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Cover page: Frixos safe in Korfus (Lew Garnham in Greence)

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Club Moorings: See p. 33

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	CYCT CALENDAR
<u>February</u>	
Tues 5th	CYCT General Meeting @ 7.30pm Venue: RYCT upstairs. Speaker: Sean Koomen Chief Instructor Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building USA
Tues I2th	Post Wooden Boat Festival Cruise A cruise down the Channel to introduce visiting boats to the delights of cruising in Tasmania.
Tues 12th	Post AWBF BBQ - Quarantine
Sat 16th	Extended East Coast Cruise.
Tues 19th	Committee Meeting @ RYCT 7pm
Tues 19th	WOB Meeting RYCT @ 5.30pm
March	
Sun 3rd	Extended East Coast Cruise
Tues 5th	CYCT General Meeting @ RYCT 7.30pm
Tues 19th	WOB Meeting RYCT @ 5.30pm
Tues 19th	Committee Meeting @ RYCT 7pm

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.

Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building USA - Sean Koomen Speaker

Here's a quick summary of what I'm planning to talk about:

The Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building was founded in 1981 in Port Townsend, WA-USA. Since then it has grown into a 7 acre campus offering 12-month Degree programs in Tradition and Composite Boat Building, along with a 6-month Marine Systems Diploma program. Sean Koomen, Chief Instructor of NWSWB, will speak about the School's history, programs, and typical boat projects build at the School. Most importantly, he will speak of the School's mission, "to preserve and develop the individual as a craftsperson".

Cheers, Sean

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Editorial



Happy New Year to all Members, I hope you have been able to enjoy the favourable weather we have had during late December and early January.

We are going to set aside a page for members to sell any boating gear each month, there will be no charge

to the member, but you will need to send your advert to myself the editor by the 20th of each Month.

In the last October issue we mentioned a format for suppling articles for our monthly Albatross, unfortunately this has not worked to date. It was discovered recently that some of our members especially those travelling or interstate look forward to our publications and enjoy the read, so once again I plead with all, it is important to keep hose articles coming.

Finally, I remind you all to Service your life Jackets to keep you safe on the water and to come home safely. Once a year we change the Batteries in smoke alarms, so may I suggest you also check all your life jackets, as you never know when you may need them.

Cheers Fiona

Commodore's Report



It is a bit late for the traditional "Happy New Year" but let's hope that the year brings you all the best health and happiness, if that is achieved the rest falls into place.

Our last General Meeting that was held at the new Tas Maritime Headquarters on the domain was very well attended by over 50 of our members. We inspected their new premises and listened in on a radio sched and weather report.

The new station is very impressive with a great display of radio equipment from the past. We met many of their volunteer radio operators and we hosted a thankyou BBQ for them. Their work is of great importance to all Boaties and appreciated greatly. It was nice to put a face to the voice.

It was very obvious that a lot of our club members spent a lot of time on the water over the Christmas / New Year period with the weather very good for most of the time.

Some of our members were observed in the gaggle of boats attempting to meet the leading Sydney to Hobart fleet as they entered the Derwent.

Gone are the days when you could follow the fleet, now it is a strategic timing exercise to park in a bay awaiting a glimpse of the yachts, then fire up the Perkins full pelt and attempt to intercept them as they plane past at a speed difference of around 15 knots, leaving a short time to absorb the shear size of these sleds and guess at the budgets to keep them in front. A vast difference of a 30 foot timber double ender in the late 60,s, with capoc life jackets as pillows, wet weather gear that was used on the farm, 50 pumps on the bilge pump every half hour, if you lost the can opener over the side you all starved, and when finishing on New Year's Day was considered well done.

The real heroes are the tail enders, unfortunately nowadays much of the fleet have already left the dock and headed off to the next lucrative event leaving the tailenders with a fraction of the glory that they deserve.

Our cruising calendar had listed a casual New Years Eve gathering somewhere in Barnes Bay. The weather was perfect and Lodge Bay was selected and the word passed around. Some 19 of our boats and 36 people arrived and enjoyed the late afternoon and a BBQ dinner on the beach, all of course attempted to see in the New Year.

The true stalwarts, all 14 of them saw in midnight, many resolutions and promises were made and probably forgotten by the morning.

It was a perfectly flat calm night, most stayed the night and slowly departed next day. Sometimes these unplanned events are the best, this was one of them.

As I write this we are planning our January 26th Donald Sutherland Memorial cruise to Recherche Bay. We have 20 boats registered, this cruise is a very different format and I hope enjoyed by all. No doubt a full report will be in print for next month.

We have a busy cruise calendar looming that should satisfy most members. Try to attend some of them, if not all, especially our newer members who will have the benefit of where not to go. Mr Sean Koomen is our guest speaker for our Feb 5th general meeting. He is the Chief Instructor of the "Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building" in Port Townsend USA. He is involved in the construction of a complete boat being built at Franklin ready for the AWBF in February.

He will be a popular speaker so come along to the RYCT and maybe enjoy a meal beforehand. See you all at our next meeting.

"More fun, less work"

Richard Taylor Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report



I hope that all of our members had a great Christmas and end to 2018 and are eagerly looking forward to a great year of cruising in 2019.

