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Winners, Cruise of the Year

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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: Alex Papij & Jackie Zanetti, winners of the Cruise of the Year award, with Mark Stephenson and Val Nicholls at the Anniversary Dinner.

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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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**Editorial – Julie Macdonald**

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This month has been a busy one for the Club, despite the fact that we haven't had any on-the-water activities. The Anniversary Dinner, the AGM and the Maritime Marketplace were all well attended and once again show how active and committed our members are. Our NW Coast committee members (VC and CDR) have worn their fingers to the bone writing reports for this issue; the VC

contributed five articles including the calendar – that must be some sort of record!

This month's issue has some interesting reading for you: Ian Johnson raises an interesting point about the use of Constitution Dock, Barry McCann explains why you should be a member of TasMaritime and we meet several new members. Also, there are some happy snaps of the Dinner..... do you feature in any of them?

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the committee. We can look forward to some new points of view and fresh ideas.

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**Coxswain**

*A coxswain or cockswain was at first the swain (boy servant) in charge of the small cock or cockboat that was kept aboard for the ship's captain and which was used to row him to and from the ship. The term has been in use in England dating back to at least 1463. With the passing of time the coxswain became the helmsman of any boat, regardless of size.*

*[www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/heritage/speak-like-a-sailor](http://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/heritage/speak-like-a-sailor)*

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**CYCT CALENDAR..... Check the website for more details**

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**SAT 01 OCTOBER      Derwent River**

Combined Clubs Opening Day on the Derwent River. With a procession past the Governor onboard ML Egeria, this is a colourful day out on the water. Plan to be off the Domain at 1330 for the sail-past to start at 1400. CYCT boats are to commence the sail-past at 1425 hours. Whilst saluting the Governor do wave at our Commodore Scott also onboard ML Egeria. See the website for full details. Cruise Contact is Scott Poulter, GRADIVA on 0419 513 983

**TUE 04 OCTOBER      Meeting**

Committee meeting 1630, General meeting 1930 at the RYCT.

**SAT 15 – SUN 16 OCTOBER      Barnes Bay**

Safety Day weekend, based in Barnes Bay. Ian Johnston will again share his knowledge on many of his boating skills. Limited number of participants again this year so please register early. Cruise Contact Ian Johnston onboard *Juliene* on 0418 202 957.

**MON 17 OCTOBER      Meeting**

WOBs meeting at the RYCT at 1715 hours.

**THU 20 – SUN 23 OCTOBER      Peninsula**

Take advantage of the Show Day holiday and make it a 4 day weekend and head to the Tasman Peninsula. Time to get there, have a look around, move to the next spot, have a look around, take in the local views and activities, relax amongst fellow members, then head home refreshed after a good time away. The planned anchorages will be notified a few days ahead of departure when the expected weather conditions are known. CC TBA.

**TUE 01 NOVEMBER      Meeting**

Committee meeting 1630, General meeting 1930 at the RYCT.

**SAT 05 – SUN 06 NOVEMBER      Adventure Bay**

Adventure Bay has been little visited by Club members over recent years and with the prevailing westerly flow this could make for a good short break weekend away. The bay has a couple of anchorages to choose from, with dinghy landings from both. Ashore, the village shop can supply the forgotten bits and pieces, the Bligh Museum will explain the local history, there are easy walks along the foreshore to Blackfellows Point and then enjoy a coffee or snack at the cruise boat visitor centre. CC TBA.

**SAT 12 NOVEMBER      Kettering**

Join with our new members for a 'get to know you' event. The location is the Kettering Yacht Club, Ferry Road, Kettering. An indoor venue where new members and current members can meet and enjoy the traditional seafood chowder along with a treat from the BBQ with salad. Moor your craft in Little Oyster Cove, midday start, drinks available from the bar then head out for a night at anchor catching up with those you missed chatting to earlier. Cruise Contact is Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson standing in for the Membership Officer on 0438 854 380.

**MON 21 NOVEMBER      Meeting**

WOBs meeting at the RYCT at 1715 hours.

**SAT 26 – SUN 27 NOVEMBER      Sailaway**

WOB Sailaway. Cruise Contact Bev Hitchens onboard *Mystic* on 0431 567 776.

**TUES 06 DECEMBER      Domain**

General meeting to be held at Tas Maritime base station on the Domain. (This is still to be confirmed). The brief meeting will start soon after 1800 hours. A BYO everything BBQ will take place after the meeting, allowing for an informal get together for members. If you wish to observe the 1733 radio broadcast arrive before 1730. This evening has always been a favourite with members, along with our hosts at Tas Maritime. A good opportunity to put a face to the voices we hear while cruising.

**SAT 10 – SUN 11 DECEMBER      Ralph’s Bay**

Take advantage of the warmer weather and a full moon this weekend for the short trip to Ralph’s Bay. Many anchorages provide good shelter regardless of the wind direction with the opportunity to gather ashore for sundowners. CC TBA.

**SAT 17 DECEMBER      Margate**

At Home with Al and Dinah at their home in Margate. An afternoon social event with the opportunity to partake of their cider, beer and perry. Relax in the garden or take a walk along the river bank to the beach. BYO everything with something to share. Cruise contacts Al and Dinah onboard *Trim* on 0400 473 248.

