

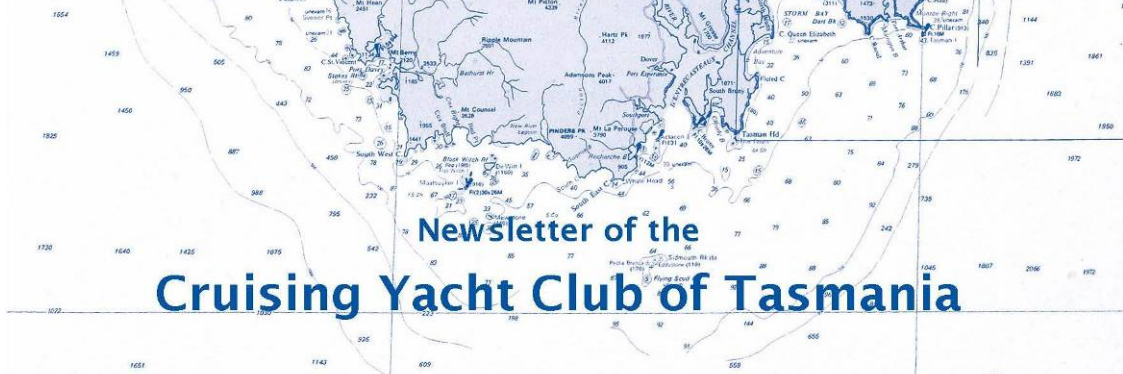
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Frosty morning in Kettering

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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>AUGUST</u></b>    |   |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>    | General Meeting @ DSS <b>7:30pm</b><br>Speaker: Paul and Rosemary Kerrison            |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Committee meeting @ RYCT, 7:30pm  |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm<br>Topic: Chartplotters (Practical demonstration) |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | <b>Cruise:</b> TBA, somewhere in the Channel!   |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Winter Forum – at DSS 5:30pm<br>Speaker: TBA  |
| <b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b> |   |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Annual General Meeting @ DSS <b>7:30pm</b><br>Speaker: TBA                            |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | Committee meeting @ MBTas, 7:30pm   |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Annual Dinner: Hope & Anchor Tavern @ 6pm   |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Women on Boats meeting @ DSS 5:30pm<br>Topic: 12V – Marine Electrics                  |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Winter Forum – at DSS 5:30pm<br>Speaker: Brian Walpole, Medical Emergencies at Sea    |

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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All's quiet on the southern front... This must be the slimmest edition of the Albatross in the three years that I've been editing. I know that there weren't club cruises to report on, but surely someone must have been out there on the water, having cold weather adventures?!

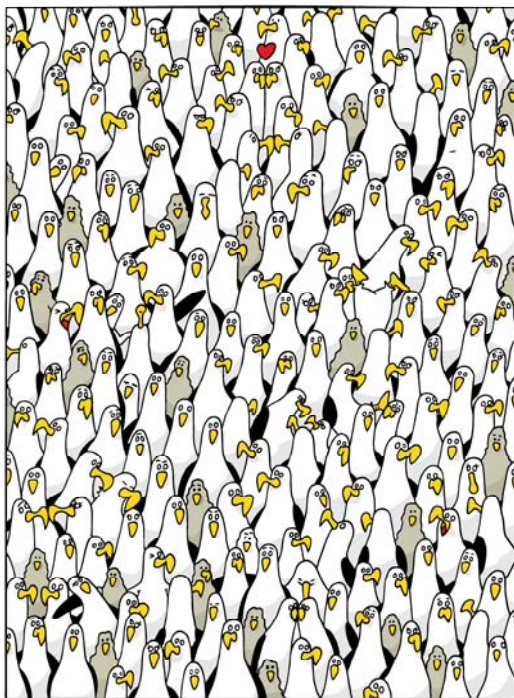
I have to admit that despite best intentions to get *Rusalka* out in the last month, we spent the time chasing down a small electrical issue (Alex) and cutting back the deck caulking (me). This week we make her pretty with a topside polish and bottom scrub. Still, we **will** get out somewhere in the next few weeks – and hopefully spot some whales!

While spending time indoors surfing the net, I came across a blog for lovers of Albatrosses. Great cartoons and information about Albatrosses – this should put a smile on your dial: <http://whatalbatross.blogspot.com.au/>

Finally, I can't count! Contrary to last month's editorial, this is now my penultimate issue of the *Albatross*, so next month is the last you'll hear from me (as editor anyway!). But don't let that stop you from sending in your contributions – there will surely be someone to take up the pen!

Happy sailing!

Jackie



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## Commodore's Report

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It is very cold, windy and rainy as I write. There are not many boats on the Channel! Some members have retreated to warmer climes up north, which we're told hasn't done them much good! It's not even great weather for working on boats, but we have had plenty to keep us occupied - I can think of the Festival of Voices, Huon Valley Mid-winter festival, forums and Women on Boats, to mention a few things.

The commodore's desk has been quiet; the main concerns have been the constitutional revision, and filling the card for the September elections.

**Elections:** there's more detail elsewhere in this Albatross, but please contact me, or any of the committee members, if you're interested in joining the committee - or have someone else you'd like to do in!

**Constitution:** as you will recall, the constitution has been under review for a few months. This is nothing radical, but a tidying-up of many small points that have become out of date. We recently sent a proposed revision to members and received some helpful comments. We have now acted on those comments, and the final changes have been approved by the committee, sent to members by email and posted on the members' area of the website, together with a document explaining the changes. If you don't use email or the www, and would like a hard copy, posted out with the next Albatross, then let the Secretary know.