We started the new year's cruising with a gathering in Margate at the home of Dinah Jones and Alan Braddock in Margate. While coming by boat was the intention, most came on four wheels with only Westwind of Kettering braving the onshore 'sea breeze'. It was a great opportunity to get to know other club members and over a glass of Alan's excellent home brew (I am told Dinah's cider is every bit as

good), I watched members new and old sharing boating experiences. A thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thanks Dinah and Alan.

As I write this our next event is coming up fast. Commodore Richard and John Sutherland will be leading the Donald Sutherland Memorial Cruise in conjunction with the Kettering Yacht Club.

The cruise will take us to an old favourite, Rechêrche Bay via Southport. From a nautical perspective the weather is looking favourable. Almost before you turn around, it will be time for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival (8-11 February). We have many members involved, either through their boats or as volunteers. Always a great few days. This year Andrew Boon will lead a cruise down the Channel and up the Huon River to Franklin straight after the Festival. This cruise will feature a BBQ ashore at Quarantine, the club will host a BBQ at Quarantine on Tuesday 12th, and we plan to finish with a dinner ashore in Franklin on Thursday evening. Why not join our visiting boats and give them a great Tasmanian welcome.

Straight after the post-festival cruise we will have our extended East Coast Cruise. Following feedback from a few quarters, we will change the format a bit this year. We will meet up in Norfolk Bay and, if the weather is favourable, proceed around the Tasman Peninsula and then on up Mercury Passage. However, if the weather doesn't play ball, we will go through the Dunalley Canal and Marion Narrows and hope to get around the Tasman Peninsula on the way back. The cruise will be two weeks in all. Boats are welcome to join when it suits them, but will need to remember the old cruising maxim - "you can nominate a place or a time, but never both!".

Cruising Calendar

Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc.

2019 January

	2019 January	February	March		April		May	
Mon						1		
Tues	NYE Barnes Bay 1				General Mtg	2		
Wed	2					3		1
Thurs	3					4		2
Fri	4	1	Extended East	1		5		3
SATURDAY	5	2	Coast	2	Barnes Bay Regi	6		4
SUNDAY	6	3	Cruise	3		7		5
Mon	7	4		4		8		6
Tues	8	General Mtg 5	General Mtg	5		9	General Mtg	7
Wed	g			6		10		8
Thurs	10	7		7		11		9
Fri	11	8		8		12		10
SATURDAY	Margate 12	9		9	New	13	Little Fancy	11
SUNDAY	13	10		10	Norfolk	14	,	12
Mon	14			11		15		13
Tues		Post AWBF 12		12		16		14
Wed		Cruise to 13		13		17		15
Thurs		Franklin 14		14		18		16
Fri	18			15	Mickeys Beach /	19		17
SATURDAY		Extended 16			Southport	20		18
SUNDAY		East 17		17	Couriport	21		19
Mon	21			18		22		20
Tues	22			19		23		21
Wed	23			20		24		22
Thurs	24			21		25		23
Fri	Donald Sutherla 25			22		26		24
SATURDAY		Extended 23	Coningham Bch			27		25
SUNDAY	Navigation 27		Corningnam Berr	24		28		26
Mon	Recherche 28			25		29		27
Tues	29			26		30		28
Wed	30			27		30		29
Thurs	31			28				30
Fri	31	20		29				31
SATURDAY				30				31
SUNDAY				31				
Mon				31				
Tues								
Tues								
Public Holidays:	New Year's Day 1/1	Regatta Day 11/2	8 Hour Day 11/3		Good Friday 19/4			
	Australia Day 28/1	AWBF 8-11/2			Easter Monday 2	2/4		
					Anzac Day 25/4			
					KBC Barnes Bay			
Other Events:					Regatta 6/4			
					Port Esperence S Regatta 19-22/4	SC.		
School Holidays:					13 – 28/4			
concornionally 3.	Donald Sutherland	Post AWBF:	Coningham Bch,		MOB recovery			—
	Memorial Cruise:	12-15/2	Bring a non-boat		Sculling lesson a	nd		
		Coordinator Andrew	5	-	rowing races			
Cruise Notes:		Boon						

Rear Commodore's Report



Just getting back into the swing of it following the Christmas break. I have been discussing potential General Meeting speakers with the Commodore and if you have come across anyone who you think would be of interest to the members, please let me know.

We have been very lucky to get Sean Koomen for February. He is the Chief Instructor at the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building. The school was founded in 1981 in Port Townsend, WA-USA. Since then it has grown into a 7 acre campus, offering 12-month Degree programs in Tradition and Composite Boat Building, along with a 6-month Marine Systems Diploma program. Sean will speak about the School's history, programs, and typical boat projects built at the School. Most importantly, he will speak of the School's mission, " to preserve and develop the individual as a craftsperson".

I look forward to seeing you at the RYCT on Tuesday 5 February.

David Bowker

Facebook Report. January 2019

Closed group members only

Membership 2 new members this month which is great news.

Our total membership now stands at 129.

CYCT members are able to use the closed group to share photos and stories of their on water trips and comments.