**TUES 27 DECEMBER TO MON 02 JANUARY      Dover**

Take a week away after the hubbub of the festive season and head south to Southport for a few days, take in the easy walk to Southport Lagoon or a trip up the Lune River in the dinghy then move on to Dover. A selection of anchorages in the bay, a dinghy ride up the Esperance river, a walk into Dover town for retail therapy. Check how the re-build is progressing at the Port Esperance Sailing Club and join in their celebrations on NYE. CC TBA.



## Commodore's report – Scott Poulter



A little bit about your new Commodore. My first choice of career was to be a Deck Officer on a merchant ship. I completed the first year, learning coastal navigation and ship operations at the AMC in Launceston and then some sea time on the *Brisbane Trader* in 1983. I decided that wasn't for me, went to work in a bank and learnt how to sailboard. In 1987 whilst at UTAS in Hobart I was lucky to meet up with Mal & Val Innes who owned the 60' racing pocket maxi *Quasimodo*. Mal took me on board as crew as he prepared *Quasi* for cruising. We cruised to Port Davey in early 1988 and then from Kettering to the Whitsundays in June 1988. A very experienced cruiser, Ken Newham also joined us for the trip. I became very good friends with Ken & Doris Newham, past Commodore and first Life Members of CYCT.

In 1989 I started work at EZ, in the casting plant working for CYCT member John Bridgland. With my first few pay cheques, I put a deposit on a beautiful *Compass 28* cruising yacht. I also met a young lady who had been sailing since she was eight and in January 1991 Rachel and I were married. We cruised the east and north of the state from Recherche Bay, the Channel, Frederick Henry, Port Arthur, Maria, Freycinet, Flinders, the Tamar to Port Sorell. We were members of the CYCT, and in 91/92 I was briefly Secretary. However, a transfer to Rosebery made this impractical. A baby daughter Mollie, the imminent arrival of Lucy our second daughter and the desire to buy a family home meant that we had to part with our first cruising yacht.

We moved to Perth, WA, for work in 1996 and I was able to squeeze in some sailboarding and a little offshore racing. By 2001, we were ready to buy a family cruising yacht and set sail! We found *Heemskirk*, a steel John Pugh Fairwind 47' ketch, in Brisbane and made the move, living on the boat at RQYS Manly Marina. We soon joined the RQYS Cruising Group where our family was made very welcome. We participated in most of the monthly cruises for 15 years, exploring, learning and socialising with this fantastic group. We were Cruise Captain (cruise contact) for 25 or more cruises including an extended cruise to Lady Musgrave Lagoon and another to the Whitsundays. We chaired the cruising group committee for two years and were on committee for six years.

In 2016 we finally headed off on a five year live aboard cruising adventure. Passing through Brisbane every November we spent four winter seasons sailing the Queensland coast and Great Barrier Reef to Cairns and Lizard Island. We spent one winter season, 2017, cruising offshore to New Caledonia, Vanuatu and the Coral Sea. We had four summer seasons sailing south to Tasmania including one trip to Port Lincoln in SA. We had one summer season, 2018, in Moreton Bay, getting used to our current ketch *Gradiva*, an Amel Mango 53'. In March 2021, after a glorious two weeks in Port Davey we tied up in Hobart and moved back into a house in Shearwater.

Rachel and I have cruised more than 45,000 nm and most of that with just the two of us on board. What I love about the cruising lifestyle is the freedom, living the dream, exploring, discovering, the sense of achievement, meeting people (two or more boats in an anchorage = sundowners), supporting each other and most importantly friendships old & new.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank the outgoing members of the committee, Val Nicholls, Paul Kerrison, Ian Barwick, Andrew Perkins, David Mitchell, Rachel Poulter and also Elizabeth Helm for their commitment and service to the club. I would also like to thank all the members of the new committee for volunteering their time to support the club.

I am excited to take on the role of CYCT Commodore and look forward to supporting the members, helping them achieve their cruising goals and making many new friendships.

## Vice Commodore's report – Mark Stephenson



Greetings from onboard *Crown Venture*, back in the water after repairs to the port engine which required two weeks ashore in a dirty boat yard. Along with a clean bottom, waxed topsides, new plumbing for the loos and a smooth-running engine I'm pleased to say that *CV* is looking pretty schmick! That's after a few days washing decks, cabin sides, the cockpit and then vacuuming. As you know, dust gets everywhere when you're out of the water!!

I'm pleased to declare the Anniversary Dinner a great success. The evening at the Greek Club ran like clockwork and I've had only positive feedback. Perhaps you can send me some feedback to help planning next year's event?

The Maritime Marketplace was very wet. There were only 10 vendors and maybe the same number of purchasers. Hoping for better weather for the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania who are holding a similar event on Sunday 09 October from 0900 to 1300 hours at the MYCT in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne. One can book a space or just turn up shopping for bargains. Contact MYCT on 62439021.

Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> October we have the Combined Clubs' Opening Day. A day for bunting and saluting. Details are on the website but basically unchanged from previous years. Cruise Contact, Commodore Scott, will be advising a suitable anchorage on the day for overnighing so come prepared to socialise after the sail past.

A Cruise Contact is needed for the Show Day weekend cruise heading to the Tasman Peninsula. 4 days away with lots to see and do when there. Please get in touch now so you can design the weekend how you'd like it to go. I still need Cruise Contacts for some forthcoming cruises. It is a very satisfying and rewarding role, allowing you a great opportunity to meet and work alongside other members.

After all the rain we have had this year I was disappointed to read we should expect another La Nina year so another wet summer. I enjoy a Tassie winter, constantly amazed at how much growth there is in the garden but I more enjoy a Tassie summer with long warm and sunny days. I can't wait.

Fair winds !



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## Rear Commodore's report – David Bowker

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At the General Meeting on Tuesday 4th October, our new Commodore will present “Coastal Passage Planning - Cruising for Pleasure”. A not to be missed presentation for anyone planning to head beyond the Channel.

The talk will cover ten key points for successful passage planning including weather, sea state, tides, currents, planning to arrive and contingency planning.

The meeting and presentation start at 7:30pm on the 4th October upstairs at the RYCT. Please register for this event on the CYCT website. Make a night of it and enjoy a meal downstairs before the presentation. (Book with RYCT 62234599 )

Note: RYCT is holding an Oktoberfest on Friday 7 October 6:30pm. Bookings are welcome.

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## Membership Officer's report – Scott Poulter for Sue Powell

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A big thank you to those who have paid their membership renewal which became due on the 1st of July 2022. .

Last chance to update your contact details, address etc if they have changed, before the new membership directory is printed. Please follow the instructions on page ten or log into your club account and update these before Friday October 7th. If that fails then email [membership.officer@cyct.org.au](mailto:membership.officer@cyct.org.au) before Friday October 7th.

A reminder to WoB members that they must have a separate login id from their partner's membership to be listed on the WoB address listing.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP & PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

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.

**Len and Libby Stephens**

***Equanimity***

**Susan Wills and Andrew Polotnianska**

***Sheokee***

### PROVISIONAL MEMBERS UPDATED TO FULL MEMBERSHIP

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.

**Christine & Jiri Vitesnik, Sequester.**

### New Member directory from November 2021 – Scott Poulter

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| <i>Sant'ana</i>             | Mick Hawes & Julie Cassar  | 0409 176 148 |
| <i>Manana</i>               | Brett & Elizabeth Harrison   | 0408 178 640 |
| <i>Exodus</i>               | Andrew & Gail Blakney  | 0400 711 812 |
| <i>Katherine Scarlette</i>  | Marshall & Trish Kimber  | 0415 902 453 |
| <i>MV Southern Explorer</i> | Rick & Lesley Allen  | 0419 304 500 |
| <i>Andromeda</i>            | Dennis Pashen, Victoria & Dan Sheedy   | 0418 771 441 |
| <i>Kapala 5</i>             | Will, Felicity, Hugo & Jack Allison  | 0419 366 885 |
| <i>Stardust</i>             | Blair Bryant   | 0488 701 000 |
| <i>Giovanna</i>             | Kevin & Sharon Donovan   | 0429 053 846 |
| <i>Red Rackham</i>          | Tim & Fiona Hopkins  | 0422 263 096 |
| <i>Elysium</i>              | Michelle Alderson  | 0417 717 763 |
| <i>Ca Va</i>                | Christine (Chrissie) Matera, Michael Rowland, Arora<br>Matera & Joshua Rowland | 0438 266 425 |
| <i>Little Bear</i>          | Peter & Sylvia Grewe   | 0418 334 875 |
| <i>Huon Haze</i>            | Guy Stainsby, Amanda Midgley, Ben & Will Stainsby                              | 0424 688 869 |
| <i>Blue Crystal</i>         | Bastion, Alexandra, Frederick & Henry Seidel                                   | 0448357027   |
| <i>Sequester</i>            | Christine and Jiri Vitesnik  | 0412 999 806 |
| <i>Equanimity</i>           | Len & Libby Stephens   | 0418 454 726 |
| <i>Sheekee</i>              | Susan Wills & Andrew Polotnianka   | 0438 851 077 |

#### **Updating your info for the new Membership Directory**

The new Membership Directory will be printed by November and it is important that the information it contains is as accurate as possible. Do you have a new boat? Changed your address? To check and update your details please login to the website and follow these directions:

1. Hover the cursor over your name on the top right of the home page above the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania banner. You will see a drop down menu.
  2. Click on My Profile and work through at least the first 2 boxes (Basic Information and Additional Member Data) to make sure the information is accurate.
  3. Note that under Basic Member Info, Contact Information, the last heading – Other Info – allows you to elect to receive a printed newsletter or to download it from the website.
- If you've had a go and have a problem then please contact the Membership Officer.

