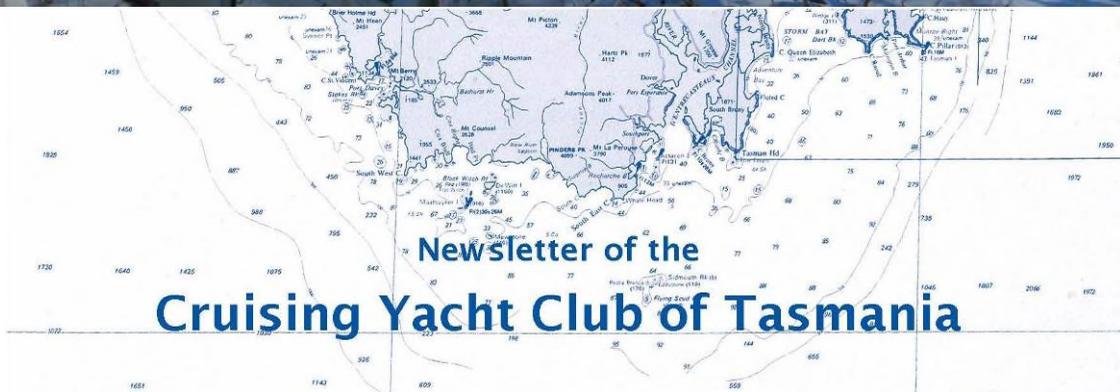


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### Cruising Responsibilities

Members and others taking part in CYCT events are reminded that the decision to participate in any cruise or event rests with each boat's skipper. Information supplied by the Club or its officers is intended as a guide only. The Club does not 'control' or lead events and neither the Club nor the event coordinator is responsible for the safety of any boat or person.

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

Skippers are encouraged to keep Coast Radio Hobart informed of their location, destination and plans during the course of any cruise.

	<b>CYCT CALENDAR</b>
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Meeting @ DSS 8:00pm Speaker: Peter & Chris McHugh
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ TBC 7:30pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Cygnet Regatta
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Port Davey
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Easter Cruise – Circumnavigation of Bruny Island
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting @ DSS 8:00pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ TBC 7:30pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> New Norfolk
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cruise:</b> Donald Sutherland Memorial Cruise * option to overnight at

Visit [www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au) and click on the Calendar tab for more info on all events.

### **Not a CYCT Member?**

Then download an application form from the Club website – [www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au).

Contact any CYCT Committee Member (details inside the front cover of this magazine) for more information.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR CLUB

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**Editorial**

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Ah, summer – that fleeting sweet season of warmth! After a downright chilly January it was lovely to finally see and feel the sun, especially during the Wooden Boat Festival. A certain Tasmanian gardening icon predicted a hot dry summer this year – all I can say is “Bring it on!”

I’m writing this editorial from Shoal Bay on Maria Island. The weather has turned very ordinary again, which at least means it’s not so much of a chore to stay on board and finish off this issue of the Albatross. When this is done I’ve got about 6 months of Yachting Monthly and Practical Boat Owner to catch up on, so I’ll just take a moment to put on the kettle (again) and settle in for the afternoon... Ah, that’s better!

How’s your summer been going? Been anywhere interesting? Tackled any recalcitrant boat projects lately? We’d love to hear your reports and technical details!

Jackie

**Quick Tip: Keeping Fresh Herbs**

Ok, fresh herbs on a long cruise is a luxury most of us have to forgo unless you’ve got the room and a green thumb for keeping pot plants alive on-board. I love my herbs (only legal ones, of course!) and here’s what I do to keep them fresh for a week or so. Growing herbs at home is easy and ensures that I can pick them just before setting off for maximum freshness. Wash the leaves pat dry. Wrap the stems in slightly damp paper towel and place them in a ziplock or plastic bag and remove as much air as possible. Store in refrigerator. Check regularly and remove any wilted, discoloured or slimy leaves.



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## Commodore's Report

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The Wooden Boat Festival was great! Boats, music, tomfoolery, lots of knowhow being imparted and of course stunning weather. Many thanks to all those who took part in making a success of our stand at the AWBF, and the BBQ at DSS on the Sunday night. Ottmar Helm and Hans van Tuil organised the stand and on their behalf I'd like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to staff the stall and help with the logistics. Catrina Boon organised the

BBQ, again with a cast of helpers ... thank you to everyone.

There is plenty of cruising going on as I write. I will be away for a month or so, on the mainland, and during that time will be the Coningham Beach cruise, the Cygnet regatta, and the Port Davey cruise. I am very sorry to be missing them; enjoy them all!

Fair winds!

Alan Butler



*As a result of a near mutiny the overbearing and arrogant captain was forced to see a psychiatrist by order of the commodore.*

*As soon as the captain became comfortable on the couch, the psychiatrist began the session by asking the captain, "Why don't you start at the beginning?"*

*The captain said, "Okay. In the beginning I created heaven and the earth....."*

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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Since my last report CYCT members have visited Southport and Recherche, some commencing the first leg in night running conditions, and a cruise to Stinking Beach. I have heard several comments during past few cruises about the weather, mainly the rain, but when it comes to wind, especially significant direction changes when in an overnight anchorage, it can make sleeping challenging. Several members are anticipating a visit to Port Davey during March, and the more we know of the potential wind conditions the better we can plan for a more comfortable ride.