This revised constitution will be put to a vote at the AGM in September. If approved by the membership, it goes to the Department of Justice for final approval.

Keep warm!

Alan Butler

A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say 'How to Build a Boat'  
- Stephen Wright

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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The 2014-15 cruising season is almost completed. There was a successful visit to MOFO, with some twenty plus Club boats in attendance. It is good to witness winter use of boats. My thanks go to Kim Brewer for her organisation in shoe-horning the fleet into berths at the waterfront.

The only remaining cruises for the 2014-15 year are the Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August cruise that Leigh Miller and Chris Creese have agreed to coordinate (It will not be to Rosebanks), and the visit again to Constitution Dock for the annual dinner.

**IMPORTANT:** For those intending to take their boats to the City and staying aboard overnight after the dinner, please let me know at least two weeks prior to the event, so that I can secure berthing spaces with the Port Authority. The price has been set at \$25 per boat to the Port Authority. Please remit the amount to the CYCT treasurer beforehand, and confirm with me [ViceCommodore@CYCT.org.au](mailto:ViceCommodore@CYCT.org.au). Entry will be at 15:30 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and departure at 11:30 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Depending upon numbers, not all boats will be guaranteed the supply of shore power!

In the April issue of Albatross, I indicated my interest in cruising to the Furneaux Islands again. Several members have contacted me on this subject and my current thinking is to stretch the window and head to Victoria. Yes a Bass Strait crossing! There are so many little islands this adventure can be accomplished without any night running if you prefer.

A summarised preliminary itinerary follows on the next page, and for any cruiser interested, please contact me on my non CYCT address at [tonypeach@bigpond.com](mailto:tonypeach@bigpond.com), because the incoming 2015-16 Vice Commodore may not wish to be burdened with this detail. The dates below have been selected because they are based on a convenient transition of Denison Canal at near slack water, then a subsequent passage across Banks Strait with assistance as opposed to hindrance of the current.

Please note that the weather may add several days to the intended timetable. The "A" or "B" calendar will be finalised during September of 2015, in conjunction with your new vice commodore. For those interested, contact me by email and I shall provide you with an electronic "link" to my preliminary planning including a detailed cruise itinerary with information relating to currents and waypoints for each leg.

Tony Peach

*Preliminary Itinerary to the Furneaux Islands and beyond:*

| <b>LEG</b>                            | <b>Nmiles</b> | <b>DATE (A)</b>          | <b>Alternative Date (B)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| IRON POT - LIME BAY                   | 16.26         | Wednesday, 23 March 2016 | Thursday, 7 April 2016      |
| LIME BAY – CHINAMANS / MARIA IS       | 24.1          | Thursday, 24 March 2016  | Friday, 8 April 2016        |
| CHINAMANS MARIA - FREYCINET           | 30            | Friday, 25 March 2016    | Saturday, 9 April 2016      |
| FREYCINET - WINEGLASS BAY             | 12.8          | Saturday, 26 March 2016  | Sunday, 10 April 2016       |
| WINEGLASS BAY - BINALONG BAY          | 59.4          | Sunday, 27 March 2016    | Monday, 11 April 2016       |
| BINALONG BAY-CLARKE IS                | 47.3          | Monday, 28 March 2016    | Tuesday, 12 April 2016      |
| CLARKE IS - LADY BARRON               | 34.3          | Wednesday, 30 March 2016 | Thursday, 14 April 2016     |
| LADY BARRON-ROYDEN IS                 | 44.2          | Thursday, 31 March 2016  | Friday, 15 April 2016       |
| ROYDEN IS-DEAL IS                     | 37.3          | Friday, 1 April 2016     | Saturday, 16 April 2016     |
| DEAL IS- WILSONS PROM/FRESHWATER COVE | 60.7          | Saturday, 2 April 2016   | Sunday, 17 April 2016       |
| WILSONS PROM. - PT WELSHPOOL          | 7.4           | Sunday, 3 April 2016     | Monday, 18 April 2016       |
| PORT WELSHPOOL - PORT ALBERT          | 29.5          | Monday, 4 April 2016     | Tuesday, 19 April 2016      |
| PORT WELSHPOOL - DEAL ISLAND          | 59.2          | Tuesday, 5 April 2016    | Wednesday, 20 April 2016    |
| DEAL IS.-CLARKE IS/SPIKE COVE         | 77.5          | Wednesday, 6 April 2016  | Thursday, 21 April 2016     |
| CLARKE IS - CHINAMANS/MARIA IS        | 140.8         | Friday, 8 April 2016     | Saturday, 23 April 2016     |
| CHINAMANS/MARIA IS-KETTERING          | 48.6          | Saturday, 9 April 2016   | Sunday, 24 April 2016       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>729.36</b> | <b>19 Elapsed Days</b>   | <b>19 Elapsed Days</b>      |



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## Rear Commodore's Report

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Rachelle Jensen, Outreach Director of Indigo V Expeditions, gave us a very interesting talk about the Citizen's Science project and how we as Boaties can become involved in this project. Just by attaching an OSMO to the back of your boat when on a cruise we can collect samples, which will enable the research to continue. The Ocean Sailing Microbial Observatories, or OSMO's, should be available for use later this year. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting and would like to know more about this project take a look at the website <http://www.indigovexpeditions.org/> If you would like to email Rachelle, her email address is Rachelle Jensen [tulipslip@fastmail.us](mailto:tulipslip@fastmail.us)

At our last meeting I presented the club with a USB stick containing the log book of long term CYCT member Froggie Balmer. As this is our anniversary year it is quite fitting to have some information from early club cruises. If you are interested in having a look at this log, speak to Erika Shankley.

