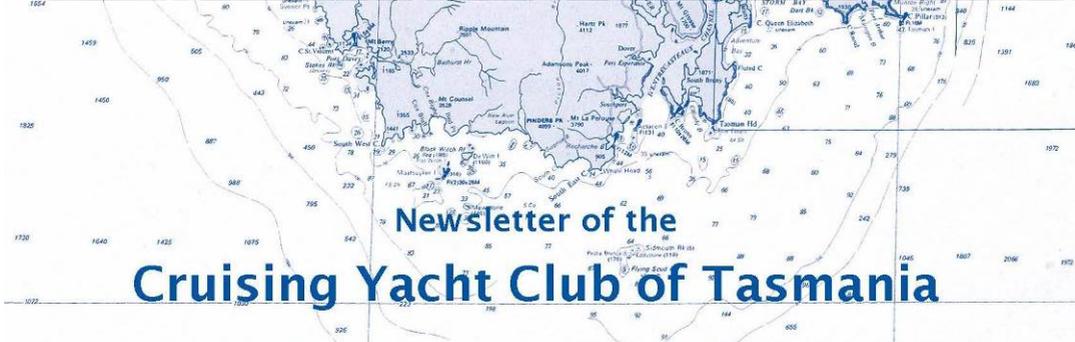


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*Cover page: Blue Moon approaching Nubeena. Kate Butorac at the helm*

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

	<b>CYCT CALENDAR</b>
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	
Tues 6 <sup>h</sup>	General Meeting @ DSS, 7:30pm Speaker: Dr Lisa-Ann Gershwin, CSIRO
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ RYCT, 7:30pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Clubs Opening Day Sailpast 2pm – 5pm
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm Topic: Passage Planning
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Mon 25 <sup>h</sup>	Cruise: Nubeena and Norfolk Bay
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Meeting @ DSS, 7:30pm Speaker: TBA
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting @ MBTas, 7:30pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary Cruise to Rosebank's, commemorating the inaugural CYCT cruise on 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1975.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm Topic: What Do I Do If .....Discussing scenarios and solving problems, using information and experience gained during the year.

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

**Editorial**

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The first thing I'd like to do as editor of the *Albatross* is to thank Jackie for the three years of good reading we enjoyed under her editorship. As a new member the *Albatross* gave me a great snapshot of the club and the diversity of topics related to cruising in general. It's been one of life's small pleasures – a glass of wine, a fire, and the *Albatross* or a great read outside in warmer weather, preferably on the water.

Your new editor is feeling enthusiastic about this role, despite quaking each time the importance of the editorship to the club gets mentioned! So perhaps it's time to warn you to put your life jackets on - the good ship *Albatross* is setting sail with a fledgling editor at the helm and to keep us even keeled while I find my bearings and plot a passage, I need you to put down that winch handle and begin that article you've always intended to write and never have. I'm regarding each article as a waypoint and each issue a landmark until my watch is over.

At the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual dinner Dennis talked not only about the CYCT but also about our fantastic environment and our great waterways. He spoke about the changes he's noticed – water grown murky, kelp more diminutive. As cruisers we're perfectly positioned to observe altered conditions such as seabird numbers and evidence of pollution. We sail, surely, because regardless of our level of experience we love not only boats but the great world they carry us out into. I recently rediscovered Marine Life Watch on our website. It provides a role for us in recording cetaceans and seabird numbers and provides a nice sense of purpose to a day out on the water. Check the CYCT website under Information for more details.

Dennis' comment led me to reflect on the talk we'd heard about citizen science and the staggering weight of plastic the oceans are carrying back in July. Walk the northwest facing beaches on the Derwent and the impact is sobering. What, as an intimate part of the sea and the river, can we do about this? It's a question I pondered as I watched a cormorant trying to swallow Styrofoam at the marina the other day.

I'd love to hear your ideas for features, articles or columns and I'd particularly like to receive your contributions. Those of you who have been sailing these waters for many a year, may, like Dennis, be willing to share your experiences of changes you've observed and if you don't know your pen from your winch handle I'm willing to interview you for a story. Do you sail with pets? Who are these canine or feline club members, what's good about sailing with them and what's not. Do you have tips or words of advice?

Spring is definitely here. The sailing season opens on 10 October. Regardless of experience, let's spruce up our yachts and go and catch the wind.

As for your editor, I'll try to keep a steady hand on the helm. Just remind me from time to time about the leading light I'm meant to follow and lavish me with waypoints!

Fiona Preston



### Guidelines for Contributions to the Albatross

The Albatross thrives on members' contributions and we welcome them. Below are a few guidelines to keep in mind when preparing items for the Albatross. Please contact the editor ([editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au)) if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Articles should be submitted as a Word document. Typically, stories should be less than 1600 words and contain no more than five photos related to the article. Longer stories will either be serialised or you will be requested by the editor to reduce the length.
- Boat names should be *italicised*, not in “inverted commas” or CAPITALISED.
- Photographs should be in .jpg format. Please compress files to no more than 1Mb for emailing.
- Photos should be your own or clearly attributed. Please include a suggested caption for each photo where appropriate.
- The cut-off date for submission is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (there is no Albatross in January).

The days pass happily with me wherever my ship sails.  
- *Joshua Slocum*

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**Commodore's Report**

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It is with some trepidation that I attempt to fill the shoes of past Commodore Alan Butler. From my viewpoint as an ordinary member, the business of the Club has run smoothly: decisions and actions have been taken in a timely fashion, membership has grown steadily, the Club has been represented in relevant areas, interest groups have flourished and cruises happened. After one committee meeting, I can see that we have been very well served by Alan and his Committee.