Any member can share their photos or information in this group. The rules are in our announcements and easy to follow. Importantly to be added to our closed group you must be a current primary or secondary member using your membership name. Membership is checked before we can add you.

All members welcome. (your request is checked against your membership name)



This months Top posts were from;
David Mitchell and his photos and post
about the epic cruise he did with Mike
Ponsonby on his boat Rubicon around
Bruny and the Tasman Peninsula (
Picture I Mike Ponsonby at the helm)

Followed closely by my posts about Iron Stone Bay and the club members Phase Three in their Launceston to Hobart Race this year

Shona Taylors sunset photo of Quarantine Bay was also popular this month (Picture 2)

CYCT. Public Page

The club public page share information about on water discussions issues MAST notices etc or CYCT events.

The page has currently 189 people following it up by 11 from last month and 179 liking the page up by 11 from last month.



The page advertises our club and encourages sailors to join. All great free advertising for the club.

Sheenagh and Tracey

Strategic Planning for CYCT is underway - PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!

Building on its long and respected history over many years, the CYCT Committee is keen that the organisation remains relevant to its membership and other parties interested in promoting and building a positive cruising experience for those of all ages in Tasmania and beyond.

The Committee is therefore currently engaging in activities aimed at better understanding the role of the club in meeting the needs of its membership and more broadly across the broader cruising community and affiliated organisations.

How you can have input

The CYCT membership and other interested parties are encouraged to forward suggestions, ideas, hopes and dreams for the club and its activities by email to the convenor of the Strategic Planning Working Group Shona Taylor shona.taylor @gmail.com by 31 January 2019.

The outcome of the work of the Strategic Planning working Group will result in:

- (I) A draft Strategic Plan for consideration by the CYCT Committee and subsequently the membership that will focus on establishing a set of agreed priorities about future directions and activities for the club.
- (2) Suggestions regarding changes to the CYCT Constitution that may emerge through this work for consideration by both the CYCT Committee and broader membership
- (3 Improved awareness of the CYCT, the benefits of membership and a clear description of cruising activities and opportunities currently and to potential Tasmanian cruisers of all ages
- (4) The strengthening of more formal relationships with other yacht and boating clubs promoting cruising in Tasmania and beyond (National and State).

Activities and status of current work

- (I) Preliminary survey of CYCT membership regarding their cruising preferences.
- (2) Establishment of a CYCT Strategic Planning Group to collect views and information from

CYCT members and other interested parties to assist in revisiting the Constitution and to formulate a Draft Strategic Plan.

(3) Regular communications that ensure work in progress is made available to all interested parties.

Timelines:

- 5 November 2018 Preliminary Planning Survey to CYCT membership (completed)
- 15 December 2018 #1 Strategic Planning Group Meeting (completed)
- 6 January 2019 -#2 Strategic Planning Group Meeting (completed)
- 19 January 2019 Presentation of work in progress by the Strategy Planning Group Coordinator to the CYCT Committee (completed)
- 20 January 2019 Information about work in progress (this communication) distributed via Albatross to CYCT membership
- 31 January 2018 Input from CYCT members and interested others received in response.
- 3 February 2019 #3 Strategic Planning Group Meeting
- 19 March 2019 Presentation of work in progress by the Strategic Planning group to the broader CYCT membership and discussion of next steps.

Membership of Strategic Planning Group Working Party:

Convenor: Shona Taylor (CYCT Committee)
Members: Chris le Cornu (CYCT Committee)
David Bowker (RCYT Rear Commodore)

Bill MacDonald, Janne Gorman, Gavin Adamson (CYCT Members)

A Slippery Time in Greece! Lew Garnham

My bucket list included sailing in the Mediterranean, soon surfacing as the "why not" topic at a Greek Filoxenia restaurant meal. Shortly after this, Damien Killalea's CYCT presentation convinced Chris and Dave that it was doable. I needed ICC qualifications and Lizzie 'on board' with this idea. Soon Dave's musical niece and partner from England wanted to join us also.

How could we refuse a Prince Harry wedding violinist, Katerina, and partner Tim, a world renowned cellist also with an ICC ticket. A Bavaria 46 now replaced the initial 38 ft. version. Though older than an offered 46 Oceanis, it was cheaper, better twin head lay out and less 'caravan' like. We were assured of its excellent condition. Dave's planned Cyclades Island route later became complicated by a mid-cruise 4 day flights for Tim's English orchestral commitment. His ICC had also expired!

The DSS promised an ICC instructor but all were away. The Colregs required intense learning. Six weeks before departure, Ian Gannon returned so the first available w/e became my all-day boating exam. It started off with Colregs, a 'new' boat inspection/familiarisation, next a compass fix, timed distance run, MOB exercises, berthing procedures and many hypothetical questions. A pass signature was finally inked for that evenings post to RYA in England. My ICC arrived 10 days prior to departure. Phew!

On Thursday late afternoon, we finally arrived at the Athen's Hotel to discover that pick pockets on the train had stolen Lizzie's passport and my wallet, money, credit cards and driving licence. We were both non-stop jet lagged, tired and completely devastated.