### August General Meeting

Long-time members of the CYCT Paul & Rosemary Kerrison will be speaking at the August meeting about their experiences on a recent cruise to the Louisiade Archipelago PNG. Topics to be covered. Why the Louisades? Provisioning and fact finding. The remoteness and lack of modernisation, and communication. Introduction to village life, and trading. The voyage there and back. Accompanied with various slides. Would they go back? Come along and find out.

### RV Investigator

30 lucky people lined up for a tour of the *Investigator* on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. There was a lot of interest in this tour and we had 15 people on the waiting list. Unfortunately we could only have 10 of us on a tour at a time and due to staffing issues, CSIRO could only manage 3 tours. But we hope to have another opportunity in the future.

### Annual Dinner

The Annual dinner is drawing nearer and bookings are now being taken, please advise me if you are attending and pay via pay pal on the CYCT website. The dinner is at the Hope and Anchor, chosen so members can take their boats into Constitution Dock for the WE! Don't forget to let our Vice Commodore know if you are expecting to take your boat into the dock. A novel approach to a night on the town.

Catrina Boon



*Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania*

*Annual Dinner 2015*

**Where:**        **Hope and Anchor Tavern**  
65 Macquarie St.,  
Hobart Town

**Date:**        **5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at 6pm for 6.30 start**

**Cost:**        **\$60 per person,**  
**includes a pre dinner drink, and 3**  
**course dinner followed by tea or**  
**coffee**

**Guest Speaker: Dennis Lees**

*Please pay via the Club website*

*[www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au)*

*RSVP: [rearcommadore@cyct.org.au](mailto:rearcommadore@cyct.org.au)*

**DEADLINE: 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST**



## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Kate Butorac  
**BLUE MOON**

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.

## ANSWER TO MARITIME MYSTERY OBJECT # 15



### **Brass Sugar Nipper**

This object which was spotted in a chandlery display case appears (from google searches) to be a sugar nipper, used for breaking pieces of sugar off a sugar loaf. It certainly looked like something nautical to me!

Do you have a mystery object you'd like to share?  
Send a picture (and the answer!) to [editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au)

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**A Voyage to Frogs Hollow**

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Erika Shankley

As *Reflections* dropped anchored in Frogs Hollow, Leo Foley remarked “*that [the anchorage] evoked memories of the CYCT member for whom the bay is named. Perhaps we should publicise such things a little more,*” Leo continued, “*because when we radioed in from Frogs Hollow, Stu at Coast Radio Hobart replied ‘That’s a new one!’*”<sup>1</sup>

Frog (Alan) Balmer was a Rat of Tobruk, having served on the destroyer *HMAS Voyager* during World War II. What then, did they call the 20 foot motor/sailer which they bought in 1972? *Voyager*, of course! *Voyager’s* small cabin provided reasonable comfort for two and had a doghouse with full headroom. On board was a jib and mainsail, icebox, 2/20 gallon fuel tanks, 20 gallons fresh water, a 2-burner gas stove, 2/15lb CQR anchors, 130 ft warp, 70 ft 3/8 inch chain and motive power was provided by a 2-cylinder 20hp Farymann diesel.



*Voyager in Joe Page Bay (Balmoral Hill in background)*

Already a member of the Geilston Bay Boat Club,

Frog’s first major cruise had been on board his mate, Laurie’s boat *Kelpie*, circumnavigating the Tasman Peninsula. In *Voyager*, Frog loved just pottering around on the boat or spending time in a quiet anchorage.

In 1978 his friend and work-mate in the PMG, Ken Newham, then Vice Commodore of the CYCT, persuaded Frog and his wife Maisie to join the Club. By the end of that year Frog had fitted a radio, depth sounder, a furling head and main sails, as well as making quite a few improvements to other areas of the boat. A longer cruise was in the offing.

On Saturday 13 January 1979, *Voyager* set sail from Geilston Bay, Frog at the helm with his wife Maisie as First Mate. After spending the night at Kettering, *Voyager*, in company with Ken and Doris Newham on *Alkira*, continued on down the Channel, anchoring in the Bins at Recherche Bay later that day.

Frog’s Log for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January reports the glass was rising with “*Rain squalls all night and although full moon heavy cloud still evident. Decided sea would be up all day so back to cot.*”

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<sup>1</sup> *Reflections on Port Davey, Albatross, Vol 36 No 5 June, 2010*

They did make an abortive start at 1039 (as an ex-navy man, Frog kept a precise Log) when they “weighed and [were] underway.” However, off Whale Head the seas were short and steep so “at *Alkira*’s signal *Voyager* spun and ran.” By 1340 they were back in the Bins.

By that evening, things had quietened down and after a skippers’ conference *Voyager* weighed anchor again at 1954, taking on Stephen Newham as First Mate, Maisie joining the crew of *Alkira*.

