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Guidelines for contributions to the Albatross

These guidelines are to assist members prepare articles for the *Albatross*. Please contact the Editor (Julie Macdonald – editor@cyct.org.au) with any questions.

- Submit articles as a Word document, ideally less than 1600 words and no more than 5 photos related to the article. Longer stories may be serialised.
- Boat names should be *italicised*, **not** "inverted commas" or capitalised.
- Images: jpg format, compressed to less than IMb for emailing and appropriately titled.
- Photos must be your own or clearly attributed and should include caption.
- The deadline for each month is the 19th (there is no Albatross in January)

Cover page photo: Heritage under full sail off Fremantle. Photographer unknown.

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Some information about the Herreschoff designed Heritage, by new owner Dave Tanner:

Nathanael Greene Herreshoff was an American Naval Architect, mechanical engineer and yacht design innovator. He produced a succession of undefeated America's Cup defenders between 1893 - 1920.

His son L Francis Herreshoff designed the famous 72 Ft ketch *Ticonderoga* and the *Bounty* 65 - on which *Heritage* is based - is a smaller version of that design. (Wikipedia)

Built by the renowned Orams yard in New Zealand in 1978, *Heritage's* ocean-going passages include America, Africa and the Pacific. She is powered by a 126 HP Perkins diesel. Jon Sanders sailed her from Perth to Hobart for the owners Shona and Richard Taylor, then she was sold to Dr Phil Crawford before she was bought by the Tanners.

She was built to a very high standard and has many sea miles to prove her pedigree.

Heritage will certainly add a touch of class to the CYCT fleet! - Ed

Not a CYCT Member?

Download an application form from the Club website or 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!

Payments to CYCT

Payments can be made by direct deposit or transfer to this bank account: Name: Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania Inc. **BSB: 067 002 Account: 2803 5573** Please include your name and brief details of the purpose for the payment.

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 crew or persons.

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

SAFETY • All participants in any cruise will have acknowledged the Club safety recommendations when they indicated their intention to join the cruise. The Club's safety recommendations should be reviewed by the cruise contact prior to departing on any cruise. These can be located on the club website under the Member menu.

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

Editorial – Julie Macdonald



I'm taking over the role of editor with some trepidation, knowing that I have such a high standard to keep up to. Many thanks to Fiona for having everything so organised and for the many cups of tea while we went over the procedures and processes that need to be followed to ensure that your copy of the Albatross is delivered to your letter box every month prior to the general meeting.

By now you will have received you Cruising Guide and Membership Directory. Well done Val and David for getting these documents prepared

and sent out to members before our cruising season gets properly underway. Val is still filling in as Vice Commodore which doubles her Commodore responsibilities. Let's hope a Vice Commodore can be appointed soon so that she can concentrate on her duties as Commodore.

When we bought our boat Westerly in 2006 we enjoyed exploring the wonderful waterways we have on our doorstep but always felt we were missing out on something, especially when we would see half a dozen dinghies hanging off the stern of another boat in the anchorage. After 6 years of cruising on our own we were finally introduced to the CYCT. What a change to our social life! We could at last tie up our dinghy to the stern of another boat and join in with the onboard festivities.

Since then our lives have been enriched by the many friendships, cruises, social events, guest speakers and general support freely and generously given by the members of the club.

And giving support is what our club is good at, especially having someone close by who is willing to lend a hand in a difficult situation. Pick up an old mooring chain in Coles Bay? John to the rescue. Rope around the prop in Lime Bay? Damian right there to help out. Run aground in Hospital Bay? Richard took a line and pulled us off.

This is what the CYCT is all about so I encourage you to join cruises, keep up your membership, come along to meetings and social events, recruit new members and most importantly get out there on your boats and enjoy our fantastic cruising waters.

Merry Christmas to all



		CYCT CALENDAR Check the website for more details
Dec	ember	
Tues	s lst	General meeting. A short meeting will be held at Tas Maritime Radio followed by a BBQ.
Sat 5	ōth	Christmas BBQ . Dru Point, Margate.
Sat I	l 2th	Friends and family day: Great Bay cruise
Tue	15th	WoB Christmas party at Kettering
Mon	28th	Southport then Barnes Bay for NYE
Janu	<u>uary 2021</u>	
Jan I	9th	Committee meeting
Sat 2	23rd	Australia Day long weekend cruise
Sun	3 l st	Get together with Alan and Dinah. Margate
Feb	ruary	
Tue	2nd	General meeting
Sat 6	Sth	Barnes Bay . This cruise has been cancelled. New events to be advised.
Sun	7th	Safety day: Anchors and ground tackle. Barnes Bay. This cruise has been cancelled. New events to be advised.
Mon	8th	Women on Boats
Sat I	l 3th	Clean up Australia (D'entrecasteaux Channel) cruise
Tue	l6th	Committee meeting
Sat 2	20th	Norfolk Bay cruise
Sat 2	27th	Extended East Coast cruise

Commodore's Report – Val Nicholls



What a joy to wake up to the sound of birds chirping their 5.30am dawn chorus welcoming around 15hrs of daylight. It certainly starts to galvanise thoughts and plans of summer cruising. You will have received your Calendar by now. Browse and enjoy and use the CYCT website for updates, extra detail and registration. Keep an eye out for extra, new events, such as the Get Together with Dinah and Alan on Jan. 31st. You will note that we remain in need of a few more 'hands up' for Cruise Contacts. Why not just go ahead and offer? We are a peer-based club and the Contact is simply that, the central contact for the event.