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**Introducing new members**

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**Jiri and Christine Vitesnik**

Jiri and I are now in the process of fully relocating back to Tasmania and look forward to doing extended voyages through the many magnificent waterways around our beautiful state. In 2019, after nearly eight years of searching for the right live-aboard sailing cruiser, we purchased *Sequester*, a 40 foot Zeston (built by the Buizen brothers in 1984). We then found ourselves on the wrong side of the Strait and faced lockdowns and closed borders so there is much to catch up on. Our ongoing part time life in Victoria supporting dependant family members and consolidating property will continue for a little longer but we are always eager to get back here and out on the water learning new skills, back on the bushwalking tracks re-visiting old haunts and being active grandparents. We look forward to meeting the CYCT members.



*Sequester*

**Alexandra, Bastian, Henry & Frederick Seidel**

It would be fair enough to describe our family as rather typical landlubbers who had little to no interest in ships, boats, yachts, dinghies - you name it. My wife Alexandra though loves surfing and paddle boarding - if that at all counts. I enjoy open water swimming (with a decent wetsuit that is) and our boys Henry (6 years old) and Freddie (4 years old) just want to get wet and muddy.

We live in Mountain River, in the Huon Valley. Alex and I are both GPs in Huonville and on Bruny Island.

We just returned from a three months trip in a VW pop-top campervan up Australia's East Coast to Cooktown with the undisputed highlight for us sailing for three fabulous days on a 54 foot Jeanneau *MiLady* in the Whitsundays. We were not quite sure what to expect from the mini cruise - but we absolutely loved each and every minute of it. Camping was great - but sailing was something completely different...



*Blue Crystal*

To cut a long story short, I quickly bought a dozen books on all things sailing, subscribed to sailing magazines and started to dive deeply into [www.boatsonline.com](http://www.boatsonline.com).

A month later we all flew to Sydney to look at a Beneteau 343 and a Hunter 376. We put an offer on the Hunter and were eagerly awaiting the report from the marine surveyor.

The 'turnkey-ready off-shore family-cruiser' turned out to be quite a lemon. The insurer was not even going to offer any cover to get the boat to Tasmania. The seller was neither offering to do the repairs nor to discount the asking price. So we walked away and concentrated on driving our campervan back to Tasmania.

A few weeks later we came across an advertisement for an oldish but decent Beneteau 38M in Brisbane. I flew over and made an offer on the spot. She's a 1991 model based on a Beneteau First 38s5, but adapted to the needs of the Moorings sailing charter company in the USA. She's comfortable, and even better, with me being 6'5 I can stand in the cabin without banging my head



on hurtful things every minute.

As I'm writing this profile our delivery skipper Rowlie Walker and his team are on the way to sail *Blue Crystal* to her new home at the North West Bay Marina in Margate. We can't wait.

Alex and I have started taking sailing lessons (thank you for your patience, Jason Cummings) and we got our motorboat licence just last week. The children and I had our first trip to Peter Johnson's Ship Chandlery, a big success we three boys thought, but resulting in Alex taking away my credit card

(for the moment).

There will be a lot to learn for us - but we know we're going to love it. Sailing just seems to be the family challenge we have been looking for.

Thank you for welcoming us to the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania. It's fabulous to be part of such a supportive community. See you soon!

**Susan Wills & Andrew Polotnianka**

My partner and I run a small mixed organic farm in the NW of Tasmania. We have enjoyed fishing and boating for many years when we lived on Groote Eylandt and then Darwin in the NT and, as of the last 8 years, in the NW of Tasmania. We have two sons (Nicholas aged 25 and Henry soon to turn 21) who are also both passionate about boating and fishing. In fact, Nick now works as a fishing and adventure tour guide throughout Kakadu, the Kimberley, and Cobourg Peninsula. Henry, meanwhile, is now keen to re-engage with sailing which he has not done since he was young.

Recently we have purchased our first sailing vessel, *Sheokee*, a 40ft Alan Wright designed cutter-rigged sloop. While she is a 1976 vintage, she's more recently been beautifully upgraded and cared for by Bill and Judith de la Mare. While Andrew and the boys have sailed toppers in the past, my sailing experience has been limited (but always enjoyable). So we have now booked some on-board sailing tuition starting in October. With this as a base, and with the gracious support of some sailing friends, our plan is to sail as much as we can this summer and to share this with both the boys and their partners, who are all very excited about the prospect.

Our longer-term sailing dreams are to learn to sail safely and proficiently so that we might explore Tasmania (beginning with the Channel, then the east Coast, the northern islands, and Pt Davey). Down the track, we'd be keen to venture up the East Coast of Australia so that we can take our boys back to Nick's birthplace on Groote Eylandt (in the Gulf of Carpentaria) and then later explore the Kimberley Coast (a region we've loved exploring by land when the boys were young). Our decision to join the CYCT was on the suggestion of Bill de la Mare who tells us it is a warm and rewarding community to be a part of, as well as a supportive one for those, like ourselves, who are just starting out. We look forward to meeting some of you over the summer.



*Sheokee*

### Libby and Len Stephens

We have been sailing since 2008 when we purchased our Bavaria 34 cruiser, *Equanimity*. Our home was in Adelaide where we were members of the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia. While we do not participate in any racing, we have cruised extensively. South Australia is blessed with beautiful oceanic waters around Kangaroo Island, Spencer Gulf, the Gulf of St Vincent and west into the Great Australian Bight. We have cruised all those areas extensively, often in company. Our most memorable trip was in 2016 when we sailed in company with two other yachts from Adelaide, around Tasmania and returned to Adelaide over a period of three months.