Ken had a dry sense of humour. *Alkira* led the way down the coast, a carrot tied to the pushpit as a lure for the following *Voyager*. Just after midnight they were off De Witt Island, the full moon making for good visibility. Frog’s Log records a “... short low ground swell barely ruffled by breeze” with *Alkira*’s masthead light as a guiding star. By 0530 *Voyager* steamed into Port Davey, threading her way through the Breaksea Islands before tying up alongside *Alkira* in Bramble Cove. Frog noted an average speed of 5.79 knots with a fuel consumption of .543 gallons per hour.



*Melaleuca, Alkira and Voyager rafted up*

The following day they motored up to Melaleuca, tying up alongside Deny King’s boat. Just after midnight they were “wakened by noise of strong wind ... Poked head out. .... *Alkira*’s crew already topsides frantically replacing busted spring line. I doubled up on all lines.” Port Davey’s more typical weather had arrived.

It was a late start the next day with an afternoon visit to the Kings’ residence. Frog was fascinated by the birds in Deny’s garden. “The house is the style of a Quonset hut.” he wrote, “Very quaint but, no doubt, practical.” They later met Peter and Barbara Willson, Deny King’s neighbours, and inspected their mine workings about two kilometres away.

Over the next month *Voyager* and *Alkira* criss-crossed Bathurst Harbour which was surrounded on all sides by buttongrass plains giving rise to range after range of quartz hillsides “and mountains standing up all round like teeth on a cross-cut saw. Scenery so spectacular, that it beggars description ...”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Frog Balmer, *A Small Boat Passage to Port Davey, Albatross, Vol 4 No. 4, April 1979*

Maisie steered *Voyager* through the Breakseas on a trip across Port Davey to Bond Bay. They explored Kelly Basin by dinghy and lunched in the Davey River Gorge. At Moulters Inlet they “went for a slow cruise ... charting depths on the way” and anchored near Black Swan Island. They found their way into Eds Cove, named for Sir Edmund Hillary in 1960 and at Schooner Cove williwaws turned their dinghies upside down! “We’ve been here 11 days and been almost everywhere except Spain Bay,” Frog wrote, “I look forward to a lay day ...”.

It was Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The weather had been fine and hot, but the glass was going down - it looked like there would be a change in the weather. After a warm-up motoring around North Inlet, past Chink Point and over to the Old River, they continued on across Bathurst Harbour to Moulters Inlet. After lunch “All the ‘men’ climbed Kroanna Hill and all the ‘men’ had a swim. Frog and the ladies stayed put.” he wrote. Then both boats headed across the harbour towards the Bathurst Channel. Here they dropped anchor in an “Unnamed Bay, opposite Starvation Bay” under the ramparts of Mt Rugby. “A beaut day in damned good company.” However, he continued, “Can expect worse weather tomorrow.”



Frog Balmer and Ken, Doris, & Stephen Newham

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, the heading in the Log reads “Bath. Ch. Narrows (Frogs Hollow.)” The “Unnamed Bay” now had a name! With *Voyager*’s shoal draft (27 inches), she lay well protected, close inshore. The skies had clouded over and thunder was heard in the distance. Frog let out more chain. At 0817 “a squall hit, big end.” Rain and squalls continued throughout the day and Frog was able to collect half a bucket of water. But *Voyager* lay comfortably, well protected by the bulk of Eve Point.

Interspersed with forays to other anchorages, *Voyager* returned to Frogs Hollow again and again. A week later a white-out caught them in neighbouring Clytie Cove. “1627 Back in Frogs Hollow,” Frog wrote, “Without Maisie on tiller and motor, I’d have never got the pick out and neither would it have held. ... A bloody quick but neatly executed retreat. Here in Frogs Hollow the winds are strong gusts and from all round the compass but no real strength. I think we are here for the night.” “Frogs Hollow will do me.” he said.

Despite this, the cruise was mostly blessed with good weather and there were many days of interest and activity. They walked from Spain Bay over to Stephens Beach, climbed Balmoral Hill but always Frogs Hollow beckoned. The anchorage with its spectacular view

of Mount Rugby and reflections in Bathurst Channel provided a panacea for Frog's sometimes fragile state of health.

But finally it was time to return home. On 9 February, at 1357, after lunching at Frogs Hollow, they waved farewell. The following day *Voyager* slipped out of Bramble Cove in the pre-dawn darkness for the run along the south coast to Recherche Bay. A following wind increasing to Force 5 – 6 and making seas had *Voyager* “riding like a coast-guard cutter”<sup>3</sup> as she ran her easting down.

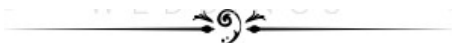
Rounding Fishers Point they had a wet beat into the bay, dropping anchor in the Bins by 1538, “having covered 64 miles over the ground and equally as far up and down. Hot soup was prescribed and partaken immediately!”<sup>4</sup>

Snug at anchor that night Frog wrote, “*Mai and I both tired, I’m pleased with Voyager’s performance. She proved herself today. I’m thankful too that she’s as good as I’ve always thought. Tea now. Lay day tomorrow.*” The end of a successful cruise, tinged with enjoyment, much of interest, a smattering of adventure and a memorable experience for both boat and crew.