Our General Meeting on the 3rd Nov was well attended.

An interesting and inspiring presentation by PESC Commodore Matt Wardell and his partner Jill gave CYCT members and guests an opportunity to learn a little more about the history and current plight of the Port Esperance Sailing Club. It also brought to light the community values and aspirations that the PESC Rebuild Team hopes to incorporate into the design of their future clubhouse and sailing program. Over the next 6 months or more PESC and CYCT will come together from time to time to discuss how CYCT might support making the dream happen. There is talk of an Easter Regatta 2021 to celebrate the new premises. Not to be missed!

Welcome to our new Albatross editor Julie Macdonald and many thanks to past editor Fiona Tuxen for taking time to thoroughly assist Julie into the role. In this issue Julie has initiated a new section within the Albatross; the book review. What a great way to inspire our reading for pleasure, learning or reflection. Please support our magazine, and Julie, with articles, photos, thoughts for the day, top tips, whatever! How do YOU cook your fish?

Appreciation also goes to Committee members Andrew Perkins and Ian Barwick who rounded off their season of Technical Forums with an especial opportunity for members to learn something about Open CPN charting. Many thanks to Andrew Boon who delivered an engaging and informative presentation that generated a good deal of interest and queries amongst the 20 or so members that turned up. With Technical Forums done until next winter, is it true that Ian and Andrew were last seen scrambling to get out on their boats?!

Things are happening in Barnes Bay. Plans for the new floating pontoon are said to be well underway and discussion continues with MAST about the potential to move CYCT mooring 7786 out of shallow waters to a location a little south of CYCT mooring 8584.

With the end of the year and Christmas not so far away, our Social Calendar is flourishing. We have the Quarantine Bay New Members Lunch Nov 21st; the Christmas gathering and General Meeting at TasMaritime Dec. Ist and a Xmas BYO BBQ at Dru Point Dec 5th. Plenty of sausages and socialising, a time to deepen friendships and make new ones. COVID 19 will be a hidden and unwanted guest. We will have COVID safety plans in place at all events. My reminder to you is to care for yourself and others, use the sanitiser, keep the distance. We all know what we need to do to keep our club COVID free. Please, let's just do it.

Never a group to decline a party, on Dec 15th Women on Boats will take an especial opportunity to Frock Up for Christmas and celebrate the learning, experience sharing and camaraderie that is so integral to WoB. Inspired by the last WoB session that considered and troubleshot a range of realistic "on the water" situations with a view to workshopping actionable responses for positive outcomes, a new section is added to the Albatross. This "What if..." section will pose a marine scenario for your consideration. Understanding that multiple factors and contexts generally preclude any one right answer, on a different page of the Albatross will be "Some points for consideration" to prompt reflection and alternatives. At this point the scenarios are drawn from the real-life experience of CYCT members and friends.

The Committee continues to brainstorm ways in which the membership might be encouraged to be aware of, and make more use of, our website. Much more than simply a vehicle to discover and register for events, the website holds a massive amount of information (expand the document section and take a look) as well as potential for inter membership discussion via the Forum section.

In closing, I must remind you that COVID restrictions make registration for events essential. We can no longer just turn up. Are you sure you're registered for the upcoming events you hope to attend?

Look forward to seeing you out there on the water, burgees flying!

"Now and then we had a hope that if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be Pirates" — Mark Twain

What if ...?

Midway through a night passage under motor, the instrument lights flicker and you noticed the navigation lights go out. You leave the cockpit and climb down int the cabin. What if, once inside you are met with the acrid smell of burning insulation wire and a cabin quickly filling with smoke. How might you respond?

Consider your response alongside Some Points for Consideration on page 13

Vice Commodore's Report - VC yet to be appointed

Rear Commodore's Report - David Bowker



I have just returned from 2 months in the UK, which, as you can probably imagine it was not straightforward returning to Hobart. I had 5 confirmed airline flights cancelled but ended up back in Tasmania only a few days later than planned.

The transit in Singapore was a 17 hour wait between flights in a transit lounge as Singapore is very keen on isolating transit passengers. On arrival in Sydney we had a police escort with flashing lights to take us to the hotel. The quarantining where I was, in the Sheraton Hotel, was very efficient. We were not allowed to leave the room for 14 days and the only people I saw where those doing my two Covid tests.

The photos show the easy social distancing on the plane and the room where I spent 14 days. We were only allowed one bottle of wine a day, more than enough I hasten to add, and no spirits at all. Which was not enough!!

