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Wendy Lees and TJ come ashore

Photo by Denis Lees

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EDITORIAL

Paul Kerrison

Obsession

Those west south westerly winds sure played havoc with the last edition of the Albatross I apologise for the poor effort in the photo gallery and have re-printed some of the affected photos along with some other unprinted photos.

As promised Andrew Boon's story of adventures with the Kayaks has been printed, along with a short story from Past Cmdr. Patricia on cruising Port Davey.

Leo Foley has put together a crossword, for you to puzzle over during any idle time. (answers next edition) please let me know if and when you solve it.

We also have news from Sailtrain, and profiles of four new members.

Cheers .

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Helen Stewart

I have to admit to being AWOL for most of this month. For years Phil and I have heard wonderful tales of other people's adventures on trips to Port Davey and this month we were able to make our own journey to what really is an extraordinary part of the world. We spent three weeks away and enjoyed the time immensely. Tasmania's South Coast lives up to its reputation of rugged coastline and weather conditions – they're both awe-inspiring in their might. And that's just the trip around there. All that goes to make the Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour region warrants a long story. I hope some of the photos I took capture some of the beauty of the mountains and the mood of the weather. Other Club boats which Albert Ross would have spotted sharing the South West experience included Obsession, Lalaguli, Andromeda, Amnesia and Sotalia. Of course there were other visitors and the airlines seemed to be fairly busy flying visitors in and out as well.

Meridian



Quartermasters' stores

A reminder of the Club's library and Quartermasters' stores. Barry "the Quartermaster" Jones stocks Club burgees, badges and books – the *D'Entrecasteaux Waterways* is a "must have" for any visitor to the Channel and a copy of *East Coast Anchorages* is well worth having on board if you're heading up the coast. Barry will shortly have an exciting new range of hats and caps for sale.

Club library

The Club also has a library of books and videos that are available to members. Warden Les Westman has these on display at each general meeting. The Committee is currently undertaking a review of the library available with intention of adding some new titles. We are keen to provide services and opportunities that benefit members so everyone should feel confident about submitting ideas and requests to the committee for consideration.

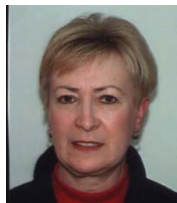
March meeting

The March meeting should be really interesting with a demonstration (volunteers invited) of life raft procedures by accredited demonstrators Barry Jones and Duncan Hine at the Friends' School swimming pool. We'll reconvene at the Regatta Pavilion afterwards for a quick catch up and to introduce new members – and no doubt there'll be plenty to talk about! Hope to see you there.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Cheryl Price

Talisman II



About 35 - 40 members, old, new and prospective, took part in the B.Y.O barbeque at the Mariner's Cottages Battery Point to kick off the season. We had an enjoyable evening with good weather and we especially enjoyed the remaining Xmas cake and tea/coffee in our new mugs.

MARCH MEETING :

As planned we will visit The Friends' Health and Fitness Centre at 7 Wilson Street, North Hobart for a Life Raft demonstration and discussion. Please meet at the FH&F Centre for a 7:45pm start. Barry Jones has offered to lead the exercise and Duncan Hine will be his assistant. A small number of our members have also very kindly agreed to get wet on this occasion.

At around 9:15pm, and depending on how much discussion and the number of questions that arise during the demonstration, we will transfer to the Regatta Pavilion for drinks and further discussion.

APRIL MEETING :

Our 'What's Good / What's Bad' discussion evening is starting to take shape with several members offering to share their experience with gadgets on boats that have either worked or not worked. I would still like to hear from some volunteers who have a gadget or gadgetry on their boat and who would be happy to share information with others. This is shaping up to be an interesting evening so I hope you are planning to join in - you are sure to learn something new and useful.

For May we have a special presentation, by Keith Wells, titled '17 Boats in Three Months'. This is one evening those of you who are thinking about buying a new or secondhand boat, or indeed your very first boat should not miss.

Cheryl Price

New Members.

Please make welcome;

Mike & Ruth TempleSmith
Brian & Rosalie Kirby

PNEUMATIC

CLUB LIBRARY.

The warden requests that any member who has on loan books or videos from the club library return such items at the march meeting.

The reason for this is that the committee has approved further expenditure on the library and for this reason the warden needs to refresh both the inventory and assess what books videos members would like to se in the library.

Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

WANTED WANTED.

Has any member out there got an old lock up bookcase or something similar that could be converted to a lockable book case to be left in the clubs storage at the Regatta pavilion. Please contact the warden. Les Westman

Help.

Albert Ross was last seen gaffer taped to the pile moorings at Melaluca Inlet could it be that some members are trying to keep details of the recent events at Port Davey out of the press.