Frog was meticulous with his log keeping, noting engine hours and fuel consumption at the end of each day. For the 36 day cruise, he noted that *Voyager* had done a total of 450 nautical miles, 111 engine-hours with a fuel consumption of 40.56 gallons - an average of 0.365 gallons per hour.<sup>5</sup>

Epilogue:

- Later that year Frog and Maisie were awarded the CYCT’s Cruise of the Year – the smallest boat to have won the award.
- Ken Newham, a member of the State Government’s Nomenclature Board, submitted the name of Frog’s favourite anchorage for approval. On 13<sup>th</sup> November 1991, the little bay which served *Voyager* so well, was officially named Frogs Hollow.<sup>6</sup>
- Thank you to Frog’s daughter Rosie Vaszocz and Laurie Dean for the transcripts and photos of Frog’s trips to Port Davey in 1979, 1981 and 1982.



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<sup>3</sup> *Frog Balmer, A small Boat Passage to Port Davey, Albatross, Vol 4 No. 4, April 1979*

<sup>4</sup> *ibid*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>6</sup> *Nomenclature Board, 35650F, [www.placenames.tas.gov.au/#P4](http://www.placenames.tas.gov.au/#P4)*

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**Stocktake Sale!**

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When the CYCT's lease on the Mariner's Cottage finished we had a clean out and then put the remaining items in storage. The Committee has reviewed the list of assets being held in storage and have decided that a bit more of a clear out is in order as we are unlikely to move into new club premises anytime soon.

The Committee would like to offer the following items for sale to club members first before offering them to the general public::

- Kitchen Microwave oven
- Table tops x3 (varnished chipboard)
- Table (Laminex top)



- Antique meat safe x 2





- Refrigerator (single door, no freezer)
- Stove ( Chef, as new condition)
- Kitchen cabinet



- Also a number of other miscellaneous items

The antique safes and kitchen cabinet have been valued by an antique dealer but all offers will be considered.

Contact Warden Chris Creese for further details.

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## **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

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*This information is an abbreviated version of that found on the Club website. It is provided for the benefit of more recent members and those who may be considering nominating for a Committee position. Go to [www.cyct.org.au/Members/Committee](http://www.cyct.org.au/Members/Committee) for full details of all Committee positions*

*A Nomination Form for Committee positions appears in this month's 'Albatross'. For an additional copy, contact the Editor at [editor@cyct.org.au](mailto:editor@cyct.org.au).*

### **Commodore**

The Commodore is the public face of the CYCT and should promote and bring credit to CYCT. The Commodore should encourage camaraderie between members and provide opportunities for exchange of information and promote member interaction.

The commodore's duties include:

- Presiding over Committee meetings and General and Special meetings of members of the CYCT;
- Being familiar with the Club Constitution, and ensure that decisions taken are in accordance with it;
- Ensuring projects and activities of the CYCT are in accordance with the goals and objectives of the organization;
- Being freely available for consultation by members;
- Ensuring that the duties of Public Officer and other legal requirements are completed.

### **Vice Commodore**

The main role of the Vice Commodore is to arrange an annual cruise program for Club members. Cruises range from overnight trips to more extended cruises over the course of long weekends. (Note that the VC is not required to lead each cruise – this role can be delegated to any Club member.) The Vice Commodore should also organise activities that promote safety on the water and encourage members to extend their cruising horizons.

The other role of the Vice Commodore is to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and to officiate in his/her absence.

### **Rear Commodore**

The Rear Commodore's principal role is to arrange and introduce guest speakers or training activities that take place at each general meeting. In addition, the Rear Commodore:

- Provides a report to the editor for publication in the Albatross.

- Arranges club social activities

### **Secretary**

It could be said that the Secretary oils the wheels of the Club to ensure its smooth running. His or her main responsibilities include:

- Preparing the agenda for General Meetings and Committee Meetings
- Writing and circulating Minutes of General and Committee Meetings
- Dealing with correspondence to and from the Club
- Preparing the agenda for the AGM, including nominations for Committee positions
- Generally taking care of all administrative issues that are not the direct responsibility of any other Committee member

### **Treasurer**

As the title suggests, the Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance of the financial health of the Club. Specific responsibilities include:

- Receiving income from subscriptions, advertising in 'Albatross', interest and payments for social functions
- Banking and reconciling bank accounts
- Reimbursing approved expenses and paying supplier invoices
- Preparing monthly financial reports and annual report (P&L and balance sheet)
- Obtaining quotes for insurance
- Arranging for the annual audit

### **Editor – 'Albatross'**

The Editor is responsible for the preparation of the Club newsletter eleven times a year (no issue in January). This involves receiving (soliciting as required) contributions from Club members and others and formatting them into an appropriate format for printing. The Editor liaises with the printer on all matters relating to the printing of the publication.

The Editor is required to include certain notices and other administrative information in various issues as determined by the Committee.

### **Membership Officer**

The two major tasks of the Membership Officer are to maintain the record of members' details and to compile the CYCT Membership book to be printed and mailed with the December 'Albatross each year'. This means:

- Maintaining the data base on the web site
- Keeping paper records of application forms up to date and passing application information on to the Editor for printing in 'Albatross'

The Membership Officer also works with the Treasurer to manage the records of payment of Club subscriptions

### **Warden**

The Warden is responsible for the maintenance of the Club's physical assets. The Warden is also responsible for the maintenance of Club Honour Boards and photo albums.

### **Webmaster**

The Webmaster is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Club website. This includes:

- Maintaining a secure database of member details
- Managing Club email aliases
- Managing the content of the website

Note – The Club is currently seeking a Webmaster assistant to help with the creation and management of content for the website.

### **General Committee Members (x2)**

The two general committee members do not have specific duties, but are encouraged to help the other members in whatever capacity they can. They may also be requested to undertake specific projects for the committee. In recent years, these positions have managed the Forums program.