In 2020 we moved to Hobart to be with Libby's family. That meant another Bass Strait crossing to a new home at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Over the past two years we have enjoyed exploring the D'Entrecasteau Channel and hope to go further afield in the coming year.

Libby is a retired economist with an interest in psychology. Len is a veterinarian and company director involved in the seafood and dairy industries. Our constant sailing companion is a white Maltese x Shih Tzu dog called Jazmin.



*Equanimity*

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## Women on Boats report – Sue Powell

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The September WoB meeting was attended by nine members who gathered to hear our guest speaker, Marco Schiavo BNDS MDS Sc Dip Ed EPFA. All professionals seem to need a hobby and Marco, with his love of fixing things and love of wood, led him to create beautiful rowing dinghies from old railway sleepers.

Although he was the custodian of *Roana* which he kept in the Oyster Cover Marina, he lived in Coonamble, a town on the central-western plains of New South Wales, the locals call somewhere, a few miles from nowhere. He rented a shed from a farmer and with no shipwrighting skills created masterpieces from scrap timber.

Marco explained the methods he uses from the traditional internal moulds where the vessel is built upside down and turned over to complete and the lesser-known French method of an external mould where the vessel is built from the keel up.

He explained the tools he uses with great pride and I know my kitty would vastly improve if I had a dollar for every clamp he owns. He also passed around examples of the various methods of joining wood he uses from the channel and groove to the bird mouth joins which he uses for masts and spars. These wood joining methods mean no screws are necessary resulting in a very strong yet light weight product. He also explained how and why he uses scrap pieces of wood laminated with epoxy rather than the more expensive tradition of purchased planks and steaming for shape. Wood is a living thing and steaming reduces the natural oils hence over time the wood becomes brittle on the outside curve and splits. This is why older boats built in the traditional way in our sunny climes may need repairs.

Marco showed many slides of the building stages of his vessels which ranged in size from eight feet upwards. Painting, varnishing or oiling wood for various finishes was discussed as indeed the centreboard versus bilge keels methods for stability, all highlighting Marco's knowledge and skill which he was happy to share with us.

Marco now resides in Kettering and offered to share his knowledge with anyone wishing to join him in his shed.

After the meeting we tried a new venue for dinner and five members enjoyed some good food and wine. Although the Globe Hotel staff did a great job of welcoming us, the function room was a little OTT for our small group.

Our next meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup> with our very own Andrew Boon discussing Charts.



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## Anniversary Dinner – Mark Stephenson

The 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was held at the Greek Club in North Hobart in the Hellenic Room, a large room with draping on the walls and a white scrim adorning the ceiling. Tiny lights lined the fabrics creating a delightful setting. Tables and chairs were set with white linen and white chair covers with an area at the entrance for pre-dinner drinks and canapes and an area near the stage set aside for the dancers

Josephine Jaworsky (*Gloria*) took on the role of decorating the tables and did an inspirational job. Blue table runners were made along with flags to adorn the centrepieces of Cherry (or Portugese) Laurel.

Fifty five club members and two guests attended. Some tried the Greek retsina wine for starters and enjoyed the softer flavour than we remembered from visits to Greek Islands during our younger days. The spannikopita along with the cheese pies were well received while members caught up with old friends.



*Pre dinner drinks*

Moving to the tables we found a variety of dips with pita bread, carrot and celery sticks to accompany the young Greek dancers who performed five dances from different areas of Greece. Dance teacher Anastasia introduced the dancing and diners were captivated with the quality of performance from dancers aged from nine to sixteen.

On to main course, served to the tables, of moussaka, souvlaki and spanopkorizo with potatoes and salad – Greek salad of course. During this a slideshow was projected on to the big screen – photos and videos from the

last year with members out enjoying themselves on the water. Blue seas and blue skies to remind us of summer cruising.

Commodore Val then entertained us with the presentation of the annual awards before the dancers were back, inviting us to join in with Zorba the Greek. Lots of left feet were seen trying to keep up with the agile youngsters!

The much longed for baklava and galatombouriko were served with tea and coffee and sesame biscuits. There were many diners moving around catching up with friends throughout the night.

After a hesitant start I was amazed how all the arrangements came together for this evening. Emanuel from the Greek Club excelled in the presentation of the room and the variety and quantity of food, Josephine stunned us with her table displays, and the wait staff were so friendly and helpful along with the guests who were very well behaved!

In readiness for the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner please feel free to get in touch with me and share your thoughts on what we can get up to next time.



*The VC joins in with the dancers*

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## Cruising Awards 2022 – Mark Stephenson

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The Donald Sutherland Memorial Navigation Rally trophy and the cruising awards were presented by Commodore Val Nicholls at the Anniversary Dinner held on Saturday 27 August 2022.

The winners of the navigation rally, Scott and Rachel Poulter, were presented with the perpetual trophy, acknowledging that they had skilfully completed this year's rally set by Derek and Marion Stoneman.