Thank you Alan and thank you to all who served on the 2014-15 Committee.

Thanks also to Alan for leading us into Constitution Dock and making the necessary arrangements for our annual pilgrimage. Congratulations also to Rear Commodore Catrina for the very successful 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner; from the comments that I heard, most people thought the format worked very well.

As I have a bit of catching up to do on what has been happening behind the scenes, I propose to carry on as much as we have been. I think that the education and mentoring side of the Club, through Women on Boats, the Winter Forum series and pre-cruise briefings are excellent and should be supported. I also agree with past vice-Commodore Tony Peach's push to 'expand our horizons' with some longer cruises. Mid-week cruises probably won't be programmed but I would encourage anyone who is heading out for more than a few hours and who would like some company to send a quick email giving details of their intentions. This will increase the email traffic but I doubt that it will be significant! My recent trip was most enjoyable, with two Club boats and two radio-controlled yachts of Club members meeting up at Franklin.

We were saddened by news of the death of Life Member Doris Newham and extend our condolences to Stephen.

It appears that the Mariners Cottage is vacant. There may be an opportunity for the Club, alone or in conjunction with another organisation, to submit a proposal to take over the lease again. Nothing is formal or final at this stage, but if members have views on whether we should try and move back to the Cottage, please talk to me or to a Committee member.

The position of vice-Commodore is vacant at present and the Committee will move to fill it as soon as possible. In the interim, I have drafted a programme and circulated it to a small group for comments. As notified by email, the cruise programmed for Oct 10/11 to Peppermint Bay clashes with the Opening Day of the yachting season so has been postponed. Other events on the last programme remain, namely the Show Day cruise to Nubeena and Norfolk Bay (Oct 23-26) and the Anniversary First Cruise to Rosebanks (Nov 14).

Finally, I encourage members to spruce up their boats and take part in the Opening Day sail past on Sat Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Fly your burgee and hoist as many signal and other flags as you can find. Subject to variation on the day, we normally assemble off the Hobart Regatta grounds and proceed in order past the *Egeria*, which will be anchored within the Dock area. The Governor takes the salute. Then find someone to raft up to, for a pleasant afternoon tea. All clubs will be represented and it is usually a very colourful and most enjoyable afternoon.

Andrew Boon

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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The position of Vice Commodore is unfilled at present and the duties are being covered by some of the Committee and other members. The annual cruising calendar will soon be finalised but we are looking for someone to administer the programme. This should provide a relatively painless introduction to the position if someone would like to step forward: the decisions about programming have been made and you've got someone else to blame if things go awry! We also have several members who have volunteered to act as cruise leaders for individual cruises, so the on-water commitment of the VC will be reduced.

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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What a busy week the first week of September was for Cruising Yacht Club members! Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> September with our AGM and monthly GM and finishing off with the Annual Dinner and a WE in Constitution Dock.

Our Guest Speakers, Marina Campbell and Gary Miller, from the Friends of Maatsuyker Island gave us a wonderful talk about the work of the group and their individual experiences as Care-takers on the Island, providing members with a first hand account of what it is like to live and work on the Island. I was amazed at how busy they were each day, such valuable work. Not too sure about living there without heating though! The talk included stunning images of the Island and footage of the light mechanism.

On board *Serenade*, our out going Commodore Alan Butler ably led 11 club boats into Constitution Dock at 3.30 on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> to stay the night for the Annual dinner. David and Kate Watson hosted drinks prior to the dinner on board *Serenade*. What a great way to start a wonderful evening.

Our Annual dinner was held once again at the Hope & Anchor and we had about 70 members attend. We commenced with drinks in the Macquarie St Bar upstairs where Dennis Lees gave us his entertaining presentation of the Club's history. Dennis and his wife Wendy joined the club a

couple of years after it began and have been members ever since. Dennis interspersed his talk with photos of club events over the years and even put in a commercial break for his latest boating love, racing model yachts. It was a most enjoyable talk and a great tribute to 40 Years of CYCT. Erica Shankley brought along all the club's photo albums and many people took some time to flick through these and bring back some memories.

We enjoyed a 3 course meal and although the fish was a bit dry, I have heard the steak was wonderful. The Hope and Anchor were very attentive to special dietary requirements, nothing was too much trouble. They even packed dessert into take away containers for David and Kate, who left early with their little ones. The ambiance of the Hope and Anchor certainly added to the 40<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

The following morning the boats in the dock enjoyed a lazy start to the day, leaving at 11.30am. Great conditions ensured a smooth exit and return to home base for participating boats.

At our October General meeting our Guest Speaker is Dr. Lisa Gershwin from CISRO and she will be talking about jellyfish. Jellyfish have long been a cause of fear, revulsion, or curiosity among swimmers, divers, and yachties. Lately, however, they are demanding urgent attention because of the way their biology and ecology enable them to take advantage of disturbed ecosystems in many places around the world. Jellyfish blooms are costing many countries hundreds of millions of dollars a year in emergency shutdowns of power at desalination plants, along with aquaculture and fisheries losses, shipping and boating interference, and negative tourism perceptions. This talk will provide an overview of the problem with jellyfish and what can be done about it, along with some intriguing tidbits about Tasmanian jellies.