**The Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc**  
**Nominations for Office Bearers – 2015 -16**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc will be held at the  
 Derwent Sailing Squadron at 8.00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

At that time all positions for Office Bearers will be declared vacant. Please use this form  
 to nominate one or more people to fill these positions.

We

(nominator).....(signature).....

And

(secondor).....(signature).....

being financial members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc hereby nominate the  
 following member(s) for the position(s) indicated for the 2015 – 16 financial year.

| POSITION           | NOMINEE'S<br>NAME IN | NOMINEE'S<br>SIGNATURE |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Commodore          |                      |                        |
| Vice Commodore     |                      |                        |
| Rear Commodore     |                      |                        |
| Treasurer          |                      |                        |
| Secretary          |                      |                        |
| Editor             |                      |                        |
| Membership Officer |                      |                        |
| Webmaster          |                      |                        |
| Committee (1)      |                      |                        |
| Committee (2)      |                      |                        |
| Warden             |                      |                        |

Return to The Secretary, PO Box 605, Sandy Bay, Tas 7006  
 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 or bring to the AGM

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**40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc**

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to be held on 1 September 2015 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron

**AGENDA**

**I. Opening**

Scheduled for 7:30pm.

**2. Attendance**

Members are asked to register their attendance on the sheet.

**3. Apologies**

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

The minutes of the previous 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)**

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

**7. Appointment of Auditor**

Confirmation of Auditor appointment for FY 2015-16

**8. Commodore's Report**

**9. Presentation of Awards**

**10. Life memberships**

**11. Special Resolution – Constitution Revision**

Consideration of a Special Resolution as follows.

“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 following positions are to be declared vacant at the meeting, and re-filled by election:

Commodore  
Vice-Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Editor  
Membership Officer  
Webmaster  
Committee (1)  
Committee (2)  
Warden.

**13. Any other business****14. Close**

There will be a General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Formalities will be very brief, but there will be a guest speaker.



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## GOING ABOUT

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

### Cruising CYCT Members Updates:

#### **Philip & Barbara Weetman (Angela):**

Barbara reports that they had a rough trip from the northern Pacific, but they are now in French Polynesia. They're struggling with poor internet access, so this will have to for an update for now.

Your editor found this photo on the Tahiti-Moorea sailing website of Phil arm-wrestling with another cruiser.



#### **Jon Neville (Ocean Child):**



*Ocean Child enroute to Fiji*

*Ocean Child* left Opuia New Zealand at the end of April, heading for Minerva Reef then Vuda Marina in Fiji. The crew: Jon Neville, Anne Sachot (France), James Cope and Tom Wallis (UK). Anne and James had previously sailed with *Ocean Child* out of Hobart in 2013. We never reached Minerva Reef, due to headwinds. However the winds to Fiji were favourable, and the rest of the trip went smoothly.

On arrival in Fiji we all needed a break from the ocean swell. James and Tom explored the Yasawas, while Anne and I took a break on Kadavu Island.

It was my intention to organise a substantial paint job on the outer hull, in either Vuda or Denareau. I had made phone inquiries prior to leaving NZ, and it was my understanding that I could get the hull painted at roughly the same price as in NZ or Australia, and at the same quality. This information turned out to be wrong. The Fiji quoted price for the job was 30% higher than a quote from Rudolph's in Whangarei, and the quality of the job looked to me inferior to Rudolph's work. That was disappointing. My steel boat is 20 years old, and due for a professional re-paint. I have now decided to do yet another patch-up job... enough to take me back to Rudolph's in NZ, or to Hobart.

I am planning to have the patch-up finished by mid to late July, then set sail again... either east or west. Heading east against the trade winds is likely to be rather unpleasant... however the humpback calving season in Tonga is August, so that is an incentive. I have



advertised for crew on Findacrew.net, which has worked for me in the past. In fact James, Tom, Alice and Anne proved to be almost unbelievably good... far better than any skipper has a right to expect.

**Peter & Chris McHugh (Honey Bee):**

We are currently at Rebak Marina near Langkawi. Just returned to the boat after 3 weeks traveling in central Java - what a delight that was and comfortably cool with it.

Here we are in the midst of the wet season and it is very hot and humid, not at all comfortable. We came here after nearly 2 weeks in Penang, which turned out to be a one of our favourite places in Malaysia. If all goes well, we will move out of the marina in a few days time, finish our restock and head north to Phuket in Thailand.

There is a large hardstand area here at Rebak with quite a fleet in residence. We found the boat in the picture while wandering there. *Meridian* (owned by Phil & Helen Hebblethwaite) left Hobart around 2006 and got as far as Sri Lanka, where they lost a mast. The boat has a new rig, but will need a bit of TLC before moving on again.

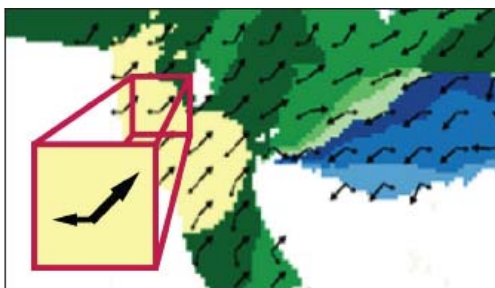


**New Graphical Wave Maps from BOM**

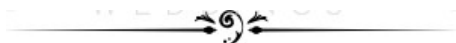
The BOM has announced that in the next few months they will be providing new wave information on the MetEye site,

[www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye).

