in the most extreme circumstances should you pry the impeller out, again being very careful to not damage the pump face.



**Fig 3**

Upon removing the cover and you are confronted with bits such in **Fig 3** possibly you will have to go further to retrieve any bits that have gone further into the system. In **Fig 1** (above) it's most likely that such missing bits are inside the end cap of the heat exchanger indicated by the red arrow, and it will be necessary to remove the cap (usually a very straight forward operation) and remove the offending bits that are causing restricted flow through the exchange tubes.

In **Fig 2** they will be in the water strainer above the pump.

Carefully inspect the pump interior for any scouring; also the front cover as this is not only a cover but a very important piece of the pump as the edges of the impeller vanes ride against the cover forming a seal. Any wear reduces the efficiency thus a poor water flow. The cover plate to the right shows significant wear and should be replaced.



Clean all traces of paper gasket from both the body and cover plate. Now to insert the new impeller. Some impellers are located using a key, others use either a splined shaft, or set screw to fit a slotted shaft. Before trying to fit the impeller it's necessary to lubricate the vanes. Some new impellers come supplied with a small amount of lubricant but if it comes without lubricant a small amount of dishwashing detergent will do the job. This won't affect the neoprene and is simply blown out the exhaust as bubbles.

**(Do not use** Petroleum based products such as Vaseline or grease as they will damage the neoprene)

You can compress the impeller vanes by putting a zip-tie around the middle or putting a hose clamp on one end, lubricate the vanes then locate it on the shaft pushing in until either the clamp or zip-tie needs to be removed before pushing fully home. Although it is desirable to have the vanes bending in the right direction don't be alarmed if you have one the wrong way as it will right itself in the first rotation.

Replace the cover plate paying careful attention to the positioning of the thin paper gasket, start all screws before final tightening.

Open your seacock before starting the engine, check pump and surrounds for leaks, plus exhaust for water flow.

**Important Note.**

Not all impellers are the same. From experience it is vital that you check and recheck that the replacement impeller is correct. Best to buy genuine parts as the smallest discrepancy in dimensions can cause failure by allowing the impeller to spin without pumping water.

Some aftermarket impellers may state that they fit certain pumps but in some circumstances they do not work, albeit less efficiently, or not at all.

**By the way do you carry a spare? If not why not?**

Happy Boating.




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## **Annual General Meeting Minutes, Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

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**45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc  
held on 1 September 2020 at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Opening**

Commodore Richard Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.  
2020 Albatross.

#### **Attendance and apologies**

Forty Seven members registered their attendance, plus one guest, Brian Wilson. Thirteen apologies were recorded on the attendance sheet which is filed with the official copy of the minutes.

#### **Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> (previous) AGM held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were published in the 2020 Albatross.

It was moved by Duncan McKenzie, seconded by Andrew Boon that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**Carried**

### **Business arising from those Minutes**

There was none.

### **Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the Club's Profit and Loss Statement and audited Annual Report were available to members, and that the year-end profit was over \$4,000, mainly as a result of Club inactivity due to the COVID pandemic. For that reason, a 50% remittance in fees had been provided to members for the current year.

It was moved by Shona Taylor, seconded by Leigh Miller, that the Club's current auditor, Max Peck and Associates, be re-appointed for the 2020-21 year, for a fee of \$230.

**Carried**

The Treasurer thanked the outgoing Committee for their support, and also those members who had nominated for the current Committee.

### **Awards – Vice Commodore**

The Vice Commodore advised that the joint winners of the competition to guess when the first cruise would be held following the enforced COVID lockdown (19 June) were Darren and Kris Schmidtke (*Karm*) along with Robert Buchanan and Joelle Legoux (*Dianne Johnson*). Robert and Joelle were apologies for the meeting, but the Vice Commodore presented the prize to Darren and Kris.

The Vice Commodore announced that the winner of Cruise of the Year was Mick Way (*Serenity*) for his cruise to the Gippsland Lakes. Mick was an apology for the meeting.

### **Special Resolution – Constitution Revision**

The following proposed constitutional revision had been communicated to members during the revision process and their comments had been incorporated in the final revision documents, which had also been forwarded to all members:

Clauses 3 and 7 to be amended as follows:

3. The objects for which the Association is formed are to:

- (a) Promote and encourage cruising in Tasmania and beyond;
- (b) Organise cruising of boats and disseminate knowledge relating thereto;
- (c) Encourage and support on water activities, boat building and maintenance and impart knowledge related to boating activities.

7. (a), (d), (e) and (f): The word "Ordinary" would be changed to "Full".

(b) Life Membership – sentence 2 would be changed to read: "The total number of Life Members in the Club at any one time is limited to ten."