Lisa-Ann is the author of the best-selling book *Stung! On Jellyfish Blooms and the Future of the Ocean* (Univ Chicago Press, 2013). In April 2015 she discovered her 200th new species, 14 being potentially lethal to humans as well as a species of dolphin in Tasmania and Victoria. She shares her Battery Point home with snooty goldfish and a small thicket of carnivorous plants.

## Winter Forums

## Hans Van Tuil

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The September forum was held last night. Bryan Walpole spoke on the topic of medical emergencies at sea.

Bryan covered emergency treatments for seasickness, concussion, hypothermia, heart attack, poisoning, broken bones and other possible dilemmas we could experience at sea. He was well prepared and brought along a handout and samples of medicines and treatments that would be useful to carry aboard.

The forum was relaxed and interactive and those present were rewarded with 90 minutes of simple good advice, easily digested and topped off with a sprinkling of Bryan's good humour.

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## The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

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There's no room for all the photos gathered from the evening but here are a few to bring back memories of a great evening.



Pre-dinner drinks at the Hope & Anchor



Erika introduces the speaker



Dennis speaks



The fleet heads home



A small contingent of CYCT members joined family and friends to celebrate the life of one of our inaugural Life Members, Doris Newham, who passed away recently. Doris was a long-standing and valued member of the Club, having joined in 1977.

Working as a supervisor in an aeronautical factory in England during the war, Doris and her husband Ken (also a Life Member of the Club) left behind war torn Europe and migrated with their two daughters, Jill and Jean, to Tasmania. Their son Stephen - still a CYCT member and former Commodore - was born in Tasmania and had an early introduction to sailing. Learning the ropes in the 8 foot 6 inch dinghy, *Kilkie*, and later, *Ti-Ki*, a trailer-sailer, their cruising adventures really started in the 1960s when they built the 24 foot Buccaneer, *Akuna*, in their back yard.

After cutting their teeth with local cruising, they felt the urge to sail further afield. A larger boat was needed. The 30 foot *Alkira* was put on the drawing board with the Huon Pine hull being built at Max Creese's slipyard at Battery Point. Neighbours must have looked with some trepidation as *Alkira's* hull was lowered over the roof-tops into their Taroona back yard for fitting out.

*Alkira* was launched in 1975, just as the fledgling Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania was getting on its feet. Later, a shakedown cruise took them to Lakes Entrance in Victoria, the first of many Bass Strait crossings.

As soon as they joined the CYCT they became immersed in Club activities. Both Ken and Doris served in many capacities both on and off the Committee with Doris always working quietly in the background. A note in the April *Albatross* in 1978 commented on the amount of weight being put on by Committee members when passing a vote of thanks to “... *Doris Newham for the splendid suppers you put on for the Executive Meetings.*”<sup>1</sup> She took an active role in the restoration of the Mariners’ Cottage and was Club Secretary from 1981 – 1984 and again from 1985 – 1986 and later, as Quartermaster, enticed members to buy items from the Quartermaster’s Store from 1989 – 1990, 1991 – 91 and again from 2001-2003.

Cruises in *Alkira* took them to the Whitsunday Islands plus numerous cruises in Tasmanian waters. An attempt to reach New Zealand had, unfortunately, to be aborted when *Alkira* was rolled during a gale in the Tasman Sea. They were also both regulars at Port Davey, and won the Cruise of the Year for a circumnavigation of Tasmania, the ‘wrong’ way round, in 1993.



Doris and Ken on board *Alkira*

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<sup>1</sup> *Albatross*, Vol 3 No 4, April 1978

<sup>2</sup> *Albatross*, Vol 22 No 10, November 1996

*Akira's* 21<sup>st</sup> birthday was celebrated in 1996 with a gathering of about 50 people at Kettering. Another Life Member, Derek Farrar, reminisced about their adventures and Denis Alexander penned a poem in *Alkira's* honour.

ALKIRA

*Denis Alexander*<sup>2</sup>

'Twas in the spring of '75  
The Newhams launched a daughter  
In perfect trim she came alive  
And slid into the water  
She travelled far for many years  
That tested hull and sails  
She had her share of joy and tears  
Surviving storms and gales  
And now the lady's twenty-one  
We've gathered here to cheer her  
Her cruising days are far from done  
Long life to the *Alkira!*

CYCT members, Pam and Jim Groves, became the proud owners of *Alkira* on 3 January 1999 and Ken and Doris sent Christmas Greetings from their new home in Smithton in 2006. However, they commented, they missed the camaraderie of Club meetings and wished members "*miles of pleasant sailing without any hassles.*"<sup>3</sup>

Both Ken & Doris had become the Club's first Honorary Life Members in September 1991.

Ken passed away on 15 September 2008.<sup>4</sup> It was the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> year and also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launching of their beloved *Alkira* when Doris quietly passed away in Smithton on 7 September 2015.

An era has passed, but their contributions to the CYCT remain. Farewell and smooth sailing, Doris.

*Alkira's right, she cruises on – adventures much serener,  
For now life's slower, now they choose to use the new Marina  
You'll see her at the Wooden Boats Festival in November,  
Her 21 years with my folks – adventures to remember.*

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<sup>2</sup> *Albatross*, Vol 22 No 10, November 1996

<sup>3</sup> *Albatross*, Vol 32 No 11, December 2006

<sup>4</sup> Leo Foley, Vale Ken Newham, *Albatross* Vol 34 No 9, October 2008

## Introducing New Members

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### **Kate Butorac**

Our beautiful boat is *Blue Moon*, a Beneteau First 33.7 from Sandringham Vic. Bruce and I sailed her from Victoria in December last year (with the assistance of the very experienced Doug Barry and first mate Ian Jordon) and have enjoyed a few cruises since then, including Easter at Schouten Island. This included our first (unassisted) passage of the Denison Canal with our draft of 2.1m – bit of a scrape both sides even at full tide, which I found nerve racking.