I got to thinking whether I had ever spent 14 days in one room before. The only one I remember



was three and half weeks on a yacht sailing across the south Atlantic. That was slightly different as there was always something to do and I had 7 other people with me.

Now to the CYCT social events. The next General Meeting is a barbecue at the Tasmanian Maritime Radio station in Queens Domain. This appears to be a tradition of the CYCT so please



come along. It will be more barbecue and less General Meeting. Details are on the website. It starts at 6pm unless you want to watch the sked which is at 1733.

Also, Barb Weetman has organised a Christmas barbecue at Dru Point which will have some music so sounds very good. It could be the beginning of another tradition. Details and registration for both events are on the website.

Please note registration is required for both events - as you know!!

Membership Officer's report - David Mitchell



Last month when I drafted my report for the Albatross, I was sitting relaxed on Minerva at Great Taylor's Bay. This time I find myself sitting quietly at home on a rainy Sunday afternoon gazing out the window upon my garden, the roses in full bloom, grapevine most prolific in leaf and reflecting a little on what a year 2020 has been, being all too aware this will be my final report for the Albatross for the year. December, Christmas and the New Year celebrations all too soon will be upon us. And so, to 2021 and hopefully a much

better year than the current one, which has been anything but normal.

At this time, I am unclear whether or not the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht race will be proceeding as per normal immediately after Christmas and if it does in what sort of parred back format will it be. I am all too well aware that so many of the things that we normally have come to expect of at this time of year, be it the Taste of Tassie, or even the Australian Wooden Boat Festival are not to be held this year, and so 2020 will come to an end. I guess at least the good thing for us here in Australia, the Covid restrictions that saw much of the country locked down for lengthy periods of time, let alone the hurt created to so many families by this virus are largely behind us, unlike in so many other countries around the world. We as a country have largely come out of this comparatively speaking quite well. In short it could have been much worse.

By the time you are reading this, the Annual New Member's cruise will have been held and I hope that all who attended this event will have enjoyed themselves and hopefully for the new members who attended they had the opportunity to get to know each other as well as other club members who were present on the day. Based on past such events, I am sure it will have been a success.

I must admit, it was with some relief by the time I was able to forward on to the printer, the Club's Membership Directory. For various reasons, the formatting of this document I have to say is something of a challenge to me. Basically, Excel, formatting and other such computer technical matters are not something I excel at these days. Mind you I did have a competent PA who used to assist me in such matters in my past working life.

Welcome to our latest members who have joined the Club, including Ken Johnson, Lance and Heather Cowled. New applicants are Jonathon Ross and Nathalie Amey and Rob and Nicola Boyce. I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all club members a safe and enjoyable Christmas and let's all look forward to a much better 2021, with time out on the water enjoying one's boats, as well as time with family and good friends.

Cheers, David

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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.

Distant Sun

Rob and Nicola Boyce

Snug Jonathan Ross and Nathalie Amey

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On behalf 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, both on and off the water.

Fantasy

Ken Johnson

No boat as yet Lance and Heather Cowled

New Applicants' bio

Introducing Rob and Nicola Boyce

We are full time liveaboard cruisers based in Hobart. We are in our 60's and semi-retired. We have 2 of our 3 children living in Hobart and have bought our future home here as well.

Distant Sun is a Canadian built boat from Antares yachts, previously PDQ yachts She is a 42ft glass and foam core boat with mini keels and powered by 2X Volvo 40hp engines on shafts.

We purchased her in 2015 in Mackay, Queensland and have taken her to New Zealand Tonga Fiji and Vanuatu,

This is our second time in Tasmanian waters, and we have been here for the last 12 months.



We are members of the Tasmanian Multihulls group on Facebook and enjoyed meeting up with some of them 2 weeks ago for their annual muster in the duckpond,

(the photo below is courtesy of the lovely couple on Folie a deux.)

Our plans include a few weeks in Port Davey/ Bathurst Harbour early next year and Macquarie Harbour if possible,

Other than that, we will be snooping around South east Tassie making a nuisance of ourselves and threatening to catch a fish.

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Introducing Jonathon Ross and Nathalie Amey

Nathalie and I live on South Bruny so attending meetings is a little bit dependent on if we are



staying on the 'mainland' or not. I think we should be fine for the 1st Dec meeting though.

We will be attending the New Member's Cruise to the Quarantine Station, coming with Jean-Pierre and Miellerie Corgnet on their boat.

As for a bio, I'll try and keep it short.. My wife

Nathalie and I recently moved to Bruny Island after 4 years living together in Normandy. We used this as a base for doing a lot of sailing in the Med. I grew up racing OTB boats on the Mornington Peninsula and have sailed all types of yachts in the past 40 years. While living in Europe, I gained my Yachtmaster Offshore qualification and with a commercial endorsement, ran (and still do, COVID permitting) a sailing business that involves private yacht charters and sailing tuition. Our recent adventures include crewing on a Lagoon 52 for 4 months from Sydney to Cape York last year and running a private charter in the Seychelles in February. We have settled into life on Bruny very nicely and have bought a trailer-sailer to get our sailing fix until we can resume organising sailing trips overseas again.