There were three club boats eligible for the CYCT Cruising Plaques having cruised outside of Tasmanian waters and returned by 30 June this year.

- *TERE* with Chris and Joanne onboard cruised to Lord Howe Island then on to the Queensland coast
- *DULCINEA* with Phillip and Julie-anne onboard cruised to the Whitsundays
- *RUSALKA* with Alex and Jackie onboard circumnavigated Bass Strait

These three boats receive a CYCT Cruising Plaque to mark the award.

The major award - the CYCT Cruise of the Year award - went to Alex and Jackie onboard *RUSALKA*. The perpetual trophy and the Cruise of the Year Plaque were presented to them on the night. Congratulations, Jackie and Alex!



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## The coveted Commodore's Cup – Val Nicholls

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It may be that many are unaware of the history of the much-coveted Commodores Cup. In 2020 Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson, as cruise contact for a Southport Cruise, suggested we meet at the beach at 8.30am for a swimming race across the bay. The grand prize? The Commodores Cup! aka the Commodore shouts the winner a cup of coffee at the local café and the Vice Commodore pays her back. At 8.30am six or so spectators turned up to watch two intrepid swimmers: Dinah Jones and Kevin Landman decked in wet suits, goggles, snorkel and fins to brave the chilly waters. The competition was fierce and Dinah was declared the winner.

Concerned that the Cup seemed a little meagre for such a bold enterprise the Commodore spent the evening prior creating an award neck ribbon out of red climbing tape and a well-used shackle. At the "Rocket" cafe Dinah received the Commodores Cup of coffee, and her award pendant of tape and shackle to commemorate the inaugural win. The following year I was presented with the Commodores Cup for chipping in with tasks when tasks need to be done. Another shackle was added. The theme of the award is delightfully vague, something that has caught the VC and Cdrs eye and expresses something of the spirit of the Club, without getting too serious about it.

This year the award goes to two long time members who completed a trip that clearly expressed values held closely by CYCT. This sailing couple were modest, they went about their planning discreetly and as far as I know, told no one about their adventurous intentions. They travelled in a very small vessel, and in terms of adventurous spirit I would say, they dared to go where few have or would, dare to venture. With stealth and cunning, anonymously dressed in masks and bunny onesies they skilfully manoeuvred their dinghy vessel to safely deliver Easter eggs to the entire fleet of the CYCT Easter Cruise! This year, the Commodores Cup, goes to Lew and Liz Garnham in acknowledgement of their spirit of fun, adventure and community that our club, the CYCT, so values.

NB An inscribed 2022 Liz and Lew pre-loved carabiner was added to the necklet.



*Lew is presented with the coveted cup (of coffee)*





Happy diners

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## Joining Tas Maritime – Barry McCann

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### *Join Tas Maritime for just \$25*

MAST, Tas Police and Tas Maritime radio have launched a new season promotion to encourage people to join Tas Maritime Radio (TMR). This follows a surge in numbers of people calling triple zero for minor incidents or for matters where a simple call to TMR would solve the problem. From October 1, MAST will pay the joining fee of \$10 and TMR will reduce the first year subscription by \$10, for the first 300 people joining TMR.... pay just \$25 total. A lot of boaties are depending on mobile phones to get themselves out of trouble on the water when the best way by far is via VHF marine radio because calls can be made direct to TMR from virtually anywhere in the state 24/7 (Golden Electronics Security take urgent or emergency calls to TMR from 7pm – 7am).

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## Maritime Market Place – Mark Stephenson

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Saturday 10 September - what a washout !! Overcast and gloomy to start and then solid rain from 0830 until we departed around 1130. Very disappointing to see only about 10 vendors come along but with an amazing array of pre-loved gear and equipment. We had 3 boats, winches, chain, anchors, magazines, lines, electronics - just about everything nautical.

The 10 shoppers who arrived in the rain did make some purchases but I think most of the sales went to vendors who didn't, just yet, have everything they needed to re-fill the back bedroom, garage or lockers back on the boat!

I'm convinced the weather played a big part in the small attendance this year. Perhaps we need to find a covered area where we can set up next year.

Highlight of the morning was the arrival by truck of a workboat travelling through our stalls to be launched in the marina. Ian Johnston offered up to \$200 for the new boat but it wasn't enough to seal a sale!



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## **Safety weekend & an idea for discussion – Ian Johnson**

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The safety weekend to be held on the 15th and 16th October draws closer.

The event will be held at Quarantine Bay starting at about 1000 on Saturday.

It is an opportunity for club members to scrub up on their seamanship and practice MOB, towing, anchoring and many other factors which make being out on the water easier and safer.

As a change from last year's event, this time we hope to be invited onto your boat to try (and possible help to improve) your systems. We will have plenty of time for talk about boat handling, passage making etc.

Andrew Boon and David Graney (two very experienced sailors) have again volunteered to come along and contribute to the weekend.

Places will be limited to ten boats so register early.



An idea for discussion:

Will the CYCT lobby Tas Ports and the Hobart City Council to make Constitution Dock a much more interesting place to view and indeed visit?