We live at Howden in North West Bay, and plan on spending lots of time cruising the Channel and East Coast. Although I spent many years sailing pennant races on the Derwent with gentleman of the sea Jack Cooper (BYC) as crew on his boat “Shearwater”, I’m looking forward to gaining more experience cruising especially the navigation side of things.



Blue Moon in Sandringham on the day of departure

**Anne Clark**

I first stepped on board *Wayfarer II* when she was owned by Gus Vans-colina and almost exactly 6 years ago to the day I found myself back on board in May this year with a view to purchasing her myself, something I had not dreamt of back then. My memory did not disappoint me, as armed with recent inspections of other similar vessels I searched for 'the one' for me.

I do not have a long or large family history of involvement with yachts, only a mirror dinghy, *Running Scallop*, which I still have and my two children and I learnt to sail in the 90's at Kingston Beach Sailing Club. There have been a few friends from time to time with yachts which I have enjoyed being involved with and which I suppose have kept my interest alive. Being now retired from my profession as a veterinarian and more recently commercial goat cheese producer I find myself with the time to take on this long held interest and actually have a yacht of my own.

It is another adventure following on my taking up gliding last year and will be almost as steep a learning curve, so you may find me asking interminable questions of all you knowledgeable seafarers and out in the Channel with 'L-plates' on! I will be canvassing for interest in crewing from time to time too. My plans are to continue exploring this beautiful Channel cruising area and Tasmanian east coast while my experience with her grows. Four of us recently made a four night trip circumnavigating Bruny Island (clockwise) and across to Cockle Creek for the South Cape Bay walk before 2 days sail back to Kettering.

Future plans/dreams are Port Davey early next year, tackling Bass Strait and going north along the mainland coastline, one day Lord Howe and even taking *Wayfarer* back to her birthplace in Tauranga, NZ.

I look forward to meeting lots of you in the CYCT and of course fellow women sailors through WOB.



Anne helming *Wayfarer*

**David Mitchell**

I don't as yet own a boat, nor have ever owned a boat. I have 3 surfboards, and my family have sea kayaks but this hardly counts. I am 55, and it seems like it is time I got a boat. I was married, have no children but have 3 cats. I was raised in Hobart. I work for the EPA (20 years) and prior to that worked in Industry. My role with the EPA is as Manager of Industrial Operations, regulating industry Statewide. Apart from concerns over oily bilge, sewage and grey water discharge I am not sure there is much connection between the EPA and boat ownership.

My non-work interests include Real Tennis, (Hobart Real Tennis Club), classic Italian cars, Alfa Romeos and Fiats (Club Motori Italia). I am also passionate about historic houses, actively restoring my 2 properties for over 20 years, collecting antiques, snow skiing, food, cooking, wine, and travel.

My interest in cruising originated from sailing on a wooden 38ft pilothouse yacht back in the late 1970s with my then girlfriend's family, down the channel and up the E. Coast to Maria Island. I later sailed with my then father in law/family on his Ferro cement 36ft yacht, mostly on the river. I have also managed to sail on a number of yachts mostly as twilight sails on the river (through work).

The idea of wanting to get a boat and learn to sail has gelled over the last couple of years. Watching a range of vlogs on YouTube of people cruising the world, (e.g. SV Delos, Esper and la Vagabonde, has only added to this interest. I have been talking with as many people I can who sail, reading about boats, sailing, and the gear needed to cruise safely and comfortably.

My ideal world trip would involve sailing the east coast of Australia, Indonesia over to the Suez, around the Med, past Gibraltar, down to the Canaries, taking the trade winds across the Atlantic to the Bahamas, Panama and via the Canal across the Pacific to the Marquesas, French Polynesia, Fiji, New Caledonia back to Aus. As I said at the start I don't have a boat nor know how to sail, yet. But it is good to have a dream.

Realistically, my aim is to learn everything I can about sailing by gaining experience on as many boats possible, be it river or coastal cruises. I am definitely open to offers to go sailing!

From what I have learned so far, my boat will be one that is blue water capable, strong, sea kindly, comfortable, between 35-40 ft, fibreglass, fitted out with wood, has all the necessary navigational, safety gear, mechanically sound etc. and is capable of being sailed short handed.



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**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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Paul and Catriona Fitzgerald

***San Miguel***

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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## New Committee Member Bios

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### **Andrew Boon**

Professionally, I am an electronics engineer who spent most of his career working in radio-related fields. I worked for the PMG's Dept. and Telecom Australia, ran my own consulting business and worked for Telstra (Mobiles). Eight years ago I finished full-time work but still work part-time designing antennas. I have a coxswain's ticket and an electrician's licence but don't know much about engines and know nothing about gas or hydraulics!

I grew up in Burnie where water-based activities were centred on the Surf Lifesaving Club and fishing trips in a small runabout. I then sailed an Enterprise dinghy at Lindisfarne Sailing Club for a few years and bought a cruising yacht in 1997. *Reflections* was a variant of the Mottle 33 design and we sailed many times to Port Davey, several times to Flinders Island and in one RYCT circumnavigation. My second and current boat is *Juliet*, a Hallberg-Rassy 382 (11.6 m), in which we are continuing to enjoy the State's cruising grounds. *Juliet* can accommodate us in some comfort, along with children and grandchildren, and we are enjoying her immensely.