I'm sure our boat (we've called it *Snug* as that's what it is) will be the baby of the fleet but we are really looking forward to getting out and exploring the Channel. We haven't sailed it yet as it's undergoing a total refurbishment and the rig and fittings are almost all back in place. Hope to see you on the water.

0409 940 973 Halcyon II Brett & Janet Rutherford Mawson Biswah Oakes & Mischi Sigrist 0408 626 166 Whisper HR Kevin & Mei Landman 0458 | 48 326 Life of Crime Steven & Julia Chopping 0418 126 326 Storm Fisher Gus Vans-Colina 0414 934 750 Rowan Wylie and Magdalena Birtus Cantabria 0412 431 983 Carpe Diem Infinity Bob and Emily Dunbabin 0418 384 194 Gypsey Rose Jeffrey Reeve and Sonya Tegg 0418 319 728 Seguioa David V Mitchell & Jannine Chin 0427 054 867 Prof.Rupert MacLean & Michiko Innoue 0478 655 335 Brambletye Steffen & Sally Koltoft 0407 700 204 Nautilus 111 Midnight Passage Cas & Rosalind Pitt 0411 249 411 0425 801 573 Fantasy Ken Johnson Lance & Heather Cowled 0447 175 686

New Member Directory from Nov 2019 – 2020

What's on my bookshelf – Val Nicholls

Encouraged by the invitation from our new Albatross Editor Julie Macdonald to all CYCT membership to offer a review of a favourite book, I scanned the bookshelf and a couple of favourites stood out.

I'd like to share one of the classics that I've read several times and probably will do again as it never fail to excite and inspire. Both this book and one that I will share with you next month are part of the CYCT Library. I would be hesitant to call this a review, more a very subjective overview.

A world of my own Robin Knox Johnston (1969)

With the Vendee Globe 2020 in full sail, what better way to celebrate this epitome of Ocean racing than to read, or re read, Knox-Johnston's gripping account of his 1968 Golden Globe attempt and ultimate success to become the first person to sail round the world, non-stop, single handed. You will only have to read the paper jacket of this epic book to realise it's well worth joining Knox-Johnston and his tiny ketch *Suhiali*, from the comfort of your bunk or armchair, as they endure and manage every hazard: boom collapse, polluted water tanks, non-functioning radio, smashed tiller, leaking, to name a few. Throughout all this he maintained a nautical log, a very personal diary and voice recordings in order to facilitate his capacity for total recall of all aspects of his record-breaking feat. This shines through in the book. As I read, I am right there in the cabin, on the deck, gripping the line, managing fear.

The authors willingness to lay his experience bare is, for me, what continually brings me back for a re-read. It's not just that there is so much to learn from. It's more than that. Amidst my jaw dropped utterances of "Oh No!" "How will he fix that?" "So cold, so wet, so horrible!!" I'm transfixed by examples of humility, endurance, incredible seamanship and utter determination, somehow Knox Johnston engages me so thoroughly and personally that I also live the adventure and I dare to consider that an iota of his massive spirit may lay dormant within me.

Beach Rubbish (lots of) – Rob and Jo Nolan

After joining beach clean-up in other parts of the world we've taken to collecting rubbish from the beaches we visit here. For this onion bags are ideal to keep on board. They are light-weight, sand can drop through but not small pieces of rubbish.

What's collected is instructive. Lots of rope, cord and general plastic. Over a number of years the amount collected for example on Cockleshell Beach in Missionary Bay appears to be reducing, but it still doesn't take long to fill an onion bag.

Possibly the worst recent experience was on Huxleys Beach Ralph's Bay. In March pre COVID the onion bag was filled along a couple of metres of the shoreline. Here the standout rubbish was cigarette lighters.

At various CYCT meetings marine debris has been raised in connection to marine farming activities. On the whole, a lot of the rubbish we are collecting is hard to contribute to marine farming.

We who enjoy the sea and the coast have a responsibility to prevent rubbish flying overboard and beach clean-ups help to at least keep our coast relatively rubbish free.

As recent members of CYCT so far weather and other commitments have prevented joining a cruise so it may be the case that rubbish collection on places visited is a routine matter, but if not perhaps it should become routine.



What if ...? Some Points for Consideration

Alert all crew (how?); Evacuate the cabin of all crew; shut off the electrical master switch; other battery isolation?; use of extinguishers (which type)?; How aware are the crew of where the fire extinguishers, fire blanket are? Use of water? Close up or ventilate the boat? Where would you expect to find the source of the smoke??

Assess the danger and your responses if you are unable to immediately manage the situation. What are the likely toxicity levels? Potential effects on crew and how you will consider responses? Alternative means of a distress communication? What is the level of emergency and what radio distress call if any is appropriate? What other management strategies would be appropriate? Consideration of abandoning the vessel; what is the likelihood of the fire burning itself out?