All interstate and overseas (and indeed cruising yachts from the north of the State) could be offered 2 weeks free berthing in Constitution Dock.

Apart from a couple of historic craft and the fish punts the dock is usually empty for most of the year. Victoria dock is much more interesting with its ever-changing fishing boats.

We are a port city and our most visible feature when visitors drive into the city is an empty dock. The club could make a substantial improvement to visitor impressions of the city by having all sorts of boats being on display, while contributing to the economy. There are appropriate toilet and shower facilities close by and power and water is available dockside. There is some need for some of the piling to be upgraded.

The club could make this welcome invitation known overseas.

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**Quiz**


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1. What is a neap tide?
2. The first woman to sail around the world alone, Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz, came from which country?
3. While sailing at night and still some distance from land, although you cannot yet see the lighthouse, you see its beam sweeping across the sky from the horizon ahead. This beam is called what?
4. Under the Beaufort scale of windforce, a "gale" is what strength?
5. What is the name of the short rope between the boom and deck which prevents the boom from rising too much?
6. One of the world's most famous and hotly contested yacht races is the America's Cup. Which nation won the race in 2003?
7. What caused the Carroll A. Deering to become infamous in maritime lore?
8. What was the name of Sir Francis Drake's ship?
9. What event made the Achille Lauro famous in 1985?
10. In 1888, Nellie Bly set out to travel the world in 80 days, as the novel by Jules Verne had described. Did she succeed in doing so within the 80 days?

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**Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**


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**1. Opening**

The Commodore Val Nicholls opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

**2. Attendance**

Members asked to register their attendance on the sheet provided for the Club records

There were 49 members in attendance plus guests: John East

**3. Apologies**

There were 12 apologies: David Bowker, David Mitchell, Lyn and Tony Peach, Paul Kerrison, Julie & Ian Macdonald, Liz Garnham, Christine Barwick, Steve Chopping, Alan and Heather Gluyas.

**4. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 1 September 2021**

**Motion - The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 7 September 2021, as published in the *Albatross*, be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

**Proposer: Andrew Boon    Second: Ian Barwick    Carried**

**5. Business arising from those Minutes (if any)**

*Nil*

**6. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report for financial year 2021-22**

The Treasurer reported that a copy of the Annual Report including the Treasurer's Report, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report will be made available on the Club's website and used for the Annual Return.

There have been several changes to the financial management of the CYCT which are discussed in the report, which will also be available on the website.

This year, the operating result is a loss of \$1,073 compared to a loss of \$3,314 for 2020/2021.

Total incomes and net contributions from events and sales have represented a total of \$17,258 compared to \$12,889 for 2020/2021

Total operating expenses are \$18,331 compared to \$16,203 in 2020/2021

The current cash situation at end June 2022 is \$36,939 compared to \$42,806 at end June 2021

Val thanked Jean-Pierre for all his work & knowledge

Motion: that the accounts of 2021-2022 be approved

*Proposer: Shona Taylor    Second: Blair Bryant    carried.*

**7. Appointment of Auditor**

*Motion* – That the club's current Auditor Max Peck & Associated be re-appointed for the financial year 2022-23.

*Proposer: Richard Taylor    Second: Scott Pouter    Carried*

**8. Commodore's Report**

Val Nicholls provided a brief report on a great year in which membership has continued to grow. It has been wonderful to see more younger members and female members joining the CYCT. Similarly the relationships with Port Esperance Sailing Club & Kettering Yacht Club are continuing to grow.

She described a major success of this year as being the change to ZERO for financial management. Whilst COVID continues to be a challenge we are learning to live with it. Last year COVID limited the opportunity for awards to be achieved, while this year it was wonderful to see that there have been several notable achievements.

**9. Presentation of Awards**

## Cruising Plaques:

Chris and Jo Brearley on *Tere*Philip and Julie-Anne Garlick *Dulcinea*Alex Papij and Jackie Zanetti *Rusalka*

Appreciation Plaque - Elizabeth Helm for her 11 years as quartermaster

Cruise of the Year – Alex Papij &amp; Jackie Zanetti

Donald Sutherland Memorial Navigation Cruise – Scott &amp; Rachel Poulter

Commodore's cup - Liz &amp; Lew Garnham for dinghy adventure in bunny outfits

**10. Change to constitution**

Motion: That the changes to section 9 of the CYCT Constitution, as published in the August issue of *Albatross*, be approved.

Proposer Scott Poulter, Seconded Mark Stephenson, no objections therefore carried.

**11. Election of Office Bearers**

Committee positions were declared vacant at the meeting and re-filled by election:

| Position              | Name                | Clarification        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Commodore             | Scott Poulter       | Elected unopposed    |
| Vice Commodore        | Mark Stephenson     | Re-Elected unopposed |
| Rear Commodore        | David Bowker        | Re-Elected unopposed |
| Treasurer             | Jean-Pierre Corgnet | Re-Elected unopposed |
| Secretary             | Chrissie Rowland    | Elected unopposed    |
| Membership Officer    | Sue Powell          | Elected unopposed    |
| Webmaster             | No nomination       |                      |
| Editor                | Julie Macdonald     | Re-elected unopposed |
| Warden                | Chrissie Rowland    | Elected unopposed    |
| Committee Member No.1 | Blair Bryant        | Elected unopposed    |
| Committee Member No.2 | No nominations      |                      |
| Quartermaster         | No nominations      | (not committee)      |

**12. Any Other Business**

Val Nicholls presented Scott Poulter with the bell and an original copy of “CYCT Twenty One Years 1975 – 1996”. Scott Poulter to preside over rest of meeting.