By Saturday, new passport and credit card were arranged, then tours of Acropolis, Greek shops and restaurants. With Chris, we met Kat and Tim at Alimos Marina at 1530. It is the largest in the Med. holding 2500 boats. The men's toilets had no seats and the showers were 'ooooh' so cold!

We found 'Frixos' that had been provisioned to our placed order. It took a while to learn the new boat's systems and discover smelly water under the chart table bilge. We were told of a 3-4 day Med Cyclone with Beaufort 9-10 commencing Tuesday. After Sunday and Monday at beautiful Aegina we returned to port for fixing 'fix-up' and shelter. Autopilot and fuel gauge not working, stove recess side scorched by burner flame, locker gas valve leaked, smelly bilge water from leaking non clamped outlet skin fitting, forward cabin door lock non latching, bow thruster failed and house battery charge poor from loss of electrolyte and terminal almost off! The chart plotter lacked detail and provided charts were dated ~ 2000-2003! (The rocks don't move!). The genoa furling line had a badly chaffed cover. We were not getting the 8-9 knot promised cruising speed.

Tuesday night the wind came and at 3am I awoke to the loud flapping of sail. The 50ft boat alongside was heeling its mast wildly at our spreaders, pressured by a partially unfurled flapping genoa. The furling drum was empty of line and the sheets were knotted forming a wineglass stem. By 5.30am after various failed containing manoeuvres the sail was dropped.

On Friday, with hose clamps fitted, gas issues fixed, door lock and furling line replaced and one new chart we headed off optimistically before the afternoon weather change. Tim had flown home. We motor sailed for Korfos, with autopilot and Dave's detailed iPhone chart plots. After the shipping lanes and at the mid-point islands, early 30 knot winds, rain and building seas raised unhappy questions. The seas abated in Korfos's Bay but the driving rain made three trails of secure anchoring very unpleasant. Food stocks were low as were spirits.

Next day the rain had gone, wind lessened but we had dragged towards a lee shore. The intended re-anchoring near the jetty became a "I'm going in" for my first Med moor. Perfect! Moored up securely to next to a taverna, toilets, water for showers and freedom. The other boats were out there in the bay bobbing and swinging.

Next destination was Poros so Katerina could also fly back for concerts. After two good days, Wednesday's destination was isle of Hydra. On entering Hydra port the boat stopped when extra throttle applied. With this clutch failure on Volvo sail drive we slowly motored to Aegina. Auto pilot failed again and fuel gauge non-functioning. At Aegina, the outboard pull handle came off! Oars and swimming were good!

Friday, boat due back so returned slowly with increasing head winds and intermittent complete power loss. The Med. moor in a cross wind was 'not good'.

The challenges of boat, weather, skippering were balanced by great company, warm clear water swims, beautiful scenery, ancient temple of Aphaia, and quirky streets, shops and houses of Poros. That balmy evening, fine Greek dining and listening to the smooth tune wafting from the dockside saxophonist was doubly 'unforgettable'.

Yes, as a challenged sailor, I did enjoy myself and Lizzie loved her swims too!

Lew Garnham

Boat maintenance – the key to a summer of good boating, or otherwise known as tales of a novice in boat maintenance !! - Mike Ponsonby (Rubicon) and David Mitchell

Now to most members who own or have owned a boat, be it a yacht or motor cruiser, the need for an annual or bi-annual haul out, scrub and antifoul is a common practice. However, for this non-boat owner (one day I will own a boat I keep saying), while I have been well aware since taking up sailing of the need for this work to be done, and having observed others doing this unenviable task from a distance, it is not something I actually have taken part in.



I know, some of you might even say lucky you or well done for dodging the responsibility of helping out, given that all of my sailing to date has been done on "other people's boats" but honestly it has never been from not being willing to help out, I have even offered to help but to date it was a boat maintenance task that somehow has avoided me. Well that's my story.

Anyway to cut a brief story short, Mike Ponsonby recently asked of me on his return from Indonesia if I might be keen to come sailing with him over the summer, let alone be able to assist him with some work on *Rubicon*. To which, of course, it was an emphatic yes to both.

After all, helping out friends is always something worthwhile to do and being retired I do have an abundance of time, and of course I do wish to go sailing this coming summer. Now of course many of you may think that Dave is permanent crew on *Minerva*, and well yes this is kind of true, with huge thanks of appreciation to Lew and Lizzie for their generosity to me but needless to say for someone in my position, the opportunity to sail with other people and on other boats is always something I am keen to do, its all a part of my sailing education as someone who is still very much learning the basics of sailing.

And so to the task at hand, with a haul out scheduled for I pm at Kettering on Wednesday, Mike and myself headed down to the boat early mid morning to sort out a range of minor tasks that he wished to complete prior to putting the boat up on the hard.



When the time came we slipped out of Rubicon's berth and motored around the corner to the lift and promptly with ease she was lifted out of the water and onto the hardstand With water pressure cleaner in hand, gumboots on, Mike and myself took it in turns to clean off the minor weed growth, mussels and light covering of barnacles on the hull and keel. The task itself taking maybe an hour or

so. Even though the boat hadn't been out of the water for around 18months, the condition of

the hull and the level of remaining antifoul was actually pretty reasonable.