There will be three new wave maps and some changes to the existing combined wave height map. The current Combined Wave Height maps will soon include swell direction arrows. There will also be individual swell height maps for two swell components.



Combined wave height map with swell arrow. Arrows depict the direction the swell is moving. Each wave point may have one or two swell directions. The yellow box above shows a larger south westerly swell and a smaller easterly swell.



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## New VHF Qualification

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[Ed. ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority) recently announced the creation of a new type of qualification for VHF radio users. Here is the article from their website ([acma.gov.au](http://acma.gov.au)) about the change.]

Are you a boater who uses a VHF marine radio in Australian Territorial Waters (within 12 nautical miles of the coast)? You'll soon be able to apply for a more appropriate marine radio qualification—the **Australian Waters Qualification (AWQ)**.

All marine radio users (except those operating 27 MHz maritime radio stations) must be qualified, and boaters have to obtain a Certificate of Proficiency or an equivalent overseas qualification. But soon it is expected that the AWQ will give a more streamlined option to relevant boaters. Once the AWQ is included in the Maritime Class Licence this new qualification will give boaters a better choice of appropriate marine radio qualifications. It is expected that this change to the law will occur by 30 July 2015.

### Why do I need a qualification at all?

A marine radio can save lives. So it's important that:

- you know the correct channels to use and when to use them
- you know distress and safety procedures, including how to access search and rescue facilities
- you know how to respond to an emergency call
- your messages are understood and others know how to respond
- you know about digital selective calling and the benefits of connecting a GPS to your radio
- you know when and how to operate an EPIRB in a distress situation.

In an emergency, knowledge of distress and safety procedures helps everyone involved in the rescue.

Marine radiocommunications can also provide a variety of services to small vessels, including weather and navigational information.

So, the more you know about how to operate a marine radio, the more benefit you'll get from yours.

Anyone operating a VHF marine radio without an appropriate qualification, or not under the supervision of an appropriately qualified person, may be breaching the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. Significant penalties apply. So get qualified!

Note: in a distress situation an exception applies. A person may operate a VHF marine radio station while unqualified for the purposes of attracting attention and obtaining help.

**How will I obtain the AWQ?**

The AWQ is a unit of competency (MARC019) included in the Maritime Training Package, which was approved by the Department of Industry on 27 February 2015.

A copy of the syllabus is available at <http://training.gov.au/Training/Details/MARC019>.

The AWQ will be available from any registered training organisation (RTO) that is delivering the training. Most volunteer marine rescue groups are either an RTO in their own right or have a relationship with an RTO, so they can test boaters for the AWQ and issue a statement of attainment. A list of RTOs that will be delivering the training is available at <http://training.gov.au>.

**What will sitting for the AWQ involve?**

It should take no more than two to three hours to obtain the AWQ. Once the RTO has assessed that you know how to operate a VHF marine radio, what channels to operate on and how to access search and rescue facilities, you will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for the AWQ. The assessment will include both a theory (for example, questions about frequencies and protocols) and practical component (actual use of a radio). Costs for the assessment are determined by each individual RTO.

**Help! Is there any training available before I attempt the AWQ?**

To help you easily learn about correct VHF marine radio procedures and protocols, an online training package is being developed—this series of lessons teaches you the right information in your own time and at your own pace. The package assesses what you've learned and advises when you're ready to sit the actual exam.

A computer-based VHF marine radio simulator will also be included, so you can learn and test your marine radio skills in a simulated hands-on environment. The training package should also be available by 30 July 2015.

**What happens to my existing certificate?**

The ACMA's internationally recognised marine radio qualifications—the *Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency* (MROCP) and *Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency* (MROVCP) have had a name change.

Now known as the *Long-Range Operators Certificate of Proficiency* (formerly MROCP) and *Short-Range Operators Certificate of Proficiency* (formerly MROVCP), these certificates remain unchanged and are issued for life. So, if you already have one of these qualifications, you don't need to do anything. However, if you're looking to get qualified and you operate a VHF marine radio only within 12 nautical miles of the coast, the AWQ qualification may be easier, cheaper and quicker to obtain.

If you want one of the internationally recognised qualifications, then check out the Australian Maritime College website for more information about obtaining either the short- or long-range operator's certificate of proficiency.

**Recipe: Very Chocolaty Brownies (Gluten Free)**

Catrina Boon

These brownies were very popular on the recent Women on Boats Weekend:

- 200gms milk chocolate
- 200gms dark chocolate
- 200gms unsalted butter
- 3 eggs
- 175gms light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons Gluten Free baking powder
- 75gms Gluten Free flour
- 200gms walnut pieces



Grease and line a 28 x 20 shallow baking tin with baking paper. Chop the dark chocolate into small chunks. Melt the milk chocolate with the butter in a small bowl set over hot water.

Beat together the eggs and sugar until turning foamy, stir in the melted chocolate mixture

Sift the flour and baking powder into the bowl. Add the chopped chocolate and walnut pieces and fold the ingredients together gently. Pour the mixture into the baking tin.

Bake in a preheat oven at 190 degrees C (375F), for 30 mins until a sugary crust has formed on the surface, but the mixture gives slightly underneath. (It will firm up slightly as it cools, so avoid the temptation to cook for longer). Leave to cool in the tin.