Forecasts are broadcast by Tas Maritime Radio who hails on VHF16 , then 67, 68, or 69 depending on your location for you to listen to at 07:45, 08:33 (Maatsuyker only), 13:45, 16:33, 18:03 (Maatsuyker only) & 19:03, but these only provide a general synopsis of forecast over a large area. There is more detail on the Southern Waters, which is broadcast automatically on VHF channel 1 on the hour and half hour, but reception is scratchy if you are too far from the mouth of the Derwent.

Now that the Albatross is delivered electronically, some of the information below may be of assistance to those that seriously watch the weather. If you are reading the hard copy, then make sure the syntax of entry to your computer for the website access is correct.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology has improved the **MetEye** site during the past several months and this site can provide a very good prediction for the coming days.

**Map View** : [http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=TAS\\_FA001](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=TAS_FA001)

In the map view, a quick double click over your area of interest, or the +/- keys will zoom you in and out. Once you have the map at your preferred scale, a single click will provide the, temperature, wind direction and speed, and the combined sea and swell detail for that area.

**Text View** : <http://www.bom.gov.au/places/tas/>

The text view (Click on top RH corner then the DETAILED 3 HOURLY FORECAST bar just below), will provide information on fog, snow, wind, chance of rain in a tabular format that could be cut & pasted to a spreadsheet if you will be out of range of the internet.

If you are attempting to assess conditions several days ahead, and still have internet connectivity, the next couple of sites provide long range synoptic charts, but the viewer has to interpret the isobars to assess wind magnitude.

<http://www.weatherzone.com.au/models/>

<http://www.eldersweather.com.au/synoptic.jsp>

The STORMSURF site that follows, I have found to be quite accurate for planning my fishing trips to Pedra Branca. One advantage is that it provides modelling of both wind speed, direction, and on a separate graph the swell, plus an option for the tide. The modelling is based on Tasmania, South, East & West coasts.

<http://www.stormsurf.com/locals/melbourne.shtml>

If you have a tablet or personal PC aboard, it is possible to download GRIB files. (GRIB = General Regularly-distributed Information in Binary form) is a concise data format commonly used in meteorology to store historical and forecast weather data. It is standardized by the World Meteorological Organization. <http://grib.us/>

Firstly you will have to register by providing an email address (No junk mail arrives!), then download the GRIB prediction display software. At this point you can download up to seven days of forecasting. Keep in mind however that the further forward the prediction you select the potentially less accurate the information will be over that time. I found the GRIB system excellent for our trip to Lord Howe Island two years ago. I was amazed at how accurate over a 3 day period the predictions were. (Fronts and storm cells arriving within half an hour of forecast).

Also for just a general view of what is happening and may happen, try viewing the Earth NullSchool site.

<http://earth.nullschool.net/>

Most of us have smartphones these days, and there are a large number of applications (Apps) for both iPhone and Android versions. But again these only operate if you are in range of an appropriate broadcasting antenna. However, if you have an HF radio, go to the Bureau of Met website:

[http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/marine\\_weather\\_radio.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/marine_weather_radio.shtml)

and print the Fax Broadcast Schedule and keep it hand aboard. There is an Android App called **HF Weather Fax** that will convert the fax transmission audio signal from your HF receiver to a synoptic chart on your phone. This eliminates the requirement to use special (Factor) modems connected to your HF then your computer for the same purpose.

I personally **always** apply the Bureau of Met Warning and add the WIND GUSTS CAN BE 40 PERCENT STRONGER and WAVES CAN BE TWICE THE HEIGHT warning diligently.

Happy forecasting!

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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From all reports the WBF was an outstanding success and what wonderful weather we put on for all our visitors!

The welcome BBQ at the DSS was also successful and we had 70 people attending, with visitors from Adelaide and Sydney attending. All visitors enjoyed the evening and I was told that one couple came to Hobart especially to attend this BBQ!

### March General Meeting

Our next General meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and we are very lucky to have our own members Peter and Chris McHugh from Honey Bee to speak at this meeting. Peter and Chris have just completed the Sail2Indonesia rally and will be speaking to us about aspects of this trip. Here is an overview of their talk:

#### Indonesia – a brief overview

A very, very brief intro to Indonesia

#### Honey Bee

Good and bad aspects of HB for cruising in equatorial waters

#### Cruising Issues

General issues relating to Indonesia

#### The Sail2Indonesia Rally

Our Rally experience

#### Choices for Cruising Indonesia

Rally or no rally. If a rally, which one?

Hope to see you all there!

**Venue:** DSS

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Time:** 8pm

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**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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Graham and Veronica McAlister  
**TIGER LILY**

Rodney and Susan Deane  
**CHARISMA**

Chris and Carmen Iles  
**HAIDA GWA II**

Sally Cooper and Matt Westland  
**ALCHEMY**

Ross and Justine Radonic  
**ARGO**

Ken and Therese Holmes  
**AQUILA STAR**

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

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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Ross and Elaine Lincolne  
**ANDIAMO**

Paul Jenkins and Liz Eastland  
**AMARANTH II**

On behalf of all the members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania, the committee welcomes these new members to the Club and looks forward to a long and happy association with them, on and off the water.