From there *Rubicon* was moved to an available space on the hard whereupon she was settled on to stands to enable the next part of this

maintenance task to proceed.

Given how well the scrub down came up, we spent the rest of the afternoon, lightly scouring various areas on the hull including where the lift straps cradled the hull and thereafter applied Wattyl SeaPro TC90 metallic silver primer/tie coat on various areas of the hull. We also needed to flake

off any loose old antifoul off the keel and as well apply the silver primer coat all over the keel.

The keel on *Rubicon* is made of mild steel and for some reasons, as Mike explained, the paint seems to mostly flake off when it gets pressure washed. The good thing in this is while its perhaps annoying, Mike had a cunning plan (to quote from BlackAdder), a solution to this perpetual problem that he has previously encountered. In short, the boat will be lifted out again next year and the keel will be shot blasted to remove all residual paint, and up to the fairing level where the keel meets the hull, it will be epoxy coated and then a layer of fiberglass will be applied and once dry, it will be subjected to coatings of paint (primers and Antifoul) to hopefully permanently fix this problem.



The following day, after giving the hull a wipe down with metho on those areas which we had scrubbed, we masked up the hull using the old upper line of antifoul as our line to work to, and thereafter set to in painting on the black antifoul, Wattyl Seapro CU 120. It took us pretty much the most of the first day to paint the starboard side and a fair amount of the port side of the boat. Both Mike and myself confirmed the following morning that yes our shoulders were somewhat tired from all the prep and paintwork done

over the previous two days.

Come Friday, (the 3rd day), we finished off painting on the antifoul, removed the masking tape and stood back to admire just how good *Rubicon* looked.

So, lessons for the novice in regards to this sort of annual maintenance work. It isn't difficult to do, but it can be tiring and having a second pair of hands makes it a lot easier. Mike's boat is 36ft, and the timeframe we took to complete this relatively straightforward maintenance job I think was perfectly reasonable. Obviously the longer and broader beam of your boat the longer the task will take. So, yes if you can get someone else to work with you rather than having to undertake this job by yourself it's a good plan. Don't try and do it all in one or two days, as the effort involved in sanding the hull, and painting (rolling) on the antifoul, especially overhead under the hull is tiring. Hence the sore shoulders. In this instance, as the overall condition of the hull was sound we didn't need to strip the boat back of all old antifoul, but bear in mind that at some point in time this is likely to be needed. In that instance you will need to allow for a longer timeframe of having the boat on the hard and be prepared for some very tiring and dusty work. Also wear appropriate protective gear, we only needed gloves and light coveralls but if you were to be having to sand back the hull, an appropriate protective breathing mask would also be essential equipment.

Of course, you can always pay the boat yard to do all this work, at a cost of most likely greater than \$2k, whereas, asides the haul out cost, in this instance the cost to Mike for paints, masking

tape, metho, paint rollers and paint brushes, trays, gloves, coveralls etc. would be well less than \$800. Given that most of us who do maintenance on our homes, let alone on one's boat, it is quite probable that some of the minor consumables you would already have in your shed meaning that the cost for this task could be even less.

The other factor, is that I think if you own a boat, doing such maintenance work on it is a part of the reason (perhaps not pleasure ??), of owning a boat and being involved in it.

And yes Lew, next time you need to haul *Minerva* out for a scrub and antifoul I will be there to help you.

David Mitchell

Skippers are encouraged to keep Tas Maritime Radio informed of their location, destination and plans during any cruise

Women on Boats

The WOB meeting for December was an end of year celebration, a fond farewell, a sumptuous feast and a mini lesson in specialty Knots.

A sensational balmy afternoon was enjoyed at Dinah and Alan's lovely home. The WOB Gathered in their throngs to enjoy a delicious shared supper, after all, there are some seriously good cooks In this crew!

Kim Brewer was fondly farewelled, with a bounty of well wishes and gratitude overflowing for all the wonderful work she has put into WOB since the meetings began in 2011.

A show and tell session highlighting decorative and clever knots kept everyone entertained. Highlights Included the "Dragon Bowline" and Val's knot tying trick. There are some great pics on the CYCT FB page.

We welcome Sally Schofield, as our new WOB liaison/ organiser for 2019. I look forward to working with you Sal.

Just a quick reminder that our first WOB Meeting for 2019 will be on Tuesday 19th Feb at the RYCT. This falls In line with our changed meeting schedule. We will now Meet on the THIRD Tues of each month

See you on the water. Tracey T

THROUGH THE YEARS A photographic history of the CYCT

Erika Shankley



There are still a few members who may remember the informal cruises which led to the formation of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania in 1975.

In those pre-internet days, things were a lot simpler. Some boats did have depth-sounders, but many still used a lead-line. There were no chart plotters or GPS either — paper charts were essential and those who went off-shore relied on a sextant. Canvas sails had already given way to synthetic fabrics but roller-furling was still in its infancy.