Cut into squares and store in an airtight container in a cool place for up to 6 days. (If it lasts that long!)

**REMINDER****MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE!!**

Don't forget to send in your payment and check your boat and contact details before the end of September.

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**Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania  
General Meeting held at DSS on 7 July 2015**

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**MINUTES**

1.     **Opening**  
7:30 pm, Commodore Alan Butler presiding.
  
2.     **Attendance and apologies**  
35 members registered their attendance; there were 3 guests (the guest speaker and colleagues) and 30 apologies.
  
3.     **Minutes of the last meeting (June 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 burgee**  
The following new members were welcomed to the Club by the Commodore, presented with their burgees, and introduced themselves and their boating history:  
  
Linda Macaulay (no boat); and  
  
Phil Crawford (Audacity).
  
6.     **Vice Commodore's Report – Tony Peach**  
Report published in July Albatross. Specific points made by Tony included:  
  
Thanks to Kim Brewer for her efforts in organizing the berthing in Con Dock for Dark Mofo;  
  
Advice to intending entrants to Con Dock for the Anniversary Dinner to notify the Club (Tony) in advance to assist planning;  
  
Reminder to members in relation to suggestions for the Cruising Calendar for next year (as advertised in the Albatross).
  
7.     **Rear Commodore's Report – Catrina Boon**  
Report published in July Albatross. Specific points made by Catrina included:

Thanks to those who supported with the planning and running of the Kermadiec/Franklin cruise over the June long weekend.

Tours of the CSIRO research vessel Investigator have been arranged on 23 July with 3 tours commencing at 10:00, 10:30 and 11:30 am. Numbers are limited and those interested should put their names on the lists provided at the meeting.

Paul and Rosemary Kerrison will be guest speakers for the August Meeting and will talk on their recent cruise to PNG and the Louisiades.

Anniversary Dinner (Hope & Anchor) payments can now be made on the Club website. Logistical arrangements for the guest speaker, prior to the dinner, were outlined.

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

Alex spoke on the Financial Report to 30 June 2015 (draft Annual Report). Some key points as follows:

Increased apparel and Cruising Guide sales because of the AWBF;

Anomalies as a consequence of a greater than 50% share of subscriptions being received for each of FYs 2014 and 2015 during FY 2015;

Expenditure was basically on track with budget for FY 2015 with some increases in costs and in revenue.

Alex advised that the Entertainment Guide is available for purchase from the Club as a hard copy or online subscription.

#### **9. Reports from other officers**

Kim Brewer advised that the next Women on Boats session would be on charts and associated navigation documentation. The following month (August) would continue the navigation theme with chart plotters.

Leigh Miller reminded the meeting that the Anniversary Cruise to Rosebanks would be held on the weekend of 14-15 November (as close as possible to the actual inaugural CYCT cruise).

Also Leigh reminded members about the Dru Point end of year BBQ on Saturday 5 December.

Julie Macdonald advised that the New Members Night on 26 June was very successful.

Albatross articles: Jackie Zanetti asked members to keep in mind that various winter technical projects on their boats might be appropriate for articles.

Hans van Tuil advised that the next forum will be on the 28 July. Andrew Fyfe will speak on fire prevention on boats and marinas. Hans also mentioned the last forum on refrigeration was excellent even though the number were less than usual.

Chris Creese reminded members that the Club library is kept at DSS and members can borrow books at any time.

Catrina Boon handed over a USB stick, containing logbooks of Froggie Balmer, to the Club. Froggie was a long time member of the Club and his log books would be of interest to many club members, especially in this 40th anniversary year. Laurie Dean (GBBC) with permission from Froggie's family entrusted the USB stick to Brendan and Catrina to pass on to the Club. The USB stick is currently with Erika Shankley in her role as "Club Historian".

#### **10. Commodore – Alan Butler**

Report published in June Albatross. Specific points made by Alan included the following.

Successful RBF application (by RYCT with CYCT support) for clearance signage on the Bowen Bridge western span.

Constitution revision: mentioned the responses to the draft and confirmed that the key comments received (removal of racing, inclusion of support for amateur boat building, dissolution mechanism) can be accommodated and a revised document will be issued for the AGM (Special Resolution).

Emphasized the need for Committee nominations for key positions (as indicated in the July Albatross. (Nominations forms available at the meeting.)

#### **11. Other business (if any)**

Kate Johnstone suggested that the Club maintain a photo album of people, boats and events. Erika Shankley advised that the existing (historical) albums will be displayed at the Anniversary Dinner. Chris Creese advised that there has been limited member interest in submitting photos. Kim reminded members that the website includes a facility for members to store and share photos.

#### **12. Next Meeting**

The next GM will be on 4 August 2015 at DSS, 7:30 pm (note time revised from recent norm of 8:00 pm).

**13. Close of formal business**

The formal meeting concluded at 7:58 pm.

**14. Guest speaker**

Catrina introduced the guest speaker, Rachele Jensen from CSIRO, who spoke on Setting Sail with Science: Citizen Oceanography. Rachele is the Outreach Director of Indigo V Expeditions, a consortium of scientists, sailors, research centres and universities, dedicated to studying the very organisms that support habitable life on the planet – the marine microbiome. In particular she talked about recent experiences in the development of portable automated equipment (OSMO or Ocean Sailing Microbial Observatory) to support increased data collection by engaging private boat owners in much needed data collection and support for oceanographic research.

**15. Close**

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm



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