The following Special Resolution was moved by Richard Taylor, seconded by Judith de la Mare and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

“That the changes to the Club’s Constitution as emailed to members on 31 July 2020, noted in the July and August *Albatross*, published on the Club’s website and tabled at this meeting be accepted and transmitted to the Department of Justice (Consumer Building and Occupational Services -CBOS) for approval.”

**Carried**

### **Commodore’s Report**

The Commodore’s Report was published in the *Albatross*.

The Commodore thanked the existing Committee and departing committee members and wished the incoming Committee success. He gave a special thanks to the Club’s outgoing Warden, Chris Creese, for his 21 years on the Committee and his service to the Club.

He reported that the current Committee had left the Club in a very strong position and listed the following as major achievements – the Club Express website, the Lease Agreement with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, a very strong membership with a high retention rate, strong financial position, updated Management Handbook, Media Policy and Media Statement, the Cruising Calendar and interesting guest speakers.

### **Port Esperance Sailing Club**

The Commodore reported that the Port Esperance Sailing Club’s facilities at Dover had sustained a severe fire, which had resulted in the premises being demolished. That Club was therefore now in the process of planning a rebuild, and the CYCT Committee had proposed that the CYCT offer financial assistance for the project, on the proviso that some reciprocal access would be available to CYCT members.

It was therefore moved by Richard Taylor, seconded by Paul Peacock that the sum of \$10,000 be placed into a new CYCT bank with the name ‘CYCT/Port Esperance Sailing Club New Building Fund’. These funds would be available to the Port Esperance Sailing Club when the new building project commenced and be available for a period of up to three years. The trustees of this account would be the CYCT Commodore, Vice Commodore and the Treasurer. The use of the funds were to assist in the construction of an external deck, a barbecue facility, a dinghy storage area, a bar facility, or any other suitable projects, structures or facilities that could be further identified and mutually agreed, and subject to a suitable reciprocal written agreement regarding access by CYCT members to the PESc facilities. Any of the selected projects would be visibly acknowledged as a donation from the CYCT.”

**Carried**

### **Election of Office Bearers**

The Commodore declared all positions vacant and advised of the nominations currently to hand as per the table below. He advised that no nomination had been received for the positions of Vice Commodore, Editor and Warden and welcomed nominations from the floor for those three positions.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Clarification</b>
Commodore	Val Nicholls	Elected
Vice Commodore	No nomination	
Rear Commodore	David Bowker	Re-elected
Treasurer	Paul Peacock	Elected
Secretary	Allison Peacock	Elected
Editor	No nomination	
Membership Officer	David Mitchell	Re-elected
Webmaster	Paul Kerrison	Re-elected
General Committee	Andrew Perkins Ian Barwick	Re-elected Re-elected
Warden	No nomination	

Further nominations were invited from the floor but none were forthcoming. Accordingly, the nominated candidates as listed in the table above were declared duly elected. The incoming Committee would address the remaining vacancies on the Committee. It was also noted that the current Quartermistress, Elizabeth Helm, had agreed to continue in that role and the Commodore thanked her for her continued contribution to the Club.

The outgoing Commodore introduced the new Commodore, Val Nicholls, to the meeting and presented her with the Commodore's burgee, name tag, the "21 Year History of the Club from 1975 until 1996 by Erika Shankley" and the meeting bell. Val then accepted his invitation to preside over the remainder of the meeting. Val thanked the outgoing Commodore and Committee members and welcomed the new and returning Committee members. She expressed her wish to be actively involved in all Club activities and encouraged members to nominate for Vice Commodore (to formulate the cruising calendar), Editor of the *Albatross*, and Warden (moorings and trophies

#### **Any other business**

There was none.

The Commodore thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm. A light supper was provided and the September General Meeting then followed.

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## General Meeting Minutes, Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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### 1. Opening

Commodore Val Nicholls opened and chaired the meeting at 7:30 pm

### 2. Rear Commodore

The Commodore:

- introduced the Guest Speakers – Sue and Mike Powell – Their 25 years living aboard *Yaraandoo II* a Joe Adams Naut Forty Sloop and their *Pacific Odyssey* that took them to 8 countries with diverse cultures and scenery
- thanked Guest Speakers and presented plaque.

### 3. Secretary

#### Attendees and Apologies

Reminded all that they needed to sign the attendance sheet for the club records and check in via CheckInTas for Covid compliance.