(Mercury photo 7 May 1985 Commodore Ken Newham National Trust's Mrs Smith Mariners Cottage)

Communications were by telephone (at home – no mobiles in those days) or we just casually met up at the preferred anchorage for the conditions. It wasn't until much later that 'Mickey Mouse' or 27MHz radio entered the scene.

Life was certainly less complicated (and a lot cheaper) when that group of like-minded families decided to form the Cruising

(Neptune under full sail Erika Mark Creese Chris Creese Nick Creese Spinnaker made by Erika at a CYCT sailmaking class)



Unfortunately, many of the photos have not been

annotated. Names of members and/or boats and their destinations can be forgotten with the passage of time and lack of detail prevents definitive identification.

Yacht Club of Tasmania.

(1976-81 Kilkie (back) Pampro Gay Rebel Clemetine Calavon quadmaran)



The Club's magazine, Albatross, first published in December 1975, was prepared on a manual typewriter, cut and pasted, before sending to a printer. Then the pages had to be collated (by a Club member) before finally posting by snail mail. Thanks to many Club members, a photographic record of Club activities was also kept, starting with the Club's first cruise in November 1975 – all stored in hard-cover photo albums which were brought along to Club meetings.



(1975 1st CYCT cruise Rosebanks Erika Creese other CYCT members Nov 1975)

Digital technology came to the Club in 2005 when its website, www.cyct.org.au, was registered by Webmaster, Dave Davey. Photographic records of the Club's activities could then be seen on-line. The web site was later revamped by Tony Peach and now, thanks to the efforts of Erika

Shankley, the original photo albums have been digitised and photographic records of the Club's activities dating back to its inception can now be seen on the Club's web site.

Just sign in, then click on Albums, choose 'filter', then 'history' to see the 16 albums which show what the Club got up to in those earlier years.

(18th Annual Dinner Constitution Dock 1993)

It's great to see how far the Club has come in 43 years. The CYCT would not exist without its members, nor the activities they undertook during that time. If you can fill in the details -

recognise someone, a boat or an anchorage - can you please let me know so that the records can be updated.

While Facebook is an immediate way to share your cruising adventures, those photos posted in the Club's on-line albums will last till the end of time. Keep those photos coming!



(100th anniversary celebrations 2005 Denison Canal Obsession dressed 1999-2007)









(David Macrow Easter bunny Margaret Gowland Easter 1996)

(Bill Hodgson Tony Creese Mark Creese Chris Creese model boat race)



Moving CYCT Belongings to New Home at Quarantine Station

With great thanks to Ian Barwick, Chris Creese and Hans, all items now removed from storage and safely at Quarantine, Chris or our house. Some pics below of the unloading at Quarantine. Proof of the successful mission accomplished.



New Members

Thank you for welcoming Rob and I as new members to the CYCT. We're looking forward to getting to know you all.

Rob and I bought our boat, 'Ellida I' (Adams 42, aluminium hull) in Elba, Italy, in 2010 and we began four months of cruising around in the Mediterranean with our teenage daughter Sabine. We found crew in the Canaries, and Rob set a course back to Australia via the Atlantic and French Polynesia, while Sabine with mum in tow, went to school in Germany for 3 months. We next met Rob in Fiji, for a month of warm weather and salty feet! With Sabine back in school in Tasmania in 2011, it was a lovely sight to watch the Ellida I running in through Boomer Bay, after months of HF 'Sail-Mailing' with Rob.

Currently 'Ellida I' is moored at Oyster Cove and she mostly gets short outings over to Bruny Is, but we have given her two trips to Port

Davey and looking forward to more adventures! Anne Hildyard.

Membership Officer's Report



I am not one for statistics and while if I took the time to interrogate our records I could provide a breakdown of the different types of memberships we hold. What I can tell you though is that currently we have 343 active memberships of all kinds (single/family, children and life members). When I compare this with how many members the club had in March last year, of 316 members, to my way of thinking this is a healthy increase, especially when one takes into consideration that not all members

have re-joined for one reason or another. Even over December and January we have had 5 new members (member and spouse etc.) with another application pending. I am reliably advised that there is every likelihood we may see quite a busy month of February for memberships what with the MyState Wooden Boat Festival occurring and of course it being summer and prime cruising time. So lets see what transpires.

On a different note, personally I have had a pretty busy sailing season already, what with Wednesday racing on the *Duck* with Phil Bragg's Dad Terry and our motley crew, helping both Mike Ponsonby and Lew Garnham with their boats (scrubbing, antifouling and various other boat projects), plus a 10 day cruise with Mike on *Rubicon*. We not only did a circumnavigation of Bruny, including a stop at the Wooden Boat School at Franklin to check on progress on the two boats being built for the Wooden Boat Festival but as well catching up with CYCT members at Lodge Bay for the New Year's Eve BBQ and celebrations ashore. From memory there was at the peak something around 18 boats in the Bay, although not all stayed there for the night, preferring to anchor over at Quarantine Bay, for some reason.