Could someone please release Albert so as he may either continue bartering or go to print.



VICE COMMODORE'S CRUISE NEWS.

Rosemary Kerrison

Obsession

After a relaxing break at Port Davey with much walking, climbing, fishing and socialising it is back to normality.

Sunday 22nd February saw "Obsession" (correct spelling) joined by "The Cape" and "Kalisea" (my sister Helen) for a barbecue at Quarantine Bay. Hopefully when the continuous westerly stream abates we may find little Fancy suitable for a day venue.

The long weekend March 6th, 7th and 8th will see the club for those who wish to travel or sail in company, or join at their own convenience explore the Huon River, spending Saturday evening in Surges Bay and continuing on to Shipwright's Point for a lunch time barbecue at the barbecue shelter onshore. Monday will see us wind our way back to the upper channel area for a barbecue to conclude the weekend cruise.

The Cygnet Yacht Club is also holding their regatta this weekend.

Clean up Australia Day.

A clean up day, has been organised for Sunday 21st March in Barnes Bay. Collection Bags, gloves and area maps will be available from "Obsession" from 10am that morning. A lunchtime barbecue will follow this.

An early reminder to keep Saturday 23rd May free, as this is the date for the Donald Sutherland Navigation Cruise. Arrange your crew early and join in to show your navigational skills. Further information will be advertised in the Albatross as they come to hand.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO general call on Ch 16 for advertised cruises.
Listen on Ch 77 at 10.05 and 11.05am for details or changes.
Dual watch might make it easier.

For those wishing to sail or travel in company to Port Arthur for the Easter Cruise I suggest that a 7am start on Good Friday be the go. This will enable boats to arrive in Port Arthur before any sea breezes come in (hopefully). Some may like to anchor in Killora Bay on Thursday evening ready for the early start.

Happy cruising
Rosemary



NEW MEMBERS.

Greg and Jane Peart – Yacht “Carinda”

When living in Sydney, Greg and Jane would spend afternoons at Bradley’s Head fantasising about yachts. Arriving back in Hobart in the early 1970s they purchased their first, a 24 foot Van Der stad Primaat.

Later, in Burnie, Greg and Jane belonged to the Wynyard Yacht Club, racing their Corsair and cruising about Squeaking Point.

Twillo, a 28 foot Snook-designed sloop, was their first real foray into keelboat racing and cruising. In addition to 3rd division racing, they have spent many hours cruising the Channel, Norfolk Bay and the East Coast. Greg has sailed on mainland delivery trips and participated in offshore racing for many years.

Their new boat is *Carinda*, a cutter-rigged Mottle 33. Originally from Lake Macquarie, *Carinda* sailed the Pacific before coming to Tasmania. With previous owner, Peter Alexander, *Carinda* completed two circumnavigations and a trip to Port Davey. Greg and Jane now plan more extensive cruising.

John and De Deegan – Yacht “Sotalia”

John and De have been cruising and living on board full time since 1983. During this time they cruised the Whitsundays and PNG and completed a world circumnavigation via the Cape of Good Hope and Panama.

More recently, they have returned from a seven-year cruise through Micronesia and SE Asia. Although the necessity to work has sometimes got in the way of their travels, they have really enjoyed all their cruising and especially all the wonderful people they have met over the years.

Along the way John and De have both qualified as AYF Yachtmasters (Instructors) and also hold US Coastguard Commercial licences.

A year or so ago they moved off their boat into their house at Kettering. John and De look forward to cruising Tasmanian waters and meeting all the members of the CYCT.



SAILTRAIN

nel . Each day we find a sheltered spot and raft up for lunch and they wander around and inspect each others boats.

By the time they depart they are almost like family due to about 14 hours close contact a day in small groups, and we are sad to see them go .

On a cold winters night in a snug anchorage down the Channel with the fire burning hard and our dinner consumed, we can look in our log books and put faces to names and feel a little self-satisfied . I would recommend to any old yachtsmen in retirement that they become accredited instructors, and put their boats and time into teaching a sport that promotes self-reliance , responsibility and co-operation .

Seven of us have just got back from a week of Sailtrain instruction down at Dover .

Once or twice a year we go down to the Far South Camp at Dover, for a week, to instruct groups of up to 30 teenagers from local and interstate schools. The course is at AYF Competent Crew level and occasionally , for repeat offenders , at Inshore Skipper level .

We sail every day, to get in as many at-sea hours as possible . If the weather is not good we sail around the islands in Esperance Bay. On better days we venture out into the sheltered waters of the D' Entrecasteau Chan-

Every evening after dinner we hold coursework classes and on the Thursday we race to Partridge Island and tie up to the jetty and race back to Dover.