- Apologies in advance: David Bowker, Ian and Julie Macdonald, Alan Braddock and Dinah Jones, Emily and Robert Dunbabin
- Any other apologies: Duncan and Eva Mackenzie, Rupert Maclean, Ian and Christine Barwick, Lyn and Tony Peach
- The following guests were introduced: Paul Shukoff, Frith Moore, Craig and Maria Doran, Anna Rook, Alex Hirsch and Steven Tripkovic.

#### Minutes of the last General Meeting (1 June 2021)

**Motion - The minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 1 June 2021, as published in the *Albatross*, be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Proposed by: Erika Shankley

Seconded by: Bev Hitchens *Carried*

#### Business arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### 4. Membership Officer

There were no new members in attendance to be welcomed to the Club and presented with their Burgee.

Four membership applications are in process from Tanya Ronaldson, Andrew Fyfe, James Burbury and Alex Hirsch. Alex was at the meeting with her partner Steve.

### 5. Vice Commodore

The Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson reported:

#### What happened during the month of June:

Thanked organisers Greg and Bev Hitchens and Andrew Perkins for their efforts organising the following cruises:

- Cygnet and Franklin Cruise (Huon River Long Weekend Cruise 12 – 14 June)
- Dark Mofo (19 – 20 June)

What is coming up:

- Winter Cruise to Barnes Bay (10 July) Stan Pickering will be Cruise Contact instead of Val Nicholls
- Anniversary Dinner and award presentations (28 August RYCT Bruni Room) Indian food buffet and entertainment provided by Bollywood dancers
- 2021/22 Cruising Calendar coming together with the usual favourites and some new cruises
- Cruising that will be available to members organised outside the club calendar:
  - Ian Johnston will organise a Macquarie Harbour cruise
  - RYCT's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pear Tree cruise
  - Pirates Bay is organising a 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the naming of the bay
  - Cruise the Greek Isles

## 6. Commodore

The Commodore Val Nicholls reported:

What is coming up:

- Winter Forum Thursday 15 July – there will be a Q&A discussion on *All Things Paint* by Simon Desmarchelier
- *Nomination for Office Bearers 2021-2022*. The nomination forms are now available and due by the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 7 September 7:30pm. At that time all positions for Office Bearers will be declared vacant.

General business:

- Women on Boats thanked Ian Johnston for his speech on good boat and gear preparations and passage planning
- Next meeting on 19 July speech from Ginny Gerlach on boat surveys
- Reminder that the deadline for submissions to the July *Albatross* is 19 July 2021.

## 7. Other Business

The club is moving ahead with CPR and defibrillator training to be held at the September Winter Forum

## 8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 August 2021 commencing 7:30 pm at the RYCT.

## 9. Close

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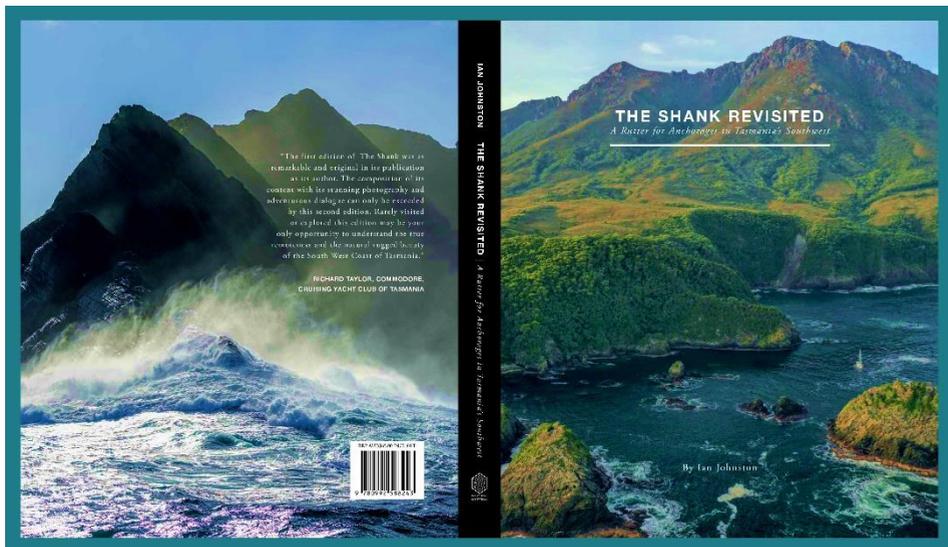


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Answers to the quiz:

- 1 bravo, kilo, oscar, zulu
- 2 a
- 3 c
- 4 In irons refers to a boat that has tried to tack but failed and will not fall on either tack.
- 5 The situation may be remedied by backing the jib ie holding the clew of the jib out to the original leeward.

Questions and answers take from *The Australian Boating Manual* (third edition) by Captain Dick Gandy