Mike and I continued thereafter to complete a circumnavigation of the Tasman Peninsula with stop overs at Stewarts Bay, and Canoe Bay (Fortescue), even finding Telstra Tree where you can get one bar of ph/internet coverage. We completed the trip with a stop over in Little Chinaman's Bay (Dunally Narrows) where we saw an amazing sunset due to the fires at Maydena that night. I published a blog with photos on the club closed Facebook Page, which some of you may have seen. If I can I might try to write this trip up with more details/photos for the next Albatross.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

These applications for membership will be automatically ratified within 14 days of the date of the scheduled General Meeting immediately following this publication of the *Albatross*, subject only to any member lodging an objection, in writing, to the Secretary no later than that date.

Maid of Martha
Andrew Mitchell & Glenda Hart
Gradiva
Rachel & Scott Poulter
Tainui
Dion Dillon
Maristo
Terry & Gillian Long

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Rhona H
Julie Porter & Charles Burns
Elida 1
Anne Hildyard & Rob Bester
Honour Mission
Chris & Roseanne Evenhuis
Inca
Tony Price

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

Minutes of General Meeting held at Tas Maritime Radio on 4th Dec 2018

Opening

The Commodore Richard Taylor opened the meeting at 6.00 pm. He thanked the Tas Maritime Radio executive and volunteers for all the work they do and also for permitting the Club to use their premises for the meeting and barbecue, and welcomed to the meeting the following Tas Maritime Radio volunteers - Barry McCann, Glen Pears, Mark Watson, Derek Blair, Mike Jenner, Brian Muir and Tony O'Brien. The Commodore encouraged all members to join Tas Maritime Radio.

Attendance

Fifty people attended the meeting plus eight guests (Peter Higgs and the abovementioned Tas Maritime Radio volunteers). The attendance sheet is filed with the official copy of the minutes.

Apologies

Fourteen apologies were received, which are listed on the attendance sheet.

Minutes of General Meeting held on 6 November 2018

It was moved by Phil Bragg, seconded by Paul Kerrison that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 6 November be signed as a true record of the meeting.

Carried

Business Arising from those Minutes

Nil

Introduction of New Members

The Commodore welcomed to the Club and presented burgees to the following new members, who introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their boating history: Charles Burns and Julie Porter (Ronha H and Rusalka)

Christopher and Rose Evenhuis (Honour Mission)

Rob Bester and Anne Hildyard (Ellida 1)

Tony Price (Inca) was an apology for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Shona Taylor

The Treasurer advised that her monthly report would be available to members shortly and that the major expense for November had been the New Members' lunch/cruise.

Vice Commodore - Greg Hitchens

The Vice Commodore reported that:

 Due to an unfavourable weather forecast, the Richardsons Beach cruise and picnic scheduled for 2 December was postponed and members had been notified by email. However, members were encouraged to join a cruise to Barnes Bay on the

weekend of 8 and 9 December, being run by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Details of the cruise were available on the RYCT website.

- A New Year's Eve cruise and barbecue was planned for Quarantine or another bay in the vicinity if conditions were unfavourable at Quarantine.
- On 12 January 2019 there would be a cruise to Margate and a barbecue ashore at the home of Club members Dinah Jones and Alan Braddock.
- Further details would be provided on the planned Recherche Bay and East Coast cruise, and it was anticipated that boats would meet at Roberts Point for the commencement of the cruise.
- The Vice Commodore encouraged members to attend the Donald Sutherland memorial cruise scheduled for the January 2019 Australia Day weekend. The navigational cruise would be led by the late Donald Sutherland's son, John Sutherland, and would be run in conjunction with the Kettering Yacht Club.

Women on Boats - Tracey Taylor

Tracey Taylor advised that at the November Women on Boats forum an excellent presentation on rigging was given by Ben King. She advised that the WOB Christmas function would be held at the home of Dinah Jones at 6.30 pm on Tuesday II December.

Editor - Fiona Tuxen

The Editor's report is in the *Albatross*. She apologised to Club members Andrew Boon and Lew Garnham for the fact that it had been necessary to hold their articles over until the February 2019 edition.

Membership Officer - Dave Mitchell

The Membership Officer reported that the Club's membership remained strong, and that it was pleasing to introduce new members at every meeting.

Commodore - Richard Taylor

The Commodore reported that:

- David Bowker had been appointed as Rear Commodore, but that he was an apology for the meeting.
- Six members had agreed to serve on the new Strategic Planning Committee –
 Shona Taylor, David Bowker, Gavin Adamson, Bill MacDonald, Janne Gorman and
 Chris Le Cornu and the inaugural meeting of the Committee would be held on
 Saturday 15 December. The purpose of the Strategic Planning Committee was to
 look at the long term future of the Club and to formulate goals and plan how to

implement them. The Strategic Planning Committee would report their findings to the Committee and then to members at the General Meetings.

- The Club's assets which had been stored at Kingston were moved to the building at Quarantine (the Club's "outpost"). This included trestle tables, chairs, the Club's barbecue, and miscellaneous items. Shona Taylor agreed to sort through the Club's historical records, with a view to storing them electronically. The Commodore thanked Club members lan Barwick, Shona Taylor, Chris Creese and Hans Van Tuil for their assistance in the relocation process.
- The recent article on sewerage which was on the back page of MAST's brochure "Boatwise" contained confusing and contradictory information. The Commodore had spoken to representatives of MAST and also the EPA, who could provide little assistance in clarifying the intention of the article. It was agreed, therefore, both by MAST and the EPA that boat owners must just use their own common sense on the matter of disposal of sewerage.
- The Committee had decided not to proceed with a stall at the 2019 Australian Wooden Boat Festival for the following reasons the cost of the stall had increased to \$660, which would necessitate the sale of many items to break even, the possibility existed that merchandise ordered for the stall would not arrive in time, little interest had been received from members willing to man the stall and there was concern that some members who were already working hard for the Club would be required to take on this additional duty. Additionally, the Club's new website had already generated many new members, which meant one of the aims of the stall (attracting new members) was no longer necessary.

The Committee had also agreed that the Club would host a post AWBF cruise at Quarantine, led by Andrew Boon. It was envisaged that a late afternoon barbecue at a cost of \$20 per person would be provided and that copies of lan Johnston's book "The Shank" would be available for sale. A CYCT flier, including details of the post AWBF cruise, would be prepared and handed out at the Festival. Further details would be provided in January.

• Members of the Committee plus some other Club members had recently had a tour of the ocean-going tug boat Far Saracen, the world's largest tug boat and one of two supply vessels to the oil drilling platform Ocean Monarch which is currently anchored off Droughty Point. The tour had been organised by Club member Sean Connolly, who is an IT specialist on the boat. William McDonald (Brite Star) would organise another tour of the Far Saracen, which would be limited to fifteen people. He would shortly send an email to members seeking expressions of interest.

General Business

Club Member Ian Johnston advised that it was anticipated copies of his book "The Shank" would be in Hobart by 20 December and he would email members when the book was available. Payment for the book should be made by direct deposit into the Club's account or to the Ouartermaster.

lan Johnston also advised that he was arranging for improved anchorage conditions at six restricted coves in the South West, including Casilda Cove. This would require drilling holes to insert masonry anchors to secure the saddles. When this had been done, he intended taking photos by drone to assist boaters.

Club member Lew Garnham advised of his intention to arrange, for a 10% discount, two cruises (an afternoon and an evening/fireworks cruise) for members on the tall ship James Craig in February 2019 during the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. He asked any members interested in such a cruise to contact him by email.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania at 7.30 pm.

Close

The Commodore wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 6.45 pm.



Members Buy and Sell

Any member that may wish to advertise goodies for sale, please ensure all information, ie Description of Goods and your contact numbers to enable the sale, will be shown on this page.

CYCT MOORINGS

Nubeena: Mooring number 9615 at Nubeena is a bright yellow buoy situated close to the jetty opposite the main town wharf. It is in a great position to row to the main wharf, boat ramp or beach. The depth at high tide was 5.7m, with about 21m of mooring tackle to the three heavy train wheels. The position is 43°06.265′S 147°44.346′E. The buoy is yellow with hooks for the pickup float. The mooring is a short row from the public jetty in the SE corner of Parsons Bay.

Barnes Bay: Mooring number **8584** at North Simmonds Bay is a Yellow buoy. The depth at MLWS is about 5 metres. It is located at 43° 07.446' S, 147° 21.396' E. The mooring consists of 3 wheels, then 6m of 2-inch chain, then 6m of 1-1/2 inch chain then 6m of 5/8 inch chain. Simmonds Bay mooring is for up to 12.2 m vessels.

Mooring guidelines:: https://secure.cyct.org.au/mooring_guidelines.php

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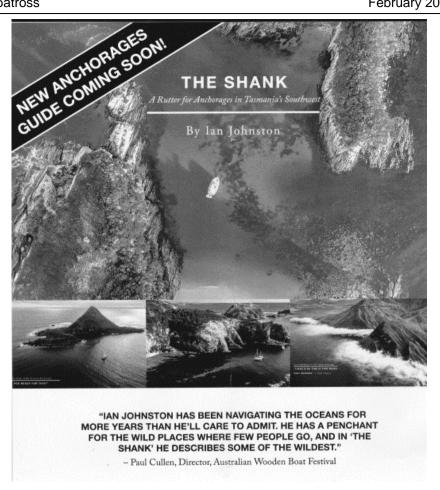
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AUD\$ 31.00 to 36.00

Mens/Unisex Polar Fleece Vest Full Zip Navy

SKU: PF 09 N



In Stock

Full zip front polar fleece vest in Navy with CYCT embroidered logo. Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month. AUD\$ 36.00 to 51.00

Mens/Unisex Rugby Top Navy "Two-tone"



SKU: JB 3RT NN

In Stock

This durable top is a practical Navy blue.

Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month.

AUD\$ 41.00 to 41.50

Mens/Unisex Short Sleeve Polo - Navy or White

SKU: PS 08 N



In Stock

Short sleeve Polo with CYCT and emblem embroidered on LH chest. Some items are popular, and demand may cause delivery to take up to a month.

AUD\$ 31.00

Surf Hat

SKU: CH 66



In Stock

Wide-brimmed natural coloured heavy brushed cotton hat with adjustable chin strap and CYCT embroidered logo - Sizes 55, 57, 59, 61cm.

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