I joined the CYCT in about 2000 and have served 3-year terms as Treasurer and Vice-Commodore. The range and depth of the experience, expertise and knowledge of Club members never ceases to amaze me; we have used it many times to our advantage and I hope we can contribute some back in turn. I believe that the transfer of knowledge and development of expertise is one of the Club's most important roles.

**Richard Philpot**

I have been boating all of my working life, from when I started my wooden boat building apprenticeship in 1971. My apprenticeship was for 5 years in Auckland where we built a 73 ft. Hereschoff, amongst other wooden vessels. There was no completion of apprenticeship until you had built a clinker dinghy by yourself. These were subsequently sold to the New Hebrides.

Currently I am working for myself as a web developer and also work in the disability sector as a Support Worker. I am also setting up our steel motor sailer for single handing after fitting a new 60 HP motor to replace the CMC junk motor that was in it when we bought it.

It's no speedster on the water, but is a very dry boat in bad conditions, and can take a real hiding. One delivery from Sydney on a Bavarian 40 was particularly unpleasant off the East Coast of Flinders Island and it hasn't enamoured me to fibreglass Mediterranean Caravans (no offence intended to anyone). If you have one of these or similar I won't be offended if you laugh at me as you sail past at 8 or 10 kts!

I really appreciate weekends away with Annette and the cat, to Dover, The Quarries, Tinpot Bay, Cockle Creek, Coal Bin Bay, Mickey's, Nubeena, Stewarts Bay, Fortescue Bay, and Chinaman's Bay. If you see us, come over, bang on the hull, and come on board for a glass of wine.

We often take extras on board, so if you are in the club and don't have your own boat, don't hesitate to ask when you can come away. I love being in the CYCT and sharing in the wealth of knowledge in the club, concerning boats and wines!

I am looking forward to more beachside BBQ's, and meeting in quiet bays.....

**Fiona Preston**

I can't be said to have learned to sail as a child, but we always had boats and because our surfcat only had one sail to worry about, I liked to drift up and down the Kromme River in South Africa, by myself, feeling for the wind because I had no idea about points of sail, and, on that stretch of coast knew simply that the wind blew either onshore or offshore. I particularly enjoyed flying a hull, not too worried about capsizing because the river was shallow and electric rays the main concern as I swam/walked back to the shore to cajole family and friends into helping me to right it, not having the strength or technique to do it myself.

At the Wooden Boat Festival in 2013 I approached the CYCT stall and Alan Gifford told me about the Women on Boats forum. I promptly joined the club. At that stage I'd been sailing keelboats for a couple of years, doing the twilight, midday and long distance races but I also wanted to cruise and yearned to buy a boat. As my husband was more enthusiastic about motorbikes, it was fantastic to discover a sailing neighbour and in October last year Eloise Carr and I bought *Samos*. I well recall my pounding heart the first time I took the helm and steered her, somewhat erratically, into her berth. This October my palms are sweating as I do much the same with the *Albatross*.

We have a daughter in the UK, two dogs we' and my qualifications are in librarianship and counselling. I'm currently working for Alzheimer's Australia, with work hours that allow enough time for me to squeeze in a bit of sailing, travelling and exploring beaches.

## GOING ABOUT

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

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### **Cruising CYCT Member Updates: Jon Nevill - *Ocean Child***

Ocean Child is now in the Copra Shed Marina in Savusavu, Fiji. I am preparing her for six weeks storage while I will be engaged in business outside Fiji. When I return to Fiji in October I plan to sail her to Vanuatu and New Caledonia, then on to the east coast of Australia... our exact landfall will depend on the winds we get during the trip.

Our most recent photos are available at

<http://www.onlyoneplanet.com/OceanChildFijiNamenaTaveuni.html>

### **Cruises**

Start off the season with some great club cruises. Join the Shakedown Cruise to Nubeena and remember that in November there's a very special cruise to commemorate the Inaugural CYCT cruise that took place in November 1975. Be part of history in the making– this is a very special event! Dates are in the calendar – check it out!

### **Cruise across Bass Strait Mar-Apr 2016**

Past vice-Commodore Tony Peach is organising (and will lead) a Club cruise to Flinders and Deal Islands then to Port Welshpool and Port Albert (and return), from March 22 till April 11 2016. Tony will hold a briefing session in February. Anyone who is at all interested in this cruise should email him and he will put you on his cruise mailing list. No commitment at this stage, but this will ensure that you are kept up to date with the planning. Each section of the cruise is a day's sailing (or less). This is a great opportunity to see some fabulous cruising destinations, following someone who has been there before

Tony's email is: [tonypeach@bigpond.com](mailto:tonypeach@bigpond.com)

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### **Australian Wooden Boat Festival – News Update**

AWBF are launching a News Blog and using this opportunity to update their subscriber list. If you've been a subscriber, or want to be a subscriber you need to visit <http://awbf.com.au/> to update and complete your details.

**Yachting Official Opening Day 2015 October 10 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Adorn your boat and muster up crew and family because all sail boats regardless of size are welcome to participate in the opening day of the yachting season and to join the fleet as it sails past the Governor on the launch, *Egeria*. If you're participating, remember the tradition – the skipper of each vessel should salute the Governor as they sail past..