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## Introducing New Members

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### Ross and Elaine Lincolne

As an introduction to yachting we were lucky to get the chance in 2005 to sail on a 43 foot Jakin from Italy through the Majorcan islands, southern Spain, Gibraltar, the Atlantic coast of Morocco, and to the Canary Islands over four months. We enjoyed the four hour night watch sessions, the food and the scenery. Previously we only had experience pottering in The Channel in runabouts and dinghies. Ross had sailed in small dinghies in his school days. More recently we have crewed will congenial CYCT member Keith Wells. We found the CYCT people we met a great group we are happy to join.



### Paul Jenkins and Liz Eastland

*Amaranth II* came out of the Fontaine Pajot factory in La Rocaille, France just on three years ago. With time at a premium and business pressures still upon us, we delivered her to Southampton before shipping her directly to Australia.

*Amaranth II* follows a long line of boats over the years, from Hobie Cats and ski boats to racing yachts and cruising yachts. Over the period we have been custodians of two Tasmanian yachts. One being a Holland 40 *Turkey Shoot* purchased in Launceston around 1994 and the second being a Petersen 46 *Tainui* formerly named *Huon Quest* when owned by the late Hedley Calvert.



*Amaranth II*

The sailing bio is long and varied as it is for many however includes a number of Sydney Hobart races, an Admirals Cup in the UK and many Australia East coast races and cruises. Living for a number of years in Papua New Guinea allowed for quite a bit of coastal racing and cruising in that part of the world whilst living in Europe provided the opportunity to do a number of interesting deliveries including a new Hallberg Rassey from Sweden to Guernsey.

More recently we spent 4 years cruising on our 44 sloop *Amaranth* in the Mediterranean, crossing the Atlantic to the Caribbean, Turks and Cacaos, Bahamas' etc. and thence East

Coast US. After 4 years on board unfortunately other priorities got in the way and we sold this yacht in Annapolis.

Over the past few years we have become catamaran converts and *Amaranth II* is a highly customised Fountain Pajot Salina 48, currently berthed in Pittwater just north of Sydney. There are few week ends we are not on board and have managed a month or so cruising each Christmas break.

However a return to a more full time cruising life is (fortunately) rapidly approaching and we are currently planning a 3-4 month cruise to Tasmania this coming summer before heading northward and beyond. We look forward to meeting other CYCT members and joining club activities as time and location allow.



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## Women on Boats 2015

Kim Brewer

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The 2015 programme has now commenced. Take a look on the website for a full run-down of the topics we will cover. This year there will be an emphasis on getting hands dirty and getting out on the water more; there'll be a women-only diesel engine course, dinghy handling and another chartplotter demonstration (a big hit last year). New faces will be presenting some topics as we draw more experienced women into our group.

Increasingly, women are fully involved in the decision to buy a boat and are actively involved in all aspects of boating. Their influence over how the sailing dollar is spent is huge – as many male skippers can attest. So it's gratifying that the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show acknowledges this in the advertising for this year's Boat Show.

See you on the water, girls.  
Just don't break a fingernail!



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**Australia Day Weekend (Blackout) cruise**


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Lyn Peach



This year the first leg of the Australia Day weekend cruise was a night cruise aimed at assisting those who may not be familiar with travelling at night. Several boats had expressed their desire to travel from Kettering to Southport on Friday evening, with a rendezvous planned for 7.35 pm just off Kettering. Due to the 35 + knot winds which greeted the fleet at the rendezvous point, several boats decided to overnight

either at Kettering (at the pub for one boat, I'm reliably informed), Barnes Bay or at the Quarries, probably a very sensible decision as at one point the wind gusts reached 42 knots. However, after exhaustive checking of the weather forecast which indicated the winds would abate to less than 15 knots within the hour, four boats decided to proceed to Southport - *Easting Down, Rubicon, Schouten Passage and Westwind of Kettering*, with the last of the four boats arriving safely at Southport at approximately 00.30. There were several non CYCT boats already anchored at Southport, some of which had no anchor light, which caused some unnecessarily anxious moments for us as we searched for a good anchorage.

Saturday saw blue skies and kinder conditions for the second leg of the trip, which was to Recherche Bay. Several yachts took the opportunity to sail much of the way and throughout the day the remainder of the fleet arrived in Recherche - *Andromeda, Blade Runner, Gitana, Intrepid, Irish Mist, Pandora, Rusalka, Sara II, Spirit of Freya and Willyama*. It was quite an interesting afternoon in the Pigsties, with one boat having



*Shag rock claims another victim*

an altercation with Shag Rock and another managing to get its propeller entangled in a craypot - just the normal hazards of entering the Pigsties! Fortunately, due to the wonderful support and assistance of the other crews, especially Paul Kerrison, Richard Taylor, Damien Hope and Tony Peach, who provided their experience to the recoveries, all ended well, with minimal boat damage, no personal injuries and only minor bruising of egos. The rapid and effective assistance by other boats to those experiencing difficulty provided yet another example of the benefits of belonging to such a club as the CYCT!