How well was the crew prepared for such a situation? How well was the vessel equipped to deal with an on-board fire?

John Mitchell – Erika Shankley

JOHN MITCHELL CYCT Foundation member

A few CYCT members recently attended a celebration of the life of John Mitchell, a founding member of our club, who passed away on 1st October 2020.

John and his family appear as No 5 on the Club's register of members, joining on 4 November 1975, with their boat at that time shown as Sagitta. He took on the role of Club treasurer in 1977-78 and was on the Committee in 1979-80. John and Chris Creese, as original members of the Club, cut the cake at our 21st Annual Dinner in 1996. You can also read his article on making a canvas bucket at http://albatross.dfd.id.au/197811/19781114.php .I He writes that "they are quiet, stow away flat, fill easily and they don't damage paint."

John's experience in boats stemmed from a clinker-built gaff-rigged 15-footer which his father bought in 1938. In her, the family enjoyed picnics and, after conversion to a motorboat, spent more time fishing. Later he honed his sailing skills in a Hartley TS16 trailer-sailer.

Years passed and, now a family man, John discovered that boats "failed to expand as the children grew."² A Flamingo Mark II designed steel sloop, Sagitta, caught his eye. He had first spotted her on a mooring at Beauty Point. Built in the 1970s from plans in a book, distance proved a barrier, and it wasn't until March 1975, now moored off Red Chapel Avenue, that John finally bought her.

However, there were a few perceived defects. To remedy these, Sagitta resided in their Taroona garden for so long that Club member, Mark Creese, suggested it would be a good place to grow creepers. However, alterations were finally completed, and Elliott Brothers were called to re-launch Sagitta, now renamed Eliza W (after John's maternal grandmother)**3** at the North-West Bay Marina. In her, they continued to enjoy many cruises with the Club.

Like many of us, John had aspirations of sailing further afield. To accomplish this, they bought the 38-foot steel yacht, Lady Dulcinea, from Club member John Downton, renaming her Australark. However, business activities intervened with John and wife Rossy running handcraft shops Gallery 77 and Gallery in the Square at Salamanca.

¹ Mitchell, John, The Canvas Bucket, Albatross Vol 3 No 11, November 1978

² Mitchell, John, Boat of the Month, Albatross Vol 1 No 7, August 1976

³ Mitchell, John, The renaming of Sagitta, Albatross Vol 14 No 3, March 1989



Mitchell collection. John at the wheel of Australark





Sagitta on the Huon River 1978



Memories of his sailing adventures were not forgotten when the new owner returned wood carvings from the interior refit of Australark - now renamed Byrd.

Among many other activities, John also enjoyed bushwalking and gardening. He will be sadly missed.



Mitchell collection: Australark



John Mitchell & Chris Creese cut cake at 21st Birthday

CYCT Facebook – Erica Shankley



Facebook has proved a useful tool for communication within the CYCT. Through the closed group, first started in October 2016, members who request to join can post their cruising photos in real time and ask questions of other members. Maintenance issues could also be resolved by this method.

Already, 44% or 142 Club members use our Facebook page. Just a simple request of the administrators will open up a wealth of information. Try it!

A Monstrous Wave Recorded off Irish Coast Nov 6, 2020 – Tony Peach



A monstrous wave, measuring 98.4 feet, was recorded by an offshore weather buoy in the waters west of Ireland last week. The wave was generated by the tail end of Hurricane Epsilon and is considered one of the highest waves ever recorded in Irish waters.

The hurricane's aftermath caused unusually large wave action right off the coast of the Emerald Isle and

caused one Irish surfer to go out and tackle some 60-footers. You can read about the surfer and watch him surfing at irelandbeforeyoudie.com.

Women on Boats

A Pacific Odyssey, Sue Powell, Yarandoo II, presented on October 19, 2020

Have you ever dreamed of sailing to New Zealand? What about the west coast of the US? Alaska? Cruising the Pacific? Sue and Mike Powell (on *Yarandoo II*) spent three years from 2007-2010 cruising to these destinations and more, on their Joe Adams Naut Forty. Sue gave a terrific presentation to Women on Boats on October 19, with an overview of all the destinations along the way, as well as some of the highs and lows.

Setting out from Kettering in March 2007, the couple had a relatively smooth sail across the Tasman to New Zealand. The crossing from New Zealand to Raiatea, however, was a very different story. Following Jimmy Cornell's cruising route, *Yarandoo II* was blasted by almost 80 knot winds and 14 metre seas. At one point, Mike was knee deep in green water while standing atop the dinghy on the cabin roof, lashing the main to the boom and constantly swamped by whitewater. Sounded absolutely terrifying to me but they made it through!

From Raiatea the intrepid pair sailed on to Hawaii, then on to Puget Sound in Washington State before heading further north to British Columbia, and Ketchikan in Alaska. En route through Puget Sound, the couple found themselves icebound for many days, deep in a winter wonderland. Alaska was by all accounts also a wild and beautiful destination.

On the return journey from Alaska to San Francisco the couple sailed for three weeks through heavy fog and relied on radar to keep them safe. From San Francisco Sue and Mike sailed to Mexico, then on to French Polynesia, Samoa, Vanuatu and finally, eventually, back to Australia.

Where their adventures in North America were set against a backdrop of dense forests, wild rivers, bears and wintry weather, the journey back through French Polynesia and Oceania was all about azure seas, glorious beaches, beautiful islanders and handicrafts.

Experience of a lifetime? You bet! If you're dreaming about going, Sue and Mike's pacific odyssey will certainly inspire.

Janne Gorman

"What if...." Workshop, presented on November 16, 2020

Our last Women On Boats official meeting for 2020 was a group workshop exercise. The concept is to pose a scenario of challenging consequences. You know the type of thing that happens when you're cruising, ranging from mild annoyances to quite serious scenarios. The idea was to discuss and brainstorm in groups: how would you approach each scenario. What action/s could be taken to avert an emergency. The situations could easily occur within the local waters or during an extended cruise.

Posing a "what if" question, could also be a useful way to discover how much experience or knowledge your crew actually has. Assessing their capabilities prior to setting off on an extended cruise or delivery Is always advisable.

There were some great responses, highlighting depth of knowledge and a wealth of experience within the cohort of Women On Boats. Creative, practical thinking, organisation skills, with a highlight on safety were discussed, ensuring each of the posed situations were addressed.

Reaching the end of our seventh year in operation, it's obvious to see that WoB in general have increased confidence and knowledge about the vessels they cruise upon. This has always been the aim of our group as a whole, the presenters and the team of coordinators that have managed the Women On Boats meetings during this time.

Our next unofficial meeting will be on 15th December. It's our Christmas party. Sue Powell has offered to be our "Hostess with the Mostess" for 2020's gathering. The location, time and theme will be outlined In the WOB email approximately a week beforehand. Save the date and see you there. The details will also be on the website.

We are happy to announce, we have new coordinators for 2021, Sue Powell. and Beverly Hitchens are stepping up to take the helm of Women On Boats. We look forward to 2021 with great topics, selected and inspired by the group.

Happy summer sailing everyone. Cheers Tracey T

New members' cruise and BBQ - David Mitchell

Sitting here on the stern deck of Easting Down it's calm now, the lapping of waves striking the hull is mesmerising and peaceful, especially after the laughter and chatter of the group of new members and long term members who collected ashore for what is now a traditional event, the New Members' cruise. Well over 50 members and friends attended.

It's interesting to stop and think what it took to make this happen: permissions needed to be sought from Parks and Wildlife, a Covid plan put into place, members needed to register, food and other items need to be ordered, paid for and collected. And yes, while the organisation for an event like this takes some effort, it's worth it. It is an opportunity for members to gather ashore, meet each other in a convivial environment, for new members to meet each other and long-term club members and find connections over a meal.

And what a meal, the now legendary sea food chowder, a barbecue with salad, meat, most ably cooked by club tong masters, Gus and yours truly. Stories were shared over a beer or a glass of wine, thanks were provided by Commodore Val to all the committee plus Mick and Anne Way and Shona and Richard Taylor, who helped make the day a success.

But the day really belongs to all the newest members. Welcome, and as your membership officer I say thank you, not just for coming today but also for joining the CYCT. New members certainly help ensure the continuity of the club but more importantly friendships are formed with a common interest in boating and this has to be a good thing. As Mole said to Water Rat in Wind in the Willows: "Believe me my young friend there is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much as simply messing about in boats"

Hopefully, you will get something worthwhile from belonging to us and in time will help to welcome new members. Keeping the club vital ensures the future of the CYCT.









General Meeting Minutes Tues 3rd November 2020

I. Opening

Commodore Val Nicholls opened the meeting at 7:30pm

2. Attendees and Apologies

Signing of the attendance sheet - 44 members plus 4 guests were in attendance

- Apologies in advance Mike and Sue Powell; Lance Cowled; Paul and Rosemary Kerrison
- Any other apologies Liz Garnham; Annette Philpott; Fiona Tuxen; Alex Tanner; Christine Barwick; Duncan and Eva McKenzie
- Guests -Jonathan and Nathalie Ross; Matt and Jill Wardell

3. Guest Speaker

The Rear Commodore David Bowker introduced the Guest Speakers – Matt and Jill Wardell who talked about the Port Esperance Sailing Club in Dover and the fire that ripped through the clubhouse, and recently re-built veranda, with all the club's sailing dinghies destroyed.

Matt and Jill thanked the CYCT members for the generous donation and explained how it is helping them secure further grants by saying that they can match the grant funding.

They spoke about:

- The clubs rebuild plans obstacles and aspirations to have the clubhouse rebuilt within 18 months
- The importance of the clubhouse to the Dover community and how it is used by the community as well as the Port Esperance Yacht Club
- How the land is owned by the Port Esperance Yacht Club freehold thanks to a generous benefactor
- How they have re-established the junior dinghy sailing with donated dinghies
- Their plan to hold their traditional Easter Sailing Regatta in 2021.
- How they aspire to gaining Sailability training certification, that will enable them to become a discover sailing training club.

The Rear Commodore thanked Matt and Jill and presented them with a CYCT plaque.

4. Minutes of the last General Meeting (6 October 2020)

As published in the Albatross.

Motion put forward that the minutes of the last General Meeting held on 6 October 2020 as published in the Albatross be signed as a true and accurate record of meeting. Proposed by David Mitchell Seconded by Erica Shankley Carried

5. Business arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes

6. Introduction of New Members and presentation of Burgee

The Commodore Val Nicholls welcomed new members Keyran (Cas) and Rosaline Pitt to the Club, presented their burgee and ask them to introduce themselves giving a brief outline of their boating history.

Cas and Ros were both born in Tasmania. They had nothing to do with boating until they launched their boat *Midnight Passage* in late 1988. *Midnight Passage* is a double-ended cutterrigged Ketch 10 meters in length plus bowsprit, 3 metre beam and draws 1.5 meters displacing 10 tons. The hull is celery top pine the deck Queensland white beech and the cabin sides and bright work mahogany. Inside is fitted out with Blackwood.

They cruised *Midnight Passage* in the 1994 Circumnavigation of Tasmania. With several trips to Port Davey and up the East Coast. But most frequently sail the Channel with Recherche one of their favourite anchorages.

They have bareboat charted boats in the Whitsundays and the Croatian coast.

They look forward to participating in CYCT activities and doing more sailing with the club.

7. Treasurer's Report

Report from Paul Peacock

- Total income for October \$1363
- Expenses \$637
- Net Profit for the month of \$726

8. Vice Commodore

Position vacant, nominations still being accepted

The Commodore Val Nicholls reported that the Cruising Booklet had been completed and will now go to the printers. That the Cruising Calendar is now chocked full of events though volunteers as Cruising Contacts are still needed and asked members to consider which cruise they could take on the role of Cruise Contact.

The Past Commodore Richard Taylor reported on the combined CYCT and Living Boat Trust RAID Barnes Bay event. Richard will be the CYCT Cruise Contact for a fun filled gathering with old sailing and rowing dinghies in Barnes Bay over the first weekend in February. It will coincide with the Living Boat Trust, RAID which is finishing in Barnes Bay. As part of the combined CYCT and Living Boat Trust RAID Barnes Bay event, Sunday the 7th will provide an opportunity to gather at a weather appropriate location within Barnes Bay to participate in a Safety Day event including an Anchors and Anchoring workshop delivered by Wooden Boat Festival founder and intrepid yachtsman Ian Johnston. Ian will bring a number of different anchors to this hands-on, on the beach and in the water, opportunity to more fully appreciate the art of anchoring as well as some of the limitations and strengths of various designs and methods.

Then on Monday 8th February the Wooden Boat Festival Parade of Sails will be held so members with wooden boats can participate in the parade.

Plans for the new floating pontoon in Barnes Bay are well underway and will be completed by February to make a good place to launch the dinghies from.

9. Rear Commodore's Report

Report from David Bowker Report as published in the *Albatross*

Reported that the next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 December 2020 at the TasMaritime Radio Headquarters, 6:00 pm.

Members may arrive early at 5:20 pm to observe the 5:33 pm TasMaritime Radio scheduled radio call. CYCT members are kindly asked to be quiet during the call to avoid interrupting the call.

All members not interested in observing the scheduled radio call are asked to arrive for the General Meeting and BBQ at 6:00 pm. A BYO BBQ will be held after the meeting.

January will not have a General Meeting as this is to give members a break and a chance to go sailing.

10. Commodore's Report

Report from Val Nicholls Report as published in the *Albatross*

- Club Library

Classical hard covered books are being looked after in various Club members' homes, a record of where the books are has been maintained. These books have been donated to the club and are to be available for all members to borrow. In order to make these books readily available to all members it was suggested a library system be established.

Called on members to consider taking on the role of cataloguing the books and transferring the information onto the club website.

- Buy and Sell Section in the Albatross and mentoring

Reminded members that *The Buy and Sell* section of the *Albatross* is there for all members to use and is free to members

That another section to *Albatross* called PANPAN will be added where members can ask for help with various things or wanting crew or a skipper to sail with them or ask to talk about technical or engineering questions.

Member Emily Dunbabin suggested that Facebook be used for questions and answers.

The Commodore Val Nicholls reported that the club does have a Facebook page and suggested that a blurb about the clubs Facebook page go into the *Albatross* to remind members that the club has a Facebook page

Member Tony Peach suggested using the Club Website's Forum section. Tony Peach will liaise with the Webmaster as to how best to do so.

- COVID Compliance

New Members BBQ required the club write a Covid plan. That people maintain social distancing and sanitising stations will be available. Asked members to be responsible toward Covid at all the Clubs planned social gatherings with the same spirit and approach they take for themselves and crew safety while on the water.

TasPorts PortMate

New port management system and have updated terms and conditions which are available on their website.

II. Women on Boats

Member Tracey Taylor was unable to attend the meeting.

The Commodore Val Nicholls reported that Women on Boats is going well. That the next Women on Boats meeting will look at a range of realistic "on the water" situations, troubleshooting and workshopping safe and actionable responses for positive outcomes.

12. Editor

Past Editor Fiona Tuxen was unable to attend the meeting.

Report as published in the Albatross

- Welcome new Editor Julie Macdonald

Editor Julie Macdonald suggested that the *Albatross* have a *Book Review* section and called upon members to contribute a review to be published in the next *Albatross*

13. Membership Officer

Report from David Mitchell Report as published in the *Albatross*

Annual Membership Directory has been completed and is going to the printers.

Reminded members that they need to register for the New Members Cruise being held on Saturday 23 November at the Quarantine Station on Bruney Island. That lunch will be provided at a cost to members of \$15. For new members, joined within the last 12 months, lunch will be free. Asked for volunteers to serve lunch which will be seafood chowder, BBQ meat, buns and coleslaw. Asked members to bring their own chairs, cutlery and BYO drinks.

Lance Cowled a new member who does not have his own boat would like to join someone to sail to the event on the Saturday and return on Saturday.

14. Winter/Technical Forum

Report from Ian Barwick Scheduled presentation

 I2 November 2020 at the RYCT, 6:00 pm Open CPN Charting by Andrew Boon

Reminded members that they must register for the event via the Club's website.

Reported that he had been in touch with MAST with a request to move the recently acquired mooring in North Simmonds closer to our existing mooring which may make it more accessible to members.

15. General Business

Member Barbara Weetman advised members about the Dru Point Christmas Party being held on 5 December 2020 at Hut number I. Can come by boat or car, if coming by boat you must keep boat ramp clear and telephone Barbara Weetman or Philip Bragg for a lift from the boat ramp to Hut I. That members are to bring all their own gear, food and drinks.

Bring a musical instrument to jam with the musicians. Members are asked to donate \$5 per person to cover the cost of the professional musician.

16. Other Business

Member Erica Shankley reported that she had posted photos on the Clubs FaceBook page of the Clubs first cruise in November 1975 to Rosebanks, Bruny Island 45 years ago. Also that she has posted all of the club's historical photos onto the website.

17. Next Meeting

Tuesday I December 2020 at the TasMaritime Radio Headquarters, 6:00 pm.

18. Close

Agenda for General Meeting, Dec 1, 2020

I. Opening

Commodore Val Nicholls to open and chair the meeting

2. Attendees and Apologies

Signing of the attendance sheet

- Apologies in advance Paul and Allison Peacock
- Any other apologies
- Any guests to be introduced

3. Guest Speaker

Members that wish to observe the TasMaritime Radio Sked at 5:33 pm may arrive early at 5:20 pm. Members are kindly asked to maintain 'Radio Silence' during the call to avoid interruptions.

4. Minutes of the last General Meeting (3 November 2020)

Published in the Albatross. Confirm and sign as a true and accurate record of meeting.

5. Business arising from Minutes

If any - not covered elsewhere on this agenda

6. Introduction of New Members and presentation of Burgee

The Commodore to welcome new members to the Club, present their burgee and ask them to introduce themselves giving a brief outline of their boating history

7. Treasurer's Report

No report as the Treasurer is an apology for the meeting

8. Vice Commodore

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9. Rear Commodore's Report

Report from David Bowker Report as published in the *Albatross*

10. Commodore's Report

Report from Val Nicholls Report as published in the *Albatross*

II. Women on Boats

12. Editor

Report from Julie Macdonald Report as published in the Albatross

13. Membership Officer

Report from David Mitchell Report as published in the Albatross

14. Other Business

15. Next Meeting

Tuesday 2 February 2020 7:30 pm at the RYCT

16. Close

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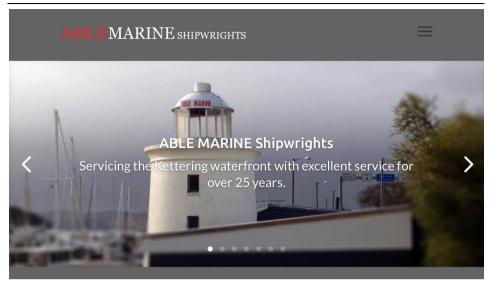
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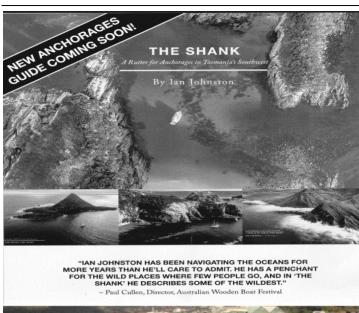
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