On the Friday , after a very early start , we sail to Hobart with minimal input from the skippers to enjoy 8 to 10 hours sailing up the D'Entrecasteau Channel and the Derwent Estuary .

On arrival, provided that they have passed, (failures are a very rare thing) , they're presented with their log books endorsed at the appropriate level .



Changes are afoot in SAILTRAIN. Richard Catt is hanging up his principal's hat after agreeing to take the role on for 6 months, 18 months ago! He will still take an active role as an instructor and we thank him for his efforts.

The new Principal is Barry Jones who is the proud owner of Lalaguli. Barry has been an instructor with Sailtrain for the past 18 months and is looking forward to his additional role as Principal.

Barry will initially be ably assisted by Barry Hine. I remain coordinator and I'm looking forward to working with B1 and B2.

Norm Brundle

SEA KAYAKING IN COMPANY WITH “REFLECTIONS”

By Andrew Boon.

SV “Reflections” has just returned from a trip to Maria Is, Eaglehawk Neck, Fortescue Bay and Port Arthur. We were the 'mother ship' for a sea kayaking exercise conducted by the Army White Water Association from January 10th - 20th.

We left Hobart on the evening of Friday 9th January and sailed to Monk Bay. Went through Denison Canal on the morning of the 10th (no problems getting through; the minimum water depth we found was 2.5 m, following MAST's advice of 22/12/03). Met the kayakers at Triabunna. After some training at Raspins Beach, half of the paddlers left Triabunna in their kayaks on the morning of Monday 11th. The other half was aboard Reflections, ready for a transfer to the kayaks in the middle of Mercury Passage. One of the paddlers was ill (hyperthermia or similar) and was taken aboard earlier than planned for medical treatment and observation (see photo



'patient transfer' - the person sitting in the rubber ducky was looking very grey). The transfer to and from the kayaks was made via our rubber ducky, which was held alongside as we kept just enough way up to maintain steerage (see photo 'kayaks astern').

All went well and the second shift of paddlers arrived at Darlington in perfect weather.

The crew of Reflections ate very



well - crayfish, abalone, squid, flathead,etc (see photo 'crew ate well') - while the paddlers had their ration packs.
Tough!

We had mixed weather at Maria Island, climbed Bishop and Clerk in perfect weather but had to abandon Shoal Bay (Deep Hole) late one night when a strong westerly change came in (found Spring Beach at 0100). The wind was too strong for the paddlers to make the return journey so they loaded kayaks and paddlers onto the Maria Is Ferry.



Reflections then sailed around Maria Island (one quiet night at Riedle Bay) and met the kayakers again in Pirates Bay. They paddled to Cape Hauy (bushfire still burning), with another transfer from Reflections at Cape Hauy. Great weather for this segment, the visitors really enjoyed the coastline between Eaglehawk Neck and Cape Hauy. Next stop was Port Arthur (we motored around Tasman Island, no wind but plenty of swell). Generally cold, squally weather for two days. 'Red', 'Hawk' and 'Sheer Madness' were anchored there, along with a Customs patrol boat.

After an aborted attempt to leave Port Arthur on Sunday 18th (the forecast moderation in wind strength didn't appear), we motor-sailed from Safety Cove to Hobart on Monday 19th, just in time to be shouted to a restaurant for a farewell dinner with the paddlers. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Andrew Boon

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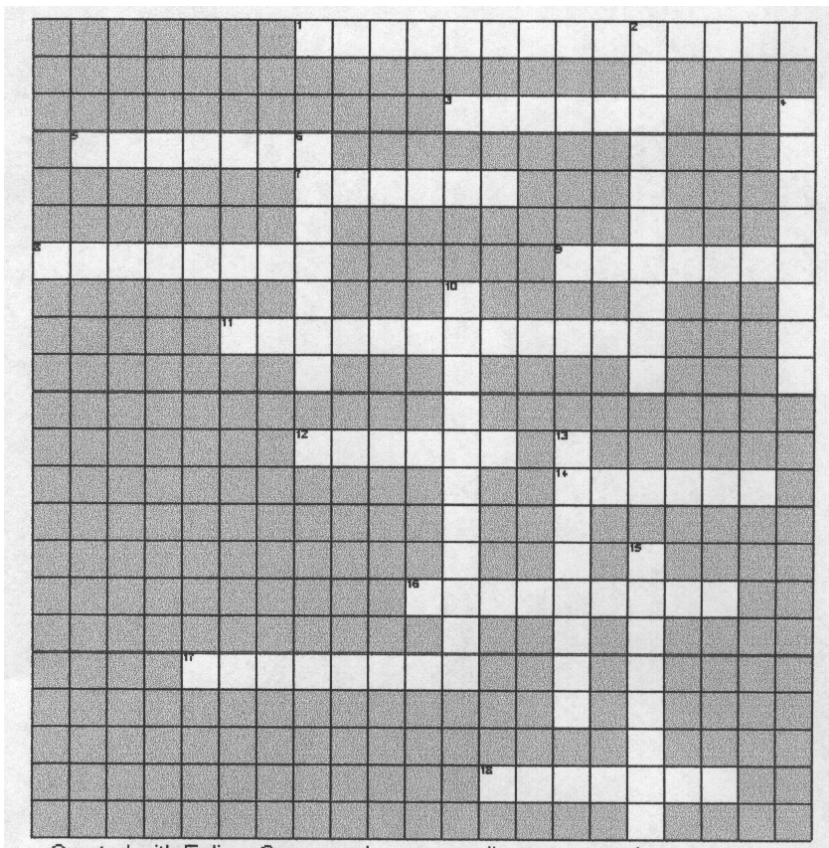
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Across