Scott Poulter thanked out going members of the Committee:

Val Nicholls, Paul Kerrison, Andrew Perkins, Ian Barwick, David Mitchell and Rachel Poulter

He then thanked and welcomed the new committee, inviting others to nominate anytime for the unfilled positions.

**13. Close**

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm

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**General Meeting minutes, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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**1. Opening**

The Commodore Scott Poulter opened and chaired the meeting at 8:20 pm, reminding members of the importance of registering and signing in for meetings.

**2. Rear Commodore**

In David Bowker’s absence, Scott Poulter introduced guest speakers, Clive Evans, Shipping Technical and Engineering lead and Nick Jones, Assurance and Compliance Lead, from the Australian Antarctic Division presenting “RSV Nuyina: Australia’s New Icebreaker”.

Scott Poulter thanked the guest speakers and presented them with a plaque.

**3. Secretary**

*Attendees and Apologies*

Taken from registrations and those listed on the attendance sheet.

Apologies in advance: Lyn and Tony Peach, Julie Macdonald, David Mitchell, David Bowker, Liz Garnham, Christine Barwick, Steve Chopping, Paul Kerrison

- *Minutes of the last General Meeting (2 August 2022)*

**Motion: The minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 2 August 2022, as published in the Albatross, be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting**

**Proposed: Val Nicholls Seconded: Jean-Pierre Corgnet Carried**

*Business arising from the Minutes*

Nil

#### 4. Membership Officer

Membership Officer Sue Powell reported that there had been 2 families joining CYCT over the last month. The following new members were introduced by Sue Powell, welcomed and presented with their burgees and new members pack by Commodore Scott Poulter

Len & Libby Stephens *Equanimity* - Sue invited Len to speak.

Bastian, Alexandra, Frederick & Henry Seidel *Blue Crystal* – Sue invited Bastian to speak.

WOBs:

Sue then reported on activities for the Women on Boats, describing a discussion on anchoring from sail training days, when a rope rode chaffing resulted in a lost anchor requiring night manoeuvres without GPS (prior to their invention).

The next WOB's is to be Sue's last as co-ordinator, on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Scott Poulter thanked those members who had already paid membership fees and reminded those that had not, that annual fees became due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2022.

#### 5. Vice Commodore

Report from Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson

##### **What's happened**

Anniversary Dinner saw 57 diners having a lovely evening at the Greek Club.

There had been no negative feedback other than there was too much food.

The Hellenic Dancers provided wonderful entertainment and even managed to teach some members a few (simpler) steps.

He apologised for wrong dates in the Albatross report and confirmed calendar dates are correct. He also reminded members that it was a good idea to laminate the calendar included in last month's Albatross.

##### **What's to come:**

**Maritime Marketplace Sat 10 September 8am-12**

**Bull Bay Cruise 24-25 September**

**Opening Day 1 October Scott Poulter is Cruise Contact**

**Safety Day 15-16 October Ian Johnson**

**Show Day cruise Nubeena/Port Arthur 20-23 October with Cruise Contact needed**

**Adventure Bay Cruise 5 November Cruise Contact needed**

**New Members Lunch 12 November at Kettering Yacht Club**

#### **For discussion**

**yearly statistics for CYCT event attendance:**

- **28 events, 4 dates changed due to forecast, 2 cancelled due to actual weather and 1 disrupted due to actual weather**
- **Most popular cruise was Southport, Dover and Recherche with 17 boats**
- **Other popular cruises: Safety Day (12 boats); Clean up Australia Day (16 boats); Dark Mofo (15 boats);**
- **Minimum turnout 2 for 1 event**
- **Maximum turnout 70 at New Members lunch**
- **Maritime Market Place had about 100, a mix of members and non-members.**

**Yearly statistic for CYCT mooring use:**

- **Moorings occupied for 49 nights**
- **Moorings occupied by 24 different boats**

#### **6. Treasurer**

Nothing to add

#### **7. Commodore**

Scott Poulter noted the lack of volunteers taking on the critical role of Cruise Contact for our upcoming cruises. This is an extremely important role that brings organisation and individual character to each cruise. Scott appealed to those members present to raise their hand and volunteer as "Cruise Contact for the Bull Bay Cruise. No one chose to volunteer!

#### **8. Other Business**

WOBS: Presented early under Membership Officer

#### **9. Next Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> October

RYCT 7:30 pm

#### **10. Close**

9:30

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Answers to the quiz:

1. Tide whose range is minimal
2. Poland
3. loom
4. force 8
5. vang
6. Switzerland
7. She ran aground in 1921, and the crew was never found
8. *Golden Hind*
9. She was hijacked
10. yes



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