After the "dramas", everyone went ashore for well-earned, calming drinks, followed by a very enjoyable barbecue. *Schouten Passage* kindly shared with everyone some black back salmon which they had caught earlier.



*Black back salmon on the menu*



*BBQ at Pigsties*

Once again, fairly strong winds were forecast for Saturday night and Sunday so several of the fleet moved from the Pigsties to either the Coal Bins or to Cockle Creek. Some hardy souls went for long walks (between showers)

while others took advantage of compulsory relaxation time.

Sunday brought quite cool conditions and showers so it was a fairly quiet day onboard for most crews, with the plans for another barbecue on Sunday evening cancelled - a very good decision as that evening it was very cool and rained heavily.

Most boats departed for home on Monday, with the exception of *Blade Runner*, *Easting Down*, *Pandora*, *Rusalka* and *Westwind of Kettering*, who all went to Dover and enjoyed Australia Day drinks



*Rain at Recherche*

and nibbles on Rabbit Island. It was exceptionally still there overnight Monday and for the entire trip back to Kettering on Tuesday - very welcome to boats such as *Westwind of Kettering* but not so conducive to those wishing to sail home. *Pandora* and *Schouten Passage* were believed to have stayed behind to continue to pursue the all elusive fish that are rumoured to still exist.

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## Australian Wooden Boat Festival

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It was a beautiful, sunny long weekend in Hobart to enjoy the AVBF...



*Parade of Sail*



*Neptune*



Chris and Kevin Hussy on Galadriel



Barbara Wilson, Robert Stott and Chris Creese on Janet Ann



A special visitor to the CYCT stall

[Ed. – who's that hanging on to Jessica Watson? Did you know he helped refit her S&S34?]

And the CYCT joined friends from far and near for a BBQ at the DSS.



*Dave & Annick catch up with CCCA friends*



*Catrina Boon hands out the door prizes  
- Thanks Tassal!!*



*David and Chris from Lavinda and Chris Creese*



*Bruce Munro, Commodore of CCCA*

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**How old is sailing?**

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Alan Butler

Paul Taçon in *Australasian Science* (Jan/Feb 2015) wrote an article on "7 discoveries that changed the course of human evolution". His 7 are perhaps a bit surprising, and his arguments as to why these 7 had so much influence on human culture and evolution are interesting. His list is the following, and I was struck by No 4:

1. stone tools
2. the baby sling
3. control of fire
4. watercraft
5. picture-making
6. domestication of the dog
7. mathematics

I grew up hearing about and admiring ancient Britons and their coracles; a paltry few thousand years ago! Taçon notes that the oldest surviving boat is the "Pesse canoe", a dugout found in the Netherlands and about 10,000 years old. But you'd hardly expect a wooden boat, without maintenance, to last much longer than that, so such canoes could have been invented much earlier. Because of the way they spread across the world, our earlier relatives, *Homo erectus*, before our own species even arose, probably crossed water as much as 1.8 million years ago, though we don't know



*The Pesse canoe (photo from photobucket, Qoais)*

what their craft were like. Taçon says that "the best indirect evidence of ancient sea journeys comes from stone tools of the type used by *Homo erectus* on the island of Flores, Indonesia. These tools date to about 800,000 years ago, and to reach Flores required crossing three channels, the widest about 19 km." On the island of Crete, there are tools believed to be more than 100,000 years old, made by Neanderthals - they would have had to cross water to get there, and some archaeologists believe they had some sort of boats with sails. The best evidence of our own species, *Homo sapiens*, crossing large stretches of open water is, of course, from Australia. People arrived at least 50,000 years ago and would have had to cross 50-90 km stretches of water to do so - out of sight of land. We're all impressed by later exploits - the colonization of the Pacific only a few thousand years ago using relatively sophisticated vessels and navigational methods, and the efforts of European explorers mere hundreds of years ago, but if we knew more about the earliest boaties, we might be even more impressed! Taçon argues that water travel got people hooked on the idea of traveling far and fast, leading to the invention of many other forms of transport - that's why it is one of his 7 important discoveries.

**40 Years of the CYCT – a Backward Glance**

Erika Shankley

*A snippet from Albatross, Volume 24, No. 7, July 1998*

On the evening of 29 April 1977, CYCT members gathered at the Ferntree Tavern for a Club Cabaret. Two courses with choices were offered plus half a litre of wine and coffee for the princely sum of \$7 each!

Rear Commodore, Max Redmond, decorated the walls of the Tavern with groups of signal flags. Between courses, lively discussion ensued as to the meaning of the signals.



*Renee Mann puts finishing touches to decorations*

Towards the end of the evening, members were invited to demonstrate that they could understand the International Code of Signals. Some interesting charades ensued!

Imagine the actions necessary to illustrate:

- **NC** I am in distress and require immediate assistance;
- **FO** I will keep close to you;
- **QRI** Can I lay alongside?

The weather also provided some excitement. For a while, the Tavern was plunged into darkness when gale-force winds brought down trees and power lines. Undeterred, the hilarity continued by candlelight. A good evening was had by all.

Note: The 1998 Anniversary Dinner on 8 August was also held at the Fern Tree Tavern. However, the cost of the meal (this time 3 courses) was \$25 per head! Rear Commodore, Gail Links, had arranged for a bus to transport members from Constitution Dock and live music had members tripping the light fantastic until half an hour before midnight!



*Diane McKay, Gordon Armstrong with Barry Wells on the right. Who's in the middle?*



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**GOING ABOUT**

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

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**Tasmanian Boat Books**

Andrew Wilson (author of Old Sea Dogs of Tasmania) has recently launched a new website, [tasmanianboatbooks.com.au](http://tasmanianboatbooks.com.au), to allow authors of Tasmanian books to sell directly to the public (and keep a bit more of the profit themselves!).

**CCCA moorings in the Sydney area**

It's a bit early to be planning your winter cruise up north to escape the cold, but I just wanted to put in a plug for the Coastal Cruising Club's moorings in Sydney Harbour, Broken Bay, and Lake Macquarie. CYCT have an MOU with CCCA that allow members to use each others moorings (observing by their protocols and flying your own club's burgee).

When bringing *Rusalka* down from Newcastle we spent an idyllic evening and morning on a CCCA mooring in America Bay – an area *almost* (!) as pretty as the channel, with many nooks and crannies to explore. If you want more information about the moorings contact the Commodore at [cccacommodore@gmail.com](mailto:cccacommodore@gmail.com), or talk to me - Jackie Zanetti



*Rusalka and crew in America Bay*

***FOR RENT***

Our 12 m berth at the Motor Yacht Club at Lindisfarne is available for use for the next 3 months starting 1 March.

Short or long stays, usual MYCT rates apply. Please contact either us (0447 359 251) or Belinda at the Club (6243 9021).

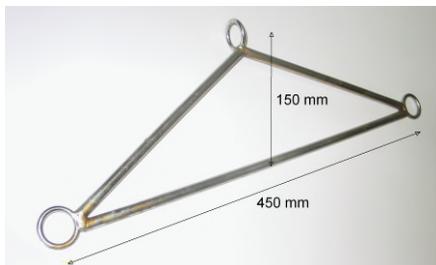
- Rolf and Janice Lindholm

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## Mystery Object

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I got such a good range of suggestions for the likely purpose of my last mystery object that I thought I would try again. This time, another piece of substantial stainless steel fabrication which I found on board *Juliet*. I call it a coat-hanger, for obvious reasons.



The main bars are 10 mm stainless steel rod and the loops are of 5 mm stainless steel. A couple of possible uses I have come up with are: a coat-hanger for oversized wet-suits; and a spreader bar for lifting the engine out, or for towing a scallop dredge.

I thought all my Christmas' had come at once when I saw another, almost identical,

device on a Hallberg-Rassy in Newcastle (Dec 2014).

It is shackled under the boom, between the vang and the mainsheet. Unfortunately, the owners of the boat were in New Zealand when I was in Newcastle, so I didn't get to find out how it is used. It looks as though it could be used for lifting the life raft off the boat, or as some sort of boom vang/preventer setup.

Is there anyone who knows what this device is designed to do? If not, would anyone care to guess at a use for it?



Andrew Boon  
*SY Juliet*

**Stinking Beach for Children, 14 February****Watson family**

Sept 2014, email from Tony Peach indicating we had been chosen to co-ordinate a children's beach cruise in Feb 2015. Suppose we can't really refuse as we have the most important pre-requisite – children.

One week out, the forecast looks really nice. Kate (my wife) double books with a seminar but no problems. I'll take the children and play on the beach. Get a big bag of sweets and rewards to hide on the boat. Dinghy races, swimming, beach cricket and some running races!

One day out, the predicted weather is ordinary. 20-30 mm rain and a dose of wind forecast. Load up the troops and head for the boat. Its blowing NE and exiting the marina pen is going to be tricky with a yacht laying across our stern. Cancel the planned on-board meal and head to MYCT clubrooms to have some pub fare. We (me) elect to sleep at the marina, with rain and wind due 0200. Awoke to a glassy surface with light drizzle starting 0700.

Getting close to Kettering with steady rain on a glassy surface and I am sure no-one will answer our club call. Have two emails with different times for our channel 16 contact. At 0935 an immediate response, with *Close Encounters* followed by *Irish Mist*. A phone call from *Janet Ann* advising they were at Mickeys with a NE wind but no rain. No children on



*Grey days in Apollo Bay*

board those boats. At 1005 the second call has *Andromeda* leaving for Apollo Bay with a 3 and 6 yo and *Tiger Lily* at Dennes Point with a 2 and 3 yo and happy to move to Apollo later. Decided to relocate the beach party to Apollo, with *Close Encounters* continuing on to Mickeys to meet up with *Janet Ann*.

The crew from *Andromeda* and *Serenade* dinghied into shore for a beachcombing trip but the ever

present drizzle had them back on board after a while. We sent an invite to the two boats to join us on *Serenade* and remained entertained watching wallabies bounding around the paddocks until they arrived. Children's fishing took place on the foredeck with Max supplying rods, whilst Isabella told me she had found the hidden stash of goodies and was going to make a "pass the parcel". After limited success with fishing (1 X shark, 1 X Flatty) the children later moved to the main cabin, with Isabella and Lucas happily filling themselves and other people's children with sugar and chips.

Meanwhile, the adults had better things to do. A very pleasant afternoon was spend in conversation and nibbles, with careful attention to the ever present dangers of dehydration. To guard against such an occurrence we all contributed to a fluid supply but by late afternoon it had begun to dwindle. Members departed to their own boats for an evening meal, with those glassy conditions still present but echoed in my eyes.

We all remained in Apollo overnight, with *Serenade* departing early for the MYCT to enable Isabella to make a birthday party at 1200. Thank you to all the members radioing in, and to the members who came into Apollo and made a wet day very enjoyable.

David, Max, Isabella and Lucas



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**Off the dock!**Margie Beasley and Chris Wilkie

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**Or: “Living the cruising philosophy of ‘Don’t make a plan and stick to it!’”,  
Storm Bay of Hobart in Patagonia, 2014**

I am bolt upright and wide awake, I get straight out of bed, it’s 5am, pitch dark. The boat has just been hit by a gust of wind on her beam, and we are anchored with a stern tie to the shore, in Cahuelmo, a fiord in southern Chile. It’s the first time we have had to use a line to shore to moor for the night, and I don’t like it. I spend a fretful hour watching and checking, before going back to bed. It’s weird to have wind on your beam at anchor! We both feel like novices again, it’s only our third day out on anchor after nearly 12 months in a marina at Puerto Montt.

As some of you know, we were home in Tasmania the winter of 2013: and spoke at a CYCT meeting about our experiences cruising Japan. In September 2013, we flew back to the boat we had left hauled out in a yard in Puerto Montt, carting with us a new mainsail made in Tasmania. We completed the usual land based maintenance including gleaming newly painted topsides, launched the boat and readied for departure to explore the cruising grounds of Patagonia before heading south towards Cape Horn. Then Chris the #1 maintenance worker had a serious fall on the boat and suddenly all plans were off!

Three broken ribs and a shattered clavicle, surgery to put in a plate and screw the clavicle back into place, then 3 months of sitting doing absolutely nothing for the bones to repair!. Chris now sports a Swiss titanium plate and nine screws, and on some occasions answers to “Capitan Titanium”! Another adventure, but not what we were planning. Truly this cruising life is all about flexibility, to think you know what you are doing and when.... in our experience, is likely a dangerous assumption!

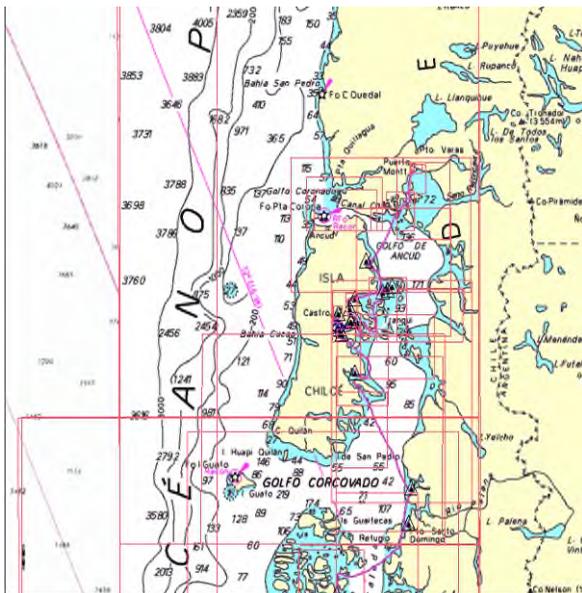
Health care in Chile is good, not cheap, but thorough, compassionate and on par with Australia. The difference? Our surgeon, who speaks good English, drove us home one evening when the taxis were hard to find, and sent us a photo of himself and his brand new baby daughter. We’d like to think that visitors to Australia would get the same kindness as we experienced.

Chris got the all clear from the surgeon in late February and with summer slipping away we worked long days to complete the jobs started before the fall, that’s the accident not the season. Truly cruising is doing maintenance in exotic places! On April 1<sup>st</sup>, an auspicious Tuesday for fools, we left the dock!

It’s almost a year since we moved the boat, and despite 12 years of continuous live aboard cruising, we feel out of touch. We have a new mainsail to set up, and many other systems

such as our engine, watermaker, electronics etc need rebooting after 12 months of non use.

So puddling around Chiloe and the many associated tiny islands (see map) is perfect to get back in touch with the boat both on the move and at anchor, despite the encroaching winter. Not such a hardship, as our plan is to base ourselves for winter around Chiloe (same latitude as Tas at 42S), keep working on the boat jobs and sit around our lovely little heater, a Dickenson Newport diesel cabin heater complete with glass door to watch the flames. All weather anchorages are seldom more than 10-15 miles apart, and each offer flat water, walks ashore in rural beauty, and opportunities to keep doing boat jobs!



Chiloe island, the cruising grounds are to the east of the island. Around 42S. Puerto Montt is to the north. (Taken from Open CPN charting)

We have now been out a month, doddling around the islands and cruising grounds to the east of Chiloe island. Think D'Entrecasteux channel multiplied many times, complete with



salmon farms and eucalypts, and reflections of autumnal poplars in glassy water. But we have wonderful reminders we are in Chile! On shore for one of our walks, we met some locals out with their piglet on the beach. They cracked and opened mussels on the shore, which the piglet greedily gobbled up, and then loitered to have his tummy and ears scratched by his owners. This pig is still likely to be eaten...

but he has had a good life before the inevitable! At another bulletproof lagoon anchorage, we watched two bullocks drawing a sled along the gravelly beach at low tide, moving furniture from one house to another. People here often have horses to ride to the shop, with simple rope only bridles and bits, and blankets rather than saddles to sit on.



Opposite Chiloe on the mainland side are snowy mountains and spectacular volcanoes: the legacy of this thermal proximity being hot springs we soaked in, all in splendid isolation. We also had easy opportunities to fill our water tanks at one of

the many waterfalls thundering into the fiords.



As I write, Chris the multitasking coffee wallah is preparing the morning brew in yet another snug no lines ashore anchorage. After coffee we will row ashore to explore the little village at the head of the bay, and yet another huge wooden church for which Chiloe is famous.

The congregations were obviously bigger once, as these villages have many empty houses, plenty of old ladies whose husbands appear to have died, and a few families with young kids. Teenagers and young adults are conspicuously absent: we assume they are all in the bigger towns and centres: the same as in most countries we have visited. We are drawn to the small and isolated places, the locals mostly want the big city life and access to cellphones! It has been a relief to see kids playing and talking together on these islands, and calling out "hello!! with hoots of laughter, instead of seeing them communing with what Chris calls their zombie metres.(mobile phones).

We need to practice more with the shore line tie ups, as next summer most anchorages require them to stay snugly protected from the fierce gusts that launch off the peaks

(called rachas here, or williwaws). So we will alternate between rural Chiloé and mountainous mainland for the winter. We will probably park the boat somewhere for a month or so and travel north by land to Peru and northern Chile, chasing the sun and hoping to visit Macchu Picchu.

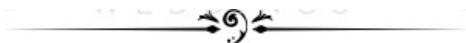
Next summer, south!! To Cape Horn, and ??? Antarctica? Falklands? Vamos a ver, we will see!

Margie Beasley, and Chris Wilkie,  
aboard *Storm Bay of Hobart*



Where to next?

PS, February, 2015. Flexibility has again been key! About a week after I wrote this article, Chris leant into a cockpit locker and loaded up his new plated collarbone, and the plate broke!! We came home to Tasmania for winter, Chris had second surgery this time with a bone graft from his hip at Calvary in Hobart, and we came and gave a second presentation at CYCT on cruising Alaska. So this article is now old news, but I hope still of interest to members. We are now anchored off Puerto Natales, gateway to Torres del Paine national park and working our way slowly south to Cape Horn. Chris, fingers crossed, is doing well.



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**Recipe: Chicken Waldorf Rolls**      **“Prince of Whales” (CCCA)**

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[Ed. Here's a healthy version of Chicken Waldorf salad that appeared a while ago in the Coastal Cruising Club of Australia's newsletter – reprinted with permission. This would make a great light boat lunch.]

- ½ cup mayonnaise
  - 1 heaped Tbsp sour cream
  - 1 tsp mustard
  - ½ lemon
  - 1 celery stalk finely sliced
  - 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and finely sliced
  - 1 small handful walnut halves or pieces
  - ½ bought BBQ chicken, skin removed and shredded
  - Inner leaves of 1 iceberg lettuce to wrap
1. Mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard with a good squeeze of lemon juice. Taste for seasoning
  2. Add the celery, apple and walnuts. Toss and then add the chicken. Combine well.
  3. Wrap the chicken salad in the lettuce leaves and serve. (Or you could include the lettuce with the other ingredients and wrap everything in a tortilla if you prefer.)

A sidebar comment from the contributor of this recipe was, “I cannot ever hear **waldorf salad** without recalling the Fawlty Towers episode where the American chap tries to order a waldorf salad and Basil Fawlty, not knowing what it was, proclaims that it couldn't be prepared as the restaurant was all out of **Waldorfs!!!**”



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**Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania**  
**General Meeting held at DSS on 3 February 2015**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Opening**

Commodore Alan Butler opened at 8:02 pm.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

52 members signed the attendance sheet. There were 6 apologies, and 7 guests including 5 crew from *Catriona* of Adelaide, David Luck from Port Stephens and Don Garnham (Lew's Father)<sup>1</sup>. The attendance sheet is filed with the official copy of the minutes.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting (December 2014)**

The Minutes were published in the February *Albatross*. These were confirmed and signed.

**4. Business Arising from those Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**5. Introduction of new members as presentation of burgees**

The following new members were welcomed to the Club, presented with their burgees, and said a few words about their boating experience.

- Barbara & Jon Tucker (New Zealand Maid);
- Damien and Elaine Killalea (Close Encounters).

**6. Vice Commodore's report – Tony Peach**

Formal Report is contained in the February *Albatross*. Specific points made by Tony are as follows.

- AWBF BBQ bookings required by tomorrow.
- A MAST Life Jacket Awareness Day is planned for 27 February at the Sullivans Cove public pontoon around mid-day. (Details on MAST website <http://www.mast.tas.gov.au/life-jacket-awareness-day-sullivans-cove-friday-27-february-12-noon>.)

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<sup>1</sup> Don attended on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday to meet with Arthur Vandenbroek, a crew member of *Catriona* of Adelaide. Both Don and Arthur are "Cape Horners" and had met previously.

- Fish farms proposals in the Channel/Trumpeter Bay area – Individual responses/submissions to DPIPWVE may have some effect.
- Recent cruises: (a) Safety Day – 16 boats attended; (b) Black Out Cruise 14 boats attended including 4 participants in the night leg to Southport.
- Forthcoming Cruises include: (a) Kids Weekend at Stinking Beach, 14-15 February. David Watson (Serenade) will be the Cruise Coordinator. (b) A similar weekend planned at Conningham, 28 February – 1 March. (c) Cygnet Cruise/Regatta – 6-9 March, Race details are on the PCSC website ([http://www.cygnetsailing.org.au/Port\\_Cygnet\\_Sailing\\_Club/Calendar.html](http://www.cygnetsailing.org.au/Port_Cygnet_Sailing_Club/Calendar.html)); (d) Port Davey/Bathurst Harbour, departing 20 March (a show of hands indicated significant interest).
- The Safety Pod borrowed for the Safety Day was made available for interested parties to inspect.

#### **7. Rear Comodore's report – Catrina Boon**

Formal report is contained in the February *Albatross*.

Catrina reiterated the need for confirming AWBF BBQ numbers. Peter and Chris McHugh will speak at the March meeting on their Asian cruising.

#### **8. Treasurer's report – Alex Papij**

Alex advised there was nothing significant to report and that the Club finances are basically on track with the budget.

#### **9. Women on Boats – Heather Doubleday**

The first meeting for 2015 will be 17 February..

#### **10. Reports from other Officers**

No additional reports.

#### **11. Comodore's report – Alan Butler**

Formal report is contained in the February *Albatross*.

Alan thanked the assistance of others for continued operational support, in particular those assisting with the Club's stand at the AWBF.

In relation to salmon farms, he noted that this is a complex issue and suggested it as a possibility for a future meeting with an industry representative.

#### **12. Other business**

There was no other business.

#### **13. Next Meeting**

The next GM will be on 3 March 2015 at DSS, 8 pm.

#### 14. Close

The formal meeting closed about 8:17 pm.

#### 15 Guest speaker: **Catrina Boon introduced Kingsley Hasket**

*"Kingsley has just arrived in Hobart delivering the yacht Catriona of Adelaide for the Wooden Boat Festival. Kingsley was the proprietor of Searles Boat Yard in Port Adelaide from 1998 until it was closed by the Government in 2009 as they wanted the land to develop the Port. Kingsley began his wooden boat building career as an apprentice at Searles in 1963 and will be talking to us about wooden boats and wooden boat building. He is a member of the National Trust and has great knowledge of the history of Wooden boats."*

Kingsley gave a very interesting talk on many facets of wooden boats and his association with the boat building industry over a long career. The talk was followed by a number of questions.

Leigh Miller thanked Kingsley on behalf of the Club.

#### 16. Close

The meeting finished around 9:20 pm with socialising continuing for some time thereafter.

*A depressed young woman was so desperate that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. When she went down to the docks, a handsome young sailor noticed her tears, took pity on her, and said, "Look, you've got a lot to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy."*

*The girl nodded 'yes.' After all, what did she have to lose? That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a life-boat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.*

*Three weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the Captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "We're going to Europe, and he's screwing me." "He sure is, lady," said the Captain. "This is the Bruny Island Ferry."*

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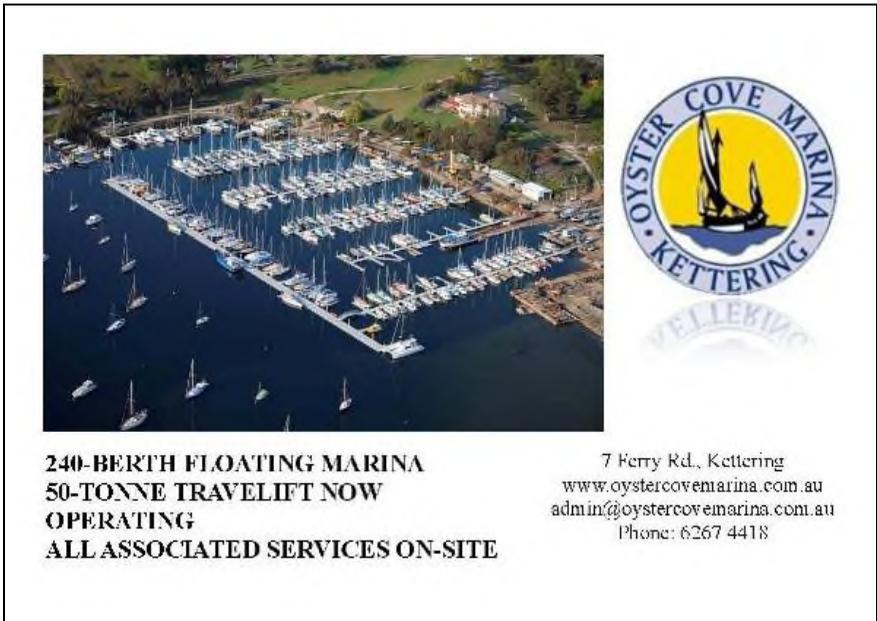
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