Assemble off the Hobart Regatta Grounds at approx 1300 for the sailpast. The Governor will take the salute and yachts then raft up for afternoon tea at a sheltered location. More details to follow.

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To me the sea is a continual miracle; The fishes that swim—the rocks—the motion of the waves—the ships, with men in them, What stranger miracles are there?

- *Walt Whitman*

## **'Albert Ross' Dispatches**

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### **Navigation**

Albert has noticed that all of the fish farm areas and lights shown on the chart recently distributed by MAST are displayed on the current edition of the AusENC charts. He also noticed that the Navionics App shows a small fish farm symbol in the centre of the fish farms, but does not indicate the area of the farms or the position of the lights. He thought this might be useful information for the Pipe Opener or for those of you planning a cruise in those areas.

According to Albert, the new lighting project, co-ordinated by MAST, HAC and Tassal, will be rolled out over coming months. Lights on leases will be synchronized to come on and off at the same time.

Word has it they will also be set up so that one lease will be lit at a time, their lights will stop and the next lease will be lit and so on. It will help distinguish one lease from another and there will be 3 different flash codes.

As this evolves, notices to mariners will be issued to reflect the changes. The chart can be found under Information on the CYCT website at:  
[http://cyct.org.au/Info/marine\\_farm\\_leases\\_Sep2015.pdf](http://cyct.org.au/Info/marine_farm_leases_Sep2015.pdf)

Albert has been asked to relay a message from MAST wishing those doing the pipe opener a safe sail and a reminder: remember, .05.

### **Avian Communities**

Albert reports that he has also been keeping his eye on his avian neighbours along the Derwent and the coastal beaches and has noticed that the welcome swallows have returned, that the swans in the upper reaches of the Derwent have cygnets and that all being right with the world, the first shearwaters will have returned as they always do, in the last week of September. Little Penguins and plovers are amongst the birds breeding at present. Albert is passing on a request from these communities that you take care on the beaches you visit. If there are gates, please close them. If there is plastic, please pick it up and please avoid nests, which are sometimes mere scrapes in the sand and can be difficult to see.



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## Landmarks and other Coastal Features: Wrest Point

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It's easy, when you're so familiar with a place, to take its appearance for granted and to not ask questions of the environment you find yourself in. Wrest Point really stands out on the river because it is a prominent landmark but before 1804 the Derwent coastline was significantly different and this point, which had smaller proportions before it was built up and extended, was used by the Mouheneener in several different ways.

It would have been used as a landmark even back then, but it was also a handy windbreak, a camping spot and a pantry because it is a spot on the river where reef, beach, forest and rivulet converged.

Since 1804 change has been constant and significant. Lambert's rivulet spilled into the river on the northern side of the point - it carves the DSS's channel into the river and still exists today. Its mouth is the big stormwater drain you can see in the corner between the DSS and the Casino but for much of its journey (although not all of it) the rivulet survives only in a drain.

People were possibly born on this point of land and they certainly died here, hung for misdemeanours on Gibbet Point, as it was known in the early days of settlement, because it was far enough away from Sullivan's Cove not to cause offence but still a visible reminder of the ultimate punishment.

In the early days the Sandy Bay Station was in this general vicinity, the home from 1838 of a cohort of homesick Canadian political prisoners, rebels in an uprising, the Battle of Prescott. Their voyage out from Quebec on the *Buffalo* took a hellish four months (sickness, injury, fear and hunger) and when they arrived, swaying and staggering on their sea legs, they were, that very day, forced off to help build Sandy Bay Road. The station was rough – a circle of basic huts – and their provisions were meagre. But they managed to write diaries and when the Governor, Sir John Franklin (who later died searching for the North West Passage) came visiting, one of them wrote this:

*He made a very edifying speech to us, in which he was pleased to say that we were very bad men, very bad, indeed; and intimated that we all deserved to be hung. He said we had been sent there for one of the most aggravating crimes, putting much emphasis on the word 'aggravating', and, at the same time, as if unwilling to look us in the face, rolled his eyes up to heaven, like a dying calf, if I may be allowed to use a comparison suggested by my former business...'* (Captain Daniel Heustis, a butcher prior to exile).

Thomas Chaffey, who owned the point, tried to help them escape. He'd come out to the colony aged 45, having narrowly missed being hung for robbery and having served time on Norfolk Island. His land extended from the point up the slopes of Mount Nelson but he and his wife Maria (a *Lady Juliana* convict with a sentence for shoplifting) built a modest stringybark

cottage on what then became known as Chaffey's Point. The couple and their seven children had a front row view of executions for several years and after that it's possible a try work was established on the point (Goc, 1997).

Thomas's son, William, built the Traveller's Rest hotel on Chaffey's Point. Later, a hotel, the Wrest Point Riviera, was built there and in 1973 the Wrest Point casino took its place.

These days bitumen and the casino weigh down those old sorrows. Although the cormorants and seagulls hang about on the rocks close by, the contamination from the casino and the marina has to be detrimental although there are stoic molluscs that still survive there. But for those using the DSS and the RYCT in particular, the casino is a landmark – a bit like a lighthouse in shape – that signals home.

Source: Goc, N. 1997. *Sandy Bay: a social history*. Gentrax Publishing, Hobart.

### **PHOTOGRAPHERS ALERT**

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## With Salt on Our Lips: Language and the Sea

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Unless one is born on a boat or grows up around them one of the toughest things to learn about sailing is the never-ending nautical names and phrases. A jib on one boat is a heads'l or genoa on another. Grappling to identify vangs from cunninghams and toppers from topping lifts can also do one's head in.

On the other hand, it's a lovely moment when you encounter a phrase in common day English and suddenly recognize its connection to sailing and the sea. The historical significance of the sea and sailing to the English language is really not surprising when you consider that Western civilization is rooted in the Mediterranean Sea with its ancient trading routes along which language was also carried. From the earliest of times the language of seafaring nations was coloured by nautical terms and English was particularly enriched during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, that period when the British ruled the seas.

Here are a couple of words and phrases from the top end of the alphabet but look out for more in issues to come.

**A1:** Signified the top ranking given to a wooden ship in the Lloyd's Register.

**Above board:** Ships with crew clearly visible on deck were assumed to be honest merchant ships known as "above board". Pirates kept most of their crew below deck.

**Abreast:** Along side the beam of a ship. "Keeping abreast of a situation" now means staying in touch with or keeping up with.

**Adornings:** From the Latin *adornare*, meaning to embellish. It referred to the ornate woodwork on the stern of old sailing ships but now means to make something more attractive.

**Albatross around one's neck:** Sailors believed that albatrosses embodied the souls of dead sailors and it was considered unlucky to kill one.

**All sewn up:** Dead sailors were "all sewn up" in a bit of canvas with a weight attached to make sure that the corpse sank deep in the water but its now used to describe something that is "all done" or completed.

**Aloof:** Originally a nautical order to keep the ship's head to the wind. The leading edge of the sail is the luff. A sailing vessel that could point higher to windward and hold its speed better than another was said to stand apart or to sail a-luff. This became aloof and now describes a person who is inclined to stand apart.

**As the crow flies:** The most direct route from one place to another without detours. No GPS? Do like the early British vessels and take a cove of crows. They fly straight to the nearest land when released at sea thus providing a helpful guide.

**At a loose end:** A nautical term for an unattached / neglected rope that's not doing its job. 'Tying up loose ends' means to have dealt with all the details.

### **Making Payments to CYCT**

The club has endeavoured to make payments for various functions, subscriptions and items of clothing and other goods as easy as possible for members. Payments can be done by cash, cheque posted to the Post Office box, online using Paypal or your credit card or by direct bank transfer.

For those who make payments to the club either by cheque or using Bank Transfer please include (on the back of the cheque or in the Reference section with Bank Transfer):

- Your name (just surname is usually enough, although if you know that your name is not unique also include your initial.
- The reason for the payment.

If you use the online Paypal/Credit card facility no references are required because you always pay for a specific thing and that is noted in the transaction.

Thank you

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### **Sailing Terminology**

**Centre of lateral resistance.**

**The point on the hull where all hydrodynamic forces are in balance; as in: The boat turns about its center of lateral resistance.**

Source: <http://www.schoolofsailing.net/glossary.html>



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**40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc., held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron**

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**MINUTES****1. Opening**

Commodore Alan Butler opened the meeting at 7:32 pm.

**2. Attendance and apologies**

Forty-four members registered their attendance. Twenty-seven apologies were recorded in the attendance sheet. There was one guest. (The attendance sheet is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

**3. Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The minutes of the previous (39<sup>th</sup>) AGM were published in the Albatross in October 2014 and were ratified at the November 2014 General Meeting.

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

There was none.

**6. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

The Treasurer spoke to his report. A number of copies were made available at the meeting and copies will be made available to all members via email and/or the website as soon as possible following the meeting.

Key points made by Alex included the following:

- The Club is in a healthy financial position.
- Subscriptions are the primary source of income for the Club.
- The Albatross is the main expenditure item (printing and postage).
- The Albatross is very well received and there is a continued preference for the Albatross to be provided in hard copy format.
- During the year the Club's accounts were translated to the MYOB accounting package and a transition made to electronic payments.
- A mooring in North Simmonds Bay was purchased by the Club based on overwhelming member support. This was possible because of the Club's healthy reserves.
- Membership subscriptions were increased modestly for the present year (from \$70 to \$80). This was the first increase for some three years and will cover expected cost increases including for *Albatross* postage.
- As part of the Constitutional revisions being made, a new class of "social membership" has been introduced for long standing members who no longer own boats, at a lower cost than ordinary membership.

The Independent Auditor's Report is included in the Treasurer's Annual Report package. This Report confirmed that the special purpose Financial Report of the CYCT for the year ended 30 June 2014:

*"presents fairly in accordance with applicable accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the position of the Club as at 30 June 2015 and the results of its operations for the year then ended."*

#### **7. Appointment of Auditor**

Rendell W Ridge of Max Peck and Associates was unanimously appointed as the Club's Auditor for the 2015-16 financial year pursuant to a motion moved by Alex Papij and seconded by Paul Kerrison.

#### **8. Commodore's Report**

The Commodore spoke to his report. Some copies were available at the meeting and copies will be made available to all members via email and/or the website as soon as possible following the meeting.

The key points noted by Alan included the following.

- It has been an honour to represent the Club as Commodore for the past year.
- The Club has managed to grow membership.
- It has enjoyed a successful cruising year based on a well received Cruising Calendar prepared by the Vice Commodore (Tony Peach).
- There has been an excellent speaker program at the General Meetings arranged by Catrina Boon.
- He noted and thanked DSS for its efforts in regularly hosting club activities.
- The Albatross remains a cornerstone of the Club and noted that Jackie is retiring as Editor after 3 years.
- Alan noted the Club's participation at the AWBF with about 12 boats and a Club stand.
- Finally he thanked all the Committee members for their efforts throughout the year.

#### **9. Presentation of Awards**

Alan Butler presented the Cruise of the Year Award and a Cruising Plaque to Paul and Rosemary Kerrison for their cruise to the Louisiades Archipelago in PNG. In accepting the award Paul encouraged other members to undertake cruises further afield.

#### **10. Life memberships**

Alan Butler spoke to the proposal for Life Membership to be awarded to Dave Davey. This proposal was documented in an email to members on 27 July 2015 to which only positive feedback was received. Alan advised that the process of Life Membership requires approval by members at an AGM pursuant to a recommendation by the Committee.

Accordingly it was moved by Alan Butler and seconded by Margaret Jones that the Committee recommendation to award life membership to Dave Davey be approved.

Erika Shankley commented on the great contribution Dave has made to the Club in several areas and over many years.

The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 11. **Special Resolution – Constitution Revision**

The proposed constitutional revision has been communicated to members during the revision process and their comments have been incorporated in the final revision documents, which have also been forwarded to all members.

The following special resolution was moved by Catrina Boon, seconded by Alex Papij and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

*“That the changes to the Club’s Constitution as emailed to members on 20 July 2015, noted in the August Albatross, published on the Club’s website and tabled at this meeting be accepted and transmitted to the Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading for approval.”*

#### 12. **Election of Office bearers**

The Commodore declared all positions vacant and advised that the Secretary was holding nominations for positions as follows. These were read out.

Commodore	Andrew Boon
Vice Commodore	-
Rear Commodore	Catrina Boon
Treasurer	Alex Papij
Secretary	Mike Ponsonby
Editor	Fiona Preston
Membership Officer	Julie Macdonald
Webmaster	Dave Davey
General Committee	Leigh Miller Richard Philpot
Warden	Chris Creese

These nominations include a single nomination for each position except that of Vice Commodore. Further nominations for any of the committee positions were requested from the members present. No further nominations were received.

Accordingly the nominated candidates (as listed in the table above) were declared elected. The Committee will deal with the Vice Commodore position in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

#### 13. **Any other business**

There was none.

#### 14. **Close**

The AGM was closed at 8:00 pm.

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**Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania**  
**General Meeting held at DSS on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Opening**

8:03 pm, Commodore Andrew Boon presiding.

**2. Attendance and apologies**

Forty-four members registered their attendance. Twenty-seven apologies were recorded in the attendance sheet. There was one guest. (The attendance sheet is filed with the official copy the Minutes of the immediately preceding AGM.)

**3. Minutes of the last meeting (August 2015).**

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

**4. Business Arising from those Minutes**

There was none not already covered elsewhere in the agenda.

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

There were no new members present.

**6. Comments from other Officers**

There were several comments from a number of officers as follows.

- Julie Macdonald advised that there remain 24 unpaid subscriptions. A list was available for checking
- Catrina Boon reminded members attending the Anniversary Dinner that they need to advise of the menu options. Refer to the email sent by Catrina to members attending.
- Alex advised that copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available at the meeting.
- Kim advised that the last Women on Boats meeting was on chart plotters with lots of hands on chart plotter activities. The next meeting will be on low voltage electrics. There will be a boat license course run with 8 participants registered so far and 10 preferred. The course will be run by a woman.

- Catrina advised that the guest speaker for the next meeting will be Lisa-ann Gershwin from the CSIRO speaking on jelly fish.
- The meeting expressed a vote of thanks for the efforts of the outgoing committee.

## 7. **Next Meeting**

The next GM will be at 7:30 pm on 6 October 2015 at DSS.

## 8. **Close of formal business**

The formal meeting concluded at 8:10 pm.

## 9. **Guest speaker**

Catrina Boon introduced the guest speakers for the evening, two former caretakers of the Maatsuyker Island lighthouse, Marina Campbell and Gary Miller, who gave a very interesting presentation on their experiences on the island, the work of the Friends of Maatsuyker Island, the wildlife and most of all the lighthouse.

Erika Shankley thanked the presenters on behalf of the Club.

## 15. **Close**

The meeting closed around 9:20 pm.





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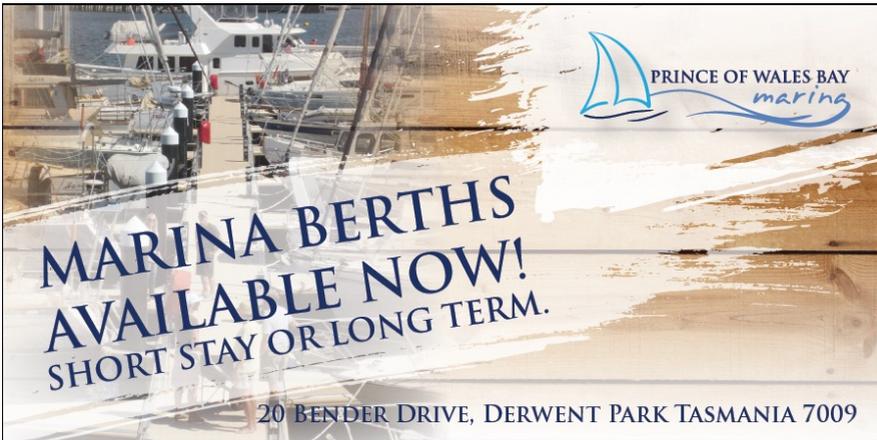
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