- 1. No procrastination!
- 3. Unwell Nordic girl
- 5. Just mad about it
- 7. Puzzle over this one
- 8. Searching for the sun
- 9. Emblem of Scotland
- 11. Former name of our fair isle
- 12. African adventure
- 14. Musical term, slow
- 16. Always on my mind
- 17. imaginary line between North and South Poles
- 18. Forget the name?

Down

- 2. Wordsmith, in three Acts
- 4. This crossword will test it
- 6. God of the sea
- 10. Fairytale character
- 13. Lucky charm
- 15. A very strong breeze



CRUISE IN COMPANY TO PORT DAVEY.

Owing to a few stakes missing in the Melaleuca Channel the crew from *Lulaguli* had to help *Andromeda* off a mudbank. The placing of a large "Bruce" anchor metres away to the rear of the boat (attached with rope not chain) and then with the help of a winch and reverse motoring eventually pulled us back into the Channel. Admittedly there were times when I thought that the whole 3 weeks would be spent on that mud bank! Other club members company was welcome when we took our dinghies up rivers, climbed mountains and had walking trips, especially to Cox Bite and New Harbour. We would meet in the evenings to discuss the following days action and had a few gas barbecues ashore. If we needed to be alone then that too was acceptable.

Whilst fellow members were having a rainy spell in town those of us in the South West of Tasmania experienced pleasant conditions. The travelling to and from Port Davey was enjoyable. Our smaller club boats would have made the journey but would have had to start well before dawn as the trip for us was 6.00am from Research to 3.45pm in Schooner Cove.

Flying visitors came and went and trips to Melaleuca were frequent. However, overnight stays were not recommended as there were too many little bighting type white midgies. The bird life was great and we saw orange bellied parrots, fire-tails, swallows and a range of sea birds.

Club members Peter and Barbara Willson were busy on the last of the tin production before the drying of the dam but they were gracious in showing us over the mine where we were able to watch the conveyor belted process in action. Thanks to the Willsons for replacing the missing stakes in the channel (after our little mishap). Another well known Hobart boat also went aground - which made me feel a little better. When I called my daughter from Dover I was greeted with "I hear you went aground Mum!" Hhmm.

Thankyou *Lalaguli*, *Obsession*, *Meridian*, *Amnesia* and *Sotalia* for a wonderful and memorable time at Port Davey. It was our second trip as four years ago we sailed in company with *The Bird of Dawning*. I hope that this won't be our last West Coast adventure.

Immediate Past Commodore Patricia on *Andromeda*.

CYCT PHOTO GALLERY.



PEAR TREE PICNIC
THE DAY AFTER THE
GROWN UPS XMAS PARTY.



Karen Baine with Thomas, Lucy & Amy



Membership Officer & Commodore in a relaxed mode.

CLUB CALENDAR

March

Tuesday the 2nd

General Meeting
at Friends School pool & fitness
centre North Hobart for a life raft
demo (see Rear Cmdr. Cheryl's
Column for details.)

Sat. Sun. Mon. 6/7/8

Exploring the Huon River.
BBQ Sunday at Shipwrights Point
Regatta ground.

Sunday 21st

Clean up day in the channel
see cruise news for detail

April,

Tuesday the 6th

General meeting Regatta ground
7.30 / 8.00pm
come prepared to dispel those
myths about the good and the bad
gadgets on board your boat.

Easter

9/10/11/12/& 13th for some

Cruise in company to Port Arthur

May.

Tuesday the 4th

General meeting Regatta Ground
7.30pm / 8.00pm

Saturday the 23rd

Donald Sutherland Navigational